



cold at the track meet

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Company plans \$3 million grain/rail elevator project

BY RON CARR

Blocking the railroad crossing on County Road 17.

That was the primary topic at a town hall meeting Monday evening in the junior high cafeteria attended by about 70 local producers and businessmen. The meeting was hosted by officials from J. D. Heiskell & Co., a California-based company whose chairman Scot Hillman said was the fourth largest U. S. feed manufacturer.

Mr. Hillman's great grandfather founded the company in 1886. He is the fourth generation to operate the company.

Heiskell & Co. recently leased the former West Friona Grain elevators from the current owner, CHS, Inc. The company hopes to build a 7,700 foot straight rail line to accommodate 100-car trains of distillers grain to be unloaded at the elevators. The operation would temporarily block the County Road 17 railroad crossing, a popular route for many producers in the southern part of the county.

The town hall meeting was called by Heiskell to introduce their company to local farmers and to explain their plan for operations at the elevator. Heiskell's Southwest General Manager Dick Holland, based in Portales, New Mexico, said that the Friona facility is their only Texas location. They chose Friona and the CHS, Inc. facility because of its location in the center of a growing dairy and beef cattle industry.

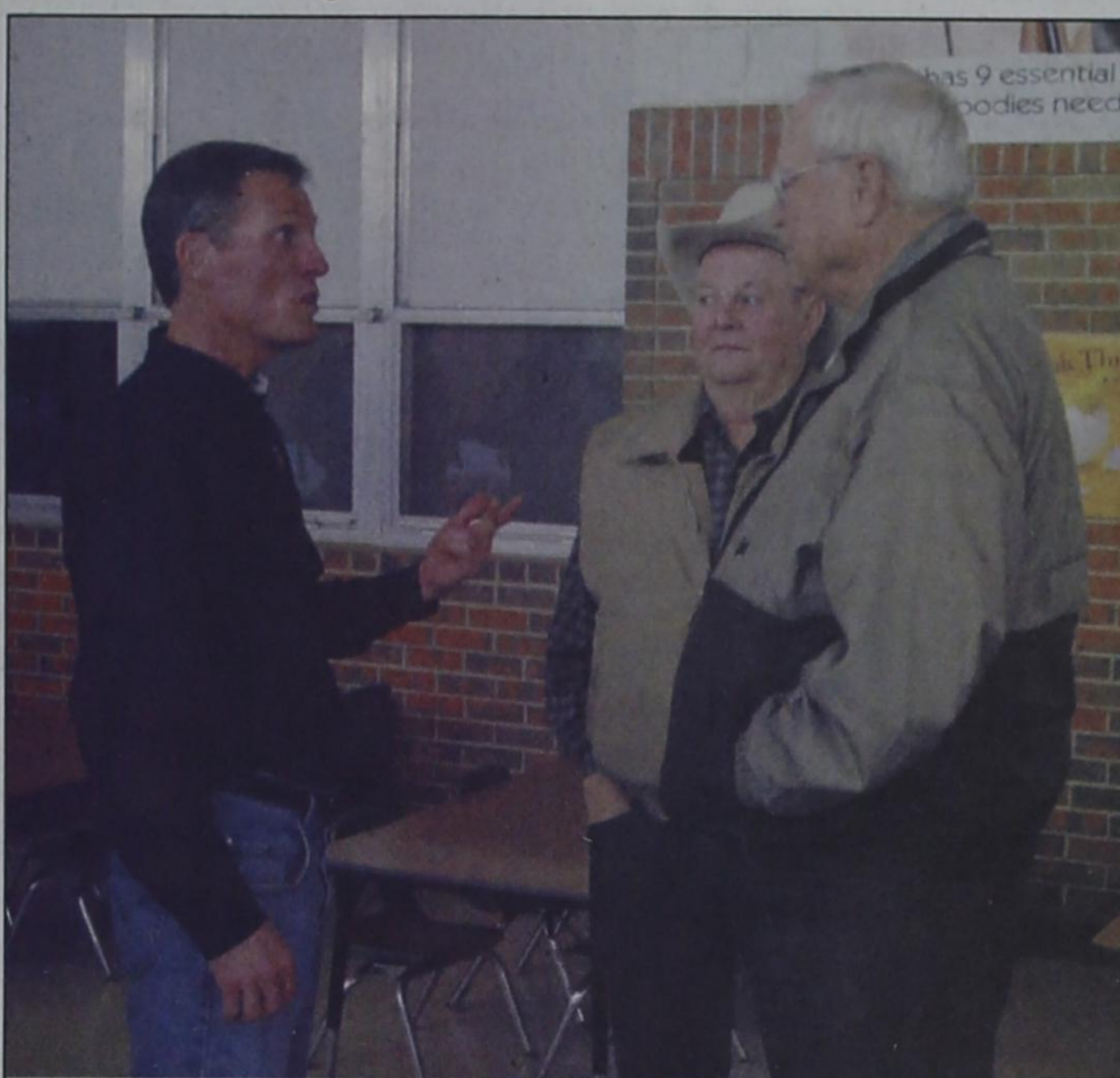
Holland said the company became interested in Friona because of the Friona Economic Development Corporation's participation in the World Ag Expo which is held in Tulare, California. Tulare is the location of Heiskell's headquarters.

FEDC president Bill Stovell and Chamber exec Chris Alexander have participated in the World Ag Expo the last few years as part of High Ground of Texas, an economic development group from the Panhandle, organized to attract businesses to the area.

The company has locations in six states, California, New Mexico, Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, and now Texas. Holland said they are currently leasing the facility from CHS, Inc. but discussions were being held for Heiskell to purchase the facility.

Heiskell officials met with Parmer County commissioners in January seeking approval to block the crossing while unloading grain cars. Commissioners agreed to allow Heiskell to block the

Town hall meeting



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Above, Scot Hillman, CEO of J. D. Heiskell & Co. talks with Wes Barnett and Ron Davenport at Monday's town hall meeting. Right, Heiskell Southwest General Manager Dick Holland makes a point to Rickey Rector. The company plans a \$3 million grain elevator project here.



crossing for up to 2-hours when the train arrives and up to 4-hours when the train cars leave. Dick Holland told the audience they felt the crossing would be blocked for only about 30-minutes during each operation.

The 7,700 foot rail line would accommodate a 100-car train which measures 7,200 feet. Plans call for Heiskell to pull 50-cars onto the west side of CR17, unhook the cars, and leave 50 cars on the east side of the crossing, leaving access to the CR17 crossing open. The last 50 cars would be moved 10 at a time for unloading. Officials said it would take 24 hours to unload the 100 cars and they assured the producers they would do everything possible to minimize the inconvenience.

The distillers grain, a corn by-product, would then be trucked out from the elevators to dairy and feedyard customers for use in cattle feed. At its peak, Holland said, they would be sending 400 truckloads a week out of the elevators. They plan to start with one train per month but the goal, Holland said, is to unload four cars per month, one a week. He also said that their research showed this area could use 17 trains per month to fulfill area requirements for feed.

When completed J. D. Heiskell & Co.'s construction cost will be \$3 million, and the business would bring 12 new jobs and a \$750,000 annual payroll to Friona, Holland said. This does not include reciprocal benefits such as truck fuel, food, and other money spent locally by people supporting the business. Parmer County tax appraiser Curby Brantley said the \$3 million facility would add \$53,000 in new taxes for the county.

Holland emphasized that Heiskell did not ask for any type of tax abatement to locate here. "We are big boys and we will pay our taxes," he said. The facility now pays \$6,000 in county taxes.

Another concern of blocking the crossing was access by fire and EMS emergency personnel. Holland said the company plans to notify emergency personnel in advance of a train arrival. An alternate route was described as over the Highway 214 bridge and along the railroad road to CR17.

Holland and others assured those present that they would "break" a train in the event a producer had an important need to move equipment across the CR17 track. Heiskell officials will meet with county commissioners again on March 26 to formalize an agreement and begin construction.

Gurley, Grimsley honored as Man and Woman of the Year

BY RON CARR

Close to 350 people packed the community center Tuesday evening for the 51st annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They all ended up the evening armed with knives but it was definitely a peaceful gathering.

The prime rib was prepared by Charlie Pope and his crew from Cargill Meat Solutions who provided the meat also. Great job, great meat.

School board meeting change to March 22

The regular monthly meeting of the Friona ISD Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 5 p.m. in the FISD Board Room.

The date of the meeting was changed to accommodate board member schedules. Teacher contract reviews will be on the agenda.

Spring forward as Daylight Savings Time begins Sun.

Daylight Savings Time arrives earlier and stays longer beginning this year. A total of one month has been added to the longer hours. Daylight Savings Time now starts three weeks earlier and ends one week later than in the past.

This Sunday, March 11, at 2 a.m. all clocks will Spring Forward one hour. At 2 a.m. Sunday November 4, we will Fall Back.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, Daylight Saving Time first began in 1918 during World War I to allow more evening light and save fuel for the war effort. It was also in 1918 that Congress passed the Standard Time Act establishing the U.S. time zones. Don't forget to set all your clocks and watches ahead one hour Saturday night.

The really spicy baked beans drew a few tears, and master of ceremonies Jim Bob Jones was indeed more interesting than the salad but not by much (that was his joke, not mine). To all who picked up the hot horseradish by mistake, sorry about that.

Chamber board member J. B. Douglas of TexZona Custom Cattle Feeders again provided a high quality steak knife for the prime rib and guests were allowed to keep the knives after the banquet. It looked to this observer that there was some haggling going on for extra knives to complete a set. Many thanks to J. B. and TexZona for providing the knives again this year.

Miss Friona Hannah Stovall and Little Miss Friona Brooklynne Johnston were present to assist with handing out awards and door prizes. Hannah performed a song, "Legacies", by signing. The Friona High School choir students performed several different ensemble selections as the evening's entertainment.

After the choir performances, J. B. Douglas presented choir director Allison Johnston with a check from the Chamber for \$1,000 toward the expense of the choir's spring trip to South Padre. Instead of spending money for outside speakers the Chamber board decided instead to help out the choir.

Master of ceremonies Jim Bob Jones presented the citizen awards as follows:

Man of the Year John Gurley; Woman of the Year Jyl Grimsley; Most Courteous Employee Susan Teague of Friona State Bank; Teacher of the Year Sandy Houston, a second grade teacher at Friona Elementary; Citizen of the Year was library director and museum board member Darla Bracken; Students of the Year were Sean Lookingbill, son of Tonya and Kelly Lookingbill, and Allison Jones, daughter of Robert and Becky Jones. They are both seniors at Friona High School.

The Chamber says thanks to all the volunteers that decorated, cooked, served, sponsored Gold tables, and contributed in any way to the banquet. A special thanks to all who attended the banquet and congratulations to the 2007 award winners.

Award winner photos are on page 12.



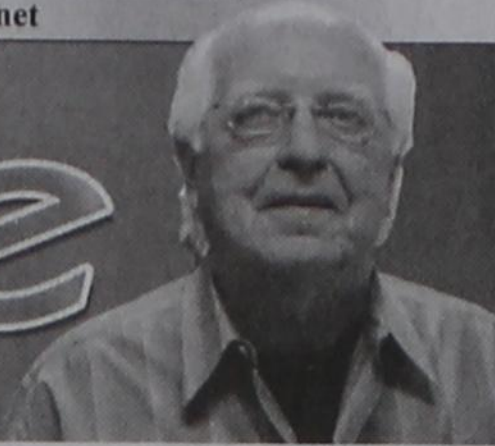
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The 2007 Man and Woman of the Year are John Gurley and Jyl Grimsley. The pair was honored at the 53rd annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday. Other award winner photos on page 12.

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour Sunday, March 11!

Out Here

By Ron Carr



old wine in a new bottle

Politics is not about facts. It is about what politicians can get people to believe.

That quote is from a recent column by Thomas Sowell, an African-American economist and columnist. To keep up with what will really be happening during the next 18 months of presidential politics I bought a subscription to the National Review. It is the conservative and irreverent magazine started by William F. Buckley.

I like the National Review because it uses big words which I have to find in the dictionary. For instance they called France a nation of "louche but intellectual libertines." My Webster defines louche as disreputable and shady. A libertine is a person who is morally or sexually unrestrained. In the coming weeks I will share knowledge from the National Review with you.

In the meantime did you catch Hillary trying to sound like a black person over the weekend?

She was in Selma, Alabama, two churches over from Barack Obama, celebrating the anniversary of the March on Selma. In spite of Obama's quest to be the first black president, I believe that honor goes to Bill Clinton doesn't it? Wasn't he cheered as being America's first black president?

Anyway, Hillary was reading from a speech by some famous black orator and using the speech inflections in her best Martin Luther King style. Nobody said

anything about it in the national press. If John McCain, or Mitt Romney, had gone to a black rally and talked like a black person their race for president would be over. But not Hillary.

Billy Jeff and Hill Rod have just begun to fight. As one pundit put it they are just old wine in a new bottle. What you have with the Clinton's is what you have always had, it is just being rewrapped in a new package. Old wine in a new bottle.

This week Scooter Libby was convicted of perjury for allegedly lying to the FBI. Now he is facing a prison term. Didn't Bill Clinton lie when he was president and didn't the Democrats say that perjury was no big deal and shouldn't even be prosecuted? Politics are not about facts.

Here is another political note of interest. Texas Senator John Cornyn's recent newsletter stated that the reason Daylight Saving Time was extended past the last Sunday in October was because of lobbying by the candy-makers. Seems if there is an extra hour of daylight on Halloween, mothers will let their little ones go out and trick or treat longer. Helps the candy folks who in turn can donate more money to the politicians. Daylight Saving Time now ends from a speech by some famous black orator and using the speech inflections in her best Martin Luther King style. Nobody said

This is going to be an inter-

esting presidential campaign to watch. Not for Republicans though. They couldn't make one good candidate out of all the Republicans running.

It is, however, going to be

brutally entertaining watching the Hillary Clinton machine destroy Barack Obama. When she gets through with him even the CSI people won't be able to determine a cause of death.

commentary

Bring it on.....!

J. D. Heiskell & Co. has been in the grain and feed business for 120 years. They have grown to be the fourth largest feed manufacturer in America. Their headquarters are in Tulare, California.

This week Scot Hillman, the CEO and great grandson of the founder was in Friona to shake a few hands and meet with local producers about Heiskell's plans for the elevator west of town. The story with details is on the front page.

