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Hospital district Election cancelled

Parmer County Hospital District announces that the election, scheduled to be conducted on May 10, 2008, for the three expiring seats on the Board of Directors, has been cancelled, as the incumbents are unopposed.



Watson Whaley
Class of 1929

Mr. Whaley is believed to be the oldest living Friona graduate. He is 98 years-old and a resident at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Mr. Whaley is the father of Connie Slagle of Friona. Photo is from 1929 Chief Yearbook.

FHS awards assembly May 6

Principal Denver Crum says parents may want to mark their calendars for 9 a.m. Tuesday May 6. That is the date for the Friona high school awards assembly.

Students will be presented awards earned throughout the year for attendance, grades, and other accomplishments. Parents are invited.



Wendy's Greenhouse at Hwy 60 and Prospect is blooming for business

Kid's Inc. baseball deadline is May 2

The annual Friona Kid's Inc. summer baseball program is being organized for area youngsters. Divisions include T-ball (5-6 years), Machine Pitch (7-8 years), Mustang (9-10 years), and Bronco (11-12 years).

The Mustang and Bronco teams will be drawn using the draft. Players need to provide their own gloves, pants, and shoes. Team sponsors will provide shirts and caps. The fee is \$30 for one child, \$25 for 2nd, and \$20 for each additional child from the same family.

A sign-up form is included inside today's Friona Star. Forms need to be returned to Britny Pope at First National Bank by May 2.

Plans underway for Friona school's 100th birthday party

Dig out your old annuals and dust off your photos! The Friona Ex-Student Association met April 21, 2008, at the Friona Library to discuss ideas for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Friona schools.

The association is asking all former students, teachers, or staff to submit stories to the *Friona Star* for gathering and publication. "Folks are urged to send stories, short or long, about their school experiences in Friona," said *Star* publisher Ron Carr. "We hope to hear from many former students and staff even if it is just a couple of sentences."

Memories of any eventful happenings concerning your time in school organizations such as FHA (now FCCLA),

FFA, thespians, band, athletics, or UIL competition are encouraged. Did you have a favorite teacher, a favorite class, or a fondest memory? We would like to share it.

Ex-Student coordinator Sharon White says, "We know there are lots of fun stories out there that need to be recorded. We'd like to see at least one each week between now and the end of the year." "For instance," Mrs. White added, "we know the girls' basketball teams have lots of memories from the time they went to state, and the ag boys had many successful teams."

A special 100th FISD birthday issue of the *Friona Star* is being planned for some time this summer. "We would like to have lots of

stories, photos, and memories to share in the special school anniversary newspaper," Carr said. Details about the special newspaper will be published later.

Family and teacher stories are being sought. Several families have put together lists of their family longevity in the Friona school system. They include the Reeve, Massey, Renner, and McFarland families with lists of graduates, teachers, and school board officials on the family tree. Others are encouraged to submit their parade of family members through the school system.

"Remember the Parmer County Historical Commission is seeking more stories," Mrs. White said, "per-

haps these generational family school stories could make up a section in the next history book."

The Ex-Student Association also plans to have a registration table at the park after the Maize Days parade (in September) where former students, teachers, and school employees can come by and "sign in". The Class of 1958 will have a special table for their 50th reunion. Class of '58 members can contact Jerry Hinkle at Friona State Bank (250-5000) if they have info on how to get in touch with classmates.

Museum curator Wendy Carthel will be working with the various school campuses to have programs and displays related to the 100th anniversary next fall

beginning with Maize Days.

Send your school memories to the *Friona Star* at P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035 or email frionastar@wtrt.net, or fax to 806-250-5127. Email old photos related to school activities, maybe scanned from your annual. Tell us your memories so we can share them with others.

"We will also be reproducing school-related articles and stories from old issues of the *Friona Star*," Carr said. "Help us gather and share your experiences for posterity."

The Ex-Student Association also wished to advise that the next Friona All-School Reunion is being planned for 2010. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Credit Union Annual Meeting



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Mason Fleming spoons on the BBQ sauce at Tuesday's Friona Credit Union Meeting. He is the son of Bruce and Shana Fleming. Over 130 members attended.

Horton, Osborn to be inducted into FHS Hall of Honors

Trip Horton and Dr. Joel Osborn will be inducted into the Friona High School Hall of Honors as Distinguished Graduates during the Sunday, May 4, senior class reception in the high school auditorium. Ceremonies will start at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to the Hall of Honors, the Class of 2008 will be honored. Senior awards and scholarships will be presented. The Top 10 honor graduates will be named, including 2008's valedictorian and salutatorian.

Trip Horton is the son of Hollis and Lunell Horton. He lives in Beaumont and serves as an appellate judge in the 9th Court of Appeals which serves 10 counties. He is a 1974 graduate of Friona High School. He will be introduced by his sister, Kathryn Gurley.

Dr. Joel Osborn is the son of Valoris and the late Ernest Osborn. He is a 1969 graduate of Friona High School and is a well known and respected cardiologist practicing in Amarillo. Dr. Osborn will be introduced by his sister, Karen Renner.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided at a reception following the ceremonies.

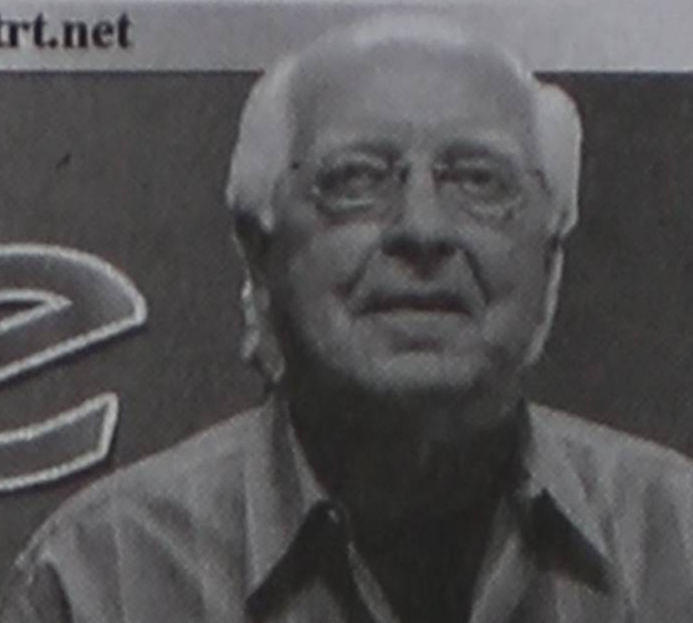


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This tuba duo was part of a brass quartet that performed at the annual Friona Credit Union meeting Tuesday evening. Raul Licerio, left, and Jordan Kelley are members of the Friona high school band and are among the band members that have qualified for state competition.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



on a county road west of town

It is every parent's worst nightmare.

Two Floydada High School students died over the weekend in a pickup wreck. The boys, 15 and 17, were passengers in a pickup being driven by an 18-year-old boy. Two other boys, 17 and 18, were injured in the accident.

The Lubbock newspaper report said the pickup driver lost control and flipped into a ditch at 5 a.m. Sunday morning on a county road west of Floydada. Four of the five boys were ejected from the truck.

Lockney High School, about 18 miles from Floydada, held its prom Saturday night. For many years adults and parents and teachers have begged and cajoled their teenagers not to get drunk and do something stupid prom night.

It wasn't immediately known if all of the boys had attended the prom. Two of them were Lockney students. The mother of one of the deceased boys said they were gathered at an after

prom party before the accident.

Livestock shows, football, baseball, and church were listed as activities the boys were involved in, all routine activities for boys their age. One of the boys hoped to play football at Texas A&M. Another was president of the National Honor Society at Floydada High.

One of the boys that died was supposed to compete in a state agricultural mechanics meet this week. They were said to be full of life, fun-loving, polite, and tried to make everybody happy. All of those hopes and aspirations came to a tragic end on a county road west of town.

DPS investigators said underage drinking and excessive speed may have been contributing factors in the accident. The grieving mother said of the tragedy, "Hopefully it will serve a purpose" warning other teens of the fragility of life.

Saturday night here in Friona, police were notified

of a teen party in progress where drinking was suspected. On arrival the officers found a bunch of teens gathered and plenty of beer to go around. A 38-year-old woman was arrested and charged with furnishing booze to minors. About 13 high school students were given citations for "minor in consumption". Some are said to have run away before the cops arrived. The police called the parents and guardians to come get their kids who will now have to face the music before municipal judge Donice Jones.

Friona Police Lt. Andy Stormes said there were a number of juveniles at the party that were not drinking. They were sent on their way home. Some of the ticketed youth were FHS athletes whose final participation is now in doubt. All the parties involved knew laws were being broken but, hey, the school year is winding down and it is party time.

Some of the parents probably got miffed at the officers because the kids weren't hurting anybody and were just having a little fun. Others would chide us for even mentioning the incident in the

newspaper because it will embarrass people.

What then if a truck load of those teens ended in tragedy on a dirt road. At what point does the private become public? Life is filled with unintended consequences.

High school teens have a need to see if they can venture out of the nest on their own. It is not easy to stop and think about consequences when you are a junior or senior high school student. A lot of life is still ahead, plenty of time for consequences to heal.

I hope they will listen to me and their parents and teachers. Don't drink, don't drive fast, and please don't do anything stupid. You have a lot of life ahead to live for.

Don't leave all of your potential and all you have worked for in a ditch on some county road west of town.

In Memoriam.....

Friona lost more good citizens in the past week with the passing of Lottie Bails, D. L. Carmichael, and Wyona Clark. At a recent gathering someone observed that we have had many folks pass away during the past year and asked if there might be a list. We went back to January 1, 2007 through this week, April 24, 2008, to list the obituaries that have appeared in the Friona Star during that period. The list contains 142 names.

- Virginia Barrett
- Francisco Dominguez
- Don Huckabee
- Dimple Hand
- Bea Ethington
- Peggy Hargrove
- Rex Williams
- Jay Sherrill
- Jean Castleberry
- Lawrence Martin
- Waide Messer
- Ella Rea Jones
- Baker Duggins
- Jane Huddle
- Lumie Fleming
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- Michael Harris
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- Joe A. Walters
- Ada Lou Gant
- Pedro Castillo
- Fern Marie Edwards
- Retta Lou Gore
- Danny Black
- Mildred Turner
- Annie McPherson Derrick
- Jean Hamilton
- Julia Potts
- Joe Ed Boggess
- Gabe Anderson
- Carl Polk
- Ron Cain
- Peggie Sue Howard
- Bud Klingensmith
- Lilah Gaye Gee
- Debra Baxter
- Dalton Mimms
- Louise Hays
- G.A. Collier
- Myrtle Deaton
- Charles Myers
- Destiny Heddings
- Wilma Wise
- Opal Baxter
- Clifton Harper
- Henry Gauna
- Pernie Free
- Pete McKee
- Leo Ruzicka

- Tana Young
- Scott Gober
- Jon Mack Roden
- Sterling Graham
- Roxie Phipps
- J.G. Baker
- Leslie Perkins
- Emmagene Calaway
- Royce Riggins
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- Enoch Barron
- Christopher Mendez
- Sandra Bowman
- Marlene Drake
- Leon Massey
- Maria Alfaro
- Jimmy Bynum
- Bob Clark
- Ned Swink
- Elsie Allen
- Mary Bingham
- Clyde Fields
- Irene Anthony
- Tammy Knoll
- Fred Florez
- Tuffy Dement
- Wayne McClaran
- Artie Faye O' hair
- Harold Joe Wells
- J.D. Spencer
- Lonnie Guzman
- Ida Bush
- Lula Fleming
- Cynthia Garza
- Guadalupe Alvarado
- Rouel Barron
- Charlie Wise
- Mary Massey
- Bessie Chesher
- Faye Smith
- Eula Parrack
- Lee Witten
- Jo Witten
- Lydia Tomlin
- James McNeely
- Melba Brown
- Mario Silva
- Allen Stewart
- Billie Patton
- Billie Harrison
- Betty Zon Reed
- Mary Rose Brito
- Louise Scroggins
- Don Light
- Evelyn Goyne
- Rachel Gonzalez
- Dorothy Grant
- Ruth Houser
- Bob Davis
- Jim Redden
- Annie Elder
- Kenneth Harrison
- Kyle Shelton
- Mary Wylie Taylor
- Betty Lou Gibson
- Vialo Weis, Sr.
- Bobby Wied
- Joe Menefee
- Lottie Bails
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- Wyona Clark

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Neugebauer condemns former President Carter

In response to former President Jimmy Carter's visit to the Middle East and meetings with Hamas, a group designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Department of State under the last two Presidents, Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) issued the following statement:

"I am truly disappointed by the actions of our former President. While many individuals spoke out against this so called 'diplomatic trip,' it fell on deaf ears. Former President Carter defied the advice and wishes of many Members of Congress, including members of his own party, diplomats, the U.S. Department of State and the current President of the United States

"I am deeply disturbed that the former President has chosen to ignore commonsense advice and sit down to discuss peace with a known and designated terrorist group. Hamas is a known ally of

Iran and a direct beneficiary of upwards of \$30 million in annual Iranian financial assistance. The thought that former President Carter would sit down with Hamas whose closest allies have American blood on their hands is unconscionable.

