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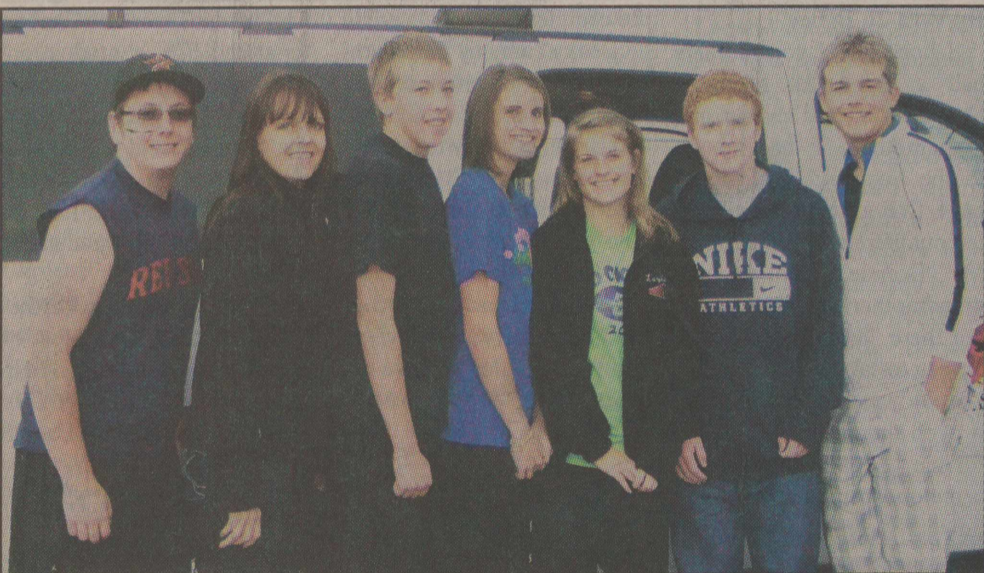
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**Lockney UIL teams bring home state championship medals**



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

STATE CHAMPIONS --Lockney High School's UIL Literary Criticism Team returned from Austin Sunday afternoon with state championship medals. Left to right: team coach Jessica Jordan; team members Kami Hunt, Anna Sherman, Lindsay Stewart, Alisha Damron and Krista Wofford.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

STATE UIL MEDALISTS -- The Lockney High School Number Sense Team brought home third-place medals from the state UIL meet in Austin. Left to right: Dylan Aufill, team coach Pam Fulton, Justin Roberts, Quinn Jackson, Lezlie Jackson, Luke Sherman and Landry Kidd.

A hero's welcome awaited Lockney High's Literary Criticism and Number Sense teams as they returned Sunday afternoon from UIL competition in Austin. The teams were escorted into town and down Main Street by members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department with sirens blaring and lights flashing to announce their arrival.

After finishing in the top five last year, the Literary Criticism team of seniors Anna Sherman and Alisha Damron, juniors Kami Hunt and Krista Wofford, and freshman Lindsay Stewart returned this year to claim the title of State Champion. Kami finished fourth and Anna placed sixth to lead their team. Lesha Woodard and Jessica Jordan are the coaches for this amazing team.

In the Number Sense contest, senior Lezlie Jackson finished seventh and sophomores Dylan Aufill and Quinn Jackson placed 10th and 14th to earn third place team medals. They also competed last year, finishing among the top five teams in the state. Freshmen Landry Kidd, Luke Sherman, and Justin Roberts complete this team. They are coached by Pam Fulton.

The support and encouragement of the school and community have been greatly appreciated by these and all of our UIL academic teams. We are very proud of their tremendous accomplishments and such excellent representation of our school.

**Voters Approve Quarter-Cent Sales Tax**

**FISD Trustees Elected**

Floydada voters approved the quarter-cent City Sales Tax in Saturday's election. The sales tax will be used for street maintenance and repair on existing streets. The sales tax was originally estimated to bring in \$20,000 a year, but actually averages more than \$30,000 a year.

Only 4.47% or 95 out of 2,123 voters cast their vote in the quarter-cent sales tax for the City. Seventy were in favor and 24 were opposed (with one under vote).

In the Floydada ISD School Board Trustee race, the voters in District 5 elected write-in candidate, Charles Tyer. He

earned 86 votes or 67.72% while Sudy Cochran received 41 votes, or 32.28%. There are a total of 524 registered voters in District 5.

The voters of District 4 elected John Woelfel as their Floydada ISD School Board Trustee over Martin Suarez, Jr. Woelfel earned 37 votes or 50.68% and Suarez received 36 votes or 49.32%. In District 4 there are 485 registered voters.

Voters returned incumbent Marty Lucke to the at-large position on the FISD Board of Trustees. He received 192 votes of the 2,753 registered FISD voters.

**Floydada Independent School District Wins 2010 Sylvia Charp Award for District Innovation in Technology**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE®) and T.H.E. Journal magazine recognize Floydada Independent School District (TX) as the winner of the seventh annual Sylvia Charp District Award, which honors districts that exhibit effectiveness and innovation through the application of technology.

Floydada's winning initiative has become a best practices model in the use of classroom technology. Focused on redesigning its instructional program, this small district located in rural West Texas began with a pilot project implemented six years ago, which included the installation of district-wide wireless technology and annual technology education for teachers. Since the inception of this project, student achievement has increased with student test results showing measurable improvements — math test scores at the senior level increased 52 percent, while language arts test scores at both the sophomore and senior level improved by 30 percent. Through this initiative, Floydada has also been able to assist many students in enrolling in college prior to high school graduation.

Jerry Vaughn, Floydada Superintendent, and Sandy Vaughn, the district's Technology Immersion Coordinator, will be honored and presented with the award at ISTE's annual conference and exposition, ISTE 2010, in Denver, Colorado, June 27-30, 2010. The district will receive \$2,000 toward ISTE 2010 registration and travel and be recognized in T.H.E. Journal and Learning & Leading with Technology magazine.

The Sylvia Charp Award was created in honor of the late Sylvia Charp, the founder and previous editor-in-chief of the influential educational technology publication, T.H.E. Journal, and an ardent, lifelong supporter of ISTE and its mission.

Criteria for the award include:

- \* Consistent district effectiveness
- \* Use of ISTE's National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) and Essential Conditions or a local or statewide derivative of those standards
- \* Effective and innovative implementation of technology
- \* A commitment to sharing technology information with other districts.

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) is the premier membership association for educators and education leaders engaged in advancing excellence in learning and teaching through innovative and effective uses of technology. ISTE is the trusted source in education technology for professional development, knowledge generation, advocacy and leadership for innovation.

ISTE's annual conference and exposition, formerly NECC, is one of the world's premier education technology events. ISTE is also home to the NETS, education technology standards that deliver a roadmap for global digital-age learning skills for students, teachers, and administrators.

ISTE members include individuals, regional and international affiliate organizations, and corporations. With its affiliate network, ISTE represents more than 100,000 education

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**Long, Hooten, Wilson re-elected to LISD board**

Voters in the Lockney Independent School District returned three incumbents to the LISD Board of Trustees in the May 8 election.

Robbie Long outpolled challenger Boyd Jackson 104-31 in the race for the Precinct 4 seat, and Lonny

Hooten received 231 votes to Miguel Guerrero's 76 in the contest for the at-large position. Running unopposed in Precinct 3, Aaron Wilson received 34 votes.

A total of 309 votes were cast in good voter turnout for the election.

**Rediscover This Church Sunday**

By Rev. Joe Hernandez

Templo Getsemani invites former church attendees to rediscover church this Sunday, May 16th at 9:45 a.m. For the next three Sundays we will be having a series on "Why do we need the church?"

Countless people have left the church for various reasons, and maybe you are one of them. Maybe you feel a void in your life, and you just don't how to fill it. Maybe you just want to explore the spiritual side of life or just want to get closer to God. Whatever the reason, rediscover

church with no strings attached and no pressure.

"Religion" is not really what it's about, but rather discovering God and meeting Him in the person of Jesus is what it's about. God is not as far away as we might think. Join us this Sunday at Getsemani Assemblies of God Church located at 701 West Missouri Street, Floydada, Texas. Find peace and purpose this Sunday!

Contact Rev. Joe Hernandez for more information at 806-983-5286.

**AREA ROUND BASEBALL PLAYOFFS**  
**FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS vs SHALLOWATER**  
 Game One: 8 p.m. Friday, May 14 - Wilder Field, Plainview  
 Game Two: 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15 - Wilder Field, Plainview  
 Game Three: 30 minutes following game two if needed.