During the town hall meeting Monday, Dick Holland, Southwest Manager for Heiskell, told producers that if Friona decided it didn't want the company here they would go somewhere else. He did not say it in a threatening way, it was just a statement of fact in answer to a question. Mr. Holland did a good job of addressing some tough questions.

J. D. Heiskell & Co wants to be here and are willing to spend around \$3 million to prove it. Yes, closing the County Road 17 crossing a few times a month will be an inconvenience to many area farmers and producers.

If there is one thing we learn to do around here in the country it is cope with a few inconveniences. This is train and tractor country. A land of county roads and semi-trucks, bull haulers, and grain trucks. A rock chip on the windshield is a big inconvenience.

We have beef cattle and dairy cattle. A lot of them and more coming. They need feed at a decent price so everybody can make a profit and boost the area economy while we can. Heiskell says they want to do that and be good neighbors. As Mr. Holland said, "I can stand here and talk all night but we will have to prove our integrity by our actions."

Old timers like to recall when business was done on a handshake. If this land was built on handshakes then we need to shake hands with J. D. Heiskell and tell them, in the now infamous words of George W. Bush, bring it on.

Mark Your Calendar

- March 11**
Daylight Savings Time begins.
- March 20**
West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op annual meeting at 6 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.
- March 23**
Pancake & sausage dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall.
- March 24**
Friona Chamber of Commerce Ladies Spring Luncheon at 11 a.m. at the 6th Street Church of Christ.
Admission: bring a salad.
- March 27**
Deaf Smith Electric Co-op annual meeting at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.
- April 15**
Senior Steak Lunch at the junior high cafeteria.
- April 29**
Friends of the library fundraiser at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- May 25**
Friona high school graduation in the junior high auditorium.
- June 22**
Relay for Life cancer walk.
For information contact Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or Jamie & Greg Lewellen at 250-3545.
- July 21**
2nd annual Friona Cheeseburger Festival.

Pelosi promises ag disaster assistance

By Roger Haldenby

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi delivered the keynote address at the National Farmers Union Annual Convention in Florida last Friday evening. She reminded America's farmers and ranchers, "You have given us the most abundant, most affordable, and safest food supply in history. You are the backbone of a healthy economy and a secure nation. We must create federal policies that address your challenges and reflect your interests."

Recognizing House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, also

speaking at the Convention, Speaker Pelosi said, "This Congress we will have a different approach to it [the Farm Bill] than in years past. Under Chairman Peterson's leadership, the Farm Bill will not only work to ensure a safety net for America's farmers, it will assume a larger role in responding to energy security, energy cost, and rural economic development concerns."

She added, "I know that agricultural disaster assistance is chief among your key priorities. It is a key priority for House Democrats as well. We recognize the pressing,

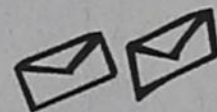
urgent need to provide agricultural disaster assistance to our rural communities in times of flood, drought, and other natural disasters. It strengthens our rural communities and our nation's economy. That is why I am proud to announce that emergency disaster assistance will be included in the supplemental."

However Pelosi warned, "The hard work isn't over yet. President Bush has made clear his opposition to comprehensive disaster relief with continued veto threats." Looking to the future Speaker Pelosi said, "I see funding disaster relief

in the supplemental as a short-term solution. Under Chairman Peterson's leadership we will look for long-term solutions for agriculture disaster assistance."

In conclusion Pelosi said, "I come here today on behalf of a grateful Congress for your service to our country. You have fed and clothed our nation, and kept our economy strong. In turn we must keep America's farmers and ranchers strong. It's part of our history and essential to our future. And we will."

Letters To The Editor



I always read the Friona Star off of the internet to keep up with the news. I lived in Friona for seven years and graduated in 1980. I currently live in Jacksonville, Florida with my family. I was wondering if you could put something in your Town Talk next week about how sorry I am to see the passing of Baker. Baker was my high school counselor; he always listened to me and gave me advice throughout the school year. He would call me into his office on game day to talk about our game that night and what I needed to do to help Friona win the basketball game.

I golfed with him all the time at the Friona Golf Course and I loved listening to him tell stories and talk. I learned a lot from Baker and I'm a better person because of him. I graduated with his daughter Sharla and I want their family to know how sorry I am about their loss and what a great person Baker was.

Randy Kerr
(via email)



Ron,

I want to thank the representatives of JD Heiskell for coming to Friona to talk to the public about the grain company that they want to keep running at the old West Friona Grain/CHS property. I was very impressed by the meeting and the INTEGRITY of Dick Holland as he was "drilled" by some of our narrow-minded local farmers attending the meeting.

I am definitely IN FAVOR for this business to come to Friona. We are a community that keeps losing businesses to other areas that are bigger and have more to offer as well as businesses closing due to lack of customers. I would not be a customer of JD Heiskell, but they will bring jobs, tax dollars, revenue, and overall help the economy of Friona. We are talking more than possibly \$50,000 in taxes annually for their \$3 million expansion. I don't see those arguing coming up with that money every year for Parmer County.

Those of us that went to the meeting are probably in agreement of the economic boost that we would ALL benefit from. They would start with one train a month that MIGHT close CR17 for 2-6 hours MAX. That's two hours MAX to drop the train and then maybe up to 24 hours later another four hours MAX to get the train back together and back on its merry way down the track. They are overestimating the time in case something breaks.

I realize that these farmers have a routine that they go down the back roads to get to Parmer County Implement to get their spare parts and that they might be moving equipment that they do not want to take down 5th street. However, the elevator will have a 2-3 day notice of the train's arrival and they have stated that they will be good neighbors and they will alert the emer-

gency departments of arrivals.

I am sure that each of these farmers that were "arguing" the facts at the meeting ALL have a cell phone that they could program the elevators number into and call them before heading that way to see if they need to drive over the overpass or take the "shortcut". WE ARE TALKING FOUR DAYS A MONTH AT THE MOST!!!! Once it has been here that week, you are "good" for the rest of the week.

Some of the farmers were saying that "time is money". There are many times that I have seen those same men drinking coffee at a local place, sitting at one of their children's or grandchildren's game but they are worried about having to drive a couple miles further four times a month because they don't want to change their driving routine. It takes five minutes to drive across town here—we don't live in a Metroplex.

People are naturally scared of change. However, we have to change in order to grow. More than 90 trains come through here a day and we are not even told about them. I have had to wait on plenty of them "without notice". We just know that is part of a rural community and Friona is where we have chosen to live. Friona is here to lend a helping hand to help each other grow. That should be to businesses as well as individuals. Let's do what is right and ACCEPT JD Heiskell with open arms and welcome them to Texas.

Stormi Lookingbill



To the people of Friona,

While visiting a friend at Prairie Acres Nursing Home recently (Monday, March 5, 2007) I was shocked to find so many people in the lobby. One can hardly enter or exit the building as the whole front lobby is full of people and children!!!

Come to find out that 'Community Services' is having "meetings" there in the boardroom, to help people out. A good thing to do, but is there no other place in the whole town where this can take place? While they talk with one or two inside the boardroom the rest of the people waiting to see them are sitting and standing in the lobby and all the way up to the business offices.

I don't think this makes a good impression on new visitors (like me) or even prospective clients/residents of Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

I want to ask the City of Friona (as they own the Nursing Home) if they can't find another alternative, Prairie Acres is a gem in Friona, but things like this tend to 'break' it down.

Hope another alternative can be found.

M. Rogers
Amarillo (via e-mail)

Child predator gets 95 years

A convicted East Texas felon arrested by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes Unit was sentenced to 95 years in state prison after a Gregg county jury returned a guilty verdict on one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child. Joe Alan Cook, 46, of Longview, was formally sentenced on Thursday in 124th Judicial District Court for using the Internet to solicit a child for sex.

The punishment was enhanced because of Cook's two prior Illinois felony convictions for burglary and home invasion. It is the longest prison sentence ever handed down to an online predator arrested by the Cyber Crimes Unit.

"Texans will not tolerate criminals who prey upon our children," Attorney General Abbott said. "So desperate to meet and sexually assault a child that he arrived on a bicycle, this offender shows the true danger posed by these sexual predators. We are grateful to Gregg County District Attorney Bill Jennings for his assistance with this case. East Texans can rest assured that we put this predator behind bars for a very long time."

Attorney General Abbott added: "Thanks to our dedicated Cyber Crimes Unit investigators and Assistant Attorney General Grant Sparks, Texas is a safer place for our children."

Cyber Crimes Unit investigators and Longview Police Department officers arrested Cook in February 2006 after he rode his bicycle to meet someone he believed to be a 13-year-old child he had solicited over the Internet for sex. When he arrived, Cook discovered the "child" was an undercover Cyber Crimes Unit investigator who had posed as an underage girl.

Protecting children is one of Attorney General Abbott's top priorities. His Cyber Crimes and Fugitive units have arrested more than 500 sexual predators since he took office in December 2002. The Fugitive Unit locates convicted child sex offenders who have violated the terms of their parole and could be stalking children.

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The Noon Lions Club
Alli Jones, Boss Lion
Mrs. Edelman present

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Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



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The Noon Lions Club welcomed, l-r, Jiselle Hand, Von Edelman, club sweetheart Alli Jones, Boss Lion John Gurley, and Nancy Edelman to the March 1 meeting. Mrs. Edelman presented a program about the local CASA organization.

The Noon Lions Club members sidled up to chicken fried steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, and other health food dishes at its regular meeting Thursday March 1.

There were 17 members, club sweetheart Alli Jones, and four guests present. The guests were Nancy and Von Edelman and Jiselle Hand, representing the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. Former member and past president Albert Ricketts, now a resident of Canyon, was also a visitor.

Boss Lion John Gurley told members that almost 500 burgers were cooked for the Special Olympics. It was said that Baker Duggins, whose funeral was held shortly after our meeting, was a founding

member of the Noon Lions Club back in the 60s. The club expressed sympathies to the Duggins family on Baker's passing.

Lion Mark McMorrough gave the tentative date of May 17 for our annual Lion's Club Broom Sale. More about the sale in later weeks.

Mrs. Edelman gave a presentation on her experiences as a CASA volunteer. The CASA volunteers are advocates for neglected and/or abused children in the court system. Volunteers are assigned children to monitor during court proceedings and assure the children are protected and granted their legal rights in cases involving Child Protective Services actions, or other domestic problems.

She said in the High Plains CASA region, consisting of Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer, and Bailey counties, there are presently 19 volunteers and 27 cases covering 55 children. Mrs. Hand is also a CASA volunteer and serves on the CASA Board of Directors. We thank these folks for their generous volunteer efforts and for bringing the program to our club.

The Noon Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Headquarters Restaurant. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome to come have lunch with us. We would also welcome any and all local area female prospective members to join us. The next meeting is March 15.

OBITUARIES

Zella Mae Lanier

Zella Mae Lanier, 74, of Clovis, New Mexico, died on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

A Celebration of Life funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2007 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona. Mr. Jerry L. Lanier, son, and Mr. Leon Talley of the church, officiated. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home of Hereford.

Zella Mae Wells was born August 15, 1932 in Itasca, Texas to Thomas Lee and Maude Mae Sessums Wells. On November 11, 1954, in Clovis, she became the bride in marriage of Cap Lanier. In 1995, Zella moved to Clovis from Friona. She was a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. For the past nine years and up to her

death, she had worked for the Wal-Mart store in Clovis as a door greeter, and loved it.

Zella was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cap in 1994, one daughter, Barbara Bentley in 2004; two sons, Jerry Lanier in 1958 and Jimmy D. Lanier in 1994; and one granddaughter, Anita K. Lanier in 1981.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Smith of Hugoton, Kansas and Lisa Hicks of Rolla, Kansas; four sons, Jerry L. Lanier of Friona, Gary Burton of Amarillo, Donnie Lanier of Clovis, and William Wells of Red Rock, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or a charity of choice.

Katherine Joyce Harbison

Katherine Joyce Harbison went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 4, 2007. She was born in San Perlita, Texas on June 1, 1933.

She was born to W.H. and Viola Burkett. She was a homemaker, a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Dorothy Wolf and Annette Hibler; and four brothers, Gary, Junior, Luis, and Richard Burkett.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Billy Harbison; three daughters, Brenda Kirkpatrick and husband Randy,



Katherine Joyce Harbison

Lou Ann Walling and husband Haden, and Joyce Kube and husband David; two grandsons of Phoenix, Arizona, Alan Hromas and Tyler Walling; four granddaughters, Melissa Gilbreath of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rachel and Laura Gilbreath and Emily Kube all of Texico, New Mexico.

Private graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. with Haden Walling, son-in-law, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Museum blog posts early cowboy journals

Stories worthy of a western film comprise a new blog named *Cowboys, Broncos and the JA Ranch*. The blog began February 19, in conjunction with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum exhibit *JA: The Paloduro Ranch*, and depicts life on a western ranch through the experiences of the cowboys and their wives who worked on the ranch. The blog can be viewed at <http://panhandleplains.blogspot.com>; a sample posting follows.

"Colonel Goodnight told of his having gone to Dodge City to meet a friend of Mrs. Adair who was coming to the JA ranch for a visit

from England. On the way they passed through a gate and Mr. Goodnight remarked that it was the gate to his front yard. After driving 25 miles further the Englishman asked, 'Well, for God's sake, how large is your front yard?'"

Weekly postings on Monday will be jocular as well as factual recitations of duties performed and living conditions on the Texas plains. All postings are from the museum's archival material either written by or transcribed from the JA cowboys.

Here is an example from Monday, March 5:

"When I went into winter camp I always took plenty of tobacco and

usually a cat. I always liked a cat around camp—a cat and a briar pipe were lots of company when a feller spent months shut off from the world. Of course, a puncher would drop in for a meal or a visit once in a while, or maybe, I would meet a puncher now and then while riding. But I have gone for weeks at a time without seeing a soul." (From *The Camp Life of a Cowpuncher* by Carroll Doshier as told by Jim Christian.)

JA: The Paloduro Ranch exhibit and blog continue through August 19, 2007.

Pesticide session in Muleshoe March 9

There will be a Texas private applicator training and testing program March 9, 2007 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, Texas. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and testing should conclude by 2:30 p.m. Texas Cooperative Extension will provide the training and Texas Department of Agriculture will administer the test. A lunch break (on your own) is scheduled between the training and testing sessions. There will be a \$20 charge, which includes a private applicator manual.