"Hamas has made clear their goal is the destruction of Israel. To attempt to negotiate with terrorists is neither useful nor appropriate. Hamas' continued and unprovoked terrorist attacks on Israel show it is not peace they seek; but destruction of the Jewish state.

"Former President Carter's inappropriate actions are an affront to the American people, Israelis and all those who seek a reasonable peace in the Middle East. He owes America and Israel an apology for his reckless actions. As we learned on September 11, 2001, terrorists do not negotiate, they murder innocent people, and to think otherwise is foolish.

Letters to the Editor

Ron,
Please convert our paper subscription to the e-Star subscription. I love getting the paper on time and before my parents! I finally am not out of the loop for local news! Thanks for creating e-Star and letting us be test subjects. We can't wait to continue our subscription.

Thanks!
Abbey Cramer
Princeton, TX 75407

Just stumbled on your website again after several years. I really do want to thank you for your research on my grandfather, Claude St.Clair Waddell, known as Doc Waddell back in the 30s. Your newspaper article cleared up a lot of things for me and helped to bring some peace of mind about the gentleness and love of this old feller, for me, when I was but a child. I am still trying to make it to Friona one of these days just to see the area where his family drowned, and the location of his cotton gin and properties there. Thanks again for your help several years ago on this search.

Ray Dixon

Mark Your Calendar

- April 24**
Lions Club Broom and Mop Sale at City Park
- April 26**
Friona Chieftain Band garage and bake sale at the old Fast Stop at Hwy 60 & Euclid, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- April 28**
Senior class dinner at 6th Street Church of Christ at 7 p.m.
- May 4**
High school seniors reception and Hall of Honors induction at 1:30 p.m. High School auditorium
- May 11**
Mother's Day & Kid Fish at Reeve's Lake from 1-4 p.m.
- May 13**
FHS All-Sports Banquet Junior High Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.
- May 17**
Friona High School Junior/Senior prom in the high school cafeteria.
- May 18**
Enchilada dinner at Junior high cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sponsored by Temple of Adoration Youth Group
- May 30**
FHS Graduation
- June 16**
Relay for Life cancer survivor dinner Farwell Community Center-6 p.m.
- June 20**
Relay for Life annual cancer walk. Contact Jamie or Greg Lewellen.
- July 19**
3rd Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-off in Friona City Park.
- September 13-20**
52nd Annual Maize Days celebration.

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Friona Jr. Girl Scout Troop end of the year scrapbook. Gonzales, Paulina Jarama Makayla Pierce, Rayanna Bermea.

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So far this year our printing costs have gone up 10% and mail rates are going up again in May. So subscribe now and save a couple of bucks.

Don't forget our e-Star online edition available for only \$24 per year. Paid subscriptions to it begin next week, May 1. Many of you have already signed on to continue. Thanks. If you have been receiving our free online editions and haven't signed up this will be your last week to receive e-Star.

Congratulations to Ron McWilliams and the Chieftain Band for receiving straight first divisions in both concert and sight-reading at a band contest at Boys Ranch last week.

According to assistant band director Allison Johnston it was a difficult contest and the students are to be commended for an outstanding performance.

Congratulations also to FHS seniors Sawyer Reed, Alex Gurley, Jared Boyd, and Kaison Graham for winning the boys high school division in last weekend's Lazbuddie 3 on 3 basketball tournament. They each received an orange T-shirt which is Lazbuddie's color but won't go over too well at Texas Tech where Alex will be attending after graduation.

For you garage sale and flea market nuts. This wasn't advertised here in Friona but the Hereford Brand had an ad for a mini-storage sale Saturday, April 26. Contents of 8 self-storage units will be sold because the folks didn't pay their rent. It takes place at Ace Mini Storage, 811 West Park Avenue in Hereford starting at 9 a.m. That's my good deed for this week. Have a good time.

Kristina Anthony of Friona owns Curves in Hereford. One of her customers, Janie Banner, was recently recognized for the completion of more than 1,000 workouts. She had completed 1,286 workouts and her mother, Irene

Reinart, has also completed 1,196 workouts. The Curves workout facility is located at 417 N. Main in Hereford. For info you can contact Kristina and Curves at 806-364-2100.

Free ads for students looking for summer work. Once again this year the Friona Star will offer free classified ads to any student looking for summer work. We will run a normal size classified ad free for up to four weeks. Students need to specify what type of work they are looking for, i.e. yard work, mowing, window cleaning, washing cars, etc. and include a name and phone number. Come by the Star office or send us an email.

New law officers in the county. The Farwell Tribune reported that Bovina has a new police officer. Nicholas Upton is a recent graduate of the Amarillo Police Academy and will be moving to Bovina.

The Clovis News Journal reports that Lee Ferguson, former police chief in Melrose, NM (population 700) will soon be the newest Parmer County deputy in the Sheriff's Department. He is expected to join the Sheriff's office April 28.

We were tipped off that Opal "Granny" Strickland will celebrate her 98th birthday Saturday at home with family and friends. Her daughter Ollie Pearl Taylor said there would be

homemade ice cream so I may have to stop by. Granny took a fall a few months back and doesn't get out of the house much anymore. A BIG happy birthday to you Granny.

Had some Desperadoes BBQ Tuesday evening at the Friona Credit Union annual meeting. Over 130 members and guests attended. Members of the high school choir and band entertained. Lots of giveaways like pens and scratch pads. One ballpoint pen had a yellow smiley face nerf ball on the end of it. They said it was a stress reliever. Guess you are supposed to squeeze the ball while writing your IRS check.

Our annual senior graduation issue will be published May 22 we hope. If you want to salute a favorite graduate with an ad give us a call, otherwise we may be calling you. Thanks for reading the Star. Hope you have a good time. Until then.



courtesy photo

Friona Jr. Girl Scout Troop 364 work on their end of the year scrapbook. Left to right: Cassie Gonzales, Paulina Jaramillo, Danielle Perez, Makayla Pierce, Rayanna Williams, and Hillary Bermea.

Thank You

The family of Lottie Bails would like to extend warm thank yous to Rhonda, Dawn and the staff of Heritage Estates; and Jo, Velma and the staff at Prairie Acres for the wonderful care and love for our precious Mother! Also to the 10th Street Church of Christ for the love, care and concern for Mother over the years! A big thank you to all who brought food to the family dinner and those who helped with the dinner and to the singers for the glorious music! Thank you Friona Community for the years of love shown to our family! Thanks also to John Blackwell and Dusty Hansard of Blackwell Funeral Home. You are all very dear to our hearts! God bless you!

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Jane Houlette

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The bookkeepers went to work about 7:30 a.m. even though the bank did not open until 9 a.m. One evening Frank called each of us and told us not to come to work the next morning until a quarter-to-nine.



We learned the next morning that a "suspicious" character had supposedly been asking around town about the bank employees and what time the bookkeepers came to work. A drug store employee, Frank Truitt, had called the law officers and they in turn had called Frank Spring. Of course nothing ever came of it and so we all soon went back to our original routines.

A couple of weeks later, shortly after we "early birds" arrived at work, two men carrying satchels and wearing overcoats and hats appeared at the front glass door of the bank and began knocking and waving their arms. Of course we girls kept quiet and tried to stay out of sight.

After a couple of minutes the men left. About ten minutes or so later Frank came in the front door with the two men following him. They were bank examiners!

Oh well! But Frank commended us. He told us that we had done the right thing.

I learned a lot about bookkeeping while working at Friona State Bank which I still appreciate and enjoy. I have worked in the capacity of bookkeeping for most of the years since that time.

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Allen to state in 4-H textile

Five Parmer County 4-H members entered the fashion design competition at the district fashion show in Lubbock. Shana Fleming, Family & Consumer Science agent, said, "Parmer County took home four of the nine first place medals."

Emily Allen of Friona will advance to the state competition in June at College Station. The 4-H'ers placed as follows: junior division: accessory, Edie White 1st place; apparel, Mason Fleming 1st place; textile, Aspen Fleming 1st place; intermediate division: apparel, Adreanna Blakes 3rd place; senior division: textile, Emily Allen, 1st place.

Wild horse and burro adoption in Amarillo

Local folks who might want to adopt either a wild horse or burro mark your calendars for May 1-3. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Amarillo May 1-3. The three-day event at the Golden Horse Training Center will feature 80 animals including adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands.

The Bureau often removes excess animals from the range in order to ensure herd health and to maintain balance among the many other public uses of the land. Interested persons can preview the animals Thursday May 1 from 4-6 p.m. Gates reopen Friday May 2 at 8 a.m. with adoptions starting at 10 a.m. Adoptions continue Saturday May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The minimum adoption fee is \$125 per animal. For more information about adoption qualifications call toll-free 1-866-4-MUSTANGS or visit www.nm.blm.gov.

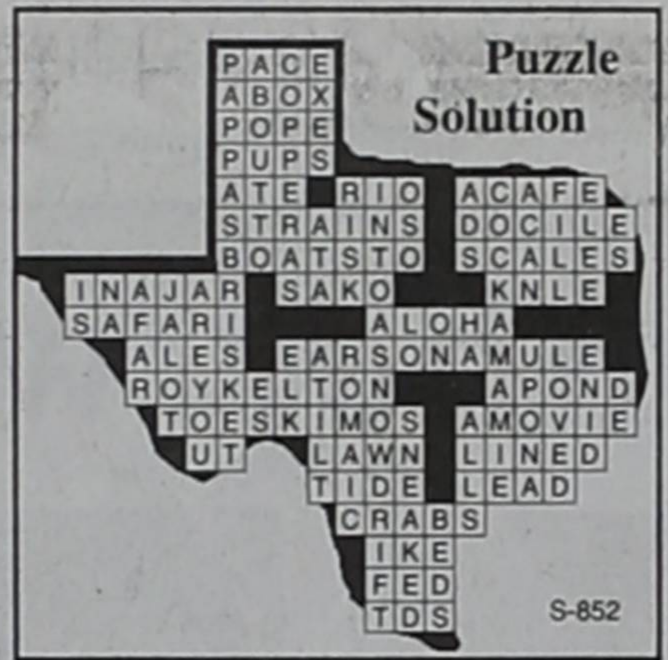
Directions to the Golden Horse Training Center: From I-27, Exit 112, go west 3 miles on FM2219 to Cavin Rd. Go south approximately 1/2 mile to the facility.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 27 - May 3, 2008

