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TEN PAGES

## Cancer Survivor dinner



ron carr photos

Cancer survivor Martha Rodriguez, above, second from left, has completed her chemotherapy and joins the cancer survivor dinner. Left, Debra Baxter, Mary Stone and Janice Richards, l-r. More pictures on page 10.

## No fireworks in city limits

Friona city manager Terri Johnson sent an email to the Friona Star concerning the city ordinance pertaining to fireworks within the Friona city limits. The text of the law is this:

**"It shall be unlawful within the city limits of the City of Friona for any person to manufacture, assemble, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer, or have in his possession with intent to sell, use, discharge, cause to be discharged, ignite, detonate, fire, or otherwise set in action any fireworks of any description."**

This is not a new ordinance and has nothing to do with the current burn ban issue. According to Johnson, the restriction on fireworks in the city has been a city ordinance since the early 1980's. It is technically against the law to even possess fireworks within the city limits, according to the ordinance.

This year, because of the serious drought and dry conditions, city and fire officials are especially concerned about the fire danger in the city with kids (or adults) setting off fireworks near homes and buildings. Johnson said the police department will be patrolling closer this year and fireworks violators will be ticketed.

### Relay for Life Schedule

Noon-6:00 PM	Team Campsites Set Up
6:15	Group Photos - Survivors and Participants
6:00-8:00	Luminary Sales - by Concession Stand
6:45	Welcome - Opening Prayer - National Anthem
	Survivor Lap
	Caregivers Lap
7:30-9:30	Food, Entertainment & Games
Approximately 9:30	Luminary Ceremony - All Walking Paused
	Lights Out
10:15-12:00	Walking - Team Games & Entertainment
11:00	Concession Stand Closes
11:45	Keep The Hope Alive Lap - Conclusion of Relay

## Insect repellent is best way to prevent West Nile virus

BY RON CARR

It takes standing water to breed mosquitoes. With the current drought and lack of rain, standing water has not been a problem around here. We hope that changes real soon.

Nevertheless the Texas Department of State Health Services says that with warm

weather here to stay, mosquitoes are multiplying across the state, some of them carrying the West Nile virus. They recommend a simple way to fight the virus—insect repellent.

"Use a good insect repellent. Use it every time you are outdoors. That's the number

one thing people can do to protect themselves from mosquito borne illnesses," said Jim Schuermann. He is with the Zoonosis Control Group at the health services department. "It's tough to tell people to wear long sleeves and long pants in the Texas heat."

Mosquitoes get West Nile from feeding on infected birds. The virus cases usually begin in late spring, peak in early August, and continue through the fall. Last year 128 human cases of West Nile were reported in Texas, including 11 deaths, according to the health department report.

Look for insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin,

or oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Use a good repellent on bare skin and follow the directions on the label," Schuermann said. "DEET is the standby, long-lasting and effective." The picaridin based repellents are new, tend to smell better, and are less oily. Lemon eucalyptus repellents are ideal for people who are sensitive to, or just don't like, chemical repellents.

DSHS advises to keep repellent at the front and back doors of your home and apply when you go outside. Keep extra repellent in such outdoor areas as patios and decks. Mosquito proof your house, drain standing water such as pet water bowls, bird

baths, and wading pools several times a week, and limit the amount of time you spend outdoors from dusk to dawn.

Symptoms of West Nile include fever, severe headaches, muscle and bone aches, nausea and drowsiness. More serious forms of West Nile cause a stiff neck, visual problems, altered taste, body tremors, mental confusion, memory loss, and seizures. In other words, West Nile can be a serious illness but prevented with a few simple steps. Symptoms usually appear from 3 to 14 days after a person is bitten.

They say people at the most risk are those older than 50 and those with compromised immune systems. If you

even think you have contracted West Nile, contact your doctor. A blood test can confirm if you have it. There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus so preventing it is the best answer.

For those who do not like the spray repellents, there are now insect repellent wipes on the market which could be easier to use and more convenient to carry, especially for use on children.

Finally, don't handle any dead birds with bare hands. Use a shovel or protective gloves. For more information about West Nile virus or other mosquito borne illnesses, visit the DSHS website at

www.dshs.state.tx.us.



## Turn signals in TxDot plans

BY RON CARR

This week we received an email from TxDot about a sealcoating project in the area. It was from Penny Mason who is the public spokesperson for TxDot in Lubbock. Mrs. Mason has been with TxDot for many years and is well-respected among the media.

Prompted by her press release, I emailed her regarding the possibility of a left turn signal at Highway 60 and Main St., which has been mentioned among local citizens and was the subject of a recent Friona Star editorial. The left turn arrow is needed especially for westbound traffic turning south onto Main St.

Mrs. Mason responded by forwarding my inquiry to area engineer Stevan Perez and maintenance supervisor Roy Lloyd, as well as the director of construction Ted Copeland. On Tuesday Ted Copeland called me to say Friona's Main and Highway 60 intersection is already on a list of construction projects covering about 20 different Panhandle cities.

Plans were already underway to install new LED lights, traffic direction cameras, and left turn signals at the Main/60 intersection. Mr. Copeland said the plan is to install turn signals on east and westbound Highway 60 and for north bound Main St. traffic. The south-

bound side on Main is not wide enough to accommodate a left turn lane so there will not be a left turn arrow southbound at Main/60.

The left arrows will be activated if there is a vehicle in the left turn area waiting to turn. Otherwise the arrows will not activate. That is the good news. The not-so-good news is Mr. Copeland said it would probably be 12-18 months before the construction crews get to Friona. The Panhandle work will be performed by private contractor J&V Communications and all together is more than \$1.5 million, Mr. Copeland said.

We also discussed the 60-mph speed limit between Friona and Hereford as a work zone where no work is taking place and both sides of the highway are open. He said he would bring the matter up to district engineer Stevan Perez. Mr. Copeland's opinion was the speed limit should be set back to 70-mph under the current circumstances but that decision is up to Mr. Perez.

Thanks to Penny Mason and Ted Copeland for their quick response to our inquiry and we look forward to the updated Main/60 intersection.

## Senior salads



ron carr photo

Friona senior citizens beat the heat with a healthy cold cut lunch Monday. Senior lunches are served each Monday and Thursday for only \$3. Area seniors are cordially invited to join the fun.





## OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

### a-peeling memories

My Granddaddy Brown could peel an entire apple and leave the peeling in one piece.

What's that got to do with anything you say? Not much but when you get to my age you can remember things from a long time ago better than yesterday.

I usually don't buy fresh fruit except bananas. They have zip-off peelings. All other fruit is a pain to peel for someone with my lack of patience.

Oranges are especially maddening. You peel off the orange outside then you have to wrestle with that white inner coating, which always comes off in pieces. Then you have to break the slices apart, chew one, and spit out all the seeds and other debris. Not to mention the sticky hands. People who peel oranges into slices are usually smug about it too. They did all that work they aren't too keen on giving up a couple of slices. Peel your own orange, this one is mine.

Did you ever try to peel a kiwi fruit? That is one maddening, slippery little bit of green nothing. Peaches, plums, mangos, pineapples: they all require a certain amount of scrubbing and peeling and spitting. Getting to the meat of a pineapple is a major operation that requires a really sharp knife and even more patience. Del Monte still sells pineapple in nice round easy-to-open cans.

I got into this subject after buying a bag of Fuji apples last weekend. Don't ask me why. Maybe my health gene kicked in for a few seconds. I never buy apples, much less a bag with 10 apples in it. It was probably the price, \$2.98 for the bag. That is about 30-cents an apple and I figured if half of them

went bad before I got around to eating them I was still a few cents ahead.

When I was a kid we just grabbed an apple and ate it. No washing or peeling, just three or four crunchy bites then look around for somebody to hit with the leftover core. Do you remember, "Apple core, Baltimore, Who's your friend." Whoever that friend was got splatted with the remainder. I never said we were the brightest kids on the block. iPods had not been invented at the time.

In my hometown days I don't remember there being a lot of exotic fruit. Apples, bananas, and oranges were about it. Watermelons and cantaloupes when they were in season. We never heard much about mangoes and papayas in Hillsboro.

Granddaddy Brown, who was 39-years-old when I was born, would sit in a chair out in the yard and demonstrate his apple peeling expertise. To him it wasn't about

eating the apple so much as it was the peeling it. He was a carpenter and would never be caught with a dull pocketknife.

First of all he didn't get in a hurry. He would study the apple to find the best starting point. Then with a slow, deliberate motion he peeled around and around, a study in concentration. The object was to peel the entire apple without breaking the peeling. He peeled with great confidence borne on many years of perfecting his technique.