**LOCKNEY LONGHORNS vs STAMFORD**  
 Game One: 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Ralls  
 Game Two: 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Lockney  
 Game Three: Following game two if needed

See additional information on the Floydada and Lockney school pages

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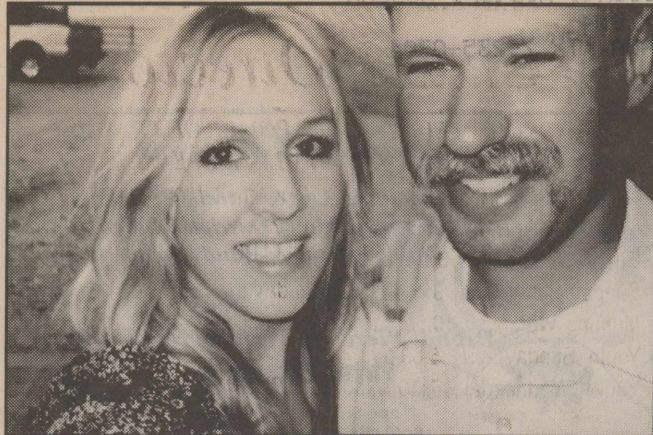
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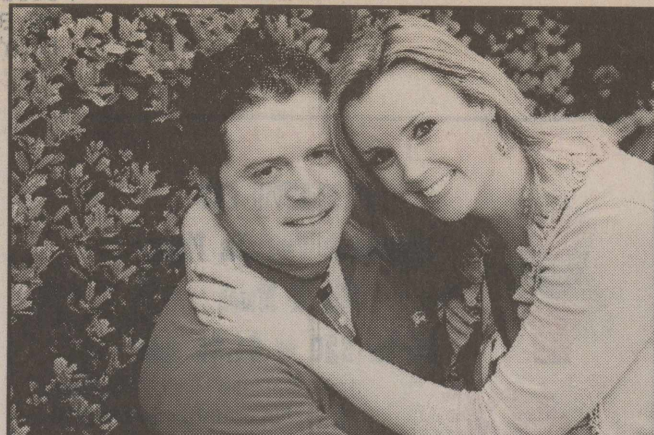
**LANA MCCANDLESS AND LEVI SWAFFORD**  
*McCandless and Swafford to wed*

Don and LaNell McCandless of Floydada are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lana Maria McCandless to Levi Brandon Swafford, son of the late Tommy Swafford and Martha and Bill Watson. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Floydada High School. She attended Clarendon College where she played basketball for two years. She is a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Lana currently

teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and coaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Allison High School in Allison, Texas. He attended Clarendon College to study Ranch and Feedlot Operations. He is a 2007 graduate of Panhandle State University where he earned a degree in Animal Science and Ag Business. Levi is currently employed by Rush Creek Ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska.

The couple is planning a July 2010 wedding.



**HEATHER MCMAHAN AND RYAN IRBY**  
*McMahan and Irby to marry*

Pam McMahan of Plainview and Dick and Linda Irby of Keller announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Heather Rhea McMahan and Jonathan Ryan Irby.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Plainview High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She is a graduate student in business administration at the University of Texas at Dallas. She is employed in human resources at PrimeLending, a PlainsCapital Company.

She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Joy Bradley of

Plainview. The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of North Crowley High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University. He is employed as a senior auditor at Hein & Associates.

The couple will wed July 10, 2010 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas in Irving.

**Fawver Willis family enjoys annual reunion**

The annual Fawver Willis reunion was celebrated last week-end, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada.

The group met Saturday noon with a sandwich lunch.

Saturday evening was spent visiting and discussing the Fawver Willis family tree Cheryl is working on. Later a barbecue meal and all the trimming was served.

Sunday morning a business meeting was held. They honored Yvonne Sloan of Abilene. Everyone enjoyed leftovers for lunch. They will meet next year April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Massie Activity Center.

Those attending were Loren and SueAnn Sloan, Anna Grace, Summer,  
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**Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brown**

**Vick and Brown exchange vows**

Maggie Vick of Canyon and Nick Brown of Canyon were united in marriage 5:30 p.m. March 13, 2010 at The Party Room in Amarillo, Texas. Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly performed the traditional Christian ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and Jimmy Vick of Wolfforth, Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Evelyn and Mike Kasher of Amarillo and Stan Brown of Amarillo. He is the grandson of John Van Dike of Amarillo.

Lana Ziegler of Canyon, friend of the bride, registered guests.

Serving as ushers were Adam McNabb of Canyon, friend of the bride and Bill Ziegler, friend of the bride and groom.

The song "At Last" was played as the ushers seated the parents.

Maid of Honor was Karrie McNabb of Canyon, friend of the bride. Heather Brown of Amarillo, sister of the groom, served as bridesmaid.

The maid of honor wore a pink strapless floor-length gown. The bridesmaid wore a black halter top floor-length gown. They both carried bouquets of pink gerbera daisies

hand-tied with black ribbon.

Michael Aldpho of Canyon, friend of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Chris DeLeon of Canyon, friend of the bride and groom.

The groomsmen were attired in black tuxedos with black shirts, pink vests and solid pink ties.

Serving as flower girls were Katie Lee of Lubbock and Jodie Brown, cousins of the bride. Wyatt and Colin Brown of Canyon, sons of the groom, served as ring bearers.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was escorted down the aisle on the arm of her father as the traditional wedding march was played.

She wore a sleeveless silk and satin gown which featured a v-neck line accented with daisy flower embroidery and decorated with beading on the bodice and completely around the skirt which flowed into the chapel length train. The belted waist featured a rhinestone buckle. She carried a bouquet of pink gerbera daisies with ivory roses and accented with crystals. It was hand-tied with ivory organza ribbon.

Following the tradition of "something old" the bride tied rings from her grandmothers, Winola Galloway,

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**1950 Study Club**

By Sue Daniels

The 1950 Study Club met at 5:30 p.m. on May 4, 2010 in the home of Sue Moore for its final meeting before adjourning for the summer.

Hostesses for the salad supper were Sue Moore and Sandy Forehand. Carolyn asked the blessing. After the meal of varied and delicious salads, Shirley Morton installed the incoming officers who will serve a two-year term.

She used the illustration

of a gaggle of geese as she presented the slate of new officers, emphasizing the importance of leadership and cooperation for a successful term. The officers include: President, Sandy Forehand, First Vice-President, Lovene Moore, Second Vice-President, Margaret Jones, Secretary, Geniele Evans, Treasurer, Fern Hartsell and Reporter, Sue Daniels.

In the business meeting which followed, projects for the coming year were adopt-

ed, one of which will be to send monetary gifts to graduating seniors from Girlstown, USA.

Members in attendance were as follows: Joy Assiter, Betty Baker, Carolyn Cheek, Carlyn Crawford, Sue Daniels, Geniele Evans, Gloria Fannon, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Billie Jordan, Nancy Lawson, Martha Lotspeich, Doris McLain, Shirley Morton and Mary Quattlebaum.

**Floydada Senior Citizens News**

By Margaret Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Eat a good lunch and visit friends.

My son, Greg Bond of Granbury spent Mother's Day weekend with me. Mona spent the weekend in Lubbock to be with her mother, Marjorie Dean and other relatives. Michael, their son also went to Lubbock to spend time with his cousins. Bethany is a student at Texas Tech, so she got to spend time with her mother and other relatives.

Lots of our senior citizens at the center spent Mother's Day with relatives. Maybe this coming week I can learn and report to you next week what our members did over the weekend.

Since our deadline for new is Friday, it's hard to learn what our members are doing over the weekend.

Our sympathy to the family of Rex Breed. Our sympathy to the family of Evelyn

Pollan.

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

**In memory of Shelia Faulkenberry** - Lewis and Arleen Bearden, Betty Baker, Shorty Turner, Dale and Carolyn Smith.

**In memory of Linda Kay Williams** - Randy and Judy Payne

**Thought for the Week** - Two wrongs don't make a right.

**MENU**

**May 17 - May 21**

**Monday** - Hamburgers with trimmings, French fries, pumpkin crunch

**Tuesday** - Shepperd pie, carrots, salad, roll, jello

**Wednesday** - BBQ brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, roll, cookies

**Thursday** - Taco soup, salad, pinto beans, combread, banana bread

**Friday** - Lemon pepper chicken, corn, ranch potatoes, roll, pudding

**VJ's News**

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope all of you mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. To visit my mother and grandmothers I had to go to the Lockney Cemetery. I have five grandmothers buried out there with my mother. My Donnie's mother and grandmother are also buried out there. So I have a lot of graves to take care of and to keep flowers on. I love to do it even though Donnie hated for me to 'cause he was the cemetery caretaker and the flowers were a pain to keep

the cemetery neat.