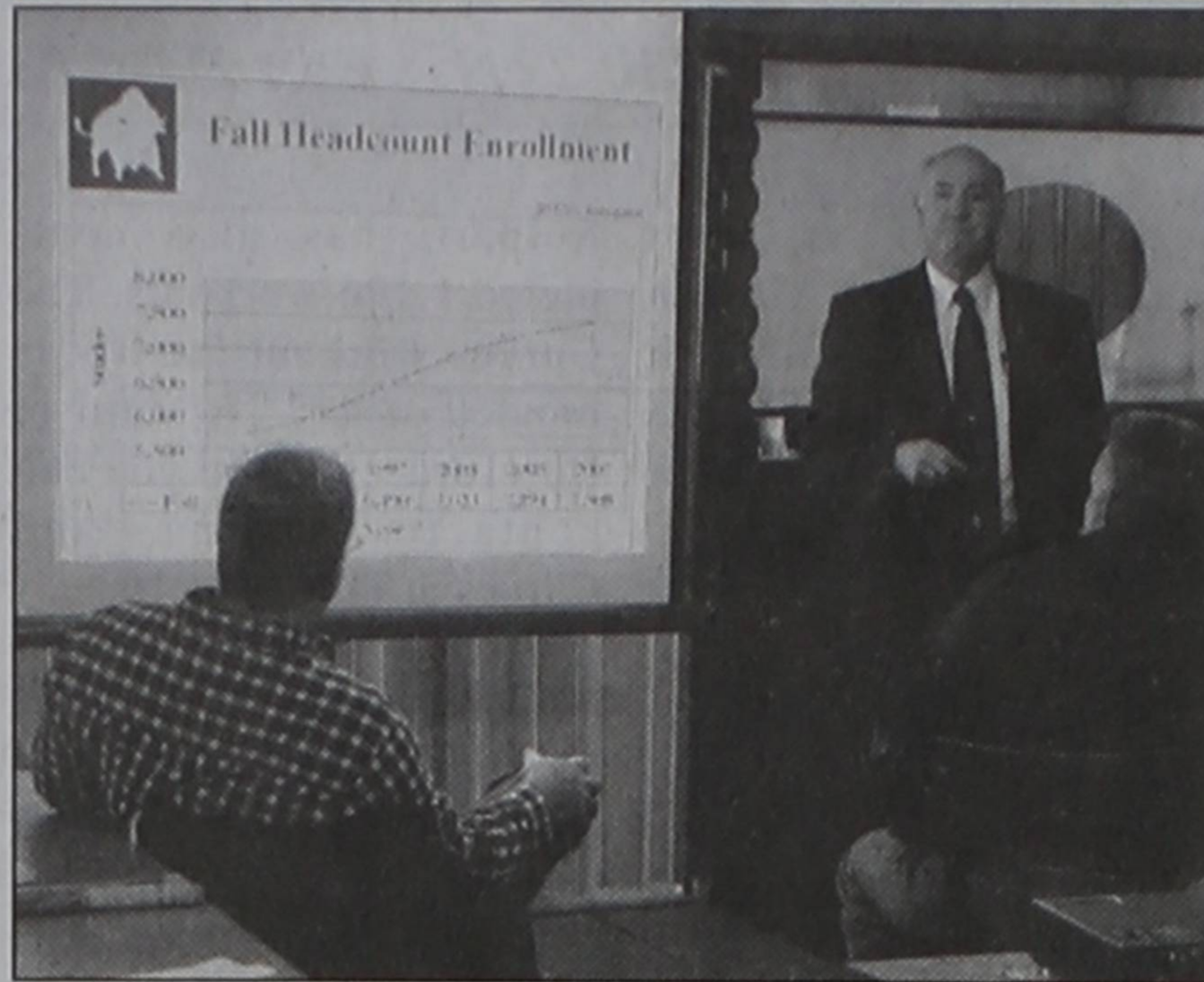
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- Apr. 27**-Clint Homfield, Diane Mendoza, David Whatley, Tony Baca, Gena & Tena Willard, George Ryan, Von Edelman, Glaytus Wyly, Kevin Smith, Sarah Speters
- Apr. 28**-Joe Romero, Davy Hamilton, Naomi Perez, Julie Goddard, Wade Davenport, Lynn Pope, Kade Carthel, Cory Evan Reeve, Cody Widner, Will Rushing, Elias Fuentes
- Apr. 29**-Chance S. Butman, Bernard Gowens, Wayne Davis, Vincent Koelzer, Karen E. Burns, Rudy Torres
- Apr. 30**-Wanda Reeve, Teresa Ready, David Rebber, Andy Gomez, Kay Williams, Genevive Ezell, Brennen Montoya
- May 1**-Amanda Sifford, Jerald Reed, Kayla Smiley, Vickie Copley, Amy Knowles, Gregory Koelzer, Joe Walters, Will Schueler, Karen Kirkpatrick, BaiLee Brailiff, Amanda S. Smith, Amy Stovell
- May 2**-Larry Drake, Julie Bracken, Becky Riethmayer, Sheryl Dement, Marc Haile, Jennifer Kendrick, Tom Randolph, Esther Steelman
- May 3**-Angie Gomez, Cathy Spencer, Jenae Fleming, Shay Smith, Terry Hunt, Lori Austin, Zac Carr, Brandon TeBeest, Zachary Chavez



Lions Club News

By Ron Carr



ron carr photo

The Noon Lions Club welcomed Dr. Pat O'Brien, President of West Texas A&M University, as guest speaker for the Thursday April 17 meeting.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday April 17 with 18 members and five guests present. Guests included Evening Lions Hollis Horton and R.J. Renner, WT Services employee Harold Allm, guest of Anthony Montelongo, club sweetheart Hollis Gurley, and special guest Dr. Pat O'Brien, president of West Texas A&M University.

Dr. O'Brien gave the club program. He detailed many of the projects and goals of WT, including major expansions of facilities and enrollment at the university. He said currently there are 68 Friona students enrolled at WT. It was an interesting program and the club thanked Dr. O'Brien for his time and attendance.

Boss Lion Robert Jones said the Noon Lions will cook burgers and fries for Friona State Bank's customer appreciation day June 3 from 5-7 p.m. The bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008. Noon Lions treasurer Justin Jeter is a loan officer at Friona State Bank. Details will be provided later.

Don't forget the Lions Clubs collect eyeglasses to provide to the less fortunate. Collection boxes are located at Bi-Wize Health Mart and the Friona Star, or give your used eyeglasses to any Lions member. Thank you for your support.

The next regular meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday, May 1, at the Headquarters Restaurant. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to attend.

Electronics recycling Saturday in Amarillo

How should I protect my identity? Donate your old computers to Goodwill and your computer hard drive will be scrubbed with the same security program used by NASA.

Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amarillo Recycling Center, 27th and Hays, is Goodwill's annual recycling day. They will accept electronic waste items including monitors, keyboards, laptops, fax machines, printers, DVD/VCR, game systems, radios, cameras, batteries, cords, and remotes. Non-working televisions will not be accepted.

The location is north of Llano Cemetery. The recycling day is in coordination with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's regional services. Goodwill Industries also accepts e-waste and other donations during all regular business hours.

Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

April 15, 2008, Fernando Garcia, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with motion to revoke (engaging in organized criminal activity), pending District Court.

April 17, 2008, Paul Garza, 38, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office with a Williamson County warrant, pending transport.

April 18, 2008, Melissa Wiseman, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

April 18, 2008, Jose J. Deleon, 55, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury.

April 18, 2008, Dustin Davidson, 28, of Hereford, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, both pending County Court.

April 18, 2008, John David Garcia, 48, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

April 19, 2008, Maria Cruz, 38, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

April 20, 2008, Jose Aponte, 37, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

April 20, 2008, Irving Martinez, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from April 09, 2008 to April 16, 2008:

Hub Grain Co. - Friona Wheat Growers Inc., NW/4 S19 T55 R4E.

Classic Lone Star Home Builder Inc. - Ann Polmon, L4 B6 LAKEVIEW FRIONA.

Dave Berggren Revocable Trust, Suzan S. Berggren Revocable Trust, and Elizabeth Ann Tabor Revocable Living Trust - Patrick D. Ware and Donna C. Ware, NW/4 S29 BLK A; SW/4 S29 BLK A; SE/4 S29 BLK A; 45.0 AC NE/4 S29 BLK A.

B and B Construction - Randy Byers and Jenny Byers, L8 B7 LAKEVIEW.

Betty Templar, Letha Templar Mouser, Earestin Templar Jordon, Donny Templar, Patsene Templar Clark, Netta Templar Haney, Charlotte Templar Harris, Shari Templar McCorkle, and Jerry Don Templar - Melvin Morris and Vicki Morris, NE/4 S20 DOUD AND KEEFER.

M. Walick Carr, Robert L. Carr, Mary Virginia Carter, Vincent Waggoner Carr Testamentary Trust, and David William Carr - Coleman Young and Melissa Young, SW/4 S8 T10S R2E; NW/4 S8 T10S R2E; NE/4 S7 T10S T2E.

Workers' comp seminar in Amarillo

The Amarillo Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The topic is the Newly Revised Medical Fee Guidelines. This free session will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at 7112 IH-40 West, Building D in Amarillo. The session will provide a general overview of the topic.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Amarillo Field Office Manager Linda Marlow at 806-351-1222; e-mail Linda.Marlow@tdi.state.tx.us.

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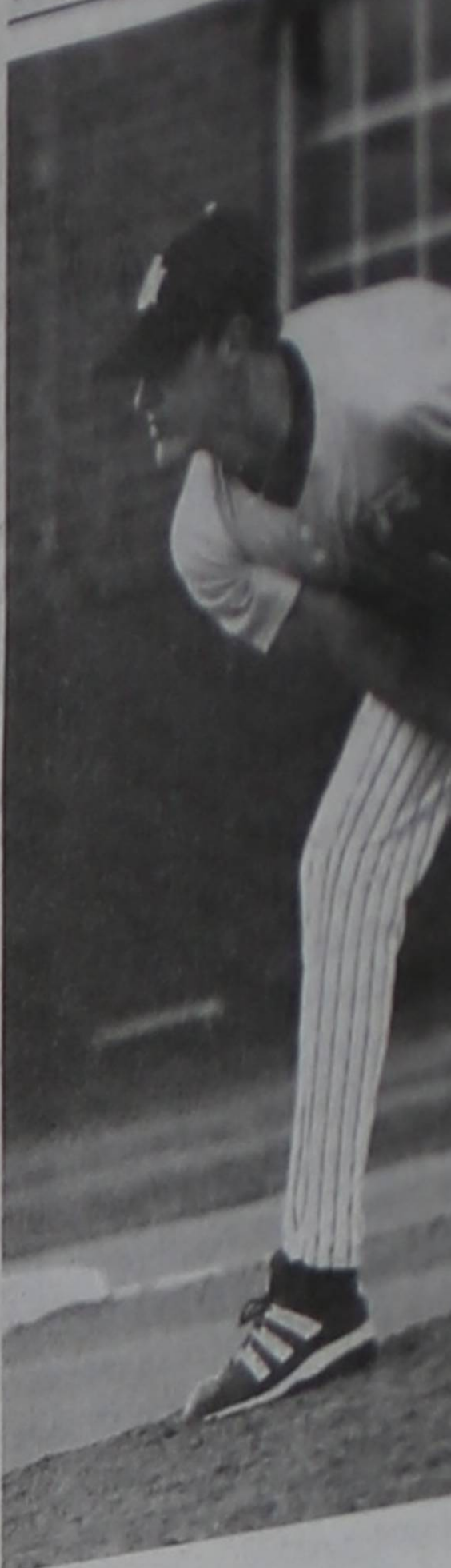
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FHS graduate Sean Looking University JV team vs. Lubbock is the son of Kelly and Tonya

OUTSTANDING

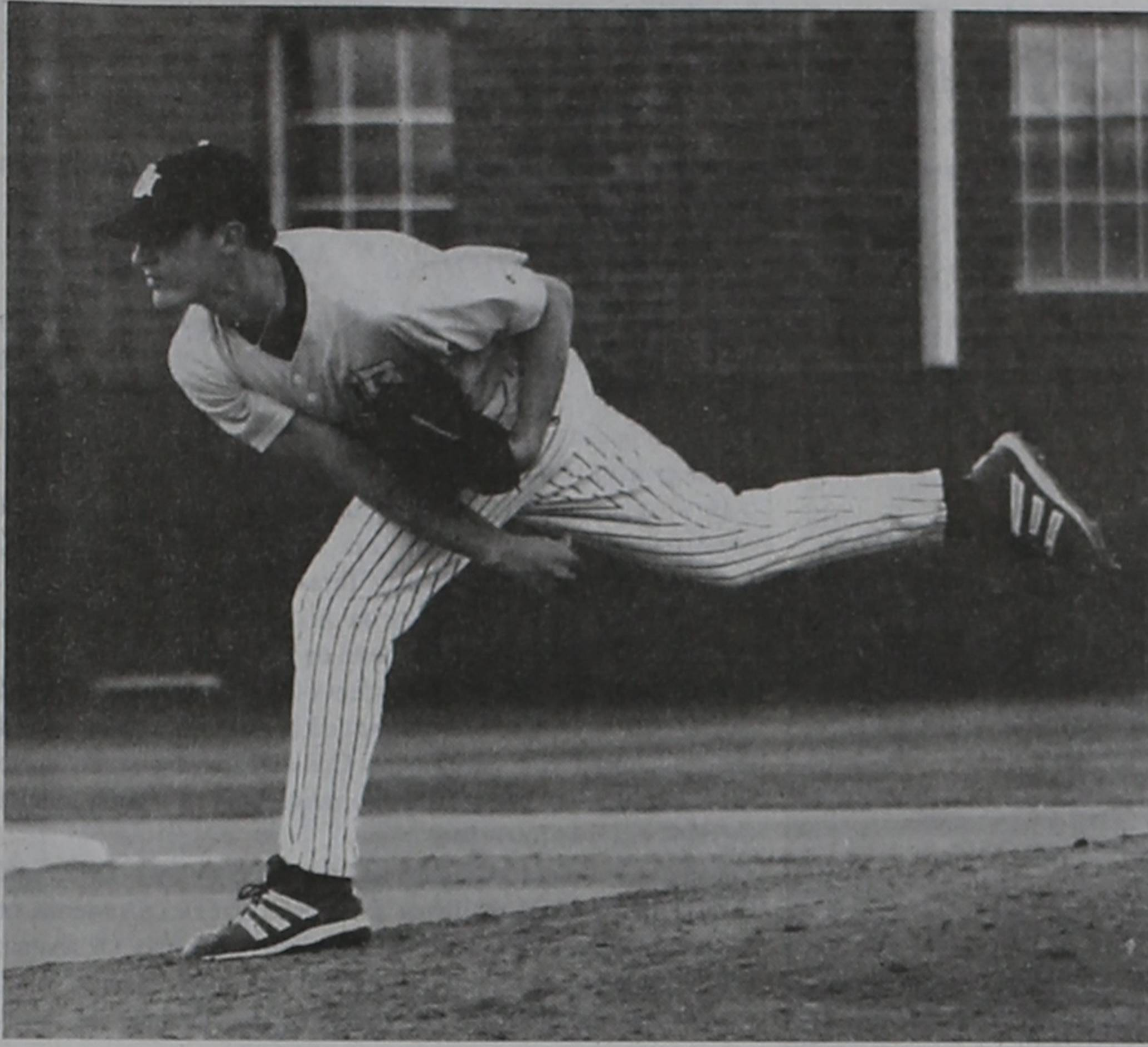
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- Lime oak: (VANITY DRESSER Areosonic spinet style piano, LIVINGROOM FURNITURE chrome leg couch, hide a bed, table, 2 COFFEE TABLES
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FHS graduate Sean Lookingbill was on the mound for the Wayland Baptist University JV team vs. Lubbock Christian in Lubbock last Saturday. Sean is the son of Kelly and Tonya Lookingbill. He is a freshman at Wayland.