A private pesticide applicator license is required if someone uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural commodity on personally owned property, rented prop-

erty, property owned by his or her employer, property under his or her general control, or the property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities. No license is required to apply general-use pesticides to produce agricultural commodities.

Individuals who want a Texas private applicator license must attend a private applicator training program offered by Texas Cooperative Extension, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and purchase a license. The private applicator license fee is \$60. Private applicator licenses expire five years after the date issued and then must be renewed.

For more information call

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Sheriff's Report

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

February 27, 2007, Gilberto Armendaris, 29, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft, pending County Court.

March 1, 2007, Francisco Martinez, 24, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with evading arrest, pending County Court.

March 1, 2007, Joe Jones, 63, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with assault, pending County Court.

March 1, 2007, Seferina Villicana, 35, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with violation of community supervision (engaging in organized criminal activity), pending District Court.

March 1, 2007, Carrie McAnear 21, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police Department with a Potter County warrant for theft, posted bond and released.

March 3, 2007, Moises Ortiz, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated-2nd, pending County Court.

March 3, 2007, Anastacio Navarro, 41, of Roswell, New Mexico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 4, 2007, Ruben Madrid, 34, of Portales, New Mexico, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 4, 2007, Arnaldo Rivera, 26, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with public intoxication, paid fine and released.

March 4, 2007, Jason Rojas, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with public intoxication, paid fine and released.

March 4, 2007, Jay Chandler, 29, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 5, 2007, Alex Vargas Pacheco, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated-3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

Flu shots given March 12

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be giving flu shots at the EMS Building in Bovina from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. on March 12. The EMS Building is located at 109 S. 3rd.

"Getting a shot is the one best way to prevent flu, which can cause serious, sometimes deadly complications," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner. "The flu shot together with simple precautions such as washing your hands frequently, covering your cough and sneeze and staying home when sick are good ways for people to protect themselves and their families from infection."

Flu season typically runs October through March, and flu shots can be given at any time during this period or later as long as the vaccine has not reached its expiration date.

There has been a regional increase in flu cases within the past month and flu is currently widespread throughout Texas. The peak for flu illnesses in Texas is usually January and February and could run longer.

Flu vaccine is currently available and no one will be turned away for being unable to make the \$10 donation request. The flu shot takes about two weeks to become effective.

Flu symptoms include a sudden, often high fever; headache; extreme tiredness; dry cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; and muscle aches. Flu complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes. For additional information, please contact (806) 655-7151.

Personnel management Ag seminar in Lubbock

A two-day conference designed to help agriculture human resource managers will be held April 3-4 at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The conference, Effective Employee Management in Agribusiness, will feature experts from around the country who will address problems of hiring, retaining and disciplining employees, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo. The experts also will discuss the paperwork involved in dealing with a multicultural workforce.

"We held a similar conference in Amarillo with the same speakers," Amosson said. "We received a number of comments from participants saying how great and knowledgeable the speakers were and how this was the best conference on personnel management they ever attended."

"In fact, a six-month post meeting survey of participants revealed that 91 percent of respondents had changed their personnel management prac-

tices based on what they learned in the conference," he said. "All I can say is that if you have any problems with personnel management, attending this conference is a must."

Dr. Bernie Erven, with Ohio State University's department of agricultural, environmental and development economics, will open the general session with "Cultivating Culture", focusing on creating an environment where people can succeed, Amosson said. Erven also will talk about transformational leadership and conduct a break-out session, "Being a Boss vs. Being a Friend."

Registration is \$125 per person, and \$100 for each additional registrant from the same

operation if postmarked by March 19. After March 19, the registration fee is \$150 per person.

The conference is open to any interested individuals and is sponsored by Plains Cotton Growers Inc., Purina Mills LLC., Select Milk Producers Inc., Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Cotton Ginner's Association, Extension and Texas Extension Education Foundation.

Partial funding for the conference is provided by the Southern Risk Management Education Center.

For a registration form, go to <http://mastermarketertamu.edu>. Make checks payable to: TEEF Acct. # 8200 and mail to Personnel Management Conference, Box 946, College Station, TX 77841-0946. For more information, contact Margaret Freeman at 806-677-5600.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deed from February 21, 2007 to February 28, 2007:

Leon Clifford Meeks and Sharon Lanita Meeks - CSTM Farms LLC, N320 AC S5 T1N R1E.

Clifford Wade Meeks, Timothy Scott Meeks, Tori Meeks, Mark Henry Meeks, and Mary Elizabeth Meeks - CSMTN Farms LLC, N320 AC S5 T1N R1E, W211.15 AC OF S531.5 AC S5 T1N R1E, NW/4 S40 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS, NE/4 S41 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS, E17.022 AC OF E179 AC S44 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS.

Jovita Saiz - Nemecio Velasco and Jovita Velasco, L4 B3 MCMILAN AND FERGUS.

Leon Clifford Meeks and Sharon Lanita Meeks - CSMTN Farms LLC, W/2 S26 T2N R1E, NW/4 S35 T2N R1E, AND SE/4 S27 T2N R1E.

Adolf Haseloff Estate - Richard Haseloff, S/2 S7 T1S R2E.

Adolf Haseloff Estate - Gary John Haseloff, SE/4 S47 BLK A.

Adolf Haseloff Estate - Carrie Drager, 136.10' L4 B5 RIDGECREST #3.

Happy Birthday

March 11, 2007-March 17, 2007

Mar. 11-Bryan Walker, Corbin Riethmayer, Koby Rogers, Jeffery Rogers, Rhonda Fields, Jeanette Thurman, Nelline Spicer

Mar. 12-Justin Boyd, Lonnie Wilkerson, Amy Gerles, Mindy Wilson, Justin Grimsley, Mike Mills, Dianne Hendricks, Berta Cooper, Elaine White Harmon, Susan Kerby, Alberta Shephard

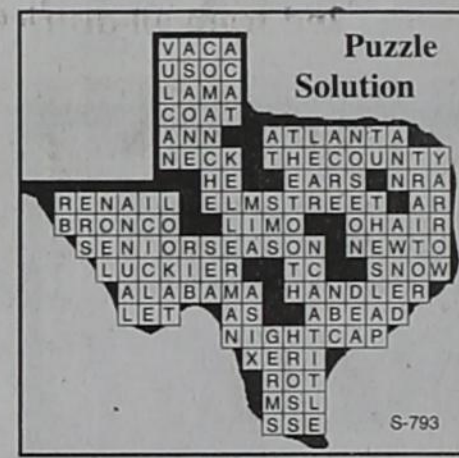
Mar. 13-Holley Hand, Larry Moyer, Connie Reed Parker, Leslie Adams, Jayson Grimsley, Mollie Seright Warren, Rainbo Snyder, Lisa Fulks, Eric Espinoza, Tommy Tatum, Sheldon Turley

Mar. 14-Jacob Osborn, Rudy Rios, Goldie Harrelson, Adabeth Smith

Mar. 15-Randol Allen, Lucky Hernandez, Christian Alexander, Ricky Vera, Amber Martin Drake, John Rule, Moses Reyes, Gary Zerfas, Emily Fager, Misti Cooper

Mar. 16-Kylie Boyd, Glenda Sifford, Wendell Jones, Parker Reeve Banfield, Amy Murphree, Seth Murphree, Gary Wright, Julie Reeve, Tommy Jones, Robert Tapia, Luke Steelman, Jack Patterson, Bill Gist

Mar. 17-Delwin Allen, Tracey Jamerson, Ron Smiley, Amanda Boeckman, Ray Whatley, Frankie Allen, Mendon Dixon, Matthew Mata, Tammy Atkins, Gabriela Benavides, John Pierce



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Although rare, a detached retina is a sign that something has interfered with the adhesion between the back of the eye, or retina, and its base. Often, the cause is not known. High nearsightedness, eye trauma, eye disease, or severe eye infection, can place you at a greater risk.

A retinal detachment is serious and will usually get worse. Treatment is normally surgical; the goal is to reattach the retina. This is sometimes done by burning the tear or even by freezing it. A laser is sometimes used, along with other techniques.

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COUNCIL ON HOUSING LENDER

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Spring break for Friona is next week. Sooner graduation will be held in the senior class of 2007 with an annual steak dinner (10:00-11:00) on April 15 in the junior center. They think the price to be the same as last year. No one is sure at this time. Maybe \$7, maybe \$8. We'll let you know. Just be there.

Also the old cotton collect aluminum cans senior class has been placed on Kendrick Oil and the donation on Main St. Dealers cans between now and graduation. Money is the all-night drug free graduation. If you do any cans, the senior cepts money donations.

My son Zac will graduate Saturday May 26 from Falls Hirsch high school ceremony is at 10 a.m.

Shayli, Staci,
The boys and girls district selections have been and Friona's district received their share of honor. Squaw seniors Shayli Staci Murphree were MVPs of the district. Staci Graham was also named team all-district.

Erica Davila and Tiffany also seniors, were also team all-district honors.

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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr

Spring break for Friona schools is next week. Soon after that graduation will be here. The senior class of 2007 will hold their annual steak dinner (at lunch) on April 15 in the junior high cafeteria. They think the price is going to be the same as last year but no one is sure at this point. Maybe \$7, maybe \$8, maybe \$10. We'll let you know. Just plan to be there.

Also the old cotton trailer to collect aluminum cans for the senior class has been hauled out and placed on the lot between Kendrick Oil and the police station on Main St. Deposit your cans between now and May 25 graduation. Money is used for the all-night drug free party after graduation. If you don't have any cans, the senior class accepts money donations too.

My son Zac will graduate on Saturday May 26 from Wichita Falls Hirschi high school. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. Saturday

morning at a downtown civic center or something. I'm sure I'll find it. Then he is going to Germany for a month to visit his friend Nick and family, then to Chicago for a month to participate in an improv comedy/drama workshop.

Zac has earned two impressive scholarships to Southwestern University in Georgetown. One is a merit scholarship and the other is a drama scholarship. The two together pretty much pay for the annual Southwestern tuition in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Zac is into all aspects of drama and theater, from set building to acting the lead role. I'm proud, can you tell?

He must have gotten his talent from me since I had the lead in both the junior and senior plays at Hillsboro High School in 1956-57. Way to go Zachary. I'm a proud poppa.

Speaking of Hillsboro High School, a note to Coach David Dewitt and my classmate Al



courtesy photo

Kyle Mills and his bride Jenny drive away from the church in a 1923 fire engine. The couple was married in July in Amarillo where Kyle is an Amarillo fireman. He is the grandson of Joann Mills of Friona.

Podsednik. This year will be our 50th class reunion. I plan to be there, Coach Dewitt still lives there, and Al will come up from Houston. This is a mandatory appearance fellows and I am buying dinner at a place of Coach Dewitt's choice on Friday or Saturday night. See you in Hillsboro in the fall.

My daughter Megan, in the middle of her sophomore year at Wichita Falls Rider high school, will be out here visiting next week during spring break. She is my photographer kid. Must take after her dad too. Megan has her own Nikon D80 camera setup and a photo website on Nikon's

flickr.com. She recently sold one of her photos for \$50 to someone in Idaho who found it on her photo website. She loves taking pictures so maybe I'll put her to work for the week.

I attended the Cargill Meat Solutions service awards banquet Saturday night. First time since I moved out here that I had been to the Hereford Country Club. It is a nice venue and was a nice evening with Cargill filet mignons prepared by country club chefs.

Rick White, a 30-year Cargill employee, said he had been to Tucson a few weeks ago to visit his parents and watch Tiger Woods play golf. Rick's parents and his brother own more than 30 Subway sandwich shops in the Tucson area. I was amazed by that figure but Tucson is a big city and can support that many locations. Rick said there were actually more than 50 Subways in Tucson altogether.

The Friona Relays track meet was here Friday and Saturday. Friday was cloudy, windy, and cold. Saturday was sunny, windy, and colder. Those youngsters were all bundled until they had to strip down to their shorts to run or jump. I felt sorry for them but I'm not a tough coach. Lots of photos on another page and more on our frionaonline.com website. I took many and Coy Jameson helped out with some too.

At the senior citizen lunch Monday we had "pile-on" Mexican food. Nora tried to sneak more of those hot green

jalapenos in on us again but we are getting wise to her. We welcomed Dickie and Donna Randolph as visitors. She is Clyde Fields' daughter from Abilene, formerly of Friona, and Roger Fields' sister. It was said that Geraldine "Gerry" Taylor will be returning from her daughter's house next week and will now be living at Heritage Estates.

Our senior lunch "cashier" Joann Mills gave me a photo of her grandson Kyle Mills driving away with his bride Jenny in a 1923 fire engine from his wedding last summer in Amarillo. Kyle is a former EMT in Friona and is now an Amarillo firefighter and a part time paramedic for BSA in Canyon. The fire engine picture is on this page.

The Safety Day tomorrow (Friday March 9) is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the community center. Drop by there and get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked and learn more about your health and safety. It is free but donations to a new ambulance will be accepted. It is especially recommended for us seniors.

This week we are saying hello and thanks to out-of-town subscribers Lonnie Busch in Leoti, Kansas, and Karen Allen in Shreveport, Louisiana. We appreciate all of our out-of-town and out-of-Texas subscribers and of course our local ones too. Share your local news and concerns with us. We are always glad to hear from you.

Shayli, Staci, Sawyer basketball MVPs

The boys and girls 2-2A all-district selections have been released and Friona's district champs received their share of honors.

Squaw seniors Shayli Reed and Staci Murphree were named Co-MVPs of the district. Senior Krista Graham was also named to the first team all-district.

Erica Davila and Tiffany Vazquez, also seniors, were accorded second team all-district honors.

Chelsi Hawkins of Muleshoe and Til-Lois Fifer of Tulia were named Co-Defensive MVPs.

Chieftain junior Sawyer Reed was named as District 2-2A MVP. Hector Sanchez was named to first team all-district. Ryan Geries and Caleb Miller were chosen to second-team all-district. Defensive Player of the Year was Darren McCaslin of Tulia. Newcomer of the Year was Cody Weatherford of Bushland.

