



An artist's drawing depicts the chapel that will be rebuilt at Little Sioux Boy Scout Ranch near Little Sioux, Iowa. Participating in the 9/11 project will be representatives of Groesbeck Rebuilds America in conjunction with New York Says Thank You. Courtesy illustration

Iowa Project

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places traveled to Limestone County, Texas, to help rebuild the Eva and James Vincent home. The home was destroyed when a tornado hit the area on December 29, 2006. One of several veterans who lived at the Vincent home was killed in the tornado.

As stated previously, this year, the Groesbeck folks will joined the New Yorkers and others in Little Sioux, Iowa, to perform a similar mission.

On June 11, 2008, a F3 tornado tore through the Little Sioux Scout Camp northeast of Omaha killing four young Eagle Scouts participating in a leadership training weekend.

The storm injured dozens. In the devastating aftermath, stories of incredible heroism arose from the destruction as children rescued children, pulling one another from the rubble while performing live-saving first aid.

During the Iowa 9/11 anniversary, FDNY firefighters including survivors of the World Trade Center attacks, the Groesbeck people and other will attempt to raise the spirits of the Little Sioux tornado as they work shoulder-to-shoulder with the young Scouts and their families to help rebuild the camp and erect a Chapel on the foundation of the structure where the four boys were lost. This very special will be built with timbers salvaged from the tornado, literally transforming the devastation into something full of hope.

Little Sioux Scout Camp is a facility which hosts many National Boy Scouts events.

Fourteen separate projects will be included in this 9/11 Anniversary rebuild events including the chapel build, trail construction, chapel accessories, benches, obstacle course, observation deck,

picnic table, facility painting, prairie and tree reforestation, administration building upgrades, National 9/11 Flag Quilting, Aaron Eilerts service projects, Stars of Hope, and Welcome Center Flag plaza.

The Groesbeck group will take several benches that have already been made with them for the bench project. The local group again will be participating in the Star of Hope project as it did last year, and several from Groesbeck also plan to again take part in the National 9/11 Flag Quilting Project as they did last year in Greensburg, Kansas.

Groesbeck Rebuild America conducted some fund raising projects during the year to help finance this year's trip, and the group extends thanks to the people of Groesbeck, Limestone County, and the area for this assistance.

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million included in the proposed budget for road materials county-wide. Commissioners voted several weeks ago to tag the \$400,000 for priority roads.

The voted carried 3-2 with Kirven and Beaver voting against the measure.

Most of the roads on the county's priority list are in southern Limestone County and around Lake Limestone. Roads in that area are traveled heavily by 18-wheelers from sand-mining and gas-drilling operations, Burkeen said.

After walking out of the Aug. 24 meeting, Kirven told the Jour-

nal that he was upset because none of the priority roads were in his precinct.

"None of the roads in Precinct 2 were included on the priority list," Kirven said. "LCR 198, for instance, is very busy, and LCRs 140 and 141 have traffic from sun up to sun down."

Kirven and Beaver said following the Aug. 24 meeting that the \$400,000 should be distributed evenly to all four precincts.

Burkeen pointed out that the \$400,000 was in addition to the money already proposed for road materials.

"Not one dime of road money was cut," he said.

If the county operates from a 2008 budget, plans for employee raises and repairs to priority roads will be put on hold or the money will have to be taken from somewhere else in the budget, Burkeen said.

"I don't want to take the raises back," he said. "Our people have earned them."

In addition to increasing pay for county employees by 3 percent, Burkeen said the court had planned to adjust salaries for the county's six lowest-paid employees.

Big Hill

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trees were blown down on her property and large limbs from other trees were scattered around the yard.

"Luckily, the hackberry trees fell away from the house," she said.

Pat Emmett wasn't as lucky. Two large barns on his land were destroyed, but a home under construction a short distance away was not damaged. One of the barns lost its roof and two sides. The other barn was demolished.

Nick Piesco, a meteorologist

for KCEN-TV, said the damage likely was caused by downburst winds caused by a collapsing thunderstorm. He explained that rain cools the air, forcing it to drop toward the ground. When the air falls quickly, it can cause strong winds.

"It's possible that there was a small tornado in that storm, but most likely the damage was caused by a downburst," he said. "These small thunderstorms this time of year can be severe. The winds were well over 50 miles per

hour."

Wednesday's storm was the second in less than a week to damage property in Limestone County.

On Sunday, Aug. 23, a severe thunderstorm swept through the Thornton and Lake Limestone areas, damaging at least one residence.

During that storm, the home of Elaine and Preston Hairgrove was damaged by a broken tree limb and several outbuildings were destroyed.