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Chieftain Zack Fair rounds third as Coach Haddock waves him in.



ron carr photo

Danny Campbell celebrated the "Big 5.0" at Saturday's game and was surprised by a really old stripper. Happy Birthday Danny. We don't know who the "stripper" is but you might ask Dana Campbell.



ron carr photo

These Chieftain seniors played their last home baseball Saturday vs. Dimmitt. Front, L-R, Trent Hudson, Omar Hernandez, Daniel Vasquez; back, L-R, Ryan Schwab, Chris Boyzo, Garrett Clark, Ritchie Casas, and Javier Sanchez.

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6 Theater hand painted back drops,(painted by Bill Millen), costume jewelry, child rocker, cedar line oak Wardrobe, Magazine rack, paintings w/gold leaf frames by Bill Millen. Trunk, Lots of collectible glass, milk glass pitcher/glasses set, pretty large punch bowl, Fluted glass bowl, just a sample of glassware, 1927 sears catalog
4 Bedroom suite 1Waterfall bedroom suite (POSTER BED, VANITY DRESSER VANITY BENCH, CHEST, NIGHT STAND), HOME DESK, 2 Twin bed bedroom suite, (2 BEDS. 2 /3 DRAWER CHEST), 4 PCS BEDROOM SET chest, vanity dresser bed v. bench 1 Queen bed Bedroom suite (HEADBOARD /FRAME, DRESSER W SHADOW BOX MIRROR, CHEST) TWIN FULL QUEEN BOX SPRING AND MATTRESS

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LIVINGROOM FURNITURE Large wood rocker , Divan, bevel edge mirror, chrome leg couch, hide a bed, brass ut cart. Brass /glass table. recliner, entry way table, 2 COFFEE TABLES
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VINTAGE TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT U B Minneapolis Moline tractor, WITH WIDE FRONT END, F 20 Farnall tractor WITH MECHANIAL LIFT INTERNATIONAL 2 ROW ROW BINDER ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN KEPT IN BARN.
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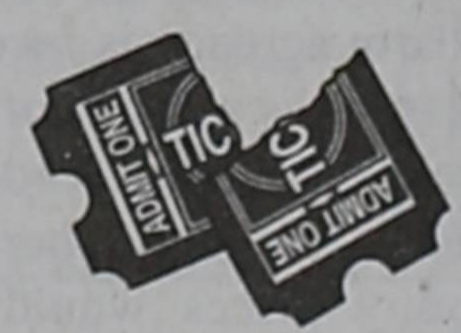
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Monday-Thursday - 7's Only

OBITUARIES

D.L. Carmichael

On April 17, 2008, D. L. Carmichael died peacefully at his home in Friona, Texas, surrounded by his wife, Pat, his children, Danny and Susie, his grandson, Daniel and his special sister-in-law, Margie.

He was 96 years old and was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth, his second wife, Billie, and seven siblings including his beloved twin, Troys.

He is survived by three more grandchildren, Erin, Hannah, and Peter, four step-children and six great-grandchildren.

D. L. was born July 10, 1911 in Oklahoma Territory. The family migrated to Texas, where he graduated from Hereford High School and attended the University of Texas. He was a pipe-liner and pipe-fitter for twenty-five years before starting to farm in East Parmer County. He was instrumental in the initial organization of the Gas Users Co-Op and the Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin, and was active in multiple community endeavors.

A great proponent of humor of all flavors, D. L. tried to have a little fun everyday. He enjoyed expressing his Democratic viewpoints during round table discussions at the Dairy Queen or the bank. Possessing a beautiful tenor voice and quick wit, he was a welcome addition to any gathering. The love of his family and width and breadth of his friends bear testimony to the quality of life D. L. shared with us all.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, May 25, 2008 (Memorial Day weekend) in Friona. Details will be available a week prior, from a family member or Blackwell Funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be to the Friona Public Library Endowment Fund.



D.L. Carmichael

Wyona (Myrick) Clark

Funeral services for Wyona (Myrick) Clark, 67, of Friona, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Friona with Reverend Melvin Smith and Leon Talley, both of Friona, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

Wyona died on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Amarillo. She was born on April 20, 1940 in Plainview, Texas to D. D. and Nola Starkey Myrick.

She married Dee Clark on June 25, 1959 in Hart, Texas and moved to the Friona area in 1961, from Hart. She was a floral designer and owned and operated Wyona's Flowers and Gifts for many years. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Friona where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She was also a member of the Hub Ladies Club and the Black Ladies Club.

Survivors include her husband, Dee; two sons, Rondee Clark and wife Tonda of Friona, and Timothy Clark and wife Rhonda of Amarillo; one daughter, Dianna Gay Chrisman and husband Nathan of Plainview; her mother, Nola Myrick of Friona; three brothers, J.D. Myrick of Hart, Ralph Myrick of Amarillo, and Steve Myrick of Clovis, New Mexico; seven grandchildren, Steven Clark, Keven Clark, Heather Grimsley, Brandon Chrisman, Shelly Chrisman, Tanner Clark and Tyler Clark; and four great-grandchildren, Brakkin Chrisman, Heston Grimsley, Moises Norris and Angelena Clark.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice, 200 NW 7th, Amarillo, TX 79107.



Wyona "Myrick" Clark

J.A. "Snooks" Merritt, Jr.

Services for J. A. "Snooks" Merritt, Jr., 93, of Snyder, Texas, were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with Reverend Miller Robinson and Mr. Sury Gillum, officiating. Interment followed at Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder, Texas. He was born on Monday, January 19, 1915 in Scurry County, Texas.

He married Mildred Jackson on August 15, 1938 in Cordell, Oklahoma; she preceded him in death on October 12, 2005.

Mr. Merritt was a lifetime resident of Scurry County. He lived and farmed the farm that his dad settled in 1903. He was employed and retired from the Scurry County Coliseum, having worked there for some 20 years. Mr. Merritt also moved and rebuilt the Eclipse windmill that is in Towle Park.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Francis Merritt of Friona, Texas, and Gilbert and Delores Merritt, of Snyder, Texas; one daughter, Nancy Ballard of Thomas, Oklahoma; one brother, Woody "Bud" Merritt and one sister, Maude "Pete" Beard, both of Arlington, Texas; eight grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by five brothers; one sister; one son-in-law, Kenneth Ballard; and one infant grandchild, Stephen Hugh Merritt.

Sorghum Notes sez don't blame ethanol

From the National Sorghum Producers newsletter, the National Sorghum Producers and the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association have been actively involved in discussions between the livestock and ethanol industries in regards to ethanol's impact on the livestock industry. Texas A&M University's Ag and Food Policy Center released a study last week showing that ethanol, in fact, has little to do with rising food costs and, instead, ag input costs, labor costs, and astronomical energy costs are driving higher grocery store prices. NSP will continue to be involved in ongoing talks about ethanol policy and its impact on the livestock sector.

The National Sorghum Producers Association is located in Lubbock. The Sorghum Notes newsletter is sponsored by Sorghum Partners, Inc. in New Deal. More info at www.sorghumgrowers.com.

Corn prices are not the problem

By BLAIR FANNIN, TX A&M Extension

Many are quick to blame high-priced corn for escalating food prices, but the primary catalysts are \$100-plus crude and higher overall production costs. Put it all together and it's hurting the Texas agricultural economy, according to a report by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University.

Economists with the center, part of Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, found the underlying force driving change throughout the agricultural industry is more directly related to high energy and production costs - though corn does play a role in some higher food costs.

"Though crop farmers are receiving historically high prices, it's negative territory for the Texas livestock industry when you factor in how much is being spent by producers to feed those animals and production costs associated with fuel, fertilizer and other inputs," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station.

Farm acreage is receiving pressure as a result of high-energy costs, Anderson said. "Corn and other commodity prices would have

to increase (to offset rising energy costs)."

Substantial increases in fertilizer prices led to a 3 million-acre reduction in U.S. planted corn acres for the 2006-2007 crop year, according to the report, "The Effects of Ethanol on Texas Food and Feed." "Higher production costs will continue to pressure acres as producers are faced with expensive fertilizer and diesel prices to plant crops," Anderson said. "This research also supports the hypothesis that corn prices have had little to do with rising food costs. Higher corn prices do have a small effect on some food items."

Important food items such as bread, eggs and milk have high prices that are affected by higher corn prices, but "fundamental supply/demand relationships in the world have had a larger effect," Anderson said. Speculative fund activities in the futures markets have led to more money in the markets and more volatility.

"That increase in price volatility has encouraged wider daily price move limits," he said. "The end result has been the loss of the ability to use futures markets for price risk man-

agement due to the inability to finance margin requirements."

The potential exists for even higher corn prices based on historical changes in overall yields, Anderson said. "Fewer corn acres planted in 2008 leaves production susceptible to weather risks," he said. "Small yield reductions will result in even higher prices."

The livestock industry has borne most of the costs of high corn prices, according to the report. The structure of the industry has made it unable to pass costs on, either up or down the supply chain. "The livestock industry is in the middle of this transition,

and prices don't yet reflect the impact of higher costs," Anderson said.



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- 6 TXism: "Is the ___ Catholic?"
- 7 TXism: "sharp as a ___ tooth"
- 8 consumed
- 9 Grande
- 12 TXism: "hot as ___ griddle"
- 17 exerts
- 19 gentle horse
- 21 TX Guy Clark CD: "___ Build"
- 22 TXism: "fits like ___ on a fish"
- 23 youngsters catch lightning bugs
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- 29 Round Rock public radio station
- 30 Africa huntin' trip
- 31 Hawaiian "howdy"
- 35 dark beers
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- 46 TXism: "he could sell ice cubes ___"
- 48 TXism: "straight as ___ star's teeth"

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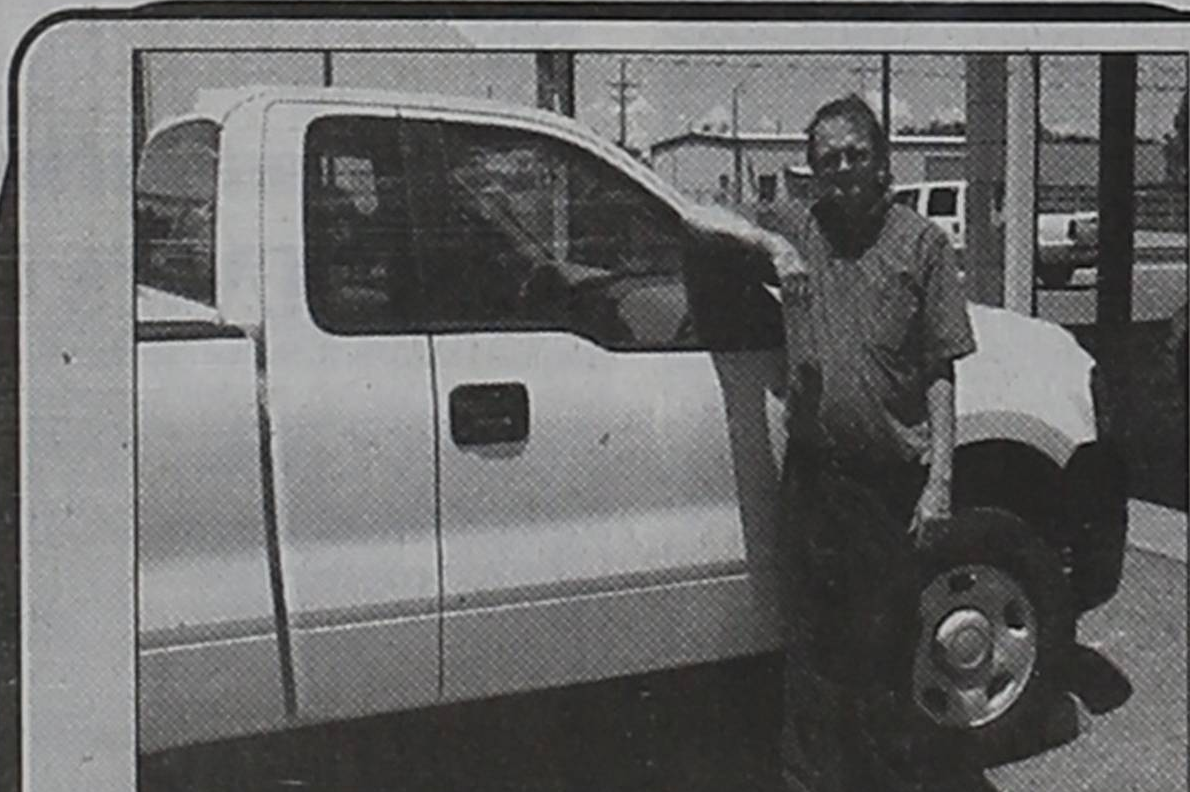
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- 12 classified ___
- 13 TXism for "nonsense"
- 14 TXism: "packed like sardines in ___"
- 15 ___-in-the-blanks
- 49 Longhorns univ. ___ mower
- 51 legal pad or notebook paper characteristic
- 52 Gulf has one high & one low each day
- 53 TXism: "get the ___ out"
- 54 Gulf crustaceans
- 56 nickname of Denison-born president
- 57 TX Guadalupe River is spring-___

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David and Irma Rocha, of Bovina, engagement and approaching marriage. Rocha, to Alfonso Victor Espinoza, of Espinoza of Bovina.