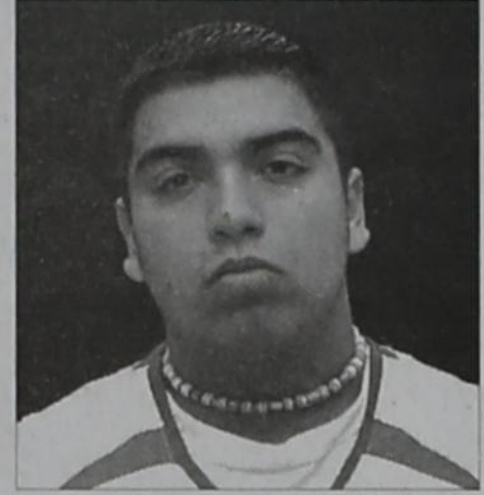
The Squaws and Chieftains were both 2-2A district champions for 2006-07. The Squaws were undefeated in district play before losing to eventual state qualifier Panhandle by one point in the area playoff round.

The Chiefs compiled a 9-3 district record. They received a bye in bi-district and lost to Abernathy in the area playoff round.

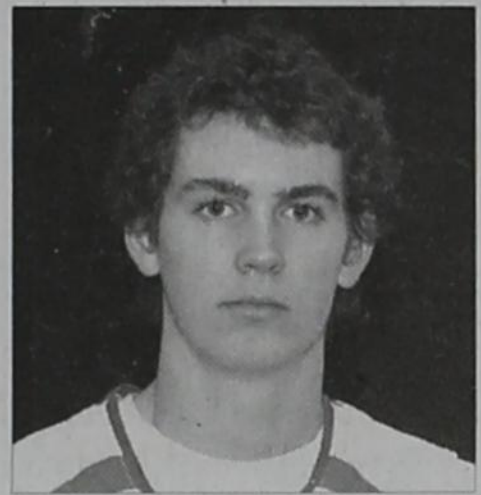
Named to honorable mention all-district were Lucretia Field for the Squaws and Ryan Schwab, Chance Lewellen, Tolby Wilcox, and Alex Gurley for the Chieftains.



Sawyer Reed
2-2A MVP



Hector Sanchez
1st team all district



Ryan Geries
2nd team all-district



Caleb Miller
2nd team all district



Shayli Reed
Co-MVP
District 2-2A



Staci Murphree
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District 2-2A



Erica Davila
2nd team all-district



Krista Graham
1st team all-district



Tiffany Vazquez
2nd team all-district



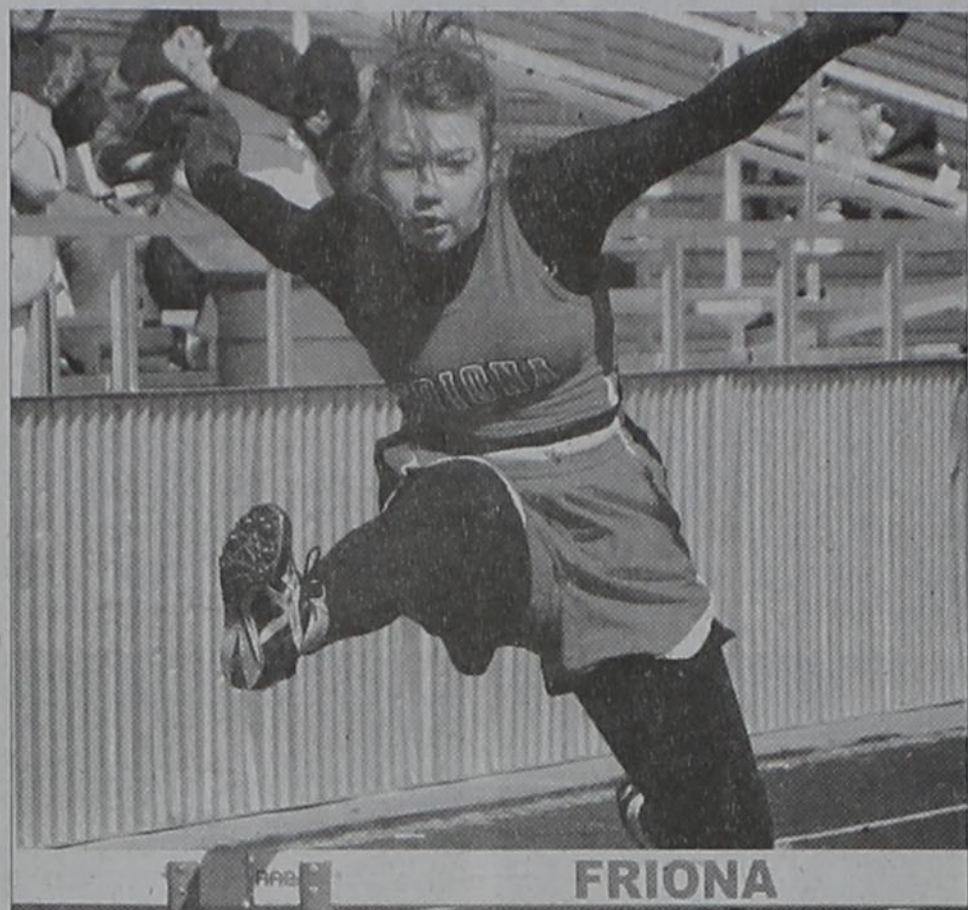
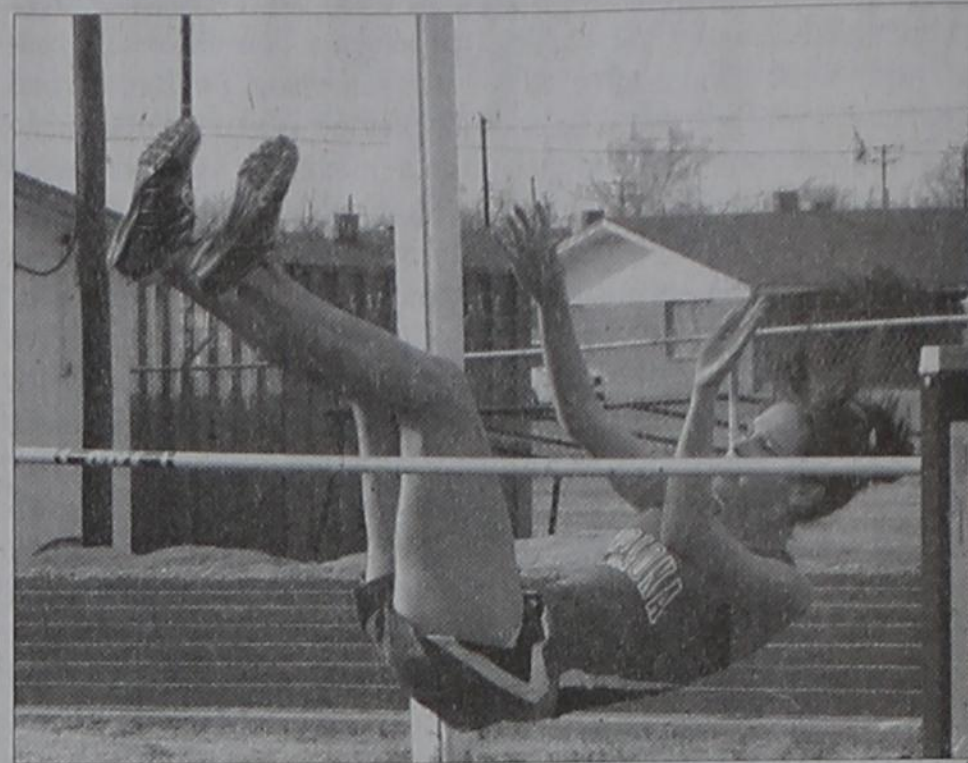
ron carr photo

It is Cans for Seniors time again. Aluminum cans are being collected in this trailer located between Kendrick Oil and the police station on Main St. Donated cans help with the All-Night Drug Free party held after graduation May 25. Residents are encouraged to save their cans and bring them to the trailer between now and graduation. Thanks from the Class of 2007.

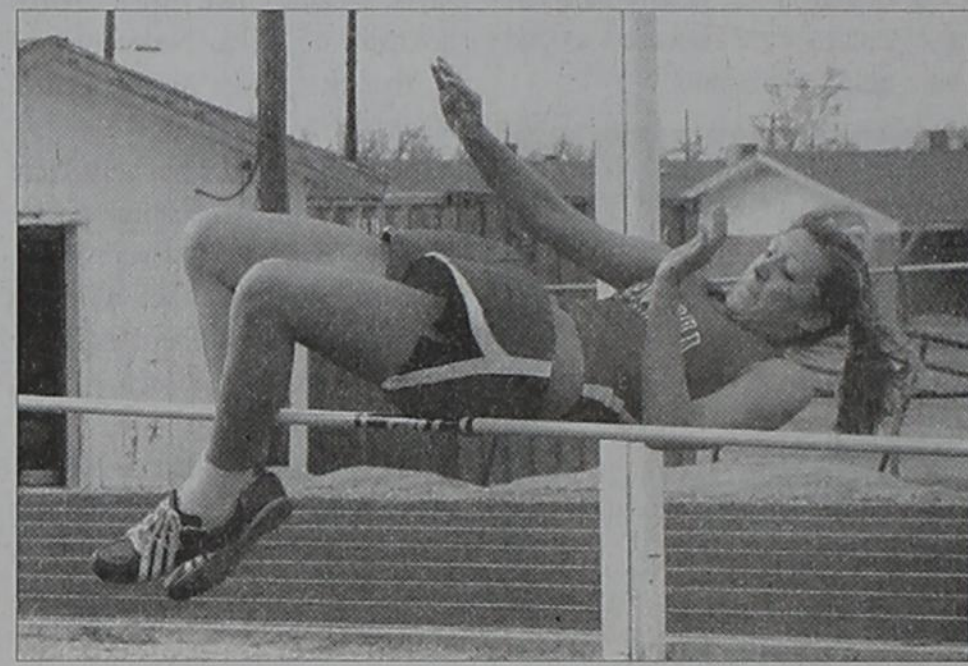
Friona ISD School Calendar March, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Jr. High Progress Reports Jr. High Open House 6:00-7:00 HS Open House @ 7:00 p.m. HS State Lifesmarts @ Austin	6 Chamber Banquet - 6:30 p.m. HS State Lifesmarts @ Austin Var. Baseball vs. Boys Ranch T @ 4:30	7	8 Primary Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Elementary Open House 6:30 - 7:30 JV Cheerleader Try-outs 10:00 HS Cheerleader Try-outs JV Baseball Tournament @ Bovina	9 JH Tulia Track Meet JV Baseball Tournament @ Bovina V Basketball vs. WT High @ 4:30 - T	10 HS Track @ Tulia
12	13	14	15 Var. Baseball vs. Fritch @ 12:00 - T Double Header	16	17
SPRING BREAK March 12 th Thru 16 th					
19 St. Teresa's Senior Banquet	20	21 6 th & 8 th RPTe Field Test	22 JH Lifetouch Spring Pictures HS District UIL Academic @ Muleshoe 4:00	23 JH Dimmitt Track Meet HS District UIL Academic @ Muleshoe	24 JH Regional Spelling Bee @ WTAMU HS Track @ Dimmitt JV Baseball vs. Muleshoe - H @ 11:00 Var. Baseball vs. Muleshoe - H @ 1:30
26	27 Var. Baseball @ Dimmitt 4:30 JV Baseball @ Dimmitt 7:00	28	29 Primary Spring Pictures	30 JH Cheerleader Auditions @ 3:00 HS Dist One Act Play @ Tulia Track @ Farwell	31 JV Baseball vs. Tulia H @ 11:00 Var. Baseball vs. Tulia @ 1:30 H

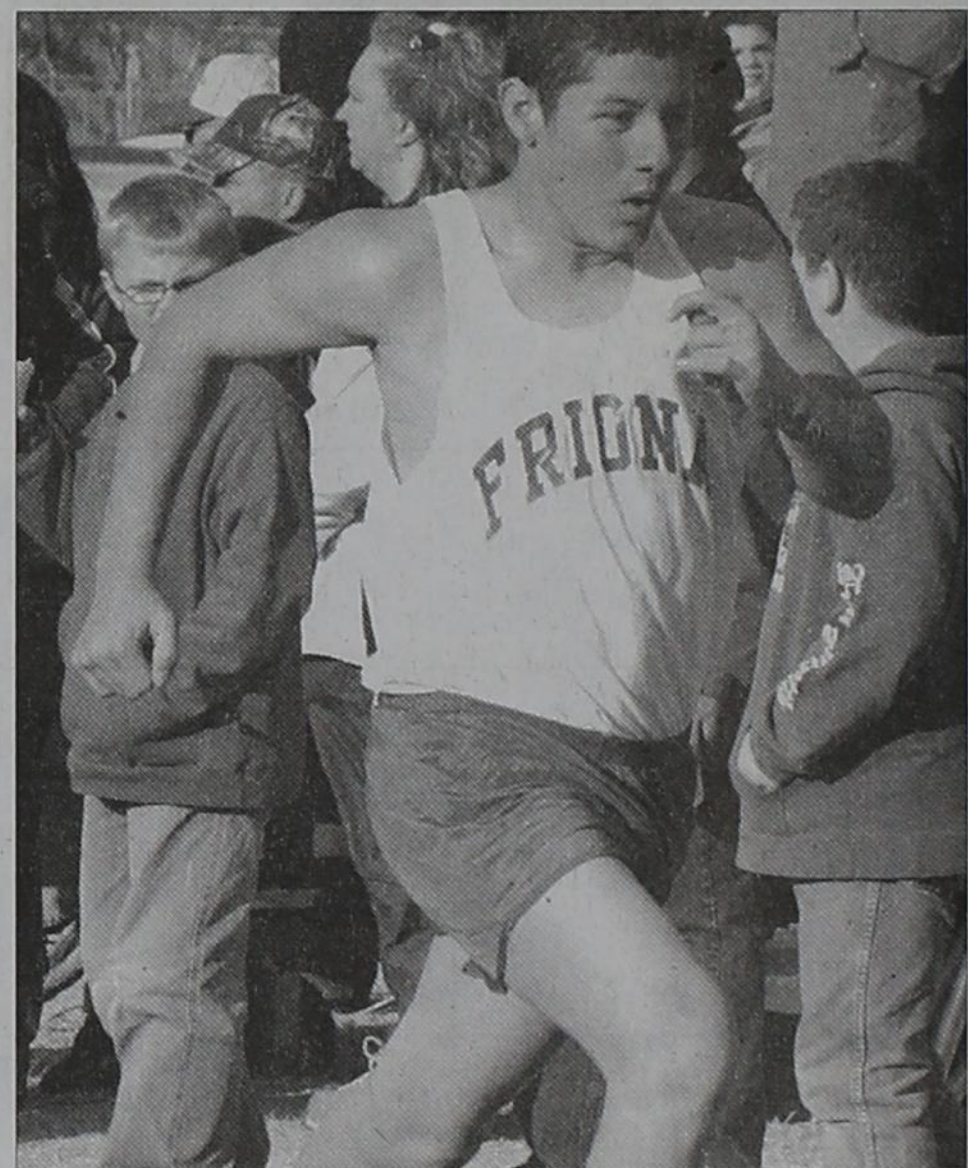
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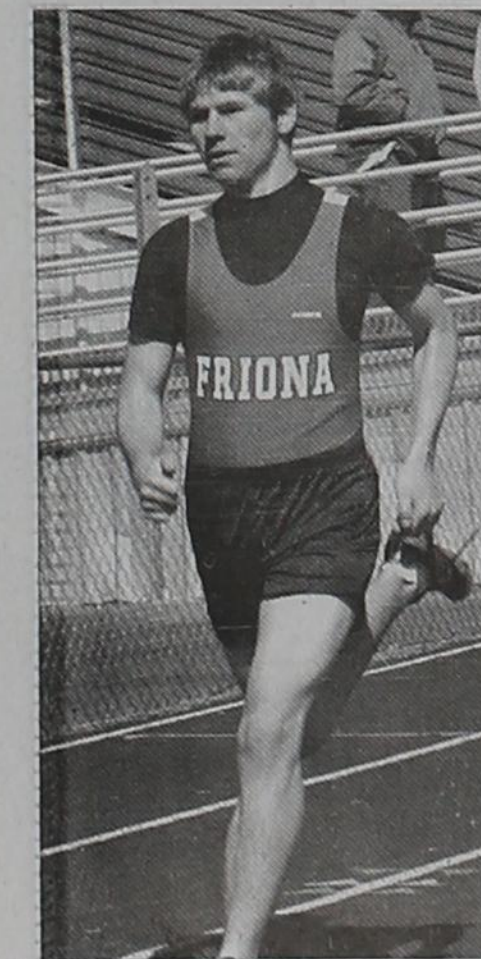
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Rewritten from "When Caesar Become a Salad" by Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by M...