I remember watching in wonder and silently cheering him on as he got closer and closer to the end of the apple. When he was finished, the peeling looked like a red spring. The width of the peeling was the same from top to bottom, a testament to his precise knife stroke. Satisfied with his effort, and after a few close examinations of the peeling, he would either give it to me or fling it into the yard for the birds.

About four vertical knife strokes and we were ready to eat apple. The core was left square and intact and soon joined the peeling in the yard. Sometimes he would let me try, then laugh when I managed about one-inch of peeling or a cut finger.

I thought about granddaddy when I was whacking on a Fuji with my 99-cent paring knife. I even tried for about 30-seconds to see if I could match his peeling technique. No way. Somehow it wasn't the same without the chair under the tree in the front yard.

I know apples and all those other fruits are healthy and I should eat more of them. But it is still that peeling thing that bothers me. Maybe I should get one of those nifty dicer and shredder gizmos they sell on TV and chop my way to health. Somewhere granddaddy is no doubt still smiling at me.

Thanks for the memories granddaddy. I wish I had paid more attention.

## Editorial

We have a choice. We can fight the war on terrorism in other places around the world or we can fight it here in America.

Politicians are fond of using the above logic in their argument for being in Iraq. The implication is that all the hell and fury going on in Iraq would transfer to America. All those insurgents and car bombs and suicide bombers would be freely roaming the streets of New York, Chicago, Oshkosh, and Yakima.

If the U. S. suddenly disappeared from Iraq, using political logic, all the insurgents and bad guys would board planes and boats and set sail for America? Not likely.

From reports we see, terrorists are already here. History should prove that terrorists, radicals, or other bonafide crazies, can strike somewhere in America anytime they decide to. The question of whether

America is safer today is still open for discussion.

America is not secure today. Obvious targets like New York and Washington, D.C. perhaps are more secure. The rest of us across the country may as well have bullseyes printed on our city limit signs; Millions of cargo containers come and go through our ports. Immigrants, legal and illegal, are still pouring in. All are fertile ground for determined terrorists.

We don't argue with the need to contain and defeat terrorism. We applaud the military for carrying out their duties. What we don't support are the politicians who use the guilt logic to convince us they are doing their jobs. Guilt logic such as "We can fight the war on terrorism in other places or we can fight it here in America."

The next politician who says that should be voted out of office.

# Time to bury the death tax

BY SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

America is the land of opportunity. Since the formation of our republic, hard-working men and women in search of a better life have arrived on our shores, inspired by the hope that they would one day pass the fruits of their labor on to their children and grandchildren. This is the American dream.

The death tax walks away from the American dream. Instead of rewarding hard work and saving, it interferes with freedom and free enterprise. Many of the members in Congress know this is true, and we are making progress in eliminating the un-American death tax permanently. Unfortunately, the wheels of progress often turn slowly, and in the Senate a majority of my colleagues and I were recently prevented by a minority of senators from moving forward.

Under the Tax Relief Act of 2001, the death tax has been gradually phased out, with a full repeal scheduled for 2010. However, the death tax is slated to return in 2011, when the government once again will seize up to 55 percent of savings that should rightfully be passed on to children and grandchildren. This is fundamentally wrong on both moral and economic grounds, and it breaks up family farms and businesses.

To combat the death tax's unwelcome return, I co-sponsored a

Senate bill that would repeal it permanently. The House of Representatives has already passed a bill that would put the death tax to rest once and for all, but the Senate version of the bill is being held up by technical procedures.

The rules of the Senate allow for unlimited debate on a topic. This tactic, known as a filibuster, can prevent bills from ever being put to a final vote. The only way to stop a filibuster is to have 60 votes in favor of ending debate, or invoking cloture. Compared to the simple majority of 51 votes that are required to pass a bill, it is often challenging to pass legislation when 60 votes, not 51, are required.

This is exactly what happened in the Senate on June 8 regarding the death tax. I was joined by 56 senators in voting for cloture, but we fell three votes short. We intend to try again and convince three senators allow the bill to proceed.

Death tax proponents contend that it affects only a small percentage of the population — the super-wealthy. In reality, the most affluent people are able to afford teams of attorneys and accountants to carefully navigate estate tax laws to minimize the exposure of their assets and estates. Those most affected by the death tax are not the super-wealthy but the ranch-

ers, farmers and small-business owners whose primary assets are land, property and inventory.

Often, the only way for families to pay the death tax is to sell the land or business. Only 30 percent of all family-owned businesses are passed down to a second generation, and only 13 percent reach a third generation. These property and business owners have paid taxes on this property every year — income, capital gains and real estate taxes. To double- or triple-tax them upon their death is a final

insult to a life of hard work.

When businesses are sold to pay taxes, the employees lose their jobs. This tax disrupts more people than the family forced to sell; it affects the livelihoods of the families who work for and supply the property that is sold.

Texans know the difference between right and wrong, and the death tax is wrong. I will not give up this fight until the true American dream is restored and the death tax is dead once and for all.

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## Tumbleweed Smith

### The money factory is a fun place to visit

The Western Currency Center in Fort Worth produces more than half of the nation's paper money. It can turn out about 6 billion bills a year in several denominations.

"We make ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties and fifties," says Charlene Williams, manager of the Texas branch of the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing (website [moneyfactory.gov](http://moneyfactory.gov)). More than 800 people work there.

"When someone comes to work here, it becomes a big part of his or her life. Some jobs stay in the same family for generations." Some positions at the plant require years of training. "We have picture engravers and portrait engravers who go through an apprentice program for seven or ten years depending on which type of engraver they are."

Only two cities in the US have plants that print our currency. The other one is Washington D.C. The facility has been in Fort Worth for fifteen years. A plane crash in the nation's capital made some people at the Bureau of Engraving and

Printing a little nervous.

"In 1982 there was an Air Florida flight that crashed into the 14th street bridge. Had that plane been only inches closer to the bureau, that would have caused a major economic devastation.

There had already been talks about building another plant outside of the Washington area. That plane crash speeded up efforts to get one built."

When word got out that the bureau was looking for a place to build a new facility, 80 cities indicated they were interested in getting it. The list was narrowed down to eleven cities, then three: Las Vegas, Denver and Fort Worth.

"It's the civic pride that got this plant to Fort Worth. The people here were very committed to getting it here. It's a brand new multi million dollar facility that sits on a hundred acres of land. People of Fort



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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Ron and the Citizens of Parmer County:

I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the fire ban being lifted. I know the Fourth of July is just around the corner and the people living in the country probably have a lot of trash that needs to be burned, but as I've driven around the county with my family, we've noticed that much of the area is covered with dead, dry grass in bar ditches and fields. Structures around the area are also surrounded by dry grass that a stray spark might ignite. With as little rain as we've had, the possibility of another major grass fire, such as the one we recently faced on May 26, is still too great. I am wondering if the "No restrictions" on the lifting of the burn ban is a good idea for the people of Parmer County.

I encourage the citizens to think about the decision our county commissioners have made. I also hope that the commissioners will reconsider the lifting of the burn ban without any restrictions at their next scheduled meeting on June 26 for the safety of our county.

Respectfully yours,  
 Chuck Teague

A concerned citizen and volunteer fireman



**Money Hunger Causes STUPIDITY**

**"Fire Ban Lift"**

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Dear Ron,

I would like to invite you and your readers to view my family's history displayed at the public library during the month of June. My father's parents came to this area in 1906 to homestead. My mother's family came here in 1925 through the efforts of the Syndicate Land Company. There are many different things included in the display.

Maybe you would like to read a World War II prisoner of war journal, or perhaps learn about a Farwell murderer who killed his family and then made gifts for members of the jury that convicted him. One of the actual gifts, given to my grandfather, is on display. Maybe you will enjoy the beautiful old photographs. The ladies might be interested in antique quilts, china, and collectibles, or like to read a sweet, funny journal written about farm life in the 20's and 30's. There is a large variety of materials displayed, so there should be something of interest to most people. If you bring your reading glasses, and plan to stay a while, I will share with you the joys and sorrows, the building and rebuilding of life in early Friona.

Thank you,  
 Connie Slagle



Dear Ron,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful coverage on the Parmer County Museum and our living history day. We appreciate all that you do for us. I would also like to point out the meal was paid for by the Museum and donations were accepted. Ken Branum did an excellent job and helped us out as much as he could and we are grateful.