The bride-elect is a 2006 Bovina High School graduate. The future groom is a 2007 Bovina High School graduate. The couple will exchange vows on 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Friona. Friends and family are invited to attend.

New Arr



Peyton & Brenham

Brenham Wyly

Brad and Shyla Baldrige, of Lubbock, birth of their son, Brenham Wyly Baldrige. He was born March 31, 2008, at Lubbock, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces long.

Brenham has a three-year-old sister, Shyla. His grandparents are Gerall and Maureen Baldrige of Pampa, Texas. Great-grandparents are Othelia Bennett and Gerall Bennett of Friona.

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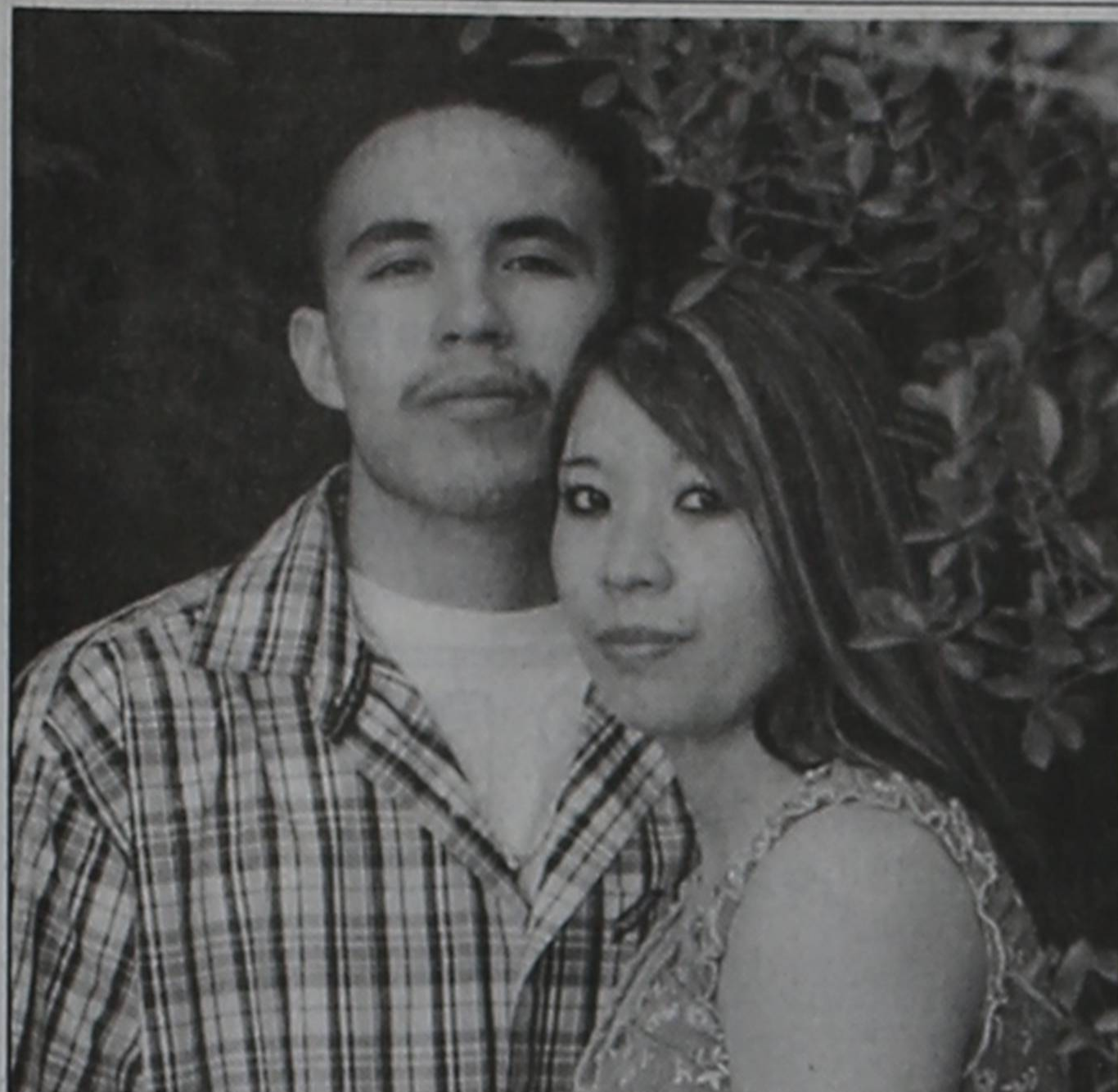
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ENGAGEMENT



Alfonso Victor Espinoza & Irma Rocha

Rocha & Espinoza

David and Irma Rocha, of Bovina, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Irma Rocha, to Alfonso Victor Espinoza, the son of Victor and Isabel Espinoza of Bovina.

The bride-elect is a 2006 Bovina High School graduate.

The future groom is a 2007 Bovina High School graduate.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bovina. Family and friends are invited to attend.

ENGAGEMENT



AJ Hand & Amy Murphree

Murphree & Hand

Jim and Rhonda Murphree are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Murphree, to AJ Hand, the son of Cheryl Fox and Andy Hand of Claude.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Friona High School.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Canyon High School.

Amy and AJ will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, May 31, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

ENGAGEMENT



Matthew Guy Kendrick & Tara Megan Schilling

Schilling & Kendrick

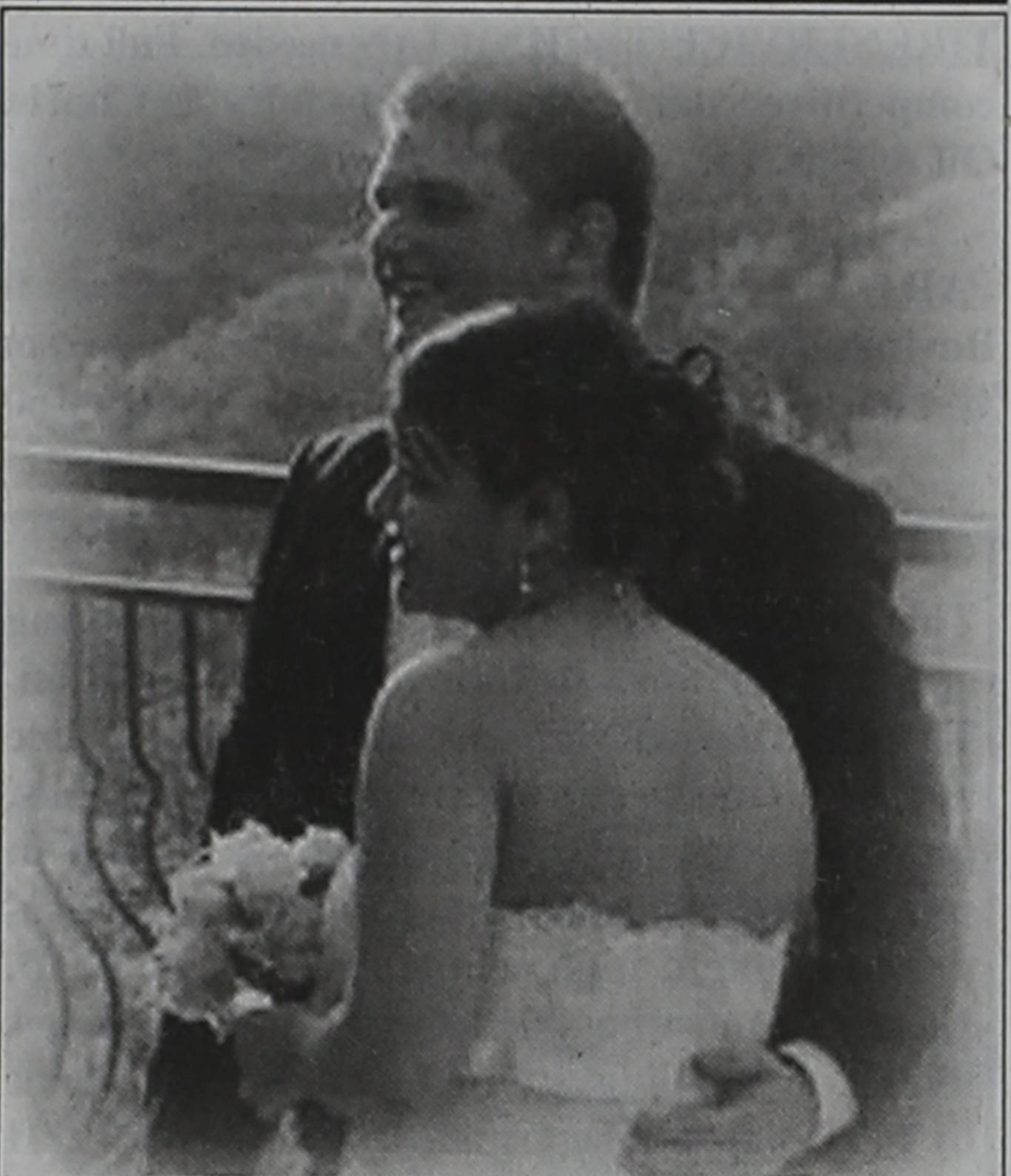
Terry and Sabina Schilling, of Oklahoma Lane, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tara Megan Schilling, to Matthew Guy Kendrick, the son of Danny and Pam Kendrick of Friona, and James and Teresa Sims of Grapevine, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2004 Farwell High School graduate and a 2007 Texas Tech graduate. Tara is currently employed by City Bank in Lubbock.

The future groom is a 1999 Friona High School graduate, a 2003 Angelo State graduate, and a 2005 Texas Tech graduate. Matthew is currently employed by Kendrick Oil Company.

Tara and Matthew will exchange wedding vows on June 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

WEDDING



Mr. & Mrs. Keylin Merritt

Tamez & Merritt

Keylin and Yvette Merritt are happy to announce their marriage March 31, 2008 at Austin's Chapel Dulcinea.

Keylin is the son of Daniel and Sheila Higgins of Dimmitt, Texas, and Thomas and Gina Merritt of Blanco, Texas. Yvette is the daughter of Steve and Sheryl Tamez of Blanco, Texas.

They will make their home in San Marcos, Texas where Keylin is employed by HEB and Yvette is an accounting major at Texas State University.

New Arrival



Peyton & Brenham Baldrige

Brenham Wyly Baldrige

Brad and Shyla Baldrige, of Lubbock, proudly announce the birth of their son, Brenham Wyly Baldrige.

He was born March 31, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Brenham has a three-year-old sister, Peyton.

His grandparents are Gerall and Mary Beth Wyly of Friona, and Bill and Linda Baldrige of Pampa, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Othelia Bennett and Lydia Wyly, both of Friona.

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Saturday May 3 Mark Osborn will be cooking ribs behind the elementary cafeteria.

The rib sale is to raise money for the annual Methodist Church girl's retreat.

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In spite of Diocletian's efforts, there were plenty of Bibles around to make more copies.

Voltaire, the French deist who died in 1778, boasted that within 100 years of time the Bible would be non-existent, replaced by his own work. It is reported that fifty years after his death the Geneva Bible Society bought a house and printing press of Voltaire's and printed stacks of Bibles in his living room.

Voltaire has become a historical footnote while the Bible continues to increase in every part of the world.