Becky came by this morning with a nice gift and I still have them on. Louie, Cynthia and Bryan came by in Louie's '55 red and white Mercury to take me out to dinner. They also bought me a beautiful rose and a tape by Wadie Clay. I've already played it. Wadie has a beautiful voice and I am so glad to have the tape.

Saturday all the

McPhersons were in Canyon to attend J.W.'s graduation. They also stayed for Graden Long's. I had planned on going but I knew it would take all day and I am still too weak for a day long event. I am so proud of Jay for graduating with honors.

Saturday Mervean Carthel also had a big day. Most of her children came in to help her celebrate Mother's Day

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Saturday all the

**Wedding shower selections for:**

Cameron Gasser and Graden Long

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## Obituaries



### REX BREED

Rex Armon Breed, age 53, of Floydada, passed away at his home on Monday, May 3, 2010.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010 at the Floyd County Memorial Park with Ted Assiter officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Rex Armon Breed was born April 18, 1957 in Lockney to Frank Armon Breed and Helen Laverne (Martin) Breed. Rex was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Floydada.

He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Armon Breed and two sisters, Kay Elwell and Beverly Knight.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Breed of Floydada; two daughters, Meagan Davis of Blanket and Mandy Lyon of Abilene; a son, Rance Breed of

Lubbock; a brother, Joe Mack Breed; two sisters, Linda Otrey and Pam Rackley; and four grandchildren with one on the way.



### EVELYN JOYCE POLLAN

Evelyn Joyce Pollan, 87, of Floydada passed away Thursday, May 6, 2010 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada with Pastor Levi Sisemore officiating.

Visitation was held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010. Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Evelyn Joyce Pollan was born August 31, 1922 in Pilot Point to James Henry Owens and Vera Leona (Payne) Owens. She married Edwin Marion Pollan in June 1953

in Floydada. She worked for the Floydada School District. Evelyn enjoyed crocheting and making crafts. She liked to play dominoes and card games. She was a wonderful seamstress who loved the Lord and her church. She was a member of the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband; both parents; two sons, Fred Allen and Jerry Pollan; one brother, Ed Owens; two sisters, Irene King and Alma Petty; and one great grandchild, Megan Byrns.

Evelyn is survived by a son, Mike Pollan of Daingerfield; two daughters, Carolyn Wilson of Amarillo and Kay Queen and husband, Cecil Gene of Hugh Springs; four brothers, George Owens of Yuma, Arizona, Dale Owens of Moss Point, Mississippi, Bill Owens of Huntsville and Chick Owens of Allen; one sister, Johnnie Ward-Barton of Lubbock; one aunt, Ruby Gooch; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Evelyn's name to: The Children's Home of Lubbock, PO Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

Online condolences can be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com)

## THIS WEEK'S Archives from the Museum...

### PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Pioneer Association will hold a meeting Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

### MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Old Settler's Day celebration in Floydada on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for the activity schedule in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

### LOVE FUND

A love fund has been established for Caysen Barnett, son of Amanda Barnett. The love fund has been opened at American State Bank. The love fund has been set up as: Cathy Ferguson, DBA Caysen Barnett. Donations will be

used to help with his medical bills and the cost of travel back and forth to the hospital. You may make your donations at the American State Bank located at 217 W. California, Floydada, (806-983-3725) or at any other ASB locations in Lubbock, and Plainview.

### "JOIN IN THE JOURNEY" WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

October 2, 2010 is the date scheduled for the next "Join in the Journey" Women's Christian Conference. Proceeds will be going to the Christian Women's Job Corps New Options for Women. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Floyd County Library at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Connie Johnson at 806-983-3441 or Kay Martin at 806-62-3386.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN May 28, 1940

### Phantom Herd Still Roams Battle Site Legend Recounts Tale of Mackenzie Battleground Near Tule Canyon

Ed. Note: This legend was written by Patricia Rodgers, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Rodgers who live on the headquarters of the S. M. Rodgers ranch at the mouth of Tule canyon. It was just about 100 yards from this home that 1450 horses were killed by General Ronald S. Mackenzie and his men. A bronze tablet bearing the following inscription has been erected on this spot: "On this site on September 29, 1874 by order of General Ronald S. Mackenzie 4<sup>th</sup> U. S. Calvary approximately 1450 horses were shot down. These horses were captured from Indians in the Mackenzie battle, in Palo Duro canyon, on Sept. 28, 1874. Reason assigned: to prevent Indians from night stampeding and recovering them."

This tablet also marks the See ARCHIVES Page 8

## Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m..  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
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.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
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Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ....5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed.J.Music  
Beau Stringer, Minister of 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**  
John Franklin, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday .....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
Joe Hernandez  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges  
(806) 637-0430  
Sunday Singing .....10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.  
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**POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-5156 (parsonage)  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemino  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School .....9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday .....7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.  
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**Trinity Assembly**  
500 W. Houston, Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
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Minister  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
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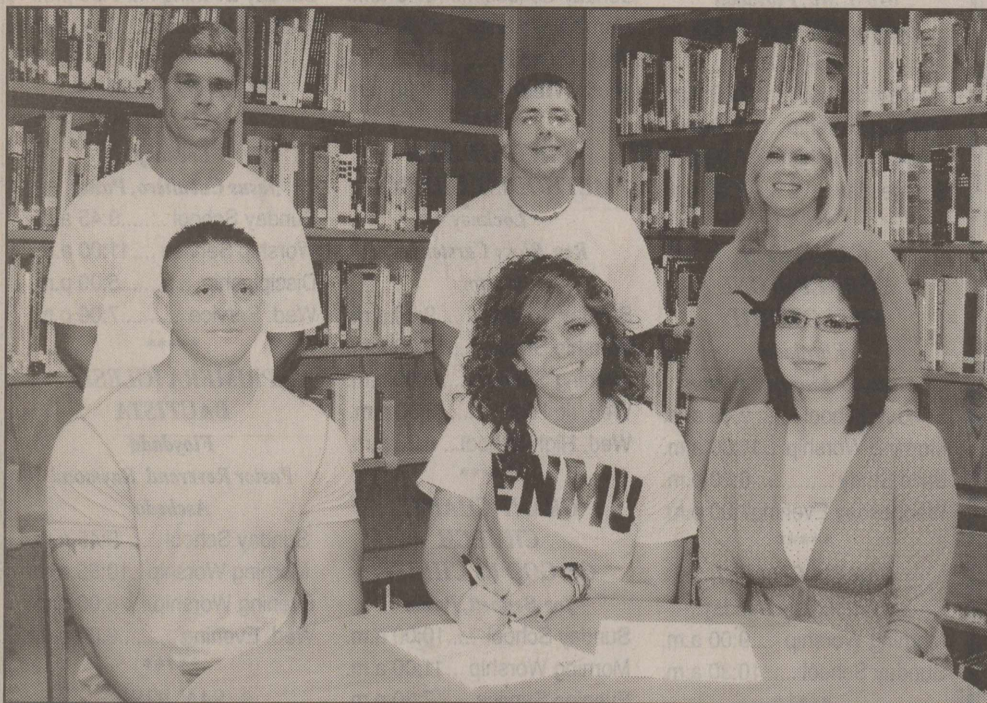
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# Malory Johnson signs with ENMU



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**BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP** -- Lockney High School senior Malory Johnson signs a national letter of intent to play basketball at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. She is pictured with her parents, Dereck McGill and Marilyn Bueno, and LHS coaches (left to right) Malcom Moerbe, Keegan Reynolds and Lisa Schumacher.

Lockney High School senior Malory Johnson has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for the Zias of Eastern New Mexico University.

She was selected to receive a full four-year athletic scholarship to the Portales, N.M. school. Johnson averaged 15.9 points and 6.8 rebounds

per game last season for the LHS Lady Horns team. ENMU competes in the Lone Star Conference in NCAA Division II.