Thanks again!  
 Wendy Carthel, Director  
 Parmer County Museum

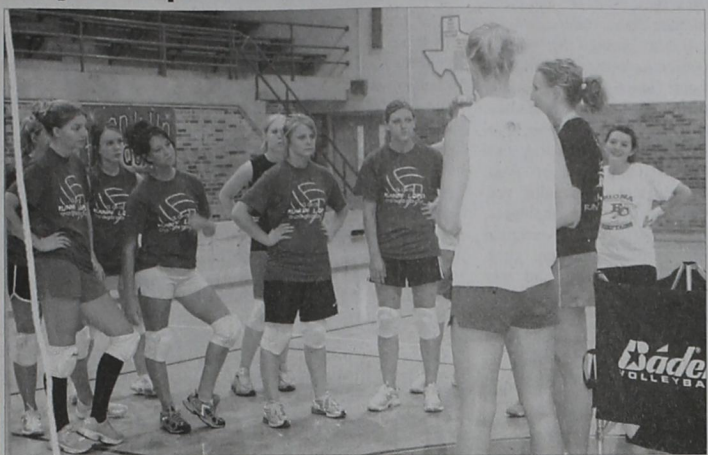
Worth wanted this place here. They donated a hundred acres of property and a 240,000 square feet shell building. In return, we would bring jobs to the Dallas-Fort worth area. The first 100 jobs that were offered here brought in 14,000 applications."

The facility offers free 45 minute guided tours. Sometimes the guides are people who actually work with producing the money.

"It's a great way to see how our money is made. We have two floors of educational interactive exhibits and displays. There's a fifteen-minute film that talks about the overall production of the bills. And there's a gift shop for people to buy souvenirs. We consider our output here a product. We want it to be the best. If an employee starts thinking of it as money, then it might be time for that person to find another job."

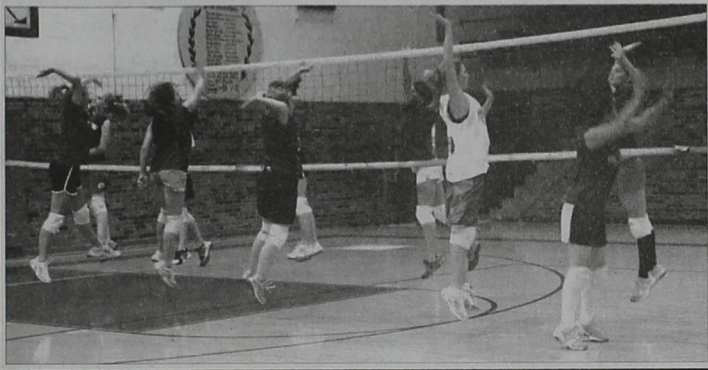


**Volleyball Camp**



dana d jameson photos

Twenty-nine Friona Squaw 9-12 grade volleyball girls were enrolled in Coach Arnold Perez's summer volleyball camp. He recruited sisters Leana Goble and Teale Hemphill as camp coaches. Goble is on full volleyball scholarship at Northern Colorado and Hemphill is the volleyball coach at Lamar Community College in Colorado. Top, the coaches talk to the girls and below, work on their spiking technique. Friona will compete in a four-team district with Littlefield, Denver City, and Shallowater.



**FlashBacks**

Reprinted from the Thursday, September 26, 1963, The Friona Star

**Another business for Friona**

**New super market will be built here**

Construction is to begin in the next few days on a new super market on North Main Street in Friona. Harry Brown, who operates Harry's Super Market in Dimmitt, will build a store in the 1000 block of Main in Friona, he announced.

The new store, to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, will be located on property owned by S.S. Prichard, including lots on which his Prichard Furniture Store has been located. Prichard will build the new store, and lease it to Brown.

When the new super market is completed, it will be the second such business built in Friona during the year. Currently nearing completion is the new Johnson Food Market at Sixth and Euclid.

Brown stated that his store is scheduled to be completed in at least sixty days. First thing on the docket is the moving of the old Prichard Furniture Store building, and the running of the foundation.

The new store will be 75 feet by 100 feet, making it the largest super market in town when completed.

"We believe in volume selling more than making a profit on single items. We will give the best prices per dollar possible," Brown stated.

James Brown, brother of the owner, and currently managing the store at Dimmitt, will move to Friona to manage the new store, it was announced. James has been in the business about 13 years.

The building will be one of the most modern in Friona when completed. It will be constructed of brick and tile masonry. The store will have a brick veneer front, and will have a five-foot permanent awning in the front. The entire lot, which measures 140 feet by 175 feet, will be paved, making parking space for at least 150 cars.

Modern Structures, Inc. of Lubbock will build the new store. Bailey Swadley, of Pritchett-Stephen Refrigeration

Company, Lubbock, will design the interior of the store.

"We will merchandise only in nationally advertised brands," Brown stated. "We specialize in quality meats and farm-fresh produce," he continued.

Brown has been in the grocery business the past 15 years in the Dimmitt-Tulia area. He originally was associated with Bob's Super Markets in Dimmitt and Tulia.

The new building will fea-

ture automatic air conditioning winter and summer. It will face the east, and will be built toward the rear of the lot, running north and south in its horizontal dimensions.

"We intend to be community-minded, and to get along with everyone. We will come to Friona to help the community as well as make a living," Brown stated.

James Brown, who will live in Friona, is married, and the Browns have four children.



Discuss food store...S.S. Prichard, left, and Harry Brown kneel in front of a sign on Prichard's land on North Main, where Brown will operate a super market to be completed in the next 60 days. Prichard will own the building, and lease it to Brown.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The amount of \$43,243.65 is mentioned in the Minutes of the Commissioners Court, dated 11 November 1916 as the computed cost of the Court House Building.

Parmer County Commissioners' Court Minutes, volume 1, Page 519 Parmer County History c. 1974

**Around Town**  
To get your area events published, call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

**Performers wanted for 4<sup>th</sup> celebration**

If you sing or perform the Friona Chamber of Commerce wants you to show your talents at the July Fourth celebration in the Friona City Park. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. and will continue until time for the fireworks display at Chieftain field. If you are interested contact Chris or Betty at the Chamber office at 250-3491 or come by at 612 Main. For more information on upcoming activities checkout frionachamber.com.

**SDW inquires about adult production**

Allison Johnston is seeking input as to revitalizing participation in an adult production during the Summer Drama Workshop that is held each summer. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Johnston at 250-5870.

**Summer reading at The Book Shoppe**

Come check out the great selection of books at The Book Shoppe by the Friends of the Library. The Book Shoppe, at 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, is open 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. We hope to see you next Tuesday!

**Rector seeking input about 1975 reunion**

Roy Don Rector is seeking information about setting up a class reunion for the Class of 1975. If you are interested visit [www.fhs75.org](http://www.fhs75.org) or drop Roy Don a letter at 2804 Pin Clover Court, Pflugerville, Texas 78660.

**Prairie Acres seeks donations for chapel**

Prairie Acres would like to transform a room into a chapel for family members, friends and staff and they need your help. If you are interested in donating funds or new furnishings to this project please contact Elizabeth Romero or Sabra Patterson at 806-250-3922.

**Attention: Firework donations needed**

Fireworks donations are needed to make this year's Independence Day celebration the best ever. If you would like to donate contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce at 250-3491 or mail your donation in any amount to: Friona Chamber of Commerce, 621 Main, Friona, Texas 79035.

**Arm wrestling in Muleshoe July 4**

Julian Dominguez, chief investigator for the Bailey and Parmer County district attorney's office, is organizing the 3rd annual strong arm wrestling competition to be held at Carolyn's Christmas Creations in Muleshoe July 4. The competition proceeds at approximately noon. Proceeds will be used to erect a memorial to honor the memory of Noe Anzuldua.

There are 4 divisions, two junior divisions and adult men and women's divisions. Junior entry fees are \$5 and \$7.50. Adult entry fees are \$20. Deadlines for entry are Monday July 3 at 5 p.m. for juniors and Tuesday, July 4, at 10 a.m. for adults. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd junior winners and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners in adult divisions.

Entry forms are available at Carolyn's Christmas Creations, 106 E. American Blvd.

**St. Teresa's VBS July 17-19**

St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host Vacation Bible School, July 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children. For more information contact Mercedes Williams at 250-2406 or Becky Ramos at 250-8031.

**Squaws volleyball camp July 24-26**

Would you like to hone your skills on the volleyball court? Coach Arnold Perez and the Friona Squaws volleyball will host a camp for girls in grades 4-9. Cost of the camp is \$25 for grades 7-9 and \$20 for grades 4-6, which includes a t-shirt. Morning session is for the 7-9 graders and runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session is for 4-6 graders from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Instructional topics will be ball control, passing (bumping), serving, setting and hitting. For more information call Coach Perez at 806-250-8800.

**Hereford 10-K, 5-K memorial run Jul 29**

The 22nd annual Greg Black Memorial 10-K & 5-K run and 2-mile fun run and walk will start at the Hereford YMCA at 8a.m. July 29. Fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 day of the race. Awards and ribbons will be given. Multiple age-division categories are available. For details and an entry blank contact the Hereford YMCA at 806-364-6990. Entrants registered and paid by July 22 will receive a free running cap.