Editor

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member that these letters do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Groesbeck Journal. Also, those submitting letters must remember that these letters are published on a "space available" policy. Please try to keep your letters-to-the-Editor as brief as possible.

Last week, this Editor mentioned the fact that many "Old Goats" could recall some special memories of Old Goat Field.

This Editor remembers the 1953 Groesbeck homecoming football game against the Teague Lions. The score had

rocked back and forth during the contest. The Goats were ahead for a time, and then, the Lions would jump in front.

Teague had gone ahead in the closing minutes of the game by the score of 14 to 13. However, on the ensuing kickoff Goat running back Jerry Pelham returned the kickoff for approximately 100 yards and a 20 to 14 homecoming victory. Jerry was a member of the GHS class of 1954 and will be at Homecoming 2009 as his class is celebrating its 55th anniversary.

To some of you football fans, if the 100 yards appears to be a little excessive, remember, football stories grow with time

and age!

The burn ban is still in effect in Limestone County. The hot and dry weather has left the landscape in very serious condition. So please be careful!

The area did receive a little rain last Sunday or early Monday. So, perhaps, this Editor was partially correct on last week's rain predictions. Hopefully, the Journal's football predictions are more successful.

Therefore, this Editor will close with a prediction for rain before Friday night's football game!

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LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS CURRENT & PROPOSED ANNUAL SALARY & ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED COUNTY & PRECINCT OFFICES FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (in dollars)

OFFICE	CURRENT OFFICE HOLDER	PROPOSED BASE SALARY	LONGEVITY PAY	TOTAL PROPOSED SALARY	JUVENILE BOARD ALLOWANCE	STATE JUDICIAL ALLOWANCE	ALLOWANCE	TOTAL PROPOSED SAL & ALLOW	CURRENT SAL & ALLOW	PROPOSED ANNUAL INCREASE
COUNTY JUDGE	DANIEL L. BURKEEN	54,373	330	54,703	1,200	15,000	0	70,903	69,200	1,703
COMMISSIONERS:										
PRECINCT # 1	JOHN A. MCCARVER	36,894	570	37,464	0	0	0	37,464	36,270	1,194
PRECINCT # 2	W. PETE KIRVEN	36,894	330	37,224	0	0	0	37,224	36,030	1,194
PRECINCT # 3	MORRIS D. BEAVER	36,894	570	37,464	0	0	0	37,464	36,270	1,194
PRECINCT # 4	MILTON CARROLL	36,894	330	37,224	0	0	0	37,224	36,030	1,194
COUNTY CLERK	PEGGY S. BECK	41,577	2,830	44,407	0	0	0	44,407	43,076	1,331
DISTRICT CLERK	CAROL S. JENKINS	41,577	910	42,487	0	0	0	42,487	41,156	1,331
TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR	W. CHARLENE BLACK	44,685	1,700	46,385	0	0	0	46,385	44,964	1,421
COUNTY TREASURER	CAROL J. BOSTAIN	41,577	730	42,307	0	0	0	42,307	40,976	1,331
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:										
PRECINCT # 1	MARCUS R. HANNA	34,522	1,290	35,812	0	0	0	35,812	34,686	1,126
PRECINCT # 2	FREDA K. GREMMINGER	34,522	1,770	36,292	0	0	0	36,292	35,166	1,126
PRECINCT # 3	SHERRI L. LENOIR	34,522	1,290	35,812	0	0	0	35,812	34,686	1,126
PRECINCT # 4	ALVIS R. JONES	34,522	1,290	35,812	0	0	0	35,812	34,686	1,126
COUNTY SHERIFF	DENNIS D. WILSON	46,851	4,090	50,941	0	0	0	50,941	49,457	1,484
	DETENTION CENTER	24,000	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000	24,000	0
CONSTABLES:										
PRECINCT # 1	SCOTT T. SMITH	34,522	1,230	35,752	0	0	0	35,752	34,626	1,126
PRECINCT # 2	KENNETH R. FORRESTER	34,522	1,830	36,352	0	0	0	36,352	35,226	1,126
PRECINCT # 3	CLARENCE W. STEWART	34,522	1,270	35,792	0	0	0	35,792	34,666	1,126
	OSSF OFFICER	2,400	0	2,400	0	0	0	2,400	2,400	0
PRECINCT # 4	JAMES E. BOYD	34,522	1,530	36,052	0	0	0	36,052	34,926	1,126
SALARY SUPPLEMENTS:										
COUNTY ATTORNEY	WILLIAM R. DEFRIEND	9,016	0	9,016	0	0	0	9,016	9,016	0