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A pancake and sausage supper from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calvary Church. Donations will be accepted. Fund. Church officials invite everyone to join in fellowship together.

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The tree, then the tomb, then the towel: a God-inspired sequence on Independence Day

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

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war would have ended much sooner had they actually fired their muskets into the British.

There was another lesson learned through this experience. Encouraged by their wives, it took the soldiers about sixty seconds to realize that firing their muskets into the air probably would have gone over better outdoors. For that they became known as Minutemen, and firing small arms became a standard celebration for the Fourth of July.

This continued into the nineteenth century, when a few misguided people in California misunderstood the concept and began firing small legs. Another slight adjustment to the celebration happened in the 1960s when the hippie culture decided to eliminate the middleman and simply believed fireworks were going off inside their heads.

How do you celebrate your Independence Day? You see, for the lost person, Independence Day comes the day he accepts the free gift of God's grace through Jesus, forever freeing him from the bondage of sin. What about the Christian? Our Independence Day comes the day we begin to serve God, not because of what we can gain, but out of obedience to him. Christianity does not end with the Cross and the tomb—it begins.

The most appropriate symbol of the New Testament is a towel, symbolic of our Lord washing the feet of the disciples, the perfect picture of servanthood...and freedom. Do we have a servant's heart? If we "have done it unto one of

the least of these my brethren" (Matthew 25:40 KJV), we have done it unto Jesus. Celebrate your independence. Serve others; serve God.

The Cross is gone, the tomb is empty...but the towel is waiting.

Think about this Coming to grips with your mortality

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ
The Christian not only has an eternal and realistic perspective when it comes to dying. They also have a providential perspective. Notice II Corinthians 5:5. Paul says of the Christian, "It is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

The emphasis is on God in this verse. He is the one who prepares us for this eternal life. God planned the events that allowed man to have the wonderful privilege of preparing for life, death and eternity.

Romans 8:28 begins the same way as II Corinthians 5:1. It says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose."

God wants us all to have eternal life with Him. When a person is baptized God gives them the gift of His spirit to prove it. Read Acts 2:38-39. That means that God put down earnest money for our inheritance. He has "given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (II Corinthians 5:5)

So what good does it do to know this? II Corinthians 5:6-9 completes the thought. All this knowledge can give us courage for living life.

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Donations will be accepted for the J. P. Sims Scholarship Fund. Church officials invite everyone to come eat and fellowship together.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the records, the town's (Farwell's) first jail was built in 1908 at the cost of \$212.50. At this time the county was paying sixty dollars a month for the use of rooms in the "Farwell Real Estate Exchange" and for a grand jury room in the upper story of the "Hamlin Bricks".

Parmer County History c. 1974

Thank You

The family of Baker Duggins would like to sincerely thank the wonderful community of Friona for the many acts of kindness toward our family at Baker's passing. He loved this town and was so proud to be a part of it for over 50 years. We are grateful for the loving care he received from Dr. Alexander, Dr. Dickson and staff at our hospital. We are humbled at the many selfless gestures of compassion including food, flowers, visits, calls, and most importantly prayers. We are most certainly blessed to be a part of this great and loving community. May God bless you in return for your kindness.

Margaret Duggins
Phillip Duggins
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Duggins scholarship fund established

A scholarship fund in honor of Baker Duggins is in the preliminary stages of being established. Mr. Duggins, a long time coach, teacher, counselor, and administrator at Friona schools passed away last week.

Contributions to the Baker Duggins Scholarship Fund can be made at Friona State Bank. Out of town contributors can mail donations to the bank at P.O. Box 549, Friona, TX 79035.

Thank You

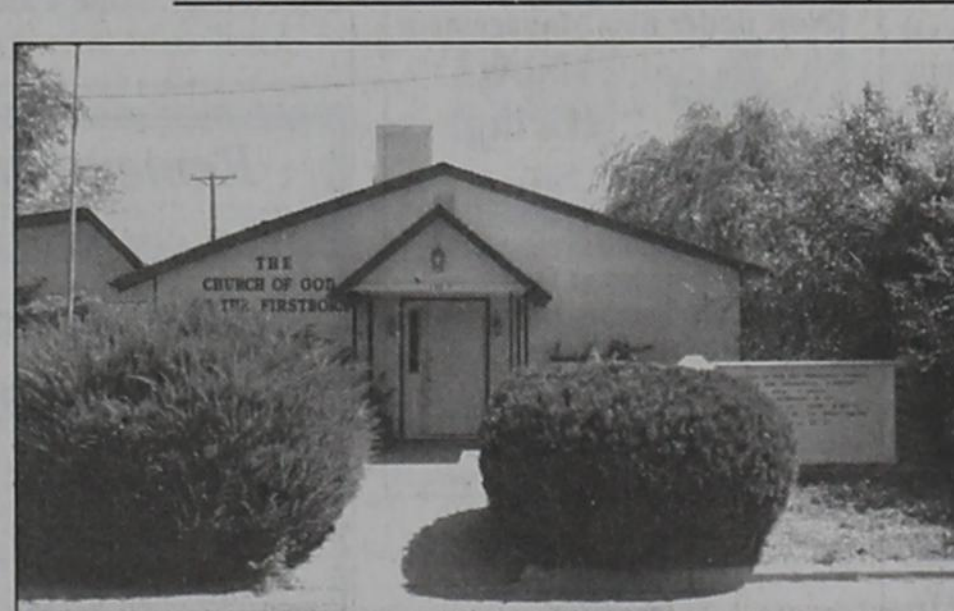
To the Friona Squaws & Duggins Dolls, Words cannot express the love you have shown to our family in the loss of Baker, "Coach". He loved each of you and you were always a part of his life, not just as his girls but as his dear friends. We thank you for your support and love throughout the many years and for your love, prayers and flowers after his passing. We hope many of you subscribe to the Friona Star as we did not have all your addresses.

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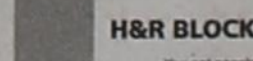
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Parmer County Centennial Moments

By Darla Bracken fridarla19@yahoo.com

At the special request of the Parmer County Historical Commission in celebration of our county's centennial this year, welcome to a series of articles about the history of Parmer County written for the Farwell State Line Tribune and the Friona Star. For those of you who do not know me, I serve as the Director of the Friona Public Library since 1985. I hope you will enjoy exploring Parmer County's history with me. DB

Parmer County, for any newcomers we may have, lies in the Panhandle of Texas bordered on the west by the state of New Mexico's Curry County, on the north by Deaf Smith County, on the south by Bailey County and Lamb County and on the east by Castro County. We live on what is considered the

High Plains of Texas at 34 degrees 33' north latitude and 102 degrees 47' west longitude at the county's center and 85 southwest of Amarillo and 35 east of Clovis, New Mexico.

Our county is 859 square miles of rolling level plains covered by sandy, clay and loam soils which have proven to very fertile especially when watered by the huge Ogallala Aquifer. A sea of native grass lands grew here when the area was home to the Indian and the buffalo. It is now mostly cultivated producing abundant corn, milo, cotton, soybeans and wheat along with various vegetable crops and has included crops as diverse as sugarbeets and sunflowers.

We range in elevation from 3,800 to 4,202 feet above sea level on the Caprock Escarpment which gives

us both our high winds and our cool summer nights. Running Water Draw, a flood-prone but mostly dry creek, runs across the county from the northwest to the southeast. Two smaller draws, Frio Draw and Catfish Draw, also run through the county. Our average rainfall is 17 1/2 inches and our temperature ranges from a minimum of 21 degrees in January to a maximum of 92 degrees in July and an average growing season of 183 days a year.

The County was named for an early Texas settler and veteran of the Texas Revolution as well as a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, Martin Parmer. He was also nicknamed the 'ring-tailed panther' because of his exploits in Missouri. The area was isolated and unsettled early on but may have been part of the area explored by the Jose Mares Expedition when they were searching for a shorter route from Sante Fe to San Antonio in 1787. Apaches were probably the original inhabitants until the arrival of the Kiowas and the Comanches in 1700. These Indians of the Plains lived here until the Red River War in 1874 when they were defeated and removed to Indian Territory.

Parmer County was carved out of the Bexar District in 1876, but no settlement occurred until 1882. In January 1882 the Capitol Syndicate was hired to build a state capitol building in exchange for over 3 million acres in the Panhandle creating one of the world's largest cattle ranches, the famous XIT Ranch. From a population of 7 in 1890 to 34 in 1900, most of the actual settlement occurred after the XIT was sold in 1904. 150,000 acres of the XIT was in Parmer County. Cattle have always hugely outnumbered people in our county from 13,675 in 1900 to the 100,000

plus in feedyard operations as well as our 10 dairy operations in the county today.

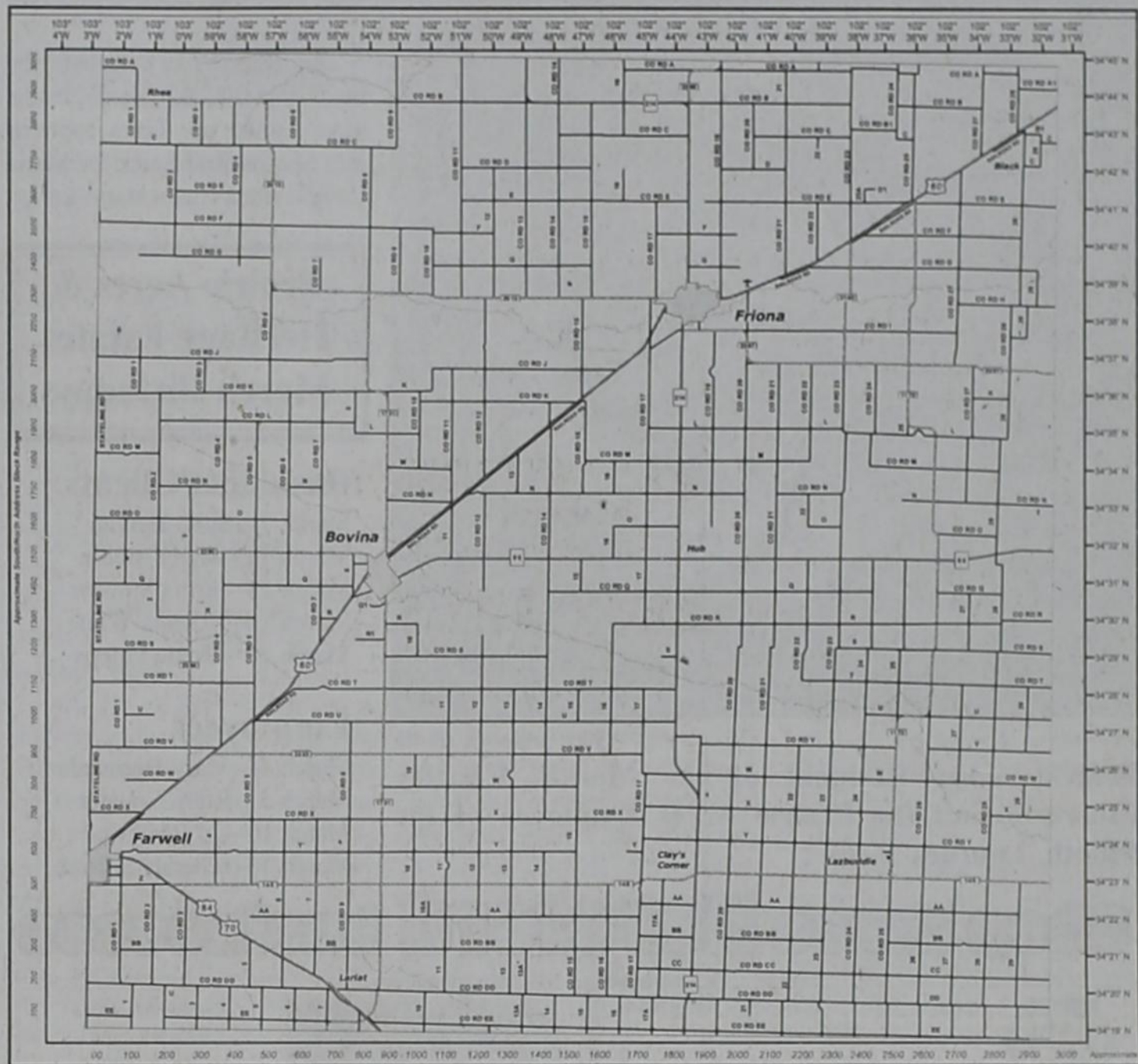
The Pecos and Northern Texas Railroad built a branch line in 1898 that would eventually run 85 miles from Amarillo to the Texas-New Mexico border. Switches, or shipping points, quickly sprang up along the route that year including: Parmerton, as a Capitol Syndicate townsite and model farm and later the first county seat, as well as Black, Frio and Bovina. Farwell, was established in 1904 and surveyed in 1905 as a headquarters for sales of the XIT Ranchlands. For legal purposes, Parmer County was assigned first to Oldham and later Deaf Smith County. On May 7,

1907 Parmer County's government was legally established. In 1913 another branch railroad line was built from Farwell to Lubbock and became part of the Sante Fe Railroad. By the early 1920s State Road 33, now Highway 60, was built across the county connecting Farwell, Bovina, and Friona to Hereford, Canyon and Amarillo.