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# Food manager certification course

The typical American household spends an average of \$2,300 on food away from home each year.

To assist area food establishments in providing food that is safe for their customers, Texas Cooperative Extension of Potter, Randall and Armstrong counties is offering a two-day food manager certification training course.

"Food Safety: It's Our Business" will be offered Aug. 16-17 at the Texas Cooperative Extension Kimble 4-H Center, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

All food establishments are required by law to have one certified food manager employed, said Sue Church, Extension agent in Potter County. If successfully completed, this course meets the requirement for a food service manager and

is valid for five years.

Included with the training will be materials and the state food manager certification examination. Cost of the course is \$79.

For those individuals wanting to test only, the cost is \$35. The deadline for signing up will be Aug. 1.

Foodborne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in

lost wages, insurance and medical bills, Church said.

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about: Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling; preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food; teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees; complying with government regulations; maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings; and controlling pests.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course, call Church at 806-373-0713.

## ENMU honor roll for two Friona students

Two Friona students were named to the spring Eastern New Mexico University Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

Joe Lafuente, a history major, and Marie Samarron, an elementary education major, both of Friona, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the 2006 spring semester.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from June 7, 2006 to June 14, 2006:

Weldon L. Edwards and Pam D. Weldon-Jose A. Jaime and Michelle R. Jaime, L5-8 B57 FARWELL

Ignacio Munoz and Laura B. Mata-Norma Mata and Vanessa Mata, L1-2 B71 FRIONA

Gary Don Cates and Kimberly Kay Cates-Milton Leon Watson and Connie Dale Watson, L20-22 B21 FARWELL

Clelyn D. Boyd and Jill Boyd-Gary D. Cates and Kimberly K. Cates, L9-12 B23 FARWELL

Robert J. Achterberg and Denise Pope Achterberg-James Ryan Willoughby and Willa Grace Lang, L27-29 B58 FARWELL

Larry Kim Parr and Jinnee Parr-Ira Parr, N/2 S6 HARRAH

Ira Parr-Larry Kim Parr and Jinnee Parr, N/2 S11 HARRAH

Rey Desel Arias, Jr. and Emma Arias-Jaime Arias, E/2 S13-16 B34 FRIONA

Ira Parr-Kirk Frye and Annette Frye, N/2 S6 HARRAH

Albert D. Ricketts and Jean Ricketts-Erik Estrada and Emilia Estrada, L8 B4 FIRST ADDITION WEST LOOP

Gabriele Cole-Monique Cole, E75' L3 B29 BOVINA

Lawrence Giesbrecht and Connie Giesbrecht-James Sides and Tina Sides, NW/4 S10 T14S R3E

Don Murphy and Juanda Murphy-Richard Villarreal and Elida Villarreal, W15.2 L7-10 B78 BOVINA



From the archives. All we know about this old picture is the boys have newspaper ink on their hands and faces. If you recognize anybody, let us know.

## Sheriff's Report

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

June 10, 2006, Isidro Rodriguez, 37, of Dimmitt, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while license suspended, fine and court costs.

June 10, 2006, Joel Halguera, 57, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

June 11, 2006, Jesus Faudoa, 27, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, fine court cost and 60 days jail probated 2 years.

June 13, 2006, Elba Carrasco, 38, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, fine, court cost and restitution.

June 13, 2006, Carlos Martinez, 17, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with criminal mischief, pending County Court.

June 14, 2006, Jose Barraza, 37, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

June 14, 2006, Dalinda Black, 25, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

June 16, 2006, Miguel Munoz, 19, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department, and charged with criminal mischief, pending County Court.

June 16, 2006, Marco Castaneda, 18, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department, and charged with criminal mischief, pending County Court.

June 16, 2006, Omar Salas, 17, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department, and charged with criminal mischief, pending County Court.

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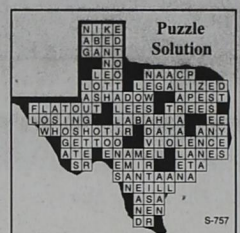
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## Winebrinner receives diploma from Tech

Blane Winebrinner, son of Danny and Dawna Roach of Friona, Texas, graduated May 13, 2006 from Texas Tech University as a Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology with a minor in Political Science.

Blane is a 2001 Friona High School graduate. He plans to continue his graduate studies at Indiana University. He will focus on environmental policy with dual Masters Degrees in Public Affairs and Environmental Sciences.




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Connie Slagle

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# TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

Wildfires are burning in Arizona, Houston had 10-inches of rain in one-day, and we are stuck in between. A number of residents have expressed concern about the lifting of the county burn ban. Seems like the heat and drought are worse now than when the commissioners originally adopted a burn ban. Firefighters I talked to are especially wary of the burn ban lifting and the forthcoming July 4 fireworks season. No doubt we will hear some sirens unless the commissioners reconsider at Monday's meeting.

The family of J. L. Taylor met Friday evening, June 9, for a supper of beans, cornbread, salads, and lots of desserts. The occasion was the Taylor family annual reunion. About 30 people attended the supper.

Saturday morning Ollie Taylor, Tiny Taylor, Joyce Jones, and Ruth Miller cooked breakfast for about 25-30 people.

There were eight children in the family. Only four are living today. They are Peggy Howard, Maggie Long, Joyce Jones, and Ruth Miller. The day was spent visiting, eating, and more visiting. Some of the married children went to Hereford to play golf. The rest of the family played cards and rode motorcycles.

Ruth Miller said a total of about 85 attended the reunion. Thanks to Ruth for the report.

Bill and Carol Ellis advise that their book, Friona on Parade, will be available September 10. They have stopped taking pre-orders. Those who sent \$10 to pre-order will owe a final payment of \$45 per book. The book will be \$60 for those who did not pre-order. Carol says it has 368 pages and over 1,000 photos, all about the Friona schools academic and athletic history. For more info call the Ellises at 250-3053.

Loren Martin is the new general manager of the Kendrick Oil Farm Store on Main St. Loren is responsible for the overall operation of the farm store, tire store, and the gas and propane delivery operation. Loren has gotten out of the farming and cattle business to take the position. Monday was his first day on the job and when I stopped in to pick up my Tahoe he was out riding in one of the trucks.

My daughter Kirsten McCurry celebrated her 31st birthday Monday, June 19. She

and her husband Jamey and daughter Hannah live in Frisco. Hannah will be one-year-old July 28. Happy birthday Cooter.



An email from Laura Field said that her nephew Chance Field is back in Amarillo living with his dad and step-mom. Chance was in a bad car accident in California that has left him paralyzed from the hips down. Laura, the secretary at the Methodist Church, said that his spirit, faith, and will to walk is not paralyzed and she thanks all who prayed for Chance and kept the family in their thoughts.

At the recent wheat and cotton co-op meetings I learned that this year's wheat crop would probably be only 10-20% of last year's production. Wheat Growers elevators had about 2 1/2 million bushels last year,

which means only about 250,000 bushels this year. We hope they do better than that. Also found out that a sack of cottonseed, enough for planting about three acres, costs \$250 now. Not so long ago the same sack sold for \$25. We need to put our farmers and rain on the many prayer lists around town.

First Baptist Church pastor Mark Stovall and his wife Debbie and daughter Hannah are in Washington, D.C. this week attending a Congressional meeting and doing some sightseeing. Mark will attend a Christian Congressional briefing in the House of Representatives along with other invited pastors.

While the Stovalls were away, former First Baptist pastor Waide Messer and wife Pam were in Friona. Waide preached at First Baptist Sunday morning. The Messers were in the area to visit relatives in Canyon. They now live in Memphis, Tennessee.

The car wash and detailing operation there on Highway 60 adjacent to Ivy Cottage is being operated by David Rosas. He will pick up your vehicle and wash and detail it for about \$35 I'm told.

Bad news for area donut lovers. The donut business must be tough. We noted that Troy's Sweet Shop in Hereford and the

Donut Hole in Muleshoe have both closed and sold their equipment. The Muleshoe operation was owned by Lavon and Curtis Hunt. Lavon is the daughter of Joe and Doris Rhodes of Joe's Boot Shop fame. The auction flyer said they had sold their property in Muleshoe and were auctioning their equipment. Sounded a lot like they were moving from Muleshoe but we don't know that for sure.



Rex Williams, former Sheriff and volunteer fireman, spent Friday and Saturday nights in the Friona hospital. Had another bout with high blood pressure and breathing trouble. I saw Rex at the senior lunch Monday. He said he felt a lot better and was thankful for the local hospital and all the staff there.

Pat Upton, assistant manager at Lowe's grocery, had his 8-month-old daughter in the hospital also. She was having difficulty digesting her milk and formula. Pat said doctors were not sure why but were running tests. She was at PCCH for several days receiving liquids by IV.