# Forsan ends Lady Horns' playoff run

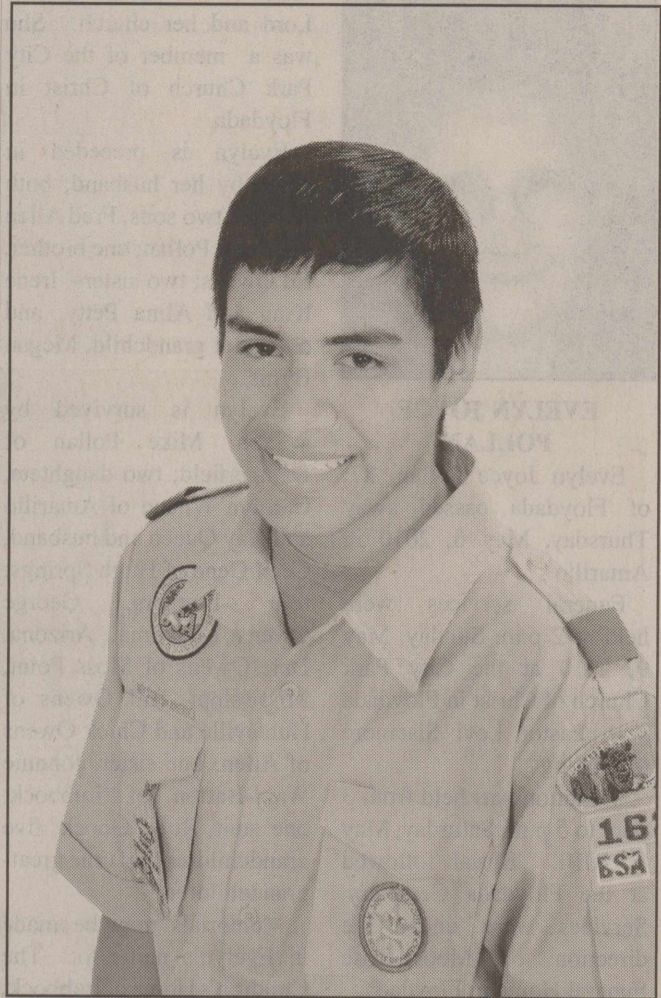
The Lockney High School softball team was defeated 15-0 by Forsan, the Class 1A defending state champions, in the area round of the state UIL playoffs last Thursday. Forsan scored 15 runs on 12 hits, committed two errors, and left three runners on base. Lockney managed two hits, made 12 errors

and stranded two. The Lady Horns set school history this season by winning the bi-district round, defeating Roby 18-3. The team loses two seniors, Lezlie Jackson and Blanca Molinar, to graduation. Two juniors return for next season, and the rest of this year's team consists of sophomores.

# Longhorns Meet Stamford In Area Baseball Playoffs

The Lockney Longhorn baseball team goes up against Stamford in the area round playoffs. The first game of the best-of-three series, originally scheduled to be played in Ralls today (Thursday, May 13), was moved to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. The second game will be played at the Lockney diamond at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, with a third game, if necessary, to follow. All game results will be in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

# Lockney Scout needs help to get to National Jamboree



Jonathan Sustaita

Lockney Boy Scout Jonathan Sustaita is headed to the National Scout Jamboree in Virginia, with your help.

The National Scout Jamboree is a gathering of Boy Scouts across the United States which only happens every four years. The Jamboree is held for ten days and offers many activities and opportunities for advancement within the Boys Scout organization. It is organized by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Only a select number of boys are accepted to attend the Jamboree. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for any Scout.

There are only 38 boys from the South Plains Council approved for attendance. Jonathan is working towards his Eagle Scout and has been

accepted but needs your help in reaching the Jamboree and representing the West Texas area. Sponsorships in the form of monetary donations are being requested.

Jonathan has been a Scout since first grade. He has helped several fellow Scouts reach their Eagle Scout including Patrick Doucette, Bryan Cooper, Zach Montandon and Joshua Armstrong. He has learned a lot through Scouts like canoeing, skiing, river rafting, horseback riding, etc. last summer he went on the 55-mile Philmont trek with the Boys Scouts and has worked at Camp Post and Camp Tres Ritos for the last three summers.

Jonathan plays golf and tennis and is in the LHS Band and the LHS Art Club.

# Lockney School Menu May 17-21

**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: popcorn chicken or grilled cheese, potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll, milk

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: beef tacos or ham, pinto beans, salad, applesauce, milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: hot dog or chicken patty, baked beans, baby carrots, fruited gelatin, milk

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: baked potato or corn dog, salad, pineapple, milk

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: hamburger or ham & cheese, baked fries, salad, pears, milk

# LHS Baseball Team Wins Practice Game

The Lockney Longhorn baseball team had a practice game with Hawley. Hawley was the District 6-2A Champion and a very good opponent to help the Longhorns prepare for the playoffs. Lockney won the game 5-1 and the team was led by the outstanding pitching of Renee Cruz. Cruz pitched a complete game, allowing only one run.

The Longhorn bats were not as productive as usual but some timely hitting in the middle innings help get the five runs across. Outstanding defense led the way for the Longhorns to keep a very good Hawley team to just one run.

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**LITTLE LONGHORNS** -- Lockney Elementary School students of the week. Left to right, front row: Evelyn Perez, Lyndee Setliff, Nimsi Reyes, Jonathan Rodriguez. Back row: Shelby Dunbar, Adree Stapp, Jaden Rosales, Samantha Nunez.

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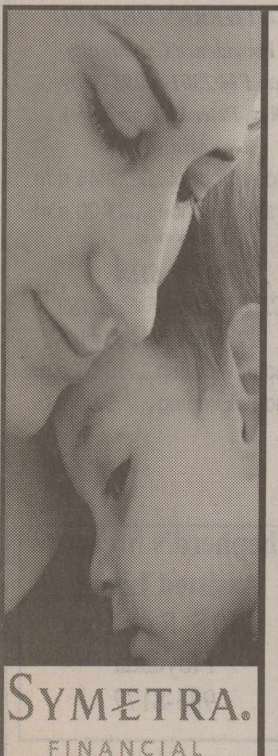
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## Whirlwinds Meet Shallowater in Area Baseball Playoffs

The Floydada Whirlwinds baseball team will go up against the Shallowater Mustangs in the area round of the baseball playoffs. Floydada had a bye in the bi-district round. The first game of the best-of-three series, will be played Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Wilder Field in Plainview. The game will start

at 8:00 p.m. Shallowater will be home team in this first game. Game two will be played Saturday, May 15 at Wilder Field in Plainview with the game starting at 5:00 p.m. The Whirlwinds will be home team. If necessary the third game of this series (with Shallowater being the home team) will

be played 30 minutes following game two. Admission for these playoff games will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. District passes for 3-AA and 2-AA will be honored.

All game results will be in next week's edition of the Hesperian-Beacon.

## Floyd County 4-H'ers Compete at District Roundup

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS  
Floyd County

Floyd County was well represented at the District 4-H Roundup held Saturday, May 1 at Levelland Middle School. 4-H'ers participated in Entomology Identification, Educational Presentations and Share The Fun.

4-H'ers, their respective categories and their placings included: Entomology Identification: Junior Caleb Miller participation, Intermediate Rita Martinez participation and Intermediate Jake Moore - 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual. Junior Share The Fun Vocal - Lyndee Setliff participation; Junior Educational Presentation Open Category - Caleb Miller 1<sup>st</sup> place. Intermediate Share The Fun Celebrate 4-H: Adree Stapp, Valerie Espinoza, Selena Espinoza, Remington Ricketts, Tristan Schlueter, Keenan Nixon, Montana Williams, Austen Rexrode and Stetson Lane - 1<sup>st</sup>. Intermediate Share The Fun Vocal - McKenna Johnson 1<sup>st</sup>. Senior Educational Presentation

Family Life - Jill Bramlet 1<sup>st</sup>; Senior Share The Fun Poetry Jake Bramlet - 1<sup>st</sup>; Senior Share The Fun Vocal Evan Johnson - 1<sup>st</sup>, Jianna

Davenport - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Four senior 4-H'ers qualified with their wins on Saturday and will be accompanied by the

Livestock Judging team and the Rifle team for a total of eleven who will travel to Texas A&M June 8 - 11 for State 4-H Roundup.



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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H'ers participated in District Roundup on Saturday, May 1 at Levelland Middle School. Members included (Front row, left to right) Lyndee Setliff, Valerie Espinoza, Selena Espinoza and Caleb Miller; (Middle row, left to right) Jill Bramlet, Adree Stapp, Remington Ricketts, Tristan Schlueter, Keenan Nixon, Montana Williams and Austen Rexrode; (Back row, left to right) Rita Martinez, Jake Bramlet, Evan Johnson, McKenna Johnson, Jake Moore, Stetson Lane and Kirby Nixon. Not pictured Jianna Davenport.



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AB DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for May 10, 2010 were (back row, l-r) Zaiden Anderson, Briana Guerrero, Alex Glass; (front row, l-r) Felipe Sanchez, Cassandra Mendez and DJ Saenz.



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THE FLOYDADA ROTARY CLUB presented two bicycles to students who had perfect attendance. The 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks bike winners were (left) Jimmy Garcia - Kindergarten and (right) Andrew Vega - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for May 3, 2010 were (front row, l-r) Noah Garcia and Miya Fipps; (back row, l-r) Xavier Rios, Jacob Chavarria, Heather Garcia, Casey Cage, and Justin Delgado.