Bernard Ramm, author of "Protestant Christian Evidences" said, "a thousand times over, the death knell of the Bible has been sounded, the funeral procession formed, the inscription cut on the tombstone and the committal read, but somehow the corpse never stays put. The Bible is still loved by millions, read by millions and studied by millions" (p. 232-233).

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He was born on Monday, August 15, 1938 in Cordell, on October 12, 2005. of Scurry County. He lived d in 1903. He was employed useum, having worked there oved and rebuilt the Eclipse

daughters-in-law, Harley and ilbert and Delores Merritt, of allard of Thomas, Oklahoma; nd one sister, Maude "Pete" ht grandchildren; 24 great- ndchild.

He preceded in death by five Kenneth Ballard; and one t.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that, on April 1, 2008, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Thomas Wayne McClaran, Deceased, were issued by the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to Sue Ann McClaran as Independent Executrix. Claims against the Estate may be presented to 1095 CR 12, Farwell, TX 79035 in care of "Representative, Estate of Thomas Wayne McClaran". All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Sue Ann McClaran, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Wayne McClaran, Deceased
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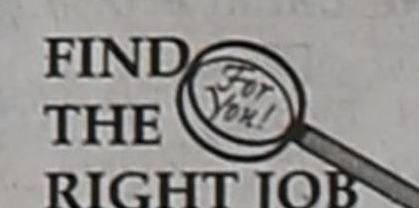
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Knowles activities

BY AMY STOVELL
Every year the city of San Antonio practically comes to a grinding halt for two weeks during April, and it's not due to the Spurs' playoff games. I'm talking about FIESTA, which is a ten-day festival held every spring. Originating in 1891 as an April 21 salute to the heroes of the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto. A group of San Antonio women formed the Battle of Flowers Association. Over these ten days are dozens of festivals, parades, battle re-enactments, and many donors and volunteers offer their time and talents to raise money for this historic event. I am especially thankful this year to have my parents, Larry and Linda Knowles, join me and my husband, Chad Stovell, for this annual celebration. My mother, who is Regent of the DAR Los Ciboleros chapter in Hereford, has proudly passed the torch to me. As a new member of the Alamo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and soon to be a member of the Alamo Mission Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the world and the Alamo are full of possibilities. This Chapter of the DRT is involved in the preservation and educational programs of the Alamo and the other missions, such as Mission San Jose, Mission San Juan, Mission 8

Erin Austin is DA

The Los Ciboleros Chapter, Revolution, held its annual Honoree at the Senior Citizens Auditorium. Members of the American Historical Society, Good Citizen honorees, and medal honoree are recognized at this event. Erin Austin was announced as the 2007-08 DAR Good Citizen honoree from Friona High School. She is the daughter of Lori and Kenny Austin. Erin had a stellar career at Friona High School, participating in cross-country, track, basketball, and volleyball, advancing to bi-district and regional competition. She was also involved in UIL academic and speech competition in extemporaneous speaking, editorial writing, and spelling. She served as vice-president of America as well as participating in state competition for her Career, and Community Leadership as a silver medal in national computer display of visuals for event. With an ultimate goal of becoming a practitioner, Erin plans to attend university or the University of New

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Concepcion and Mission Espada.

The daughters of the Republic of Texas coordinate a great deal of activities for Fiesta. One the most sacred events that the Alamo Mission Chapter of the DRT has staged is the annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo with a memorial tribute to the Alamo heroes and the heritage of Texas. A solemn wreath-bearing procession of historic, civic, patriotic, military, and school groups depart from Municipal Auditorium and walk silently to the Alamo.

Simultaneously, an authoritative voice intones the names of the Alamo defenders from inside the Alamo walls, making them resound throughout Alamo Plaza. Each group, such as the DRT, military groups, DAR, traditional heritage and generations in authentic dresses carries a wreath or cut flowers to deliver to the Alamo grounds. Following the procession and placing of the colorful floral offerings on the Alamo green-sward, a brief memorial service takes place.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas have the special honor of being seated on the Alamo ground during the ceremony. The Fiesta Military Coordinator delivers the Pilgrimage address and the sounding of Taps ends the ceremony.

My mom, dad, Chad and myself attended an elegant 89th Annual Patriotic and

Historical Ball. The U.S. Army 82nd Airborne All-American Chorus performed beautifully. All of the Fiesta Royal Court for this year made an appearance.

In 1919, the first ball honored the San Antonio military and the event has continued. Military personnel from local installations and organizations are special guests for the evening, and representatives from each local installation are presented. The ball is sponsored by the State Association of Texas Pioneers. It is continued today by those pioneers' descendants to perpetuate Texas traditions and establish and maintain landmarks, memorial hall and museums.



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Chad and Amy Stovell, left, and Amy's parents Linda and Larry Knowles at the Fiesta Celebration in San Antonio.

Library celebrates 45th with open house

Friends of the Friona Public Library hosted an Open House on April 20 celebrating 45 years of excellence in library service to the Friona Community and surrounding area. The Friends also celebrated their own 40th year of dedicated support to the library.

Refreshments of cake and punch, nuts and mints were served to 75 + members. The three-tiered anniversary cake featured strawberry and vanilla cake with chocolate butter cream frosting, generously embellished with chocolate swirls and stars, atop a lighted fountain. Double-dipped, chocolate-covered strawberries encircled each layer. The cake was designed and baked by Canna Ray.

The short business meeting included an Endowment contribution report prepared by Teddy Jones; as of April 13, 2008 the balance was \$110,258 raised toward the \$150,000 goal to be completed by December 31, 2008. In other business, the group voted to accept the slate officers for 2008-2010: Kitty Gallman, President; Vickie Field, Vice-President/President-Elect; Terri Ellis, Secretary and Larry Johnston, Treasurer.

Karen Renner, President, then presented the librarians with service award plaques of appreciation: Darla Bracken, 25 years, and Brenda Patterson,

15 years. The Friends also made a donation in both their names to the Texas State Library and Archives Renovation Fund, currently in progress. The Librarians presented Karen Renner and Renee Brown, outgoing officers, with parting thank you gifts from the Friends.

Highlights of the afternoon included a slide show of 'then and now' photographs and the Literary Basket Raffle. Wendy Carthel, Director of the Parn

County Historical Museum, shared the *Alamo Images* Display by Texas Humanities and the *World War II KACV-TV* display.

Basket winners included: Beverly Obenshain - "Stress Relief" by the Bone & Joint Clinic, Bovina; Dale Schueler - "Bubble Gum Kid" by Friona Primary School Teachers; Raye Jean London - "Home Improvement 1 2 3" by Alan Humberg; Myrna Barraza - Cowboy Cookout" by Veteri-

nary Industries; and Joann McDonald - "Petaling Around" by Farmhouse Designs Greenhouse. The Friona Basket, a \$650 value, with contributions from fourteen Friona businesses, was won by Norma Thompson.

"The Friends of the Friona Public Library wish to express our thanks to the community for your many years of generous, dedicated support," said a spokesman for the group.



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Honored at the Friends of the Library Spring Festival were (l-r), Darla Bracken, 25 years of service; Karen Renner, outgoing President; Renee Brown, outgoing Vice-President; and Brenda Paterson, 15 years of service. Seventy-five guests attended the open house.

Erin Austin is DAR Good Citizen

The Los Ciboleros Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held its annual Honors Tea Sunday April 13 at the Senior Citizens Auditorium in Hereford. The winners of the American History Essay contest, the DAR Good Citizen honorees, and the DAR JROTC bronze medal honoree are recognized at this event.

Erin Austin was announced as the 2007-08 DAR Good Citizen honoree from Friona High School. She is the daughter of Lori and Kenny Austin.



Erin Austin

Erin had a stellar career at Friona High School, participating in cross-country, track, basketball, and volleyball, advancing to bi-district and regional competition. She was also involved in UIL academic and speech competition in extemporaneous speaking, editorial writing, and spelling.

She served as vice-president of the Future Farmers of America as well as participating in parliamentary procedure competition and in stock showing. She won first place in state competition for her involvement in Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), as well as a silver medal in national competition with a computer display of visuals for the Focus on Children event.

With an ultimate goal of becoming a licensed nurse practitioner, Erin plans to attend either Texas Tech University or the University of New Mexico.

Ben Stein vs. Sputtering Atheists

By L. BRENT BOZELL III

I confess that when the producers of Ben Stein's new documentary "Expelled" called, offering me a private screening, I was less than excited.

It is a reality of PC liberalism: There is only one credible side to an issue, and any dissent is not only rejected, it is scorned. Global warming. Gay "rights." Abortion "rights." On these and so many other issues there is enlightenment, and then there is the Idiotic Other Side. PC liberalism's power centers are the news media, the entertainment industry and academia and all are in the clutches of an unmistakable hypocrisy: There is an ideology that preaches the freedom of thought and expression at every opportunity, yet practices absolute intolerance toward dissension.

Evolution is another one of those one-sided debates. We know the concept of Intelligent Design is stifled in academic circles. An entire documentary to state the obvious? You can see my reluctance to view it.

I went into the screening bored. I came out of it stunned.

Ben Stein's extraordinary presentation documents how the worlds of science and academia not only crush debate on the origins of life, but also crush the careers of professors who dare to question the Dar-

winian hypothesis of evolution and natural selection.

Stein asks a simple question: What if the universe began with an intelligent designer, a designer named God? He assembles a stable of academics - experts all - who dared to question Darwinist assumptions and found themselves "expelled" from intellectual discourse as a result. They include evolutionary biologist Richard Sternberg (sandbagged at the Smithsonian), biology professor Caroline Crocker (drummed out of George Mason University), and astrophysicist Guillermo Gonzalez (blackballed at Iowa State University).

That's disturbing enough, but what Stein does next is truly shocking. He allows the principal advocates of Darwinism to speak their minds. These are experts with national reputations, regular welcomed guests on network television and the like. But the public knows them only by their careful seven-second soundbites. Stein engages them in conversation. They speak their minds. They become sputtering ranters, openly championing their sheer hatred of religion.

PC liberalism has showered accolades on atheist author Richard Dawkins' best-selling book "The God Delusion". But when Stein suggests to Dawkins that he's been critical of the Old Testament God, Dawkins protests - not that Stein is wrong, but that he's being too mild. He

then reads from this jaw-dropping paragraph of his book:

"The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, blood-thirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully."

Dawkins has a website. Its slogan is "A clear-thinking oasis."

It's understood that God had nothing to do with the origins of life on Earth. What, then, is the alternate explanation? Stein asks these experts, and their very serious answers are priceless. One theorizes that life began somehow on the backs of crystals. Another states electric sparks from a lightning storm created organic matter (out of nothing). Another declares that life was brought to Earth by aliens. Anything but God.

The most controversial part of the film follows Stein to the Dachau concentration camp, underlining how Darwin's theories of natural selection led to the eugenics movement, embraced by Adolf Hitler. If there is no God, but only a planetary lab waiting for scientists to perfect the human race, where can Darwinism lead? Stein insists

that he isn't accusing today's Darwinists of Nazism. He points out, however, that Hitler's mad science was inspired by Darwinism.

Now that the film is complete, the evolutionist prophets featured in the film are on the warpath inveighing against it, and the alleged idiots who would lower themselves to watching it. Richard Dawkins laments how the film will solicit "cheap laughs that could only be raised in an audience of scientific ignoramuses". Minnesota professor and blogger, P.Z. Myers, predicts the movie is "going to appeal strongly to the religious, the paranoid, the conspiracy theorists, and the ignorant - which means they're going to draw in about 90% of the American market." Myers and Dawkins now both complain they were "duped" into appearing in the movie (for pay).

Everyone should take the opportunity to see "Expelled" - if nothing else, as a bracing antidote to the atheism-friendly culture of PC liberalism. But it's far more than that. It's a spotlight on the arrogance of this movement and its leaders, a spotlight on the choking intolerance of academia, and a spotlight on the ignorance of so many who say so much, yet know so very little.



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Bank tour was Italian musical

By MARCA HERRING, Friona State Bank

Bon Journo Americana! My Goodness, what a trip!! Our whole tour was a beautiful Italian musical, from the very romantic language, to the lovely countryside, to the songs we heard and knew from our past.

Forty-six Friona State Bank customers and friends left Amarillo Airport early on March 29, 2008, for a 13-day trip to Italy. We arrived in Rome March 30, tired but excited. As we had a free day the rest of the day, our tour guide, Jose Fagundes from Portugal, asked us if we would like to take a little walk. This turned out to be the joke of the trip. Several times Jose asked us if we would like to take a little walk, and we finally decided that he meant would we like to take an Italian walk that was from six yards to six

we've heard all our lives and getting to hear it in Italy sung by Italians! We were all given a gift of a CD with those songs.

After the performance, we did see Rome at night. We saw Vatican City, St Peters Square and the apartments where the Pope lives. His lights were on, reportedly meaning that he was home. We saw The Colosseum and the Roman Forum all lit up, we felt like, just for us! That evening was a wonderful experience for us Texans!