According to the Handbook of Texas: "By 1930 the county included 818 farms and ranches with 100,000 acres of sorghum, 11,000 acres in corn, 2,500 acres in wheat and 4,500 acres in cotton—62,000 chickens and 15,375 cattle." 255,000 dozens of eggs were sold by local farmers that year. By the 1950s when irrigation began from the im-

mense Ogallala Aquifer, a surge in crop production and population resulted. In 2002 there were 660 farms and ranches with 576,461 acres and our county is one of the leading counties in Texas in farm income. Parmer County has historically voted Democratic from 1908 to 1956 except when they voted for Hoover in 1928 and Eisenhower in 1952. From 1960 to 2004 they have backed Republican candidates with the exception of Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and Jimmy Carter in 1976.

In 2000, 10,016 people were living in Parmer County; Farwell had 1,364; Friona 3,854; Bovina 1,874; Lazbuddie 248; Lariat 100; Oklahoma Lane 25; Black 100 and Rhea 98.



Parmer County Texas general roads map

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Drive underway to save Modern Study Club clubhouse

A drive has been launched by the Friona Evening Lions Club to save the Modern Study Club clubhouse which has been serving Friona for over 65 years.

At a recent meeting of the Lions Club, club secretary Sam Mears furnished figures which indicated the annual expenses required to keep the clubhouse open tallied \$2,920.79. This includes approximately \$400 for the annual insurance premium.

Another problem facing the continued operation of the clubhouse is the fact that some of the building's exterior native rocks have fallen off. No estimate has been secured on a cost of this project.

The clubhouse, located at 9th and Pierce, was built in 1940 and first used as a meeting place for the Friona Woman's Club. The Friona Evening Lions Club has used the building for its meeting place for most of the club's existence. The club was chartered in June 1941 and began meeting at the clubhouse soon thereafter.

Any individual, business, or organization wishing to donate to the clubhouse may call Sam Mears at 250-3456.

Retired teachers add Duggins to scholarship

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met March 6 in the Friona State Bank community room. There were 21 members and one guest present. The meeting opened with the pledge to the American flag and also to the Texas flag. Freeman Melton led the invocation.

President Sharon White introduced Chester Cunningham, legislative chairman of District 16, who presented a program

on current legislative activity of interest to retired teachers.

At an earlier meeting it was decided to provide a scholarship to honor the memory of Faye Reeve, long time local educator. At this meeting it was decided to add the name of Baker Duggins to the scholarship.

Sandra Randall reported on the recently completed successful program that gave books to primary students in the Friona and Bovina schools.

She stated that next year it would be possible to include the primary students from the Farwell and Lazbuddie schools as well. Bettye Jarboe reported that members of the local organization had performed a total of 4,803 hours of volunteer service to the community.

Refreshments were provided by Karen Renner and Linda White. The meeting report was submitted by Bobby Wied.

Retired teachers distribute books

The Children's Book Project is a service activity of the Parmer County Retired Teachers and Personnel. The project gives books to all kindergarten and first grade students in Parmer County.

During the week of February 27-March 2 they distributed

over 420 books to students in Friona, Bovina, Farwell, and Lazbuddie. The books belong to the individual students and are theirs to take home.

Kindergarten students received the book Wild Animals of Texas by Bruce Larkin. First grade students received All

Around Texas by Bruce Larkin.

Helping with the book project were Flo Davis of Farwell, Carolyn George, Sharon White, Linda White, Nancy Edelman, Karen Renner, and Sandra Randall, all of Friona.



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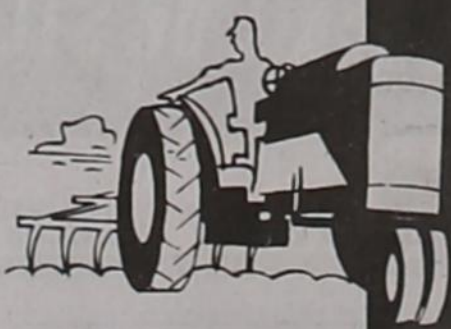
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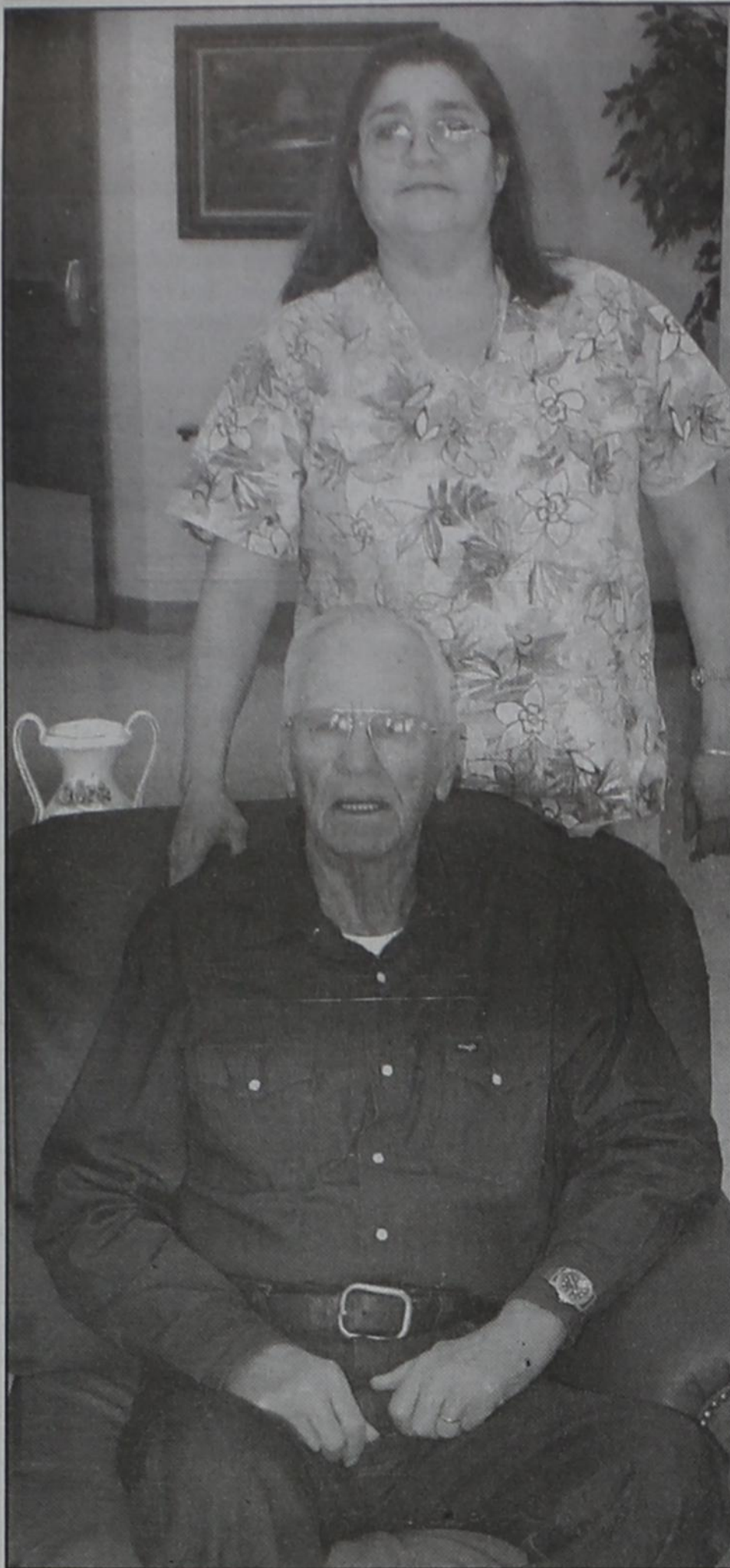
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Carolyn George, Sandra Randall, and Sharon White, back, l-r, are shown with a group of Bovina first grade students that received the book All Around Texas from the Parmer County Retired Teachers and Personnel.



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Prairie Acres Resident of the Month, Charley Morrison and the Prairie Acres Employee of the Month, Lourdes Nieto.

Relay for Life meeting challenges team captains

The 2007 Relay for Life kickoff meeting was held at Friona State Bank Thursday February 22. Attendees enjoyed pizza and soft drinks courtesy of Kendrick Oil Co.

Alana Carr from Littlefield, representing the American Cancer Society's Lubbock office, was present. She explained that the Parmer County Relay for Life was reassigned from the Amarillo ACS office to Lubbock. Two new teams were represented and a challenge was given by one of the team captains for each team from last year to sign up one new team and they will be given an American Cancer Society jacket for each new team captain that registers.

The Relay for Life will be held June 22. So far, 17 teams have signed up. Team captains are: Martha Rodriguez for Maria Loya; Friona Elementary; LaVon

Renner; Sharon Rector; Patti Johnson for Parmer County 4-H; Terry Hunt for Friona Primary School; Connie Neelley; Gayle Murdock and Erin Barnett for Friona High School; Randie Hamilton for First Baptist Church; Linda Marshall of Bovina; Cindy Butman; Kimberlee Jones; Gabby Benavides for Cargill Meat Solutions; Terry Brailiff for Friona Rural Health Clinic/PCCH; Dorothy Prudhomme for the Johnston Family; Debbie Lewellen; and Mercedes Williams for Catholic Women.

According to Relay spokespersons there are still several teams from last year that have shown interest and will be signing up by the next meeting on April 2.

Discussions included new entertainment for this year's Relay—Parmer County Idol. "We hope this will generate more in attendance, donations, and also live auditions being conducted during the walk," said spokeswoman Jyl Grimsley. A grand prize will be given along with other levels of prizes. Stormi Lookingbill will be in charge of the concession stand and each team will decide on their concession items or whatever they want to sell at their team site.

Amy Cook will again be in charge of luminaries. Luminary sacks are \$5 each and can be sold to cover the cost of each team member's registration and entry fee. The cost to be on a team will be \$60 for adults and \$30 for students. Each business that is at least a \$200 sponsor will be allowed to have one person represent them on a team free of charge.

The sponsorship levels will continue to be the same: \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100. There are also several underwriting opportunities available. Numbers will be drawn this year to determine the location of each team campsite in the field. All games and food booths will be located in the same general proximity as last year.

A cancer survivor list was passed around to help get a more complete list of Parmer County Survivors so they can be contacted and invited to be a part of the Survivor Lap at the Relay and also a personal invitation to the Survivor Dinner Celebration.

Team captains and/or team members will be contacting businesses that are on the previous sponsorship list. Sponsorship donations are due May 1.

To participate and volunteer your time or money or both in any area of the Relay for Life contact Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700, or Greg and Jamie Lewellen at 250-3545.

Prairie Acres & Heritage Estates March Birthdays

Residents/Clients

March 7—Sybil Hewitt
March 11—Betty Medin
March 13—Erma Stowers
March 14—Rheata White
March 27—Roxie Phipps

Employees

March 4—Mary Hernandez
March 5—Ruby Cowger
March 10—Jo Blackwell
March 16—Glenda Sifford



Jessie Tomlinson Mason Sumner

My Life Story

By Jessie Tomlinson Mason Sumner

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the newsletter, "The Prairie Times", and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Jessie Tomlinson Mason Sumner.

I was born on September 23, 1920, in Clarendon, Texas, to Dick and Ana Tomlinson. I have one older brother and one younger brother, both of which are deceased.

My father was a farmer and we lived east of Clarendon near Lelia Lake. My mother was a housewife and sewed quilts. The one I have on my bed is the one she made for me. She was a wonderful cook and grew a garden and flowers every year. I always helped my mother. My brothers and I loved to play outside with the cats and dogs.

We attended the Baptist Church and went to school in Lelia Lake. We rode our horses 4 1/2 miles to school. I played basketball and sang in the choir at school. I graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon Junior College. We had lots of relatives around Clarendon and got together often for meals and visits. My hobbies were sewing, quilting and crocheting.

I met Robert Marti Mason at school. He and his family lived on a farm near our family farm. For dates we went to church and ate out. We married on December 25, 1941. Marti was a farmer. We moved to Levelland, Texas in 1942 and we had a son born to us in October of 1942. We named him Dickey Bob, after his two grandfathers. Marti was a truck driver when we lived at Levelland. He hauled oil for Bruce Burney. One time we went with him and the oil tank ran over and got oil all over us!

We moved to Hereford and started farming in 1945. We farmed northwest of Hereford until 1982. Our second son was born in Hereford in 1952. Marti passed away in 1974 and was buried in Hereford.

I married Oliver Sumner after the death of my husband. He had two children from a former marriage. We moved to Lubbock and took care of my aging mother in 1983. Oliver passed away in 1989 in Lubbock, and my son Tommy passed away in 1992, also in Lubbock.

I moved back to Hereford in 1993 and lived on the farm near my son. I helped my son on the farm. I fed Sparkle, the horse, and was friends with Billy Bob, the dog. I attended Avenue Baptist Church and moved to La Plata Senior Apartments in Hereford in 2002. I lived near the Senior Citizens Center where I attended activities and ate meals there.

In July of 2006, I came to live at Prairie Acres. I love it here and everyone is so nice!

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Council sign up

The last day to sign ballot for the Friona school board election is official election will be Superintendent Jim P though the district is on the office will remain for candidates to file. T for the school boards on As of this week in Alan Monroe and form Anthony have filed to board.