Courtesy Photo

DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for May 17, 2010 are (back row, l-r) Adolfo Trevino, Whitney Refro, Julian Alaniz, Kelton Cage; (front row, l-r) Denise Mendoza, Madison Garcia and Izaiah Alvarado.

# Edible Books?

Floydada Junior High would like to invite you to a unique and wonderful event; FJH edible book project. This is an exciting and unique way to support reading in our school. Students are required to create a book in edible form; the idea is to create an edible project that is recognizable as the book title.

Projects will be judged by a panel of judges on creativity, recognition and presentation. The top 12 winning projects will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The top 12 designers will receive prizes for their efforts.

There will be a price attached to all other projects if you desire to purchase one of those. (Students have the option of selling their item or not). The auctioned or sold items will help in generating our activity fund to be used directly on our students.

If you are looking for a way to be involved with your school, the students and the faculty here at Junior High, this is an outstanding way to show your support and walk away with something you can enjoy.

We are asking all parents and public to participate in this event. Local businesses are welcome as well, we look forward to seeing you there.

When = Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> tour the exhibits (9:00 am - 10:30 am)

Where = Judging and exhibitions in FJH Auditorium

Auction to be held in FJH Gym @ 10:45 am

There will be a Junior High Awards Assembly at the High School Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. that day as well. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU May 17 - May 21

- 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/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast- Pancakes/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 beana chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast- Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
Lunch- Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, brownie, milk

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## USDA Rural Development seeking applicants

TEMPLE, TEXAS—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA Rural Development is seeking applicants interested in increasing the production and use of renewable energy sources. Funding is available from the USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"This funding will help spur investments in technologies that will reduce reliance on fossil fuels, conserve natural resources and help build a sustained renewable energy industry in rural America," Vilsack said. "Support provided by USDA through these programs will not only benefit the environment, it will create green jobs and help America become more energy self-sufficient."

Eligible projects include installing renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, solar, geothermal, biomass, anaerobic digesters, hydroelectric, and ocean or hydrogen systems. Funding may also be used to purchase energy-efficient equipment, add insulation, and improve

heating and cooling systems. In fiscal year 2009, this program helped fund 1,485 REAP projects in 50 states, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Western Pacific Islands.

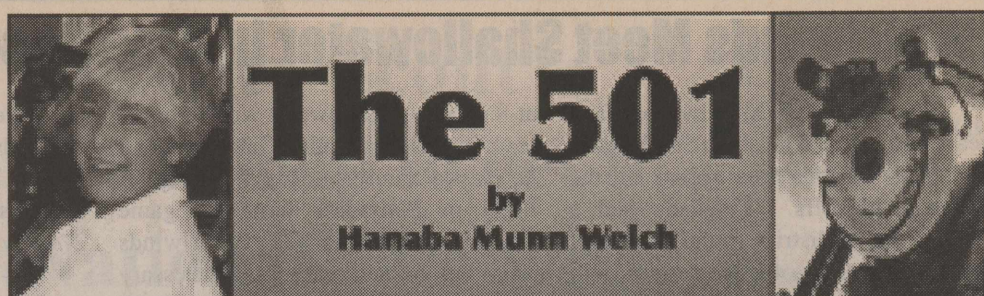
The program is designed to assist farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses that are able to demonstrate financial need. All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50% or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible. Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply. Typically eligible businesses have less than 500 employees and revenue of less than \$6.5 million.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and can be up to 25% of total eligible project costs. Grants are limited to \$500,000 for renewable energy systems and \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Requests as low as \$2,500 for renewable energy systems and \$1,500 for energy efficiency improvements will be considered.

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Development will accept applications for Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grants and loans until 4:30pm CST on June 30, 2010. All applications should be mailed to Business Programs, 101 S Main St, Suite 102, Temple, TX 76501. For information, contact Mr. Daniel Torres or Mr. Billy Curb at the Texas State Office (254)742-9780 or view the Notice of Solicitation of Applications <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-9580.pdf>. Those interested in applying are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.



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Why? Because I'm too tired to write about anything else. A trail ride can do that to a tenderfoot.

I made the trek both ways last weekend, accepting an invitation from a guy named Bull to ride a horse named Cisco across the quicksandy river to the 127th Doan's May Picnic pioneer celebration.

Six days later memories of the ride are still very much with me and my saddle sores are probably going to be just as indelible. So here's a horseback travelogue -- a view of the world over the black-tipped ears of Cisco.

If you've ever ridden a horse, or even plowed

behind a mule, you know what I mean. You're always looking over a stretch of mane and between a couple of ears. To wit, Cisco's ears are in several of my pictures -- at least in the ones I shot

straight ahead as Cisco and I kept company with 80-something other riders.

At one point I realized I was capturing mostly the other riders' backs and horses' rear ends. So I tried holding my phone up backwards and shooting the riders behind me. I got my own ear.

There's an art to taking pictures with an iPhone from the back of a horse. If I knew what it was, I'd tell you.

Just talking on a cell phone is also not that easy if you've got a set of reins in your non-phone hand and river water is swirling underneath you up to your stirrups. Bull was talking on his phone when he and his horse suddenly went down close to the south bank.

No doubt many people utter their very last words on

a cell phone just before they crash their cars. I don't know what Bull was saying when his horse went in that hole, dumping him and his phone in the river. I'll bet it was interesting.

Bull regained his footing first. The horse took longer, but he finally got up too. As for the phone, it'll be a curious artifact by the time anybody finds it.

Artifact. I feel like one myself. Even though my horse didn't toss me anywhere along the way, I'm still sore. At least I'm getting over the hallucinations.

Yep, ride a horse long enough, and the next few days you'll be leaning into intersections from behind your steering wheel and wondering if the car in the next lane is going to kick.

After the ride, that very night as I drove U.S. 277 into the darkness, the black right-hand lane stretched ahead of me. My weary brain saw Cisco's mane. Really.

At least I didn't see any ears.

## General Wheat Conditions

By J. W. Wagner, CEA-AG Floyd County

A significant amount of wheat was terminated to make room for cotton. Some producers weren't able to terminate wheat when they wanted to due to wet weather and with cotton prices where they are, still decided to terminate wheat stands. Overall, I estimate that wheat is about two weeks later than a typical year, even more in some cases (especially if planted Thanksgiving or later). This later wheat maturation will mean that irrigation will extend further into late May and early June. For producers looking to shift water to cotton, grain sorghum or corn, this will cut short wheat water needs.

### Can Harvest Aids or Growth Regulators Hasten Wheat Grain Maturity?

In short, probably not. We are well past the time when anything related to growth regulators might have had an effect on the current wheat crop. A few inquiries have been received about using harvest aids for wheat, but we are doubtful that a producer would gain but a few days at best, especially since in 2010 with the late wheat we are already pushing maturation and drydown into the hotter days of June. Most harvest aids are in fact labeled herbicides like Roundup, Clarity (dicamba),

Ally, and 2,4-D, and they may actually provide more benefit in tackling weed problems in the field rather than terminating the crop. In fact, crop termination is probably not the way to regard these chemicals as they all stipulate that they should not be applied until hard dough stage with seed moisture at 30% or less. If you have a seed block, then I'd advise the grower to forego the late-season over-the-top treatments to minimize any potential effect on seed quality. For a list of labeled harvest aids in wheat, consult p. 14 of Extension's "Weed Control Recommendations in Wheat," B-6139 (June 2008) at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/othercrops/pdf/wheat/weedguideforwheat08.pdf>

### Recent Disease Observations & Comments for Wheat

Wheat Streak Mosaic/High Plains Virus/Triticum Mosaic Viruses (transmitted by wheat curl mite) I hear from agronomist Brent Bean and Extension plant pathologist Ron French, Amarillo, that the apparent incidence, at least so far, of wheat streak mosaic (or High Plains virus or Triticum Mosaic, which mimic it) has been low. Those diseases would likely have been vectored a long time ago hence (and it is the wheat curl mite) you would not expect to see insects

now. Ron French notes that with the wheat curl mite transmitted viruses, he has seen more cases from when the crop was planted in mid August to early October, depending on location in the High Plains. The later the better since the wheat curl mite's survival is hindered by colder weather. Ron's test lab is reporting samples of wheat curl mite transmitted viruses (i.e., Wheat Streak Mosaic, Triticum Mosaic, Wheat Mosaic a.k.a. High Plains) but not as much as in 2009 or 2008. Most positive samples have been from the Plainview area but starting to get some from the Panhandle, too. Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus, BYDV (transmitted by aphids) Ron and Brent have noted that 2010 has been more of a Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus year (and its subgroup Cereal Yellow) not only in the High Plains but also in Central Texas and College Station area. A few comments and pics on that come from Univ. of Nebraska <http://pdc.unl.edu/agriculturecrops/wheat/barleyyellowdwarf>. Field reports that suggest BYDV is present, however, note that the aphids now are largely absent from the field. The effect on the crop from BYDV can vary depending on the strain, time of infection, See WHEAT on page 8

## USDA Rural Development accepting applications for Housing Prevention Grants

TEMPLE, TEXAS—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA Rural Development is accepting competitive applications from qualified public agencies and nonprofit organizations for grants to help low and very low income level residents in rural areas repair their homes.