Received word of the death of Andy Harris. He married the former Wendy Gresham of Friona in 1992 and is the son-in-law of Patsy (Gresham) and Royce Riggins of Friona. Mr. Harris, 43, lived in Amarillo. He died Thursday, June 15. Leon Talley of Friona's Sixth Street Church of Christ assisted with the funeral service. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and two sons.

Friona will bid farewell to the McLennan family. Matt and Kayla McLennan and daughters Macy and Katy are moving to Gruver. Kayla, a longtime employee at Campbell Electric/Property Associates, will work for the City of Gruver beginning Monday and Matt has taken a position with a feedyard. Taking Kayla's place at Property Associates/Campbell Electric is Yvonne Marquez, a 1996 FHS graduate who lives in Dimmitt but is contemplating a move back to Friona.

Be sure to keep us posted about local news, local events, and concerns. Check out our website at frionaonline.com. We'll be posting a lot of Relay for Life pictures next week. Thanks.

## Carthel on Plains Trail Region board

Exploring the Heritage of the Panhandle Plains. That is the mission of the Texas Plains Trail Region. Friona Historical Museum curator Wendy Carthel is newly appointed to the 26-member board of directors of the Plains Trail Region representing Parmer County.

The Texas Historical Commission, the state agency for historic preservation, administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical, and cultural resources of Texas. The Texas Heritage Trails program is one such effort.

The state has been divided into ten Trail Regions, the largest being the Plains Trail Region which encompasses 52

counties from the top of the Panhandle south to Big Spring. The board meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at a different location in the Panhandle to discuss the various events and tourism attractions in the region.

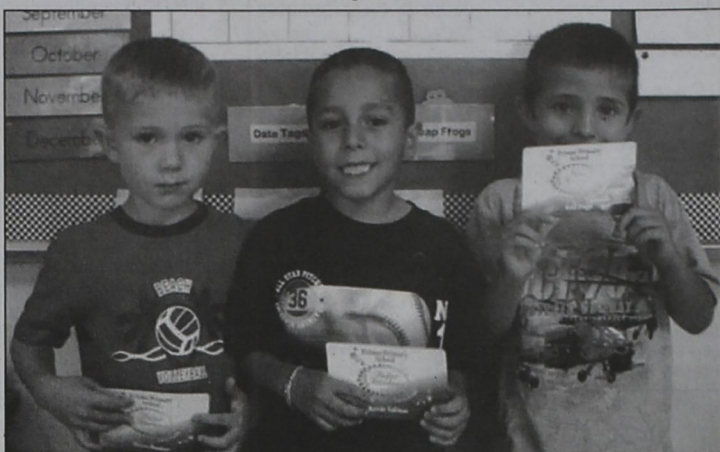
One purpose, Carthel said, is to make Panhandle residents more aware of area attractions in hopes of providing alternate destinations, closer to home, in view of current gasoline prices. The June board meeting was held in Quitaque. In the nearby Caprock Canyon State Park, a Friday evening bat emergence viewing is available for \$10 per person from Quitaque.

Other like events will be promoted throughout the year

by the Plains Trail Region board. Carthel will be listing interesting area events in the Friona Star after each month's board meeting through local sponsors for the schedule of events.

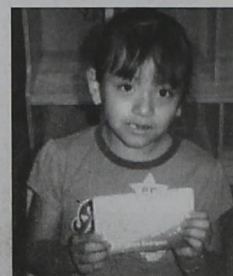
The Plains Trail Region board encourages everyone to take advantage of the interesting historical opportunities that abound in our Panhandle. A very nice free informative brochure, available from Wendy Carthel or at the Friona Star office, describes historical sites in about 40 different cities, towns, and areas, and includes contact information for 49 different Chambers of Commerce around the region.

## 2005-2006 Perfect Attendance



Kindergarten Perfect Attendance recipients, l-r, Bryce Bunker, Kevin Salinas and Axel Puga.

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Head Start Perfect Attendance recipient, Jaylyn Rodriguez.



First Grade Perfect Attendance recipients, Mario Gomez, Natalie Avilez, and Karina Santiago.

## Texas Plains Trail Region

### Schedule of Events

Local board representative Wendy Carthel

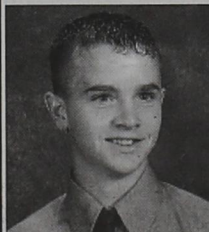
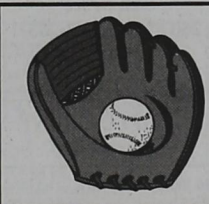
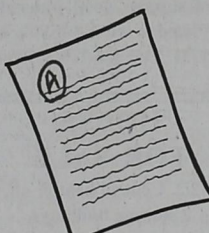
- June 24  
Old Mobeetie Jail Museum  
5 p.m. Dedication of new exhibit  
6 p.m. Meal, chicken fried steak with all the fixings \$12.50 adults
- 7:30 p.m. Texas Ranger dedication—Cap Arrington Mobeetie Cemetery
- 8 p.m. Talking Tombstones presentation—Cap Arrington  
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September 30  
Ranch Tour—Hockley & Cochran County  
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Quitaque, TX  
Caprock Canyon State Park & Trailways  
Bat emergence every Friday evening \$10 per person  
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Saturday morning tours at 8 a.m.  
Contact: 806-455-1492  
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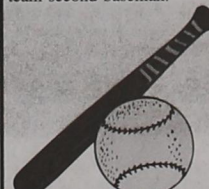
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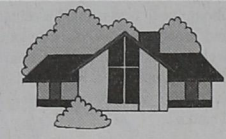
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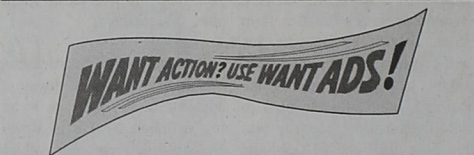
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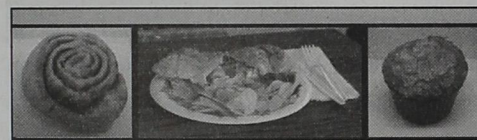
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# Seal coat program announced by TxDot

The best way to extend the life of any highway is to do a seal coat at least every seven years.

It's cheaper than total rehabilitation, and it buys some time before major work has to take place.

This year, the Lubbock District will spend about \$1.5 million on in-house seal coat and another \$18 million on contract seal coat.

Seal coat preserves the life of the highway said Tracy Cumby, district maintenance administrator.

"It just makes sense to keep the roads seal coated," he explained. "It keeps moisture out of the base material and actually improves skid resistance."

The Lubbock District seal coats between 700 to 800 lane miles each year, Cumby noted. But the total has decreased somewhat since 2004 because of material costs.

"Particularly for the in-house jobs, you have to balance additional routine maintenance needs with the seal coat program. If the seal coat program becomes too expensive, it forces us to cut back on our regular maintenance," Cumby said. "Contract seal coat jobs are not affected as much because you aren't sharing money with other maintenance functions."

Making the choice between maintenance or seal coat is sort of a "Catch 22" situation, he added.

"When you cut back on maintenance items like seal coat, you have more repairs," he said. "At that point it becomes a pay

me now or pay me later situation."

In 2003, the district spent more than \$1.88 million on the in-house seal coat program. Since then, the numbers have been dropping.

"We have recouped a bit this year," Cumby added. "Last year we sealed 152 lane miles and this year we will seal 180."

But the cost of material is still prohibitive, he noted. And district maintenance is looking at alternatives to seal coat.

"Something between a fog seal and seal coat would buy us some time," Cumby explained. The district is considering using rejuvenators, a modified asphalt product that adds back properties to the asphalt that are lost in oxidation.

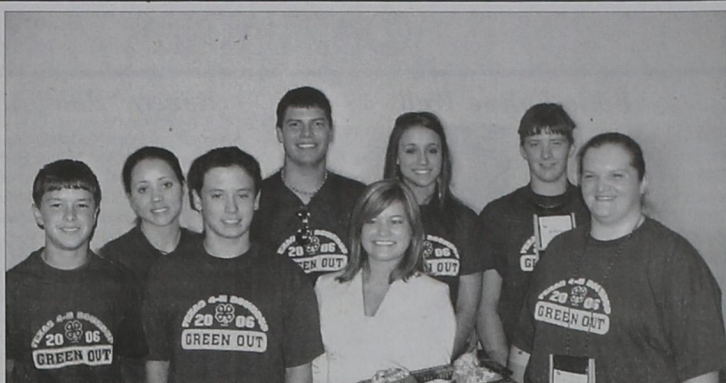
"This method would buy us

at least a year, and maybe by that time we could get back in with the seal coat," he said.