Friona

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The Boys Ranch girls Dimmitt boys won the team meet. Friona girls finish with 90 points while the boys were 3rd at 109 points. Bovina teams finished 5th and 6th in the 200m, Laci Loe was 5th in the 800m, Jordana roe 6th in the 1600m, and Palacios was 5th in the 3200m

For the Bovina girls, Quintero was 2nd in the 3200m, Lorena Newton was 4th. Guevara of Bovina was 3rd in 100m hurdles and A. Terro 5th.

Hannah Carthel of Friona was 5th in the 300m hurdles, Friona was 2nd in the 400m relay and the 800m relay.

In field events, Michelle was 2nd in high jump at 4-10, Daniel 3rd at 4-6, and Miran 5th at 4-6.

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Council & school board signup deadline Monday

The last day to sign up for a place on the ballot for the Friona city council or the Friona school board election is Monday, March 12. The official election will be held Saturday May 12.

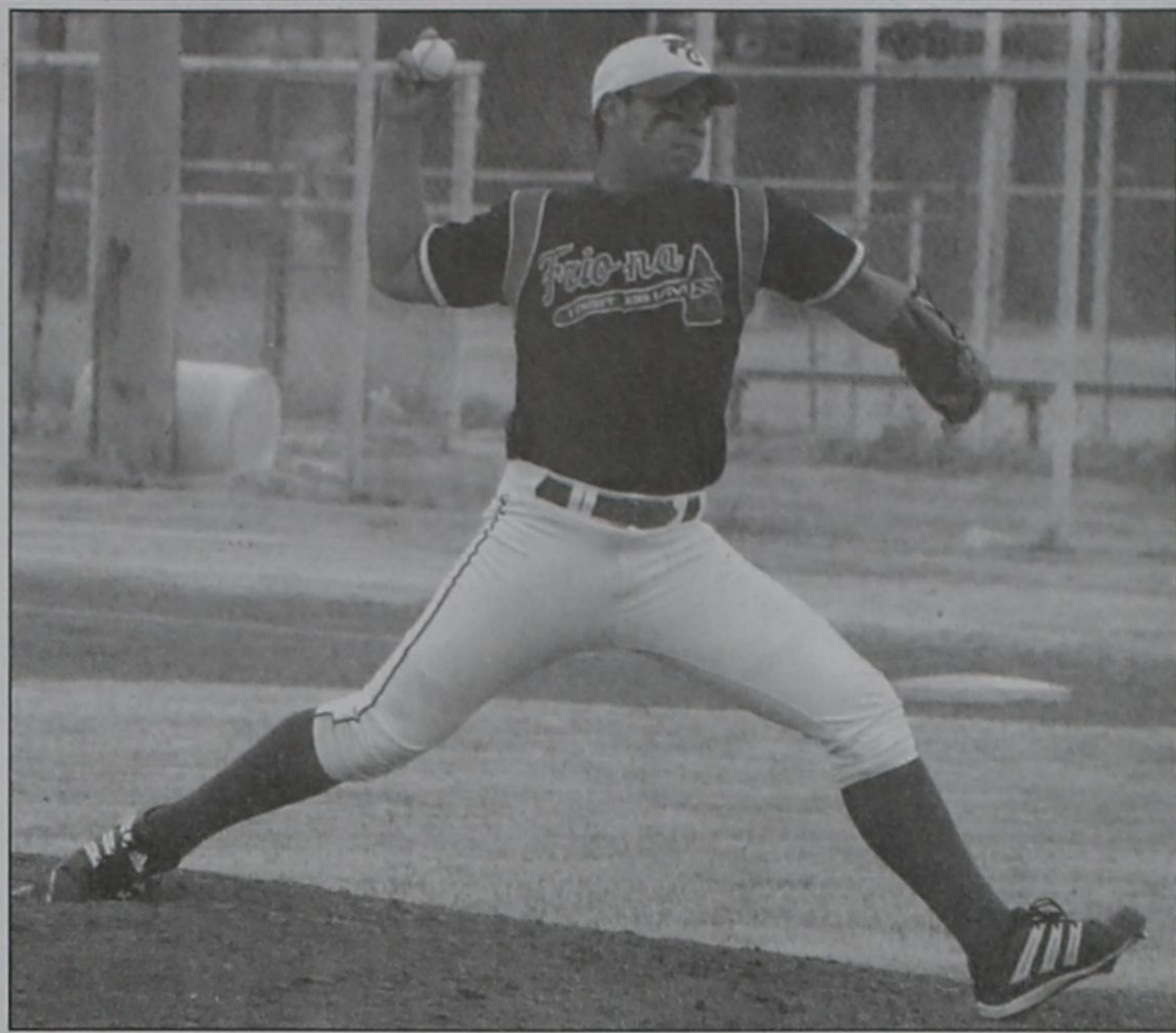
Superintendent Jim Parker advises that even though the district is on spring break next week, the office will remain open Monday until 4 p.m. for candidates to file. There are two seats open for the school board.

As of this week incumbents Ricky Barnett and Alan Monroe and former board member Loraine Anthony have filed to seek election to the school board.

A school board ballot position drawing will be conducted in the superintendent's office at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Candidates need not be present for the drawing.

Three seats are open for election to the Friona city council. All three incumbents, Mark Osborn, Jim Atwell, and Charlie Pope, have filed for re-election. Candidates for the city council election have until 5 p.m. Monday, March 12, to file. Applications are available at Friona city hall.

Voting in both the city and school election on May 12 will take place at the city council chambers on Main St.



Chieftain senior hurler Hector Sanchez fires off the mound during a home game vs. WT High. The Chiefs will be looking for their first win Friday in a return match at WT High in Snettett.

Friona Relays track meet results

Track athletes brought extra sweats, toboggan caps, quilts, and blankets to the annual Friona track meet held Friday and Saturday March 2-3 at Chieftain Field. They huddled under blankets on the infield and wore their sweats until the last minute before each competition as the wind chill hovered in the goose bump range both days.

The Boys Ranch girls and the Dimmitt boys won the team titles at the meet. Friona girls finished 4th with 90 points while the Friona boys were 3rd at 109 points. The Bovina teams finished 5th and 6th.

For the local girls Yesenia Rojas was 3rd in the 200m, Laci Lookingbill was 5th in the 800m, Jordan Monroe 6th in the 1600m, and Liliana Palacios was 5th in the 3200m.

For the Bovina girls, Hilda Quintero was 2nd in the 3200m and Lorena Newton was 4th in the 100m hurdles and A. Terrones was 5th.

Hannah Carthel of Friona was 5th in the 800m hurdles, Friona was 2nd in the 400m relay and 2nd in the 800m relay.

In field events, Michelle Martin was 2nd in high jump at 4-10, Darcy Daniel 3rd at 4-6, and Miranda Frye 5th at 4-6.

Jessica Bachicha of Bovina won

the shot put with a toss of 34-9 1/2, Tiffany Vazquez of Friona was 2nd at 32-7, Maria Meza 4th at 29-4 1/2, and Briar Barnett 5th at 28-9. Barnett won the discus competition with a throw of 101-2, Bachicha of Bovina was 2nd at 98-11, and Meza of Friona 4th at 76-9.

For the boys, Juan Reyes of Friona won the 100m dash in 11.17, Alfie Espinoza of Bovina was 4th in 11.77; Eddie Ortiz of Friona was 2nd in the 200m dash at 24.74; Valente Casas ran 5th in the 400m dash in 59.88 followed by teammate Fernando Moreno 6th in 1:01.27.

In the 1600m Justin Bridges ran 5th in 5:37.35; Esai Saucedo of Bovina won 1st in the 3200m at 11:23.99 and Bridges of Friona was 5th at 12:28.55. In the 110m hurdles Phillip Saiz was 4th at 17.42. Saiz placed 1st in the 300m hurdles at 45.92. Friona boys were 2nd in the 400m relay and 3rd in the 800m relay and 2nd in the 1600m relay.

In field events, Oscar Rodriguez of Bovina was 5th in the high jump at 5-6. Juan Reyes of Friona won the long jump with a 19-5, Jesus Rocha of Bovina was 4th at 17-3.

Reyes also won the triple jump at 39-9 while Rocha was 5th at 35-8. Moreno of Friona was 6th at 34-5 1/4.

Aaron Arcos of Friona won shot

put with a 45-2 toss, Frank Martinez of Bovina was 2nd at 41-2, and Alex Dunnam of Friona 4th at 39-4 1/2. In discus, Dillon Welch of Friona won by almost 35 feet with his 1st place toss of 141-1 and Chris Haile was 6th at 99-4.

In junior varsity competition, the Friona boys won first place with 110 points. The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls also participated in the track meet.

Are land markets overpriced?

By Bryan Pope, Associate Editor, Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Conventional wisdom may suggest that the current price of Texas land—\$1,797 per acre—is more than prudent investors should pay if they expect to see positive returns on land ownership in ten years, but at least one noted research economist is not so sure about that.

"That assumes the next ten years will unfold much like the previous 40," said Dr. Charles Gilliland of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. "And that's not necessarily the case."

Judging strictly by land costs and investment returns since the 1960s, paying more than \$1,200 per acre today will earn investors meager—and possibly negative—re-

turns ten years down the road. Today's land prices greatly exceed that amount.

But the research economist says several factors cast serious doubts on the assumption that past market trends accurately predict future investment trends.

First, the negative returns on a ten-year land investment in the past four decades largely resulted from the meltdown of a leverage-driven land market in 1986. "Land purchased in 1976 would sell in 1986 for the ten-year investment," Gilliland said. "That retreat in the state's land prices is the only documented period of price decline in the history of Texas land market

research. United States Department of Agriculture statistics indicate Texas land prices remained flat even during the Depression."

Gilliland also pointed to several negative influences that struck the Texas market in 1986. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 eliminated much of the tax-shelter motive for land ownership, and oil prices plummeted, sending the Texas economy into a tailspin that resulted in population growth and numerous job losses. In this environment, Gilliland said, many land sales supported by borrowed funds collapsed, lenders found themselves owning unwanted properties as available market supply grew, and many financial institutions sank into insolvency.

1986 through 1993," Gilliland said. "Eventually, most of the surplus property was transferred to private hands at vastly reduced prices. By 1994, the land glut had ended. And markets began a recovery that continues today."

For more information on Texas land prices, read "The Sky's the Limit: How High Can Land Prices Go?" at <http://recenter.tamu.edu/tgrande/vol14-1/1799.html>.

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3 Quannah Parker was last chief of this Quahadi tribe

4 TXism: "there's more than one way to skin _____"

9 TX western swing band: "Asleep _____ the Wheel"

10 TXism: "getting long in _____" (aging)

11 a jet for some of the TX rich

12 Fort Worth 1800s red-light district: "Hell's Half _____"

13 TXism: "plain as the _____ your face?"

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15 TX mother of 3-down: Cynthia _____ Parker

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26 TX Rip Torn's character in film, "Where the Rivers Flow North"

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28 tapered ice

29 "_____ me now"

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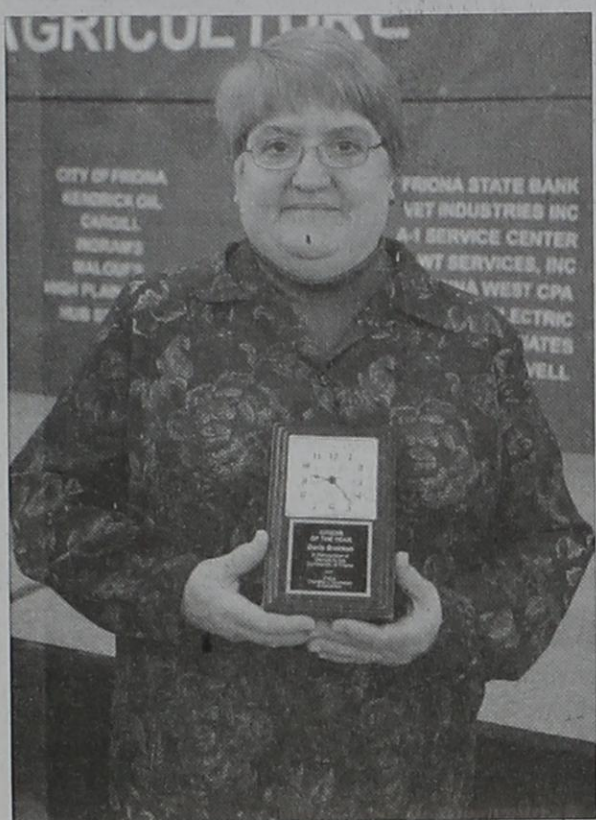
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Chamber board member J. B. Douglas presents a check for \$1,000 to Friona high school choir director Allison Johnston. The choir performed at the Chamber banquet and the money was donated toward the choir's spring trip to South Padre.