"The costs associated with maintaining a home are a challenge for many rural homeowners and the funding we are announcing today will help low and very low income residents in rural areas maintain and repair their homes," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration and USDA are working to ensure that rural homeowners have safe, sanitary, energy-efficient places to live."

Housing Preservation Grants are provided to intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, federally organized Indian tribes and nonprofit or faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified low and very low income homeowners. The grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. To determine if your area is eligible for the Housing Preservation Grant, visit <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

Locally, a recent USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant was awarded to the Rolling Plains Management Corporation of Wichita Falls, TX. A \$200,000 grant was

awarded to rehabilitate 94 houses owned and occupied by very-low and low income individuals in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young counties. A separate \$25,000 grant is being used to improve the quality of housing and energy conservation for 11 low income Baylor County homeowners by repairing or replacing the roofs on their homes.

USDA Rural Development will accept applications for Housing Preservation Grants until June 28, 2010. All applications must be filed at the USDA Rural Development Texas State Office. To request an application packet, please contact Mr. Leon Carey at 254-742-9772. USDA Rural Development may award up to \$10.1 million in competitive grants through the Notice of Funds Availability published April 27, 2010. The grants to be awarded are part of the USDA Rural Development annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at local USDA Rural Development offices or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

## Agriculture Committee Field Hearing

By U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer

Last week I announced that Lubbock will host a field hearing for the House Committee on Agriculture on the upcoming 2012 Farm Bill. I am looking forward to being in Lubbock next Monday to hear directly from producers in West Texas on their vision for the future of agriculture

policy. As a reminder, this hearing is open to the general public. While there will be several witnesses giving testimony from various agriculture groups throughout the 19th District, I invite you to come and listen. If you cannot attend the field hearing but would like to participate, you can submit comments about the future of farm policy or watch the field hearing online by visiting my website.

HEARING DETAILS: Monday, May 17th 9:00 a.m. CDT

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**National Police Week: May 9th - 15th**

National Police Week provides an opportunity for us to reflect on our law enforcement officers' contributions to building safe communities in the 19th Congressional District and across America. I am honored to stand behind those who risk their lives on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. As we unfortunately have been reminded by the recent loss of Officer Rodney Holder in Abilene, this is a dangerous job that deserves our great respect. Although there is a formal week to recognize these committed and brave men and women, it is important we keep them in our thoughts and prayers year round, as they are the diligent guardians protecting us.

This week members of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office will be in Washington to attend the Candlelight Vigil in honor of fallen Lubbock County Sheriff Deputy Corporal D. Robert Harvey. Corporal Harvey's name has been engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and will be

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# OPINION



## The Paperboy

### Time to cash in on abundant natural resources

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Shale gas is becoming big business in the U.S. and will become even larger in the coming years. Even better is the fact that Oklahoma and Texas will benefit greatly.

"Over the past decade, a wave of drilling around the world has uncovered giant supplies of natural gas in shale rock," according to Amy Myers Jaffe, an expert on such matters. "By some estimates, there's 1,000 trillion cubic feet recoverable in North America alone—enough to supply the nation's natural-gas needs for the next 45 years. Europe may have nearly 200 trillion cubic feet of its own."

Jaffe is the Wallace S. Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and co-author of "Oil, Dollars, Debt and Crises: The Global Curse of Black Gold."

This is great news for Texas and Oklahoma, which are already in better financial conditions than most other states, as the two states have a wealth of shale gas deposits.

Shale is nothing new.

"We've always known the potential of shale; we just didn't have the technology to get to it at a low enough cost," said Jaffe. "Now new techniques have driven down the price tag—and set the stage for shale gas to become what will be the game-changing resource of the decade."

Jaffe says we're just scratching the surface when it comes to shale.

"I have been studying the energy markets for 30 years, and I am convinced that shale gas will revolutionize the industry—and change the world—in the coming decades," Jaffe continues. "It will prevent the rise of any new cartels.

It will alter geopolitics. And it will slow the transition to renewable energy."

So what is shale gas and why is it such a hot commodity?

According to moneyenergy.com, "Shale gas is a type of unconventional gas asset with significant deposits in both the Canadian and U.S. gas markets. Shale gas drillers produce it from horizontal, rather than vertical, wells into hard rock deposits. Fracking is the new technique that these oil and gas drillers use to get at the hard-to-extract oil and gas. Because of the well's horizontal exposure, more of the well is exposed and capable of being produced.

"Fracking refers to the process of horizontal hydraulic fracturing. The 'frack' is a formation that the shale drillers put into the cracks in order to help split the rock. These are often high-pressure water fracks. John Wright, CEO of Petrobank Energy & Resources explains that when they drill a well, 'we drill down to the target zone; we run a steel pipe beside the hole and cement it in place, then we put perforations in that pipe in the area that we want to produce the oil or gas from, and in the case of a fracture-stimulated well we actually will go in and pump fluid under high pressure into the formation and that effectively cracks the rock...and we pump in some sand... that will hold those cracks open. And what those cracks become are the flow-channels through which the oil and gas can reach the well bore.'"

For far too long, the U.S. has been oil-dependent from places who really don't like us very much. Places such as Russia, Iran and Venezuela.

"The advent of abundant, low-cost gas will throw all that

out the window - so long as the recent drilling catastrophe doesn't curtail offshore oil and gas activity and push up the price of oil and eventually other forms of energy," Jaffe said. "Not only will the shale discoveries prevent a cartel from forming, but the petro-states will lose lots of the muscle they now have in world affairs, as customers over time cut them loose and turn to cheap fuel produced closer to home."

The shale boom may also change the timetable and economics of renewable energy.

"It may be a lot harder to persuade people to adopt green power that needs heavy subsidies when there's a cheap, plentiful fuel out there that's a lot cleaner than coal, even if gas isn't as politically popular as wind or solar," Jaffe said.

It is time for the U.S. to become as energy independent as possible. The less we have to rely on our enemies, the better.

The fact that Texas and Oklahoma have a wealth of shale gas makes it a double win for these areas. Contact your state and national officials and let them know that if we have the resources here at home, then there is no better time than the present to make this country energy independent, more secure and wealthier at a time when we need it most.

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## Other Opinions

### Salt: The New Tobacco?

By DAVID BOZEMAN

Debate strategists typically advise against slippery-slope arguments — assigning far-off, outrageous conclusions to your opposition only dilutes the urgency of the moment. Still, one cannot resist guessing how far beyond its stated goal the creeping hand of the Nanny State will reach. Rule of thumb: statisticians always want more than they're asking for. For instance, once federal and local governments declared war on Big Tobacco, even the most dispassionate observer could tell that Oreos, Twinkies and Big Macs were not far behind.

In 2006, New York City banned trans fats, found in many snacks, cakes, pastries and fast foods, and a group of Harvard scientists recently advised the UK that following the lead of New York (and a host of European countries) will save thousand of lives. Even football greats Peyton and Eli Manning, pitchmen for Oreos, were slammed on a healthy living website for "pushing junk food to children," and with the Marlboro Man dead and buried, the do-gooder police are now gunning for Ronald McDonald. Corporate Accountability International recently called for the clown's retirement as a company mascot, for marketing unhealthy, fatty food to

children.

Is it just me or are liberals no darn fun (yes, protesting outside a McDonald's is a liberal thing)? This week, the Institute of Medicine urged the FDA to set limits on the amount of salt that restaurants and food manufacturers can add to their products. The IM recommended that the FDA increase staff and funding to implement the changes. You know the drill, it's all in the name of public health, by reducing heart disease and lowering medical costs.

However desirable that goal, the lingering notion remains that every social ill requires a government cure. The IM would argue that 40 years of voluntary efforts to reduce salt content have failed, thus the necessity for government action. But, in fact, for quite some time the public has demanded healthier menus, and even that venue of the killer clown, McDonald's, has responded (though many of us crave the option of the deep-fried apple pie, replaced in the 90s by the baked variety). It is choice, knowledge and competition that promote a healthy population, not the edicts of know-it-all bureaucrats.