Lubbock District will use the rejuvenator next fall on 16 miles of I-27 service road in Hale County.

"That should get us through the winter of 07," Cumby said. "Then it's back to the drawing board if our asphalt prices are still too high."

For more information on the in-house jobs, call Tracy Cumby, TxDOT maintenance administrator, at 806 748-4445. For more information on the contract seal coat, call TxDOT Area Engineer Mike Craig at 806 293-5101 for the northern counties and Area Engineer James Combes at 806 637-4501 for the southern counties.



Parmer County 4-H'ers, l-r, Colton Christian, Sara Horn (participant from Yoakum County), Kade Foster, Dan Patterson, Emily Allen, Rochelle Smith, Drew Johnson, and Alisha Wauson

## Parmer County 4-H'ers compete at Texas roundup

"Soaring to Success" was the theme of the 2006 Texas 4-H Roundup held in College Station, June 5-9, 2006. Texas 4-H Roundup is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for youth throughout the State of Texas. It is designed to supplement the county 4-H program.

Each year contests are held throughout the state, at the county level, and the twelve districts of Texas Cooperative Extension, and climaxing with the participation of over 2,500 youth and adults at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. Roundup consists of 39 individual competitive contests whose participants qualified for the opportunity to compete at the state level by their success and competency at the county and district levels.

Parmer County Texas Cooperative Extension Agents Cody Hill and Suzanne Reese led a group of eight 4-H'ers and two volunteers to the state qualifiers contest held at Texas A&M University. Participants competed in five different contests with all participants placing in the top half of the field.

The Parmer County Livestock Judging team, coached by Gary Patterson competed at the state contest and placed 16th. Teams were expected to judge eight classes (three beef, two sheep, three swine) and give oral reasons on four classes. Team members were Dan Patterson, Colton Christian, and Drew Johnson, all of Farwell and Rochelle Smith of Lazbuddie.

Dan Patterson and Kade Foster placed 11th with their team presentation on Swine Identification. Educational Presentations are research-based public speaking opportunities on current events and emerging issues that are supported with visual aids. Use of technology is encouraged and we would like to thank Farwell Methodist Church for allowing us to use

their power point projector!

Emily Allen earned 8th place in the Food Show with her entry in the Fruits and Vegetables Category, "Baked Potato Salad." The Food Show provides an opportunity for youth to explore current food and nutrition issues, prepare a nutritious dish in a commercial kitchen, and interview with industry representatives on the nutrition of their dish, food preparation, and food safety.

Emily Allen's entry in the Accessories Division of the Fashion Design Competition earned her a top ten placing, as well. The Fabric & Fashion Design Competition gives 4-H members a chance to demonstrate their abilities and skills in developing ideas, sketching designs, and interviewing.

Alisha Wauson of Farwell capped off her 4-H Career by earning a \$2000 Scholarship presented by Ultimate Genetics, LLC. Alisha was one of the Texas 4-H members that were invited to interview for a 2006 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. For 2006, there were 333 applications submitted for consideration and judging. 4-H members were awarded approximately 200 scholarships with a

total value of more than \$1.9 million.

Patsy Allen and Gary Patterson attended the event as adult volunteers and their effort is greatly appreciated.

"We are really proud of our 4-H'ers and the way they performed this year. Most of them were attending state competitions for the first time. We expect great things out of them in the future, but they did really well for a "rookie" group. We also have to commend Alisha on her years of achievement and service in 4-H. She spent 9 years earning this reward and will put it to work on her education at West Texas A&M University. We took a really great group of kids and volunteers and they should make Parmer County very proud," said Reese.

In addition to the high-pressure competitions, participants enjoyed educational tours of Ft. Hood, the Texas A&M Campus and evening concert performances by Trent Willmon and Aaron Watson.

Extension programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

**Area Seal Coat Schedule  
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\*US 60 from FM 2013 South 1.8 miles

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\*US 70 from NM state line to Bailey County line  
\*Loop 403 from US 70 North to US 70

**South**  
\*FM 2298 from Deaf Smith County line to SH 214

**Dimmitt**  
\*FM 1524 from SH 86 south 7.1 miles

**Muleshoe**  
\*FM 303 from FM 298 south 10.5 miles to FM 54

# Seed source for next year's wheat crop

BY KAY LEDBETTER

The low wheat grain yields throughout much of Texas and Oklahoma will likely result in a shortage of quality wheat seed this August and September, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

Often farmers choose to save some of their harvested wheat grain each year to use for planting their next wheat crop, said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist.

"Since many farmers did not harvest any wheat due to drought, disease and greenbugs, more farmers than usual will be looking to purchase seed this fall," Bean said.

"It is important for farmers to remember that a good wheat crop starts with quality seed," he said. "This is just as important, if not more so, for fall and winter forage production as it is for optimizing grain yield."

Test weight is generally considered a good measurement of seed quality, Bean said, adding only wheat seed with a test weight of 58 pounds per bushel or higher should be considered for planting.

Also, do not forget to check the purity of the seed, he cautioned. Surveys show non-certified seed is more likely to be contaminated with weed seed, making it even more important for producers to know where the seed was produced.

All of the new higher-producing wheat varieties can only be sold as certified, registered or foundation seed, Bean said. An emergency wheat recertification program was put into place this year to help alleviate the potential problem of not having enough seed for planting this fall.

This program temporarily relaxed the qualifications for certifying wheat seed, he said. But it did not modify the Plant Variety Protection Law that prevents farmers or other individuals from selling protected varieties.

"Most new varieties fall under this law and can only be sold by authorized dealers," Bean said.

"Seedsmen are very serious about protecting their investment in new varieties," he said. "In recent years, fines as high as \$30,000 have been levied against a number of individuals or companies that have violated the Plant Variety Protection Act."

In buying wheat seed for the next crop, Bean suggested booking wheat seed early from authorized dealers. Producers can check with Extension offices for the latest recommendations on wheat varieties.



**ACROSS**

1 popular teen shoe

5 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_\_\_ of mesquite coals"

6 ex-Cowboy "shark-dancer" DB

7 TXism: "ain't \_\_\_\_\_ hill for a stepper"

8 TXn born between July 23 and Aug. 22

9 civil rights organ. in TX and elsewhere

14 in Falls Co. on 77

15 carrying concealed handguns has been \_\_\_\_\_ in TX

19 TXism: "have to stand up twice to cast \_\_\_\_\_" (skinny)

21 TX red ant (2 wds.)

22 TXism: "that's a \_\_\_\_\_ lie"

27 bluejeans brand

28 Valley oranges grow on 'em

29 Mavs were accustomed to this in '97-'98

30 a mission used as a fort by Col. Fannin

32 boot width

34 famous question about TV series "Dallas"

37 TX Perot's old co.: Electronic \_\_\_\_\_ Systems

38 TXism: "beats \_\_\_\_\_ thing I ever saw"

39 TXism: "don't \_\_\_\_\_ big for your britches"

40 this broke out in '93 Cowboys parade

*The Original*

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
Answers on pg 4  
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42 TXism: "table grazed"

43 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ scrubber" (toothbrush)

46 TX rural roads

47 George H. to George W.

48 Kuwait ruler

49 DFW arrival guess

50 Hidalgo Co.'s national wildlife refuge

53 Jennifer O'\_\_\_\_\_ of "A Force of One" with TX rancher Norris

54 TXism: "happy \_\_\_\_\_ hog in mud"

55 Rangers traded this pitcher in '93

56 \_\_\_\_\_ Pepper

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "two-bit \_\_\_\_\_"

2 ex-TCU coach Moe

3 1st name of 6-across

4 a 6'9" ex-Cowboy

8 TXism: "finished out of the money"

9 once a common TX newspaper name (hyphenated words)

10 TX Greg Abbott

11 Coleman h.s. class

12 the woman who loved Gus in "Lonesome Dove"

13 TXism: "lead \_\_\_\_\_ cinch"

14 reaction to act of TX Steve Martin

15 very small town near Beaumont

16 last letter in alphabet

17 state pride is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a true TXn

18 Cowboy Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)

20 TXism: "sweet thang"

22 state where Jimmy now lives (abbr.)

23 TXism: "give me the \_\_\_\_\_ down"

24 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay

25 Gene Autry birth-place in Grayson Co.

26 beginnings

28 Yugoslavia leader in WWII

31 "All \_\_\_\_\_ the mighty state!"

33 TXism: "a sight for sore \_\_\_\_\_"

35 fifth quarter in a Cowboy game (abbr.)