Tuesday, April 1, we toured Religious Rome: The Vatican Museums, St. Peters Square and Basilica. (we learned that a Basilica is where the remains of a Saint are buried, unlike the Cathedrals, which are the church seat of the regional bishop!). We were awed by the Sistine Chapel, the Cata-

ful little island with many stories. One man told us that he had been off the island only once and that was when he was about 14 and he got back on the ferry as soon as he could and has never left again. He said that everything he needs is on the Isle of Capri.

We spent the next two nights at Vietri Sul Mare, another seaport village on the Tyrrhenian Sea. Our hotel, Lloyds Baia, was built on the cliff overlooking the sea. The lobby was on ground level and we went down from there. It was so confusing that some of us finally decided that stairs was the only way that made sense to get from the ground level to our rooms.

There was a tile factory in this village and our floors were covered with beautiful tile squares. There were picturesque tiles framed on the walls and we were anxious to see if we could purchase some. Of course we could!! After all we were tourists and tourism is one of the largest industries of Italy with 57.2 million visitors a year.

We had no rooms on this tour that was without a bidet! If you don't know what a bidet is, just ask someone who went on the trip. You may get varying answers, but there is only one true answer.

The next morning, we were bussed to Pompeii, the excavated ruins of a seaport town that was completely destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24, A D 79. What we saw was truly amazing! It was interesting to hear that at the time of the eruption, Pompeii was on the coast and now it is a couple of miles from the shore. The water has receded that much in these past 2000 years.

We saw excavated tile floors and walls with frescos drawn on the walls. What was most amazing were the streets of Pompeii. They had been worn down by traffic of 2000 years ago, from travelers coming from Rome and other parts of the country and you could still see where the rocks and ruts had been worn down by carriages. There were walls of homes and gardens standing, public baths, shops and even a bordello, with frescos drawn upon those walls. There are predictions that there is still another 1 1/2 miles of excavating to be done. Pompeii was a complete surprise to most of us and was worth the time.

In the afternoon we drove along the Amalfi coast, described as one of the most beautiful drives in the country with its hairpin curves along the coast. We stopped in Sorrento ("Return to Sorrento") and toured a shop where artisans made inlaid furniture, jewelry boxes, etc. Such beautiful work!! We also went to a cameo factory and watched the workers demonstrating their art. You may find some of us wearing beautiful cameo broaches or rings. Our heads were spinning with all the beauty around us whether man made or Divinely made as we headed back to our beautiful "home on the Tyrranian and Mediterranean Sea".

Friday morning we retraced our drive, heading for Florence, capital of the Tuscany Region. We drove by many vineyards and olive tree groves. Our guide told us that owners of vineyards felt they had the perfect villa when they had many vineyards, groves of olive trees and cypress trees all around. We enjoyed seeing ancient villages built on tops of steep hills, all with steeples of their churches. These hilltop villages were built there for protection and defense against marauders of the past.

Upon our arrival in Flo-



Friona State Bank Tour of Italy group.

rence, we drove up to Piazzale Michelangelo, overlooking the city. It was there that we had our group picture made. We also toured a leather factory, as Florence is the "home of leather".

A nice surprise when we arrived at our hotel was the appearance of Anni and Erik Jenson from Denmark. Anni was Friona's first exchange student in 1961-62 and lived with Meryle and Olive Massie. We had a very nice visit with them and they stayed and ate dinner with us that evening. (Anni had hosted a lunch meal for the bank group when the Jensens lived in England and she joined us for the rest of our tour of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in 2001. Because of this she knew several of us.)

On Saturday, we toured Florence including: the Piazza Del Duomo where we visited the all white, green and pink marble cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Church of Santa Croce where Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavilla are buried. We also saw Michelangelo's famous statue of David - a highlight of Florence for us.

We saw the Baptistery of St Giovanni and its beautiful door of 10 bronze panels called the "Gate of Paradise". The panels depict stories from the Old Testament. We walked to and took pictures of the oldest bridge in Florence, the Ponte Vecchio stretching over the Arno River. That evening, we went on a scenic drive to nearby Fiesole, situated on a hill overlooking Florence where we had a wonderful Tuscan dinner and entertainment.

On Sunday morning we enjoyed more of the Tuscan countryside as we made our way to the seaside town of Pisa and it's Leaning Tower. We then drove on to Padua and visited the Basilica of St. Anthony who is known for his many miracles. Of all the cathedrals and basilicas that we had visited, St. Anthony's was one of the most unusual and beautiful because of its vivid colors and frescos. We thoroughly enjoyed Padua and St Anthony's Basilicas.

After driving through central Italy eastward, we finally arrived at Venice, built on 117 islands with approximately 150 canals and over 400 bridges. Our hotel was on the Grand Canal and gondolas were "parked" right in front. We learned that residents of Venice rode "bus boats" to and from their work.

Our second day in Venice found us boarding a boat for the Island of Murano where the glass blowing factory was located. This factory was moved to this island because of the intense heat required to heat the glass. The residents of Venice were afraid of fire. Glass blowing is a dying art as we were told by our guide. The youngest person working there is 42 years of age and the oldest is in his 70's. We watched as a man made a horse and several other objects. It was all very interesting and it's here

that so much of the jewelry that we have seen was made.

This brings us to another subject: the beggars and Gypsies. In Rome, Naples, and just about everywhere we stopped, there were illegal immigrants selling fake Armani, Gucci, Prada, "authentic" paintings and "Florentine" leather belts. It is a crime for them to be there selling anything and it is a crime for us to buy it. Some of the Gypsies had children with them to play on our hearts as they begged "for their Bambinos". We had been forewarned about pickpockets so we were prepared for them, but not for the beggars. It was another learning experience.

where our bus was waiting. We headed for Verona where we saw the balcony of Juliet of the epic love story of "Romeo and Juliet" fame. We then continued our journey to the lovely Italian Lake District. We spent the next two nights in the resort town of Stresa, situated on Lake Maggiore. This lake is in two countries, Italy and Switzerland. With the Alps in the background and the lake before us, we felt as if we were already in paradise.

We visited and shopped the lakeside resort of Lugano in Switzerland on our last day of the tour and drove by the beautiful Lake Como on the way back to Stresa. Our last evening of the tour saw us being transported by boat to Isola Dei Pescatori



L-R, Karen Renner, Donna Donahey, Lois Snyder, Betty and R.J. Renner, Valoris Osborn

We rode our boat back to Venice where we saw a lace demonstration that was held in an old converted Methodist Church. The shop had beautiful tablecloths, doilies, handkerchiefs, etc. Then we started our tour beginning with St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and crossed over the Bridge of Sighs, a bridge connecting the Court of Justice to the Dungeon. We saw the famous Rialto Bridge and we each rode a gondola. Our gondoliers wore the traditional black and white striped shirts with the round straw hats and even sang to us. Most of the

where we had our Farewell Dinner. It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of this most spectacular trip. "Arrivederci Italia". We love you.

Those making the trip were: Clarence and Peggy Monroe, Martha Mae Shelton and Billie Carpenter of Edmond OK, Robert and Connie Neelley, Lewis and Elizabeth Gore, Wesley and Doris Barnett, Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus, RJ and Betty Renner, Valoris Osborn and Karen Renner, Jim and Jonell Wilkerson of Clovis NM, Joyce Veazey and Loretta Young of Sterling CO, Lawrence and Carolyn



Elizabeth and Lewis Gore

buildings on the Grand Canal used to be palaces and are now hotels or shops.

We had preconceived images of a dirty, stinky, Venice, but were pleasantly surprised at the cleanliness of the town. We were told that the smaller canals were drained yearly and cleaned. We never did figure out how this was accomplished, but it must have worked. We loved Venice and could probably be talked into going back.

Tuesday, our luggage was loaded on a freight boat and ported back to the mainland

Widner of Bovina, Madge Cannon and Marie Wallace of Littlefield, WD and Reba Buske, Katherine Smith and Martha Tipps of Hereford, Donna Donahey of Texico, Lois Snyder of Clovis, Shirley Betts and Marlene Webb of Vega, Raul and Terry Brailiff, Dale Widner, Pat Holland and Irene Mullins of Hereford, Gene and Mildred Welch, Mary Bromman and Beth Morris of Vega, Jen Carter and Helen Wyly of Vega, Lupe Villarreal of Hereford, Kriste Haile of Corinth TX and Marca Herring.



Erik and Anni Jenson of Denmark, Kriste Haile and Marca Herring.

miles!! He usually had takers on all of these little walks, as there was so much to see.

The first day we saw the Trevi Fountain (of "Three Coins in the Fountain" fame), the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. We would not have missed these places for anything, in spite of the "little walk"! Imagine how weary we were by the end of that first day after traveling over 4000 miles by air and then walking six. As we gathered for our first "welcome dinner" at our wonderful hotel we were exhausted, yet our group was still cheerful and excited about tomorrow.

We learned right away that the dinner meals were 4-6 course meals and always lasted two hours or more. We enjoyed our "starter" course, then the salad

combs, and St. Paul's Basilica Outside the Walls. We have books on just about all of the above mentioned sites that we visited, if you wish to look through them.

We had such fun in Rome watching the Italian drivers in their small vehicles and Vespa motorcycles or scooters. We saw lots of Mercedes' Smart Cars, many BMW's, Peugots, Fiats, some small Fords, Opels and Alpha Romero. Our guide told us that the motorcycles are the Pope's answer to birth control! This is supposed to be a joke, but you can't imagine how those scooters scooted around buses, cars and people!

We walked down many very narrow streets and alleys (not like ours, but clean and picturesque with hanging flower baskets from the windows of apartments and shops) and had to always be on the look-



Raul and Terry Brailiff, Wesley Barnett and the tour guide

course, the entrée, the desert and finally coffee or espresso, (which was strong and kept us awake; that was ok, we were learning!!) Of course wine was a staple at all of our dinner meals and we had more wine on this trip than most of us ever had in our lifetime.

Monday morning saw us leaving our beautiful hotel for a tour of the ruins of Classical Rome: The Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus (where the chariot races were held) and the Roman Forum. Some of us chose to take the option of "seeing Rome by night" which included a dinner meal and a mini-opera of Italian music such as "Ole Sole Mio", "Feniculi, Funicula", "Arrivederci Roma". It was wonderful hearing the music

out for vehicles coming where we thought they shouldn't! We would never try to drive in Rome, mainly because we lack the courage, but also because we didn't want to have our feelings hurt by some shouting Italians!!

Wednesday, we boarded our bus for a drive south to the Bay of Naples, where we boarded a hydrofoil (ferry) that took us to "the Isle of Capri" (remember that song?). We took another "little" walk, saw the coastline and sampled our first gelato.

Capri is known for their beautiful shores, quaint town and their citrus trees. We saw the largest lemons we've ever seen on Capri, pronounced with the accent on the first syllable instead of the last syllable, like we've always heard it, is a wonder-

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Reception April
Cathey H
 By HELEN CARROLL

 Cathey Hamman
 At the end of April Friona will be losing one of its finest and most val-

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 Annual depth to water level measurements made in early 2008 by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock show an average decrease of -0.20 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer during 2007 within the district's 6.8 million acre service area. In comparison, the 2007 depth-to-water level measurements previously indicated an average decrease of -0.91 of a foot during 2006.
 The district 10-year average annual change increased from -0.76 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.82 of a foot for the current report. The district five-year average annual change decreased from -0.61 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.46 of a foot for the current report.
 An average annual increase in groundwater levels was recorded in the portions of Armstrong, Crosby, and Floyd Counties within the district, as well as Hockley, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties. The water level increases ranged from 0.33 of a foot in the portion of Crosby County within the district to 1.62 feet in Lynn County.
 Depth-to water level measurements indicated an average annual decline of more than 1.9 feet in Castro and Parmer Counties.
 The remaining seven counties within the High Plains Water District had average annual changes in groundwater levels of less than one foot. These ranged from -0.04 of a foot in the portion of Potter County within the district to -0.97 of a foot in

Franchise tax dea
 Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has announced that businesses who are unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.
 The Comptroller's office recognizes the complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting methods have caused concern among tax practitioners and taxpayers statewide. The extended deadline allows businesses to avoid a 5 percent penalty they would have faced had they not filed by

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Reception April 30

Cathey Hamman, PA., bids farewell to Friona and PCCH

By HELEN CARROLL, PCCH



Cathey Hamman

At the end of April Friona will be losing one of its finest and most val-

ued citizens, Cathey Hamman. Local nurse practitioner, friend and neighbor, she will be leaving Friona Rural Health Clinic to move out west to Reno, Nevada. She will be working in an urgent care facility, dealing with episodic care and minor emergencies. According to Hamman, the work will be very similar to many of the cases she treats in the emergency room at Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH).