Liberals, who have spent the last eight years detailing the cost to our freedom of waging a war on terror, utter barely a peep about the sacrifice of individual autonomy in the name

of protecting us from a Super-Size order of fries. True, in a completely laissez-faire society, the irresponsible actions of a few can negatively impact the majority (such as higher medical and insurance rates), but even the strictest of government regulations cannot contain foolhardy behavior. And do we really want Big Brother slapping our friends and neighbors back into line for acting on impulses that, while maybe not healthy, are human and simply make our workaday lives a little more pleasant?

Freedom is the one word seldom mentioned in the communal hand-wringing over public health, with some 'experts' arguing that salt substitutes taste just as good (though most of us junkies remain skeptical).

Still, that misses the larger point: there are many of us who don't want healthy Big Macs or french fries or ice cream. We like the taste, we like the decadence and we understand moderation and balance. We just don't want the government kibosh on individual tastes and preferences and we fear that our favorite foods will soon offer about as much zing as the latest alert from the Institute of Medicine, if not the paper it's written on.

## Other Views

### The End of the Oil Boom?

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

The Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico drew limited headlines upon its occurrence, with the biggest news at the time being the 11 workers missing after the rig's explosion and fire. It wasn't until the discovery that crude oil was leaking into the Gulf because of a faulty shutoff valve that the story moved to front-page headline status.

At a rate of perhaps 5,000 barrels per day, the spill — more properly described as a gusher akin to the proverbial Texas oil strike because of the pressure bearing from beneath the Gulf floor — may turn out to rival the amount of oil lost in the 1989 Exxon Valdez shipping accident.

Obviously the immediate environmental damage from the oil spill will be severe and economic damage to the local seafood industry catastrophic; fortunately, we also know from the Exxon Valdez accident that eventually the region will be able to recover. Since crude extracted from the Gulf is relatively light in weight, the oil isn't the thick black gunk most people think of when they think of an oil spill; rather, the result is a silvery sheen on the surface which may be easier to disperse through chemical means.

Long-term impact on the oil industry may be more disastrous. Needless to say, environmentally conscious Democrats called on Obama to drop his proposed offshore exploration program in the wake of the ac-

cident, and White House adviser David Axelrod agreed, saying, "no additional drilling has been authorized and none will until we find out what has happened here." Axelrod's response to the accident, ironically occurring on the eve of Earth Day, suggests the open-ended nature of the moratorium may lead to more regulatory hurdles for oil operations in the Gulf.

For decades, exploration in the Gulf of Mexico had progressed without incident, and the more than 3,500 platforms already producing in our portion of the Gulf routinely endured shutdowns brought on by approaching hurricanes and regular maintenance. In these cases the shutoff valves did their job, making the Deepwater Horizon incident an outlier. Nor can the prospect of sabotage or terrorism be ruled out given the enticing target presented by what was essentially a sea-going vessel tenuously rooted to a wellhead 5,000 feet below the surface.

The Deepwater Horizon was one of only about two dozen rigs situated in a water depth more than 1,000 meters — the technology of deepwater drilling is still maturing.

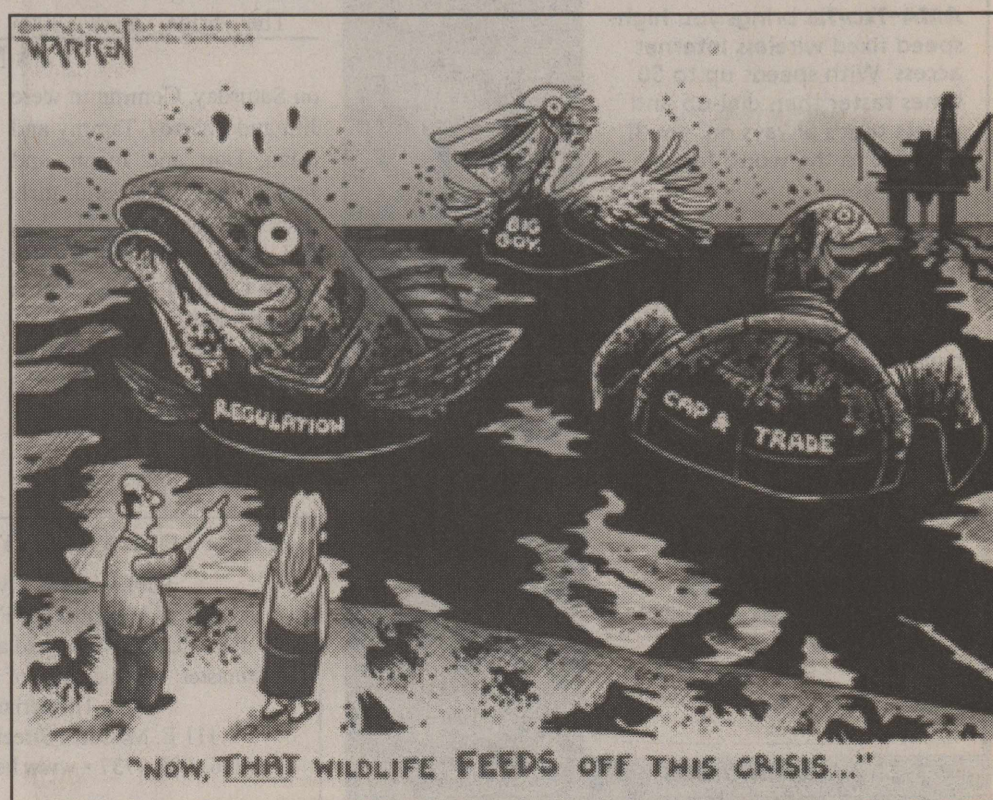
Yet billions of barrels of oil lie entombed underneath the Gulf of Mexico. Undoubtedly there is an argument underscored by the Deepwater Horizon tragedy which says we need to back down, but when you compare the safety record of Gulf drilling to that of shipping 9 million barrels of oil per day for our use over many of those same waters

and the prospect for disaster there, the risk is worthwhile.

As we stand right now, there is no perfectly safe or perfectly reliable form of energy out there and the Deepwater Horizon accident points out the possible (but historically unlikely) downside of oil dependence. But coal also has drawbacks and safety concerns as recent mining accidents remind us, while the pesky problem of waste and threat from

radiation dogs proponents of nuclear power. Renewable energy is great in concept, but the reliability of solar and wind energy obviously depends on optimum weather conditions.

Accidents will happen, but there's no reason to stop oil exploration after this tragedy. The record of safety is no longer unblemished but still exemplary, and on balance the benefits still outweigh the risks. Let's get oil workers back to work.





## HEARING

revealed during a ceremony in honor of all 116 officers who were killed in 2009. It is my sincere honor to meet the family of Corporal Harvey and welcome the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard to Washington. We cannot, and will not, forget the service of Corporal Harvey, and others who have lost their lives, to our community.

**Armed Forces Day**

On the third Saturday in May, we pause to celebrate Armed Forces Day. On this day, we recognize the brave men and women in uniform who have selflessly put themselves in harm's way every day to keep this nation safe. Without their contributions and sacrifice, our nation would not enjoy the liberty it does today. This Saturday, I remind you to give thanks to the service members, both active and retired, in your community and their families. May God bless them, and continue to bless the United States of America.

## USDA Announces Assistance Program for Orchardists and Nursery Tree Growers

WASHINGTON, May 7, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today said that orchardists and nursery tree growers can begin applying for benefits under the Tree Assistance Program, which was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Signup begins Monday, May 10, 2010, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

"This program helps our orchardists and nursery tree growers replant and get back on their feet after natural disasters," said Vilsack.

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides help to orchardists and nursery tree growers who produce trees, bushes and vines for commercial purposes, to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged or destroyed by natural disasters. The 2008 Farm Bill expanded eligibility to include Christmas tree and nursery tree growers that were ineligible under prior legislation. Trees grown for pulp or timber or not grown for commercial purposes are not eligible.

To be eligible for TAP, producers must have suffered more than a 15 percent death loss due to the natural disaster after adjustment for normal mortality. TAP

is a cost-reimbursement program, with payments covering up to 70 percent of replant costs and 50 percent of pruning, removal and other salvaging costs for replacing or salvaging damaged trees.

Producers can receive assistance for up to 500 acres of trees, bushes or vines. Producers must also have purchased a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or for 2008, obtained a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through the buy-in provision. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

For more information on the new TAP program, please contact your county FSA office or the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tap>

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## WHEAT

incidence of the virus (how many plants infected), and stress factors that could promote viral replication and virulence/aggressiveness.