36 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the mark"

38 Antonio Lopez de Santa \_\_\_\_\_

41 TXism: "hungry enough to \_\_\_\_\_ horse"

44 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ to ride the river with"

45 Hilton's 1st TX hotel: "a cross between a gold \_\_\_\_\_ a flophouse"

51 TX moonwalker Bean

52 "Pistol Packin' Mama" singer Dexter

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Calle en Friona, Texas. Documentos en esto son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de distrito en seguida: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Padres/guardian legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisical/mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Sue Wells en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA, 909 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Friona Texas 79035, Numero de telefono es (806) 250-3315, 7antes Julio 2006. POR FAVOR RECUERDEN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS PUEDAN SER NESESITADOS PARA EL SEGURO SOCIAL.

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# OBITUARIES

## Billie LaRue Wall

Billie LaRue Wall, 77, a retired Realtor, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at her residence. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Westside Church of Christ in El Paso, Texas.

Billie was an employee of Coldwell Banker until 2003. She was a member of the El Paso Realtors Association and a longtime member of the Westside Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.O. Wall, and a daughter, Vicki Wall.

Billie is survived by two sons, Woody Wall and his wife Marla of Parker, Colorado, and Mike Wall and his wife Linda of Grand Prairie, Texas; one brother, Glendel Jones of Friona, Texas; five grandchildren, Chris of Waco, Texas, Brandon of Hereford, Texas, Courtney of Parker, Colorado, Herb of Arlington, Texas, and Joe of Ft. Worth, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, Aime, Brianna, Adison, Bailey, Danny, Sullivan, and Colin Wall.



Billie LaRue Wall

## Robert "Rob" Alan McDaniel

Robert "Rob" Alan McDaniel, 39, of Bellville, Texas, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2006 in Milton, Florida. Memorial services were held Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Krien Funeral Home Chapel in Davis, Oklahoma with Rev. Willard McCartney, Jr. officiating. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery in Davis under the direction of Krien Funeral Home.

Rob was born March 8, 1967 in Roswell, New Mexico to Glen McDaniel and Sandra (Wilson) Webb. He grew up living most of his life in Texas, graduating from LaVernia High School in LaVernia, Texas. He completed two years of college at Texas A&M. He was employed in sales, carpentry and construction.

Rob loved watching little league baseball, meeting people, and making friends wherever he went. He had a great sense of humor and loved sharing jokes, especially with his grandmother. Rob was very family oriented and loved spending time with his family. His stepdaughter, Arianna, often shared with others how wonderful he was as a father.

Rob was preceded in death by his grandparents George and Eula McDaniel of Hobbs, New Mexico and Walter Wilson of Wilson, Oklahoma.

Rob is survived by his wife Sydonia (Tongate) McDaniel of the home; two sons, Ian and Cole, both of the home; and one daughter, Arianna, of the home. He is also survived by his father, Glen McDaniel of Carrollton, Texas; his mother, Sandra Webb of Davis; one brother Brian and his wife Dee of Davis; and his grandmother, Pearlene Wilson, of Davis.

## Allen Homer Estlack, Jr.

Allen Homer Estlack, Jr., 68, died Sunday, June 18, 2006, in Clarendon.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 22, at the First Methodist Church in Clarendon with the Rev. Tom Garmon officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mr. Estlack was born January 8, 1938, in Electra. He was a resident of Clarendon most of his life. He married Helen Hartzog on July 28, 1962, in Bovina. Mr. Estlack's son Roger is publisher of the Clarendon Enterprise. Mr. Estlack had his own business, Estlack Electric, and worked for the Enterprise as a distributor, inserter, subscription salesman, and promoter.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Estlack of Clarendon; two sons, Roger Allen Estlack and wife Ashlee and Russell Arlin Estlack and wife Scarlet, all of Clarendon; a sister, Donna Hicks and husband Larry of Clarendon; two grandchildren, and one due in October; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials be to the Homer Estlack Memorial Scholarship at Clarendon College, First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, or Citizens Cemetery Association in Clarendon.

Sign the online guest book at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com).

### Think about this

## Holiness in Spirit #1

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

If all the thoughts you've had this week could be publicly exposed, would you be embarrassed? Of course, they won't be, but this is really a serious question. This is serious because what we think really is important to God. Our thoughts are just as important to God as our actions. As a matter of fact, our thoughts are what determine our actions and our thoughts are as clearly known to God as our actions.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, taught that God's commands are intended not only to regulate outward conduct but they are to control our inner disposition as well. Read Matthew 5:21-30. Note, it's not enough to not kill someone. We must also not hate each other. It's not enough to not commit adultery. We must strive to not even entertain lustful thoughts and looks.

I titled this little article, "Holiness in Spirit" because it describes the way we think. The Bible indicates that our thoughts ultimately determine our character. Solomon said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7 KJV)

What do you think about every day?

## Give us our daily bread...but could you through in a potluck dinner?

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb

At my last meeting of Supermarket Shoppers Anonymous, I received some frightening news. People are buying more and more organic food, which is any food wrapped in edible plastic that contains pedals, keys, or pipes. Actually, there are strict requirements for something to be certified organic, as opposed to the 1960s when it was simply a matter of long hair, beads, and intelligence-devoid phrases like, "Wow, man...far out!"

For food to be certified organic, a large percentage of the ingredients must come from an organic farm, a farm that uses no harmful

chemicals to kill the pests. This creates prime organic foods rich in proteins such as insect larvae. The consummate organic vegetable farmer choose environmentally safe fertilizers such as compost, fish meal, limestone, and worm by-products that I refuse to discuss. It gives the phrase *tossed salad* a whole new meaning.

Whatever happened to the good old days when we used standard fertilizers like disco records and shredded political campaign speeches? These wonderful fertilizers would fit perfectly with another phenomenon cutting a swath across unsuspecting palates, TVP (texturized vegetable protein). After watching some of the TVP fester at

the grocery store recently, I think it could also stand for texturally vague product.

I live by a culinary axiom stating that the more nutritional value a food contains, the more likely it is to taste like pond scum. I learned this as a baby and began launching strained peas and carrots into earth's orbit. It is most disturbing that my generation of baby boomers seems to be responsible for every taste-impaired fad of the last twenty-five years, including bell-bottoms, paisley shirts, and health food.

Most of us seem to get by with our current eating habits, but we sometimes act as if our spiritual diet is suffering. As babes in Christ we start off with a lite spiritual diet

of going to church and reading the Bible. Unfortunately, as we get older we learn to spit out what is really good for us because we just don't want to digest it.

We ask God to give us our daily bread but then live like we really don't believe He will. We ask God for forgiveness but then refuse to forgive someone else. We pray for revival but then never make an effort to say a kind word to someone different from us. At some point in our pilgrimage, our theme song has changed from "More Like the Master" to "I Did It My Way," and we can't feed on God's Word, because we are already too full of ourselves.

## Happy Birthday

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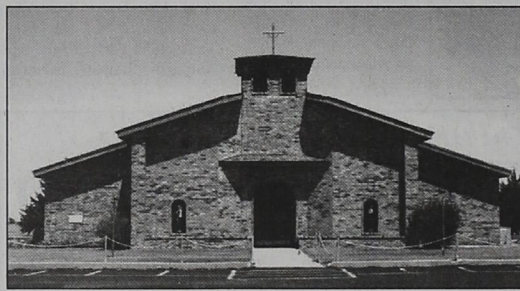
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# FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

## Farming...a family affair Summer time and Harvest time at the Wyly farm

BY DEBRA WYLY BAXTER

When I think of summer back in the early 1960's, I remember our move from the "old place" to the new house. We were so excited because we had a new house and a baby brother on the way. Gay was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I was in the first grade with Mrs. Bengler, and Gerall was 5.

We got new roller skates and skated up and down the hall of the new house. I have never figured out how mother, Emma Pope Wyly, could stand that, but we had a ball, zipping up and down that hall. Later Dad, Bob Wyly, built a barn and we had a really neat skating rink and basketball court until the farm machinery

began invading "our" space. Ha

The following summer, Daddy and Mama decided it was time for us kids to learn to work, so Gerall was taught to drive the tractor at age 6 and us girls were given a stick with a shiny bent end on it called a chopping hoe.

Off to the field we went and for the first hour we thought it was great fun. Soon our spirits waned and the sweat began. This was "work". We had helped hoe weeds from the garden before, but this was a very big 14 acres we were working on.

The weeds were big, and it wasn't long till we three

toughened a little and began to entertain ourselves by singing a little harmony and pretending we were dentists and the weeds were teeth in the giants mouth and we had to pull and cut them out! We would wish that the irrigation well was pumping Coca-Cola.

Mother would come and work with us and Criss would toddle around and play in the dirt, I remember them making him a little bitty hoe before he was very old. Those were hard working days, not much foolin' around, just pure, long hard work. Mother was fast and would leave us in the dust, then turn around and catch us up over and over again.

No, there were no couch potatoes in the summertime around our house. We always had work to do and needless to say, school days looked pretty good to us girls by the time Fall came. Think Gerall and Criss would have liked to keep on working on the farm.