Cathey Hamman grew up in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, not far from Los Alamos and the famous Sandia National Laboratories. Looking back on those early years, she says she always knew she wanted to be a nurse, specifically a nurse practitioner. "I knew a couple of Nurse Practitioners growing up and liked them. I think that had some influence on me." Hamman attended Texas Tech and earned her bachelor of science in Psychology in 1990. She returned

to Tech and earned her bachelor of science in Nursing in 1995, and with it worked in the Pediatric ward at UMC until 1998. She earned her master's degree in Nursing (MSN) in 2000. Upon earning her MSN, she took a position as a Faculty Associate at Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) in Lubbock. According to Hamman, her primary function was overseeing student clinicals. After finishing her Family Nurse Practitioner cer-

tification, Hamman attended a job fair specifically for Nurse Practitioners. She met an individual who passed her name to Marilyn Watson, the clinic administrator at the time, and the rest, as they say, is history. Hamman says, "The experience I have gained, the church family I have are all great. The hospital staff here is great, as well as the nursing staff here. I really agonized over my decision." Cathey began her Nurse Practitioner career with

Friona Rural Health Clinic on June 1, 2001, and we have been so fortunate to have her. Not only has she been an excellent health care provider, but she has also been so many things to so many of us; colleague, confidant, church member, coworker, and most of all, a dear friend. The Hospital Auxiliary is holding a reception in Cathey's honor on April 30, at 3 p.m. in the Sun Room. Please join us in wishing her well in all her future endeavors.

Water district gives groundwater level results

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Lamb County. Several factors, including timely rainfall, awareness of the benefits of water conservation practices, and increased pumping costs, may have contributed to the lessened average annual change in groundwater levels from 2007 to 2008 within the district.

well in that county. Also listed are available total changes in water levels in feet for each observation well for the periods 1998 to 2008, 2003 to 2008, and 2007 to 2008.

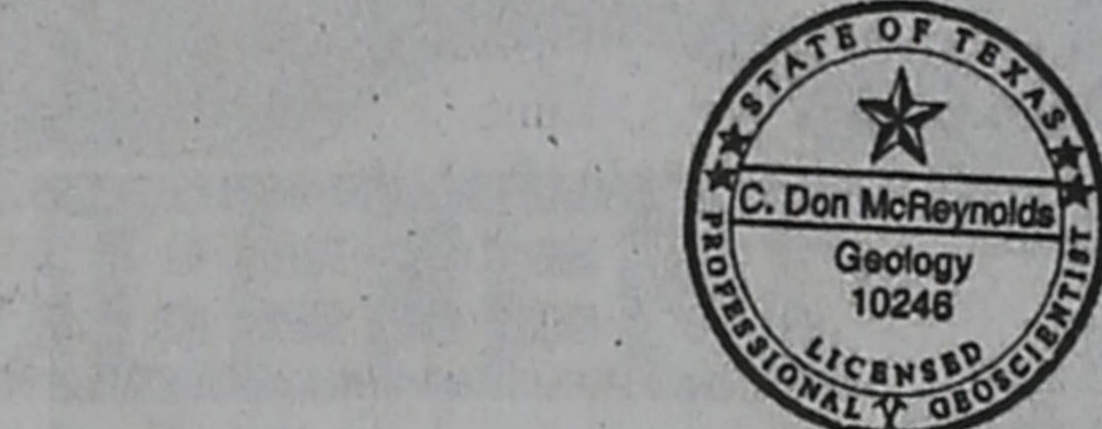
Average Changes in Depth-to-Water, in Feet, for Observation Wells

Table with 4 columns: Number of Observation Wells Maintained, Average Annual Change 1998-2008, Average Annual Change 2003-2008, Average Annual Change 2007-2008. Lists wells like Armstrong, Bailey, Castro, etc.

The district 10-year average annual change increased from -0.76 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.82 of a foot for the current report. The district five-year average annual change decreased from -0.61 of a foot for the 2006 report to -0.46 of a foot for the current report.

High Plains Water District officials caution that the average annual change in groundwater levels may significantly increase from 2008 to 2009 if the region receives below-average rainfall during the year. Also, increased commodity prices may result in increased crop production, which in turn, may cause additional groundwater pumpage to supplement crop water demands.

Historical depth-to-water level measurements have presented a district average decline of -2.15 feet in 2008; an average decline of -0.68 of a foot in 1999; an average decline of -1.14 feet in 2000; an average decline of -0.78 of a foot in 2001; an average decline of 1.06 feet in 2002; an average decline of -1.34 feet in 2003; an average increase of +0.74 of a foot in 2004; an average decline of -0.54 of a foot in 2005; and an average decline of -0.91 of a foot in 2006.



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An average annual increase in groundwater levels was recorded in the portions of Armstrong, Crosby, and Floyd Counties within the district, as well as Hockley, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties. The water level increases ranged from 0.33 of a foot in the portion of Crosby County within the district to 1.62 feet in Lynn County.

Depth-to-water measurements are normally made from January to March each year to allow stabilization of water levels in the aquifer following pumpage during the previous year of groundwater production. The measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned water wells within the district area. The wells are at a density of one well per nine square miles and are part of the State Observation Well network administered by the Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

Additional information about the annual depth-to-water level measurement program is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting the water district's website at www.hpwd.com.

Depth-to-water level measurements indicated an average annual decline of more than 1.9 feet in Castro and Parmer Counties.

The current issue of the High Plains Water District's newsletter, The Cross Section, features the results of the annual 2008 depth-to-water level measurements. It contains individual county maps, which provide the approximate location of each

Franchise tax deadline extended

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has announced that businesses who are unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.

"We want to make sure businesses and tax practitioners have adequate time to make sure they're complying with the revised franchise tax," said Combs. "Because they're dealing with new calculations and enhanced technology for filing reports, the one month penalty waiver will help taxpayers accurately complete their returns in the first year of this brand new tax."

The Comptroller's office recognizes the complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting methods have caused concern among tax practitioners and taxpayers statewide. The extended deadline allows businesses to avoid a 5 percent penalty they would have faced had they not filed

Information about the revised franchise tax is available on the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 252-1381.

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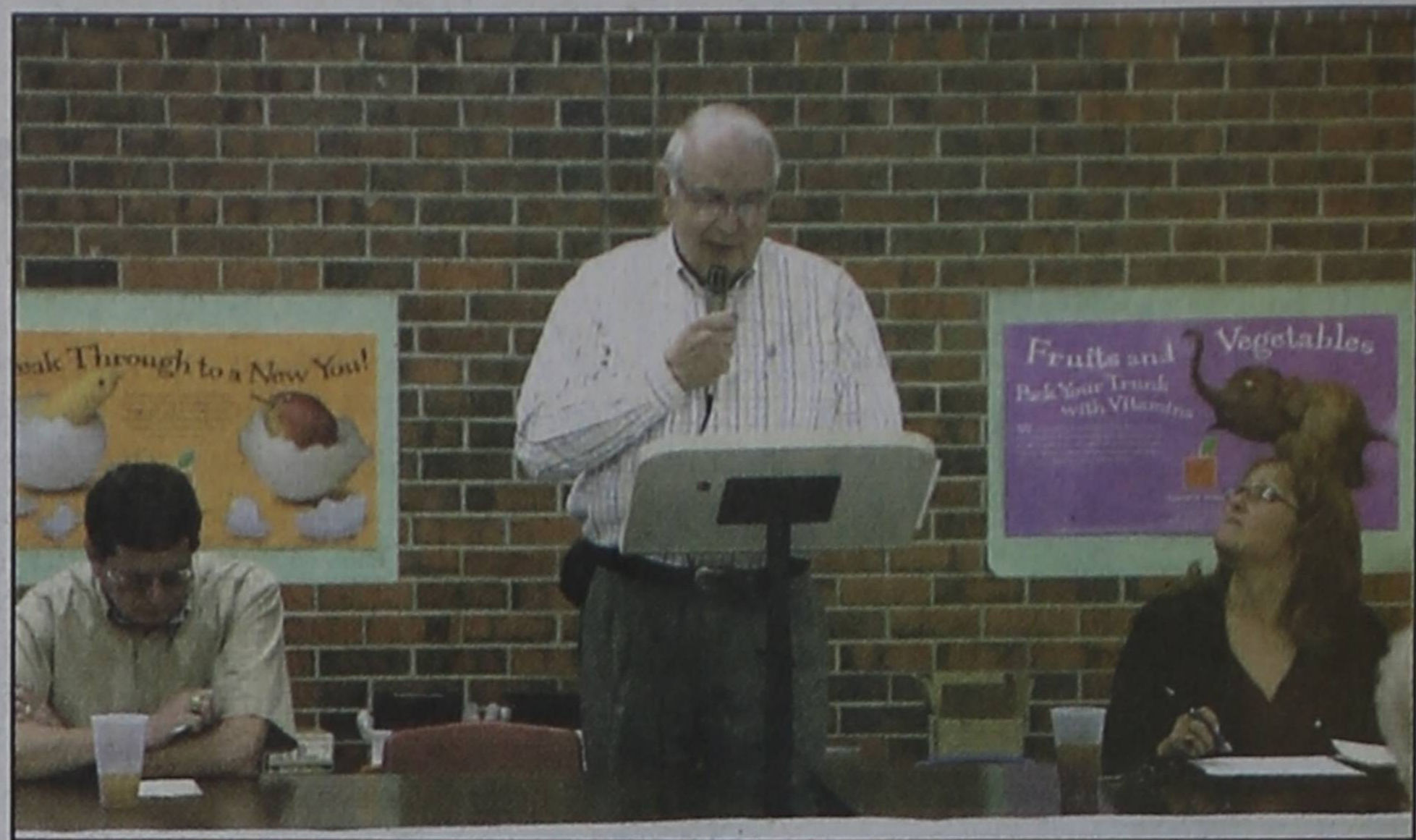
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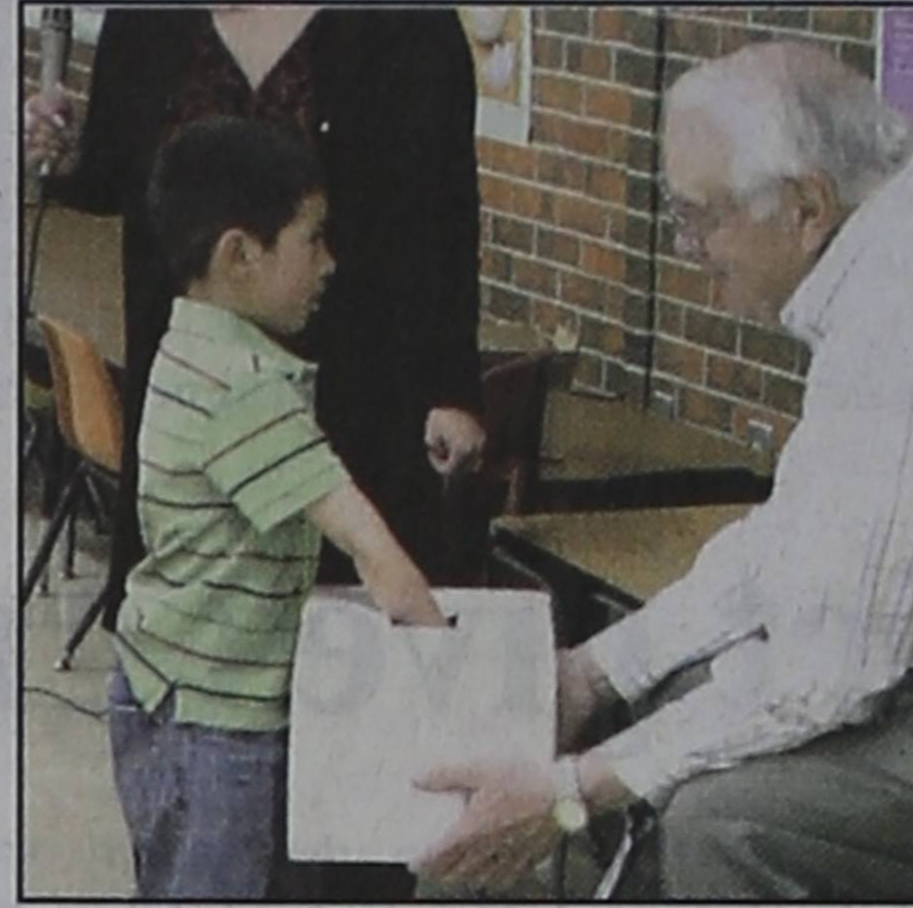
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Friona Credit Union board chairman John Fred White addresses the membership during their annual meeting. At left is Bruce Fleming, incoming board chairman, and at right is Nancy Davis, credit union president. White is retiring from the board after 10 years. Over 130 members and guests attended. Catering was by Desperadoes. Left, Ezra Stephens draws names for door prizes.



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