**Irrigation Timing and Late Season Irrigation for Wheat**

Recent wheat evapotranspiration rates have ranged from about 0.2" per day to nearly 0.5" per day (hot, windy, temps. approaching 90 F). The good crops on dryland that are going to grain will be rapidly reducing available soil moisture in the top 3' of soil with warmer conditions. Producers who are interested in tracking daily wheat evapotranspiration may visit <http://txhighplainset.tamu.edu/statemap.jsp> for a map of Texas AgriLife weather stations in the South Plains (Lamesa, Lubbock, Halfway, Earth, Farwell, Dimmitt) then proceed as follows: A) for the previous day's PET for wheat, click on your desired location, then click 'Daily Fax'; or B) select 'Weather Data' then 'Daily' then select location/information/dates (for information go to the bottom of the menu and choose the wheat PET information). Extension provides "Late Season Wheat Irrigation for the Texas South Plains" at

<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/wheat/pdfs/wheatirrigation07.pdf>. The text from this document is as follows regarding the possible termination of irrigation on wheat in terms of physiological growth follows (and factors like yield potential, N applied, and plant health may influence the decision).

What stage is the crop in terms of heading? Pre-bloom or post-bloom? If the crop is past flowering then the window for beneficial additional watering is not that long as grain fill can occur as quickly as 30 days in a high stress environment. Benefit from irrigation is questionable when kernels are past watery ripe, especially if there is still some decent soil moisture. When kernels are milky ripe, then chances that economic yield responses may be achieved due to irrigation are greatly reduced (even if soil is about dried out). Once kernels are mealy ripe (just before soft dough) then the crop is starting to dry down, and irrigation would have little effect.

Irrigation scheduling becomes most critical between Feekes 8.0 growth stage (flag leave visible, or ~10 days before bloom) to Feekes 11.1 (late milk

stage in kernel). At kernel milk stage if soil moisture is high then additional irrigation may not be needed. Don't hesitate to irrigate one last time if you can-final yield and fulfilling test weight potential is your benefit. If a producer intends to double crop after wheat then this makes applying that final irrigation a little easier. In addition, if a wheat crop appears to have a significant number of late tillers with larger heads then extended irrigation is more likely beneficial.

Some producers where irrigation moves from wheat to cotton will find it more difficult this year since wheat is late to keep the irrigation on wheat as long as would otherwise be ideal. Estimating Yield Potential in Wheat See the Extension guidelines at the following URL for a basic estimate of wheat grain yield potential <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/othercrops/pdf/wheat/estwheatyield.pdf>

*This information has been provided by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Extension Agronomist, Dr. Brent Bean, Texas AgriLife Extension Agronomist, and Dr. Ron French, Texas AgriLife Extension Plant Pathologist.*

## REUNION

Christan, Loyd, Claudett and Fawver of Merkel, Annie Jewell Willis, Yvonne Sloan and Aaron Grow of Abilene, LuAmy Sloan of Burleson, Clinton Fawver of Welch, Cheryl and Stan

Carrol of Lubbock, Jena Jones and Pat Altman of Plains, Denny and Terri Davis, Malisce Jo, Emma and Deni Lynn of Crosbyton, Tammy Dunn, Eddie, Katie, Samuel and Riley, Edwin

and Doris Wilcox, Floyd and Euna Bradford, Kenneth and Barbara Willis, and Carlton and Louise Fawver, all of Floydada.

## WEDDING

and the late Darlene Vick and her great-grandmother, Lavada Neff, in her bouquet.

For "something borrowed" she tied her mother's ring in her bouquet. "Something new" was a pink pearl necklace, bracelet and earrings she wore, which was a gift from the groom. "Something blue" was her blue garter.

The bridegroom was at-

tired in a black tuxedo with an ivory shirt, ivory vest and ivory tie.

The Party Barn was decorated with greenery with white twinkling lights. The aisles were decorated with white rope lights wrapped in pink tulle. The couple stood under an arch decorated with white lights. A "Happily Ever After" sign

was placed beyond the arch where the couple exchanged their vows

Following the wedding, a reception was held at The Party Barn in Amarillo, hosted by the bride's parents. The guests were seated at tables decorated with candles, mirrors and balloons.

Melinda Eubanks of Amarillo, cousin of the bride, served at the bride's table.

Sarah Brown of Elk City, Oklahoma, sister-in-law of the groom, hosted the groom's table.

The rehearsal dinner was held at 7 p.m. March 13, 2010 at Dyers BBQ in Amarillo and was hosted by Kirby White of California, uncle of the groom.

The bride is a 2003

## VJ's NEWS

on Saturday. Coming in were Jim and Sherrey, Tammy and Beau, Dart and Joann, and Jackie Pat, Lana and girls Bree and Brook, Tobi, Will and Alexxa, and Will's sister Stacy Lohn of Brady, now a Tech student.

C.F. and Wanda Barber and their grandson Blake had lunch with Blake's Mother Millie.

I asked Wanda how things

graduate of Floydada High School. She is a 2009 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is currently employed at Wal-Mart in Canyon.

The groom is a graduate of Randall High School and is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He is currently employed at Wal-Mart in Canyon.

Pre-nuptial party honoring the couple included a bridal shower held January 16, 2010 at the Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada hosted by the bride's family and friends. A lingerie shower for the bride was hosted by Karrie McNabb and Jennifer Wiggins on March 12, 2010.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, they will reside in Canyon.

## MENU

May 17-21

**Monday:** chicken strips

**Tuesday:** barbecue on bun

**Wednesday:** chicken fried steak

**Thursday:** roast beef

**Friday:** enchiladas

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## ARCHIVES

route of the old Mackenzie trail. It is located 12 Miles east and two miles south of Tulia. Mr. And Mrs. Rex Rodgers and their three daughters, Priscilla, Patricia, and Jacquelin, assisted in erecting this monument. The children were born and raised on this historical spot and can tell all about the Mackenzie trail, the minor skirmishes in the Tule canyon, and the major battle at the Palo Duro.

The little girl who wrote this story said, "On stormy nights I love to imagine that I can see those beautiful steeds with flowing manes and tails romping on the rim of this canyon and perhaps answering the neighing of a lost mate in the canyon below."

**The Phantom Herd**

Recently as I watched my grandfather's cattle peacefully feeding in the old Mackenzie battleground I thought of what had been said of the Phantom Herd of the riderless steeds. How on stormy nights they wheel and gallop over the hills where sixty-two years ago they were shot by General Mackenzie's expedition to keep them from the hands of the Indians.

The building of the Union Pacific railroad cut the Great Bison range in two. By treaty with the United States Government, south of the Arkansas river belonged to the Indians as their hunting grounds. When the buffalo began to thin out north of the Arkansas the better equipped hunters of the white race began to cross the Arkansas and to locate their camp near Adobe Walls.

The Indians rightfully resented this and gathering of the various tribes resulted in council of war. The Indians drove out the white men's camp at Adobe Walls after which permission was granted to wage war against the Redmen.

The Texas Panhandle, eastern New Mexico and Western Oklahoma became the theatre of a war that lasted intermittently for ten years. The policy of the army was to harry the Indians until they were brought to terms,

Expeditions coming in from the various directions made this the only practical way to combat the nomadic Indians.

In 1874 General Mackenzie with a force of about 800 men camped near Quitaque Peaks. His scouts located a large herd of horses three miles west of Rock Creek, where on the twenty-sixth of September he defeated a force of about 600 Indians who retreated in a westerly direction.

The next day was spent in a leisurely march after the retreating Indians. Arriving on the head of the Tule canyon they located their camp nearby. That night they started for the winter camp of the Indians on the Palo Duro canyon.

"We arrived," said Sergeant B. Charlton, "at the Indian camp in early dawn. From where we were situated we could see the vast camp as it lay stretched several miles before us. The only trail leading down into that abyss was the narrow path allowing only one to file down at a time.

"As we were near half-way down, a guard discovered us and, waving a blanket, disappeared over the edge.

The next thing I remember we were filing down into a pit of yelling Indians, stampeding horses and hot rifle fire."

The Indians retreated after an all day battle, carrying their wounded, leaving behind their camp belongings and horses. They started back to camp that night arriving around one or two o'clock. "Then," said Sergeant Charlton, "General Mackenzie ordered that immense herd of horses shot. Some questioned his judgment, but it seemed the only thing to do under the circumstances."

After the killing of their horses the Indians straggled back to their reservation, discouraged and beaten. Thus ended the Indian war in West Texas. The soldiers withdrew to Fort Richardson, arriving in a snow storm. The carcasses of the slaughtered horses and later the sea of bones led to the legend of the Phantom Herd that gallops again on stormy nights.

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