Harvest time was filled with mixed emotions, exciting, fearful of the weather, hectic and tiring. I remember wheat harvest the best.

It was Gay and my job to help move the machinery and help Mother take meals to the field for the harvesters. Gerall and Criss would always help Daddy, they would leave early in the morning as soon as it was dry enough to get in the fields and stay out very late when possible.

Before the boys were old enough to drive the truck to the elevator, Mother would



c. 1958 or 1959, Gerall, Dad, Gay, and Debra



c.1953, Daddy (Bob Wyly) with Debra, Gay and the dogs at the old house.

drive the truck.

At home, we would start early baking chocolate chip cookies and frying chicken or chicken fried steak or whatever we had and getting mashed potatoes and gravy and green beans from the garden ready to take out to them. Loading it up in the car with plates, iced tea and glasses, and bowls of food.

The least favorite part to me was coming home with the dusty dirty dishes and leftovers if any and having to unload the car and do dishes.

Dad didn't think anyone should plan a reunion or wedding or anything in June if they wanted us to get to come! That was harvest time!

We could tell how tired he

was because he would snore extra loud during this time.

When the plowing was going on, Mother would have us wave to Daddy with a white cup towel when it was time for dinner. He would wave back with his cap to let us know he saw us. When he got to the end of the row he would walk home or take his pickup, then eat quickly it seemed and go back to the tractor.

There was a time when he and mother would custom plow and harvest for other people, Gay would go to school at Walcott on the old school bus and Gerall would ride on the tractor with mom and I would ride with Daddy.

They would make us a pallet on the floor and bring water

and sometimes snacks for us.

We'd ride all day until Gay came back home on the bus- what a happy sight-then we got to go home.

Usually she and I would be responsible for the dinner dishes when we got home and would always argue about who'd wash or dry. We both liked to wash best but when we got older we both fought over who got to dry! Ha!

Summer Time was a busy time at our house with lots of memories.

Today, Bob, Gerall and Criss continue in the farming business as good stewards of our rich Panhandle farmland.

# Frionan finds inspiration in Africa

BY CHERYL CUNNINGHAM

(Cheryl and Joe Cunningham of Friona recently took a trip to South Africa. The trip was a reward for Cheryl's completion of her Master's degree. Near the end of the trip she encountered a small African girl. The event had an impact on Cheryl. The following is her account of the story, received by email at the Friona Star. Our thanks to Cheryl for sharing her experience.)

In a village 10,000 miles away from home I was given a gift.

It didn't include anything of monetary value; nothing

material at all. In the middle of a poverty stricken country I was treated with more respect and made more welcome than I can ever remember in my life. I was treated as a celebrity, someone of mystical awe. I felt more important in the life of a child than I have ever been in my more than 20-years of teaching and working with young children.

Joe and I were in the last couple of days of our trip to South Africa. After completing my dream of earning my Master's degree and saving for years, I rewarded myself with a trip to Africa. I was

anxious to be where wild animals roamed free and unafraid.

For me it was the opportunity to take photographs and shoot as much video as possible. I wanted to share this world with the students I teach and open their eyes to a different world.

The day before we left Africa for home we were looking forward to a side trip to check out a campfire tale told to travelers about an eland. Elands are wild animals but this one was said to take cigarettes out of your mouth and eat them, drink Brandy straight from a glass, turn on the water tap when thirsty, and gently lick your face or nibble your clothes looking for a treat. The eland broke her neck on a fence when she was a calf and she was raised by villagers that were squatting on a ranch 30-miles west of Zeerust in South Africa.

We parked our "bucky", a pickup with a bench seat in the back, in the middle of the village and began our search for the eland. Our guides spoke to the villagers in Tswana and Afrikaans and told them we were there to see the eland. As the eland came towards the bucky I noticed a small child standing barefoot in the middle of the dusty road.

She was grinning from ear to ear. I waved to her and she giggled and hid in a bush beside the road. She would stick her head out and when I waved she ducked back behind the bush. The little girl was dressed in a dirty T-shirt, a small skirt, and obviously had not bathed in a while. Bathing was not priority to the villagers, a fact which was obvious at almost every stop we made during our two week trip. I asked our guide to speak

to the family of the little girl and seek permission to take her photograph. He complied and upon his request the village began to buzz with commotion. I heard yelling and screaming and immediately became concerned that I had offended the family due to their shame over their obvious poverty.

Korbus, our guide, assured me I had not offended them. Instead they were yelling to the child to run and change her clothes for the American lady. I saw the little girl streak naked from one shanty to another as I patiently waited while she put on her best for me. To her I was special and my heart swelled with pride and adoration for these people that I have yet to feel from any single encounter in my lifetime.

Out from a shanty that was leaning on its side emerged a

beautiful little Tswana girl with a bright pink dress. She wore a sailor-type hat turned up at the brow. She ran to me and stood there almost emotionless. I was overwhelmed and began to shed tears of both joy and sorrow. Here, 10,000 miles away from home, I was more blessed than I had ever been.

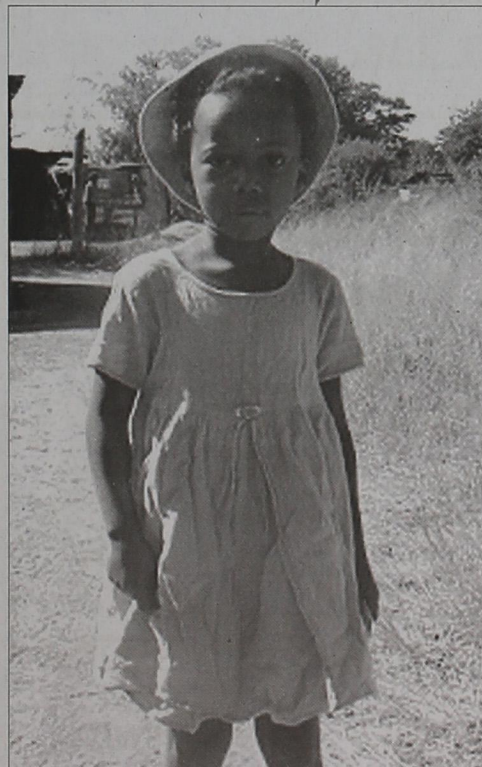
God took me far away from my comfort zone to make me understand His magnificent work and beauty. I held my breath and took photos of this little angel. I waved at the family who covered behind their shanty and covered their faces with their hands. Their joy was obvious and they were honored to see me care so much to take the time to take her picture.

Korbus told me that most people who come to see the eland do not take the time to

recognize the villagers because they are so dirty and poor. Here I was miles from home yet I felt more at home than ever. I was overcome with emotion that here in this poverty stricken village in South Africa someone put on their "Sunday best" just for me.

I will never forget the experience and will look at life with a brand new meaning. I made a commitment to myself to forever make an effort, every day for the rest of my life, to make someone feel welcome, regardless of who they are, what they've done, and where they come from.

In all of my inadequacies as a Christian, God led me to a village in South Africa to teach me to lead by example that people are still genuinely good. I won't let Him down. All thanks to a little girl in a bright pink dress.



The girl in the pink dress



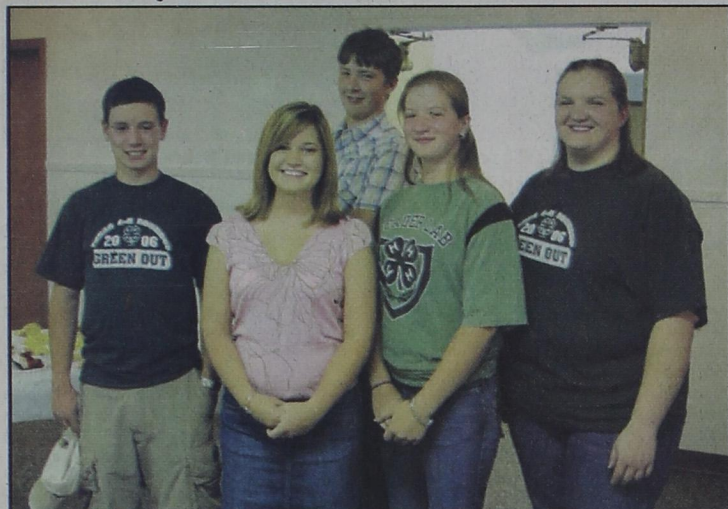
Cheryl Cunningham is shown with two African girls during a recent two-week tour. The young girl in the middle inspired Cheryl to recount the experience in her story above.



# Scenes from the 2006 Cancer Survivor dinner



The 2006 Cancer Survivor dinner was held at the 6th St. Church of Christ Tuesday.



Parmer County 4-H officers served the meal.



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