Sean Lookingbill & Allison Jones
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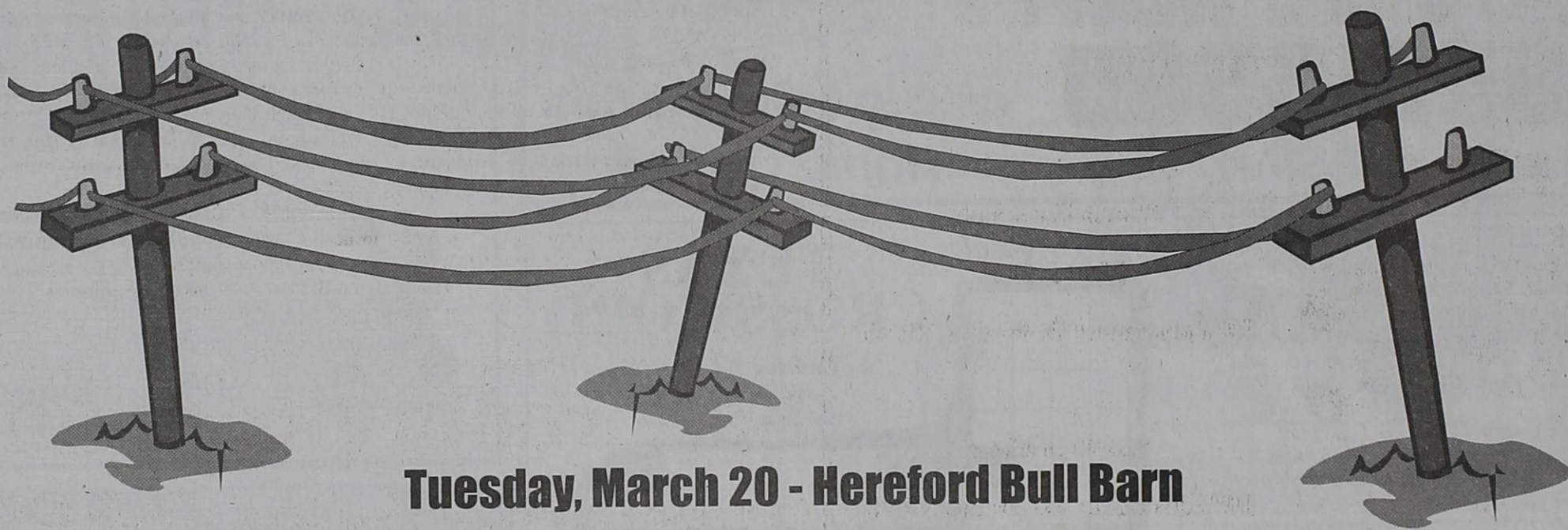


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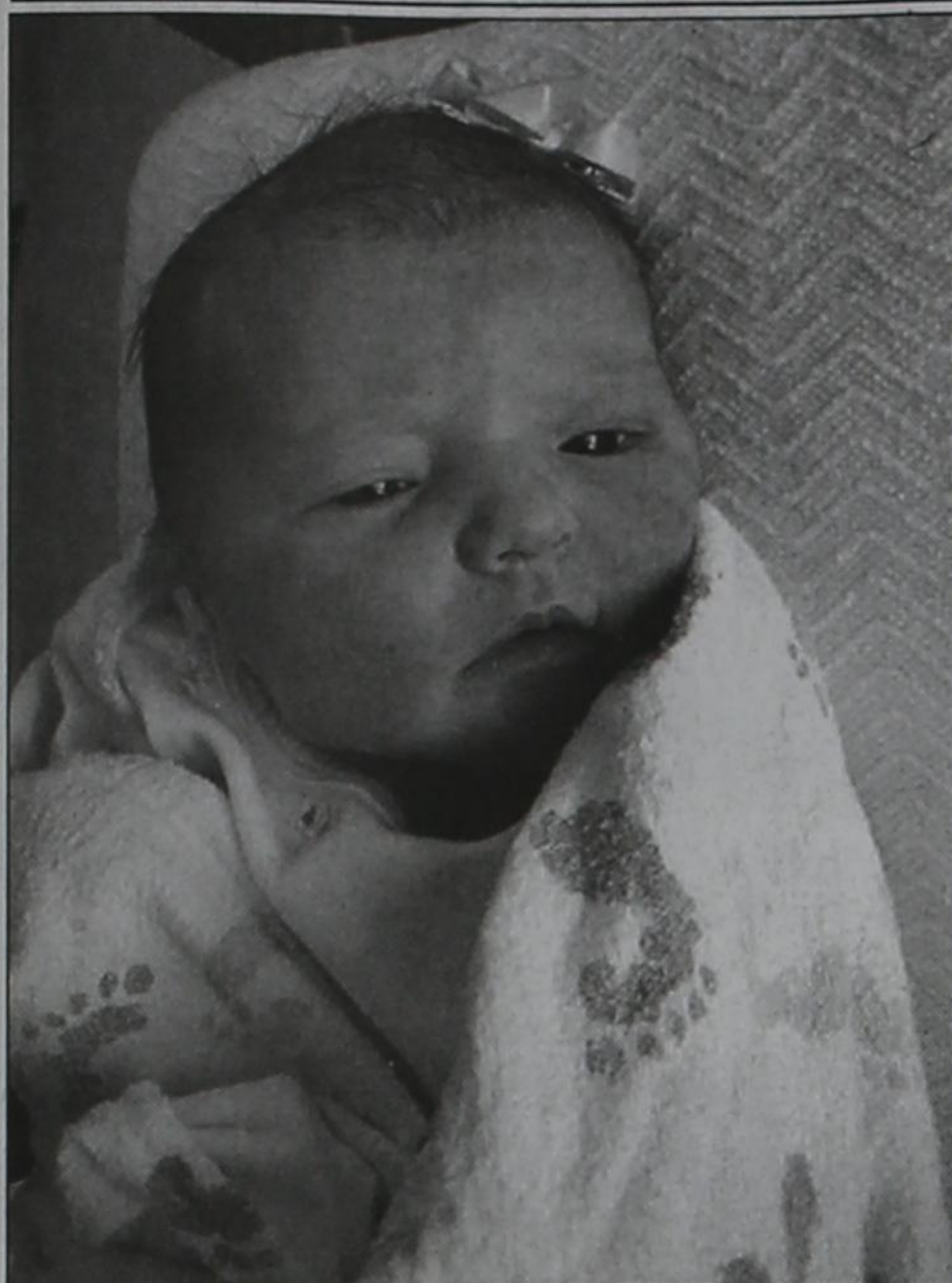
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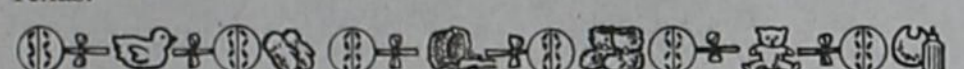
Avery Grace Dunn

Brent and Renee Dunn, of Plano, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Grace Dunn, their first child.

She was born Friday, February 16, 2007, at 12:05 p.m. in the Presbyterian Hospital of Plano. Avery weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mike and Reta Martin of Friona; Jan Dunn of McKinney, Texas; and Jerry and Connie Dunn of Irving, Texas.

Great grandparents are Vera Heck of Tulia, Texas; Clarence and Wynona Martin of Friona; and Yvonne Dunn Wiggins of Temple, Texas.



Class of 1997 seeks address info for reunion

Attention all 1997 Friona High School graduates! Plans for the upcoming 10-year reunion are quickly approaching. Organizers Leander Davila and Jenny Ahrhart-Eisenhauer say, "We need to get in contact with all members of the 1997 graduating class."

If you are a 1997 graduate or a relative that can provide address information, contact Jenny Ahrhart-Eisenhauer at ds_hb@hotmail.com or 512-626-3309 or Leander Davila at leander.davila@ci.austin.tx.us or 512-203-9576.

Rebecca Gomez of Amarillo, Texas and Robert Munoz of Clovis, New Mexico, exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Faith Family Christian Church in Clovis, with Pastor David Swan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Angie Gomez of Bovina, Texas and Ruben Gomez and wife, Denise of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Adam and Chris Gomez of Dumas, Texas and Joe and Lupe Guerra of Friona, Texas.

The groom is the son of Rey and Delia Munoz of Clovis, New Mexico.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ruben Gomez. She wore a white satin A-line gown with a split back and fitted bodice that gradually flared from the waist. It was embellished with a candy apple red beaded cuff, hem and inset. She wore long white satin gloves and carried a bouquet of fresh red roses with one white rose, baby's breath and greenery. Bryanna Larrea of Amarillo, daughter of the bride, and Bradan Gomez of Dumas carried the bride's train.

Her two-tier elbow length veil was edged with candy apple red cord and her tiara was accented with crystals and pearls. She wore a crystal flower drop necklace, matching earrings and a three-row crystal bracelet and Rayna style shoes with rhinestones on the strap and up the heel.

Liz Fenhaus of Amarillo was the matron of honor with Christy Gomez of Bovina, Sandi Martinez of Houston, Texas, Ashley Rico of Hereford, Janie Baca of Amarillo, Sylvia Luna of Hereford, and Annette Lopez of Clovis serving as bridesmaids. The bride's attendants wore long, candy apple red satin dresses and silver shoes. Each carried one red rose adorned with red and white ribbon.

The groom wore a black two-button tuxedo with silver pinstripe slacks and a candy apple red vest and tie.

WEDDING

Rebecca Gomez & Robert Munoz



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Munoz (nee Rebecca Gomez)

Rick Munoz of San Diego, California was the best man with Jeremy Gomez of Bovina, Clinton Holcomb of Amarillo, Timothy

Munoz and Chris Lopez both of Clovis, Luis Porras of Hereford, Joshua Estrada of Lubbock, and Ralph Carillo of Hereford serving

as groomsmen. The groom's attendants wore black two-button tuxedos with candy apple red vests and ties.

Yasmine Larrea of Amarillo, daughter of the bride, and Regina Garcia of Bovina served as flower girls wearing dresses with a white satin bodice and organza skirt adorned with candy apple red satin flowers, a matching sash and white gloves with a red bow. Andrew Suarez of Amarillo served as the ring bearer.

Diamond Perez of Hereford sang "This I Promise You" and "You Sang To Me" both selected by the bride and groom.

The front of the church was decorated with a heart shaped arch adorned with red and white roses, two fan shaped candelabras and a white silk runner.

A reception was held at the National Guard Armory in Clovis with family and friends serving as reception assistants. The table decorations consisted of centerpieces of fresh roses with floating heart shaped candles. The chairs were decorated with white silk covers and red bows on the backs.

Disc Jockey Tino Martinez of Hereford, Comprades Mariachi's of Amarillo, and Diamond Perez of Hereford, provided the music and entertainment while a canopy of 1,000 balloons hung over the dance floor.

After honeymooning in Hawaii, Rebecca and Robert Munoz are making their home in Clovis.

Recent ice and snow may improve pre-plant soil moisture conditions

What impact will recent ice and snow have on pre-plant soil moisture conditions within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1?

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and High Plains Water District personnel are working to answer that question as they collect data for the annual joint pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The original January 15 survey start date was delayed due to poor field conditions caused by recent ice and snow. However, High Plains Water District officials are pleased that some areas are receiving needed moisture.

"Recent winter precipitation has been extremely variable across the Water District service area. Because of this, some areas accumulated very little available moisture while others will likely see improved soil moisture conditions due to the ice and snow. This depends upon the various soil types and their moisture infiltration rates," said Scott Orr, agricultural group supervisor.

Orr also said the water content of snow is more variable than people realize.

"People may have heard of the 10 to 1 ratio—10 inches of snow equals one inch of rain—which is a common rule of thumb. This works well when temperatures hover near the freezing mark, but the ratio depends upon the temperature at the time the snow falls.

"Therefore, ten inches of fresh snow can contain as little as 0.10 inches of water or as much as five inches of water—depending upon the crystal structure and environmental factors, such as wind speed and temperature. At temperatures just above freezing, snow is often heavy and laden with water. In

this case, the ratio might be more like 5 to 1. At lower temperatures, snow tends to be light and fluffy, and the ratio is often greater than 10 to 1," Orr says.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use moisture meters to gather data at more than 200 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the district.

Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile by lowering a probe into an aluminum access tube at the site. These data are later processed to calculate the moisture level in the soil (available moisture) and how much moisture the soil can still hold for plant use (deficit moisture).

Maps are constructed illustrating the location of soil moisture monitoring sites within the district and the crop type, irrigation application method, and amount of soil moisture in the upper three feet and upper five feet of the soil at each site.

"This information allows producers to review soil moisture conditions for several sites in their area. They can then make pre-plant irrigation decisions based upon information from those sites and their own on-farm soil moisture test," Orr said.

The High Plains Water District and the USDA-NRCS are working to provide timely soil moisture information to help producers with management decisions for the 2007 growing season.

The final soil moisture survey data will be sent to news media and will be printed in the March issue of *The Cross Section*.

(Reprinted from *The Cross Section*, a monthly publication of The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.)

Safe room program available from PRPC

With the start of the severe weather season in sight, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) has announced the start of the second round application period for the Regional Residential Safe Room Rebate Program. The Safe Room Rebate Program provides approved homeowners with a rebate to partially cover the cost of installing a safe room/tornado shelter in their home. The program is open to residents throughout the Texas Panhandle.

This program is being funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant the PRPC received through the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM). To be eligible to participate, residents must own the home in which the safe room will be installed. Mobile home owners must own their home and the land on which their mobile home sits. Homeowners can receive a rebate of up to

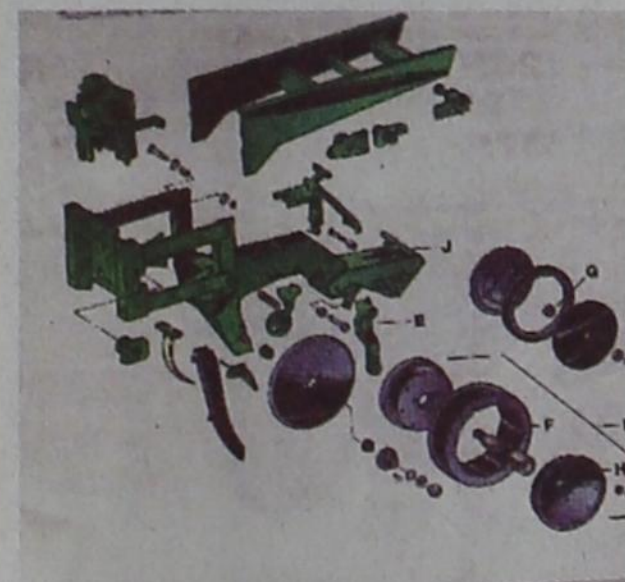
50% on the cost of installing a shelter in their home. The maximum amount of grant funds paid for a shelter has been capped by the State at \$2,500.

The Safe Room Program is relatively new to the state of Texas. In fact, the program was implemented first in the Texas Panhandle. The PRPC concluded its first round application cycle in November with the funding of 235 shelters. Stefan Bressler, PRPC Regional Program Coordinator, said that all things considered, the program is going very smoothly. "We've basically served as the test case for the program in Texas," said Bressler. "GDEM has been very accommodating in letting us set up a program to fit our needs in the Panhandle and that has allowed us to run the program with the minimum of red tape."

PRPC will accept Round II applications through April 27, 2007. Residents interested in applying

for a rebate will find the application form and guidance on the PRPC's website at www.thepRPC.org. Residents can also obtain rebate information by contacting Stefan Bressler at (806) 372-3381.

After the application deadline has passed, the PRPC will select the successful applicants using a modified lottery system. Currently, a certain number of safe rooms are set aside for each county in the region. Applications from the same county will be drawn at random until the allocation for that county has been filled. Any rebate allocations not used in one or more counties will be thrown into a regional pool and used to help meet the excess demand in counties where the requests received is greater than the number of rooms allocated for that county. There will be approximately 550 safe room rebates available under Round II of this regional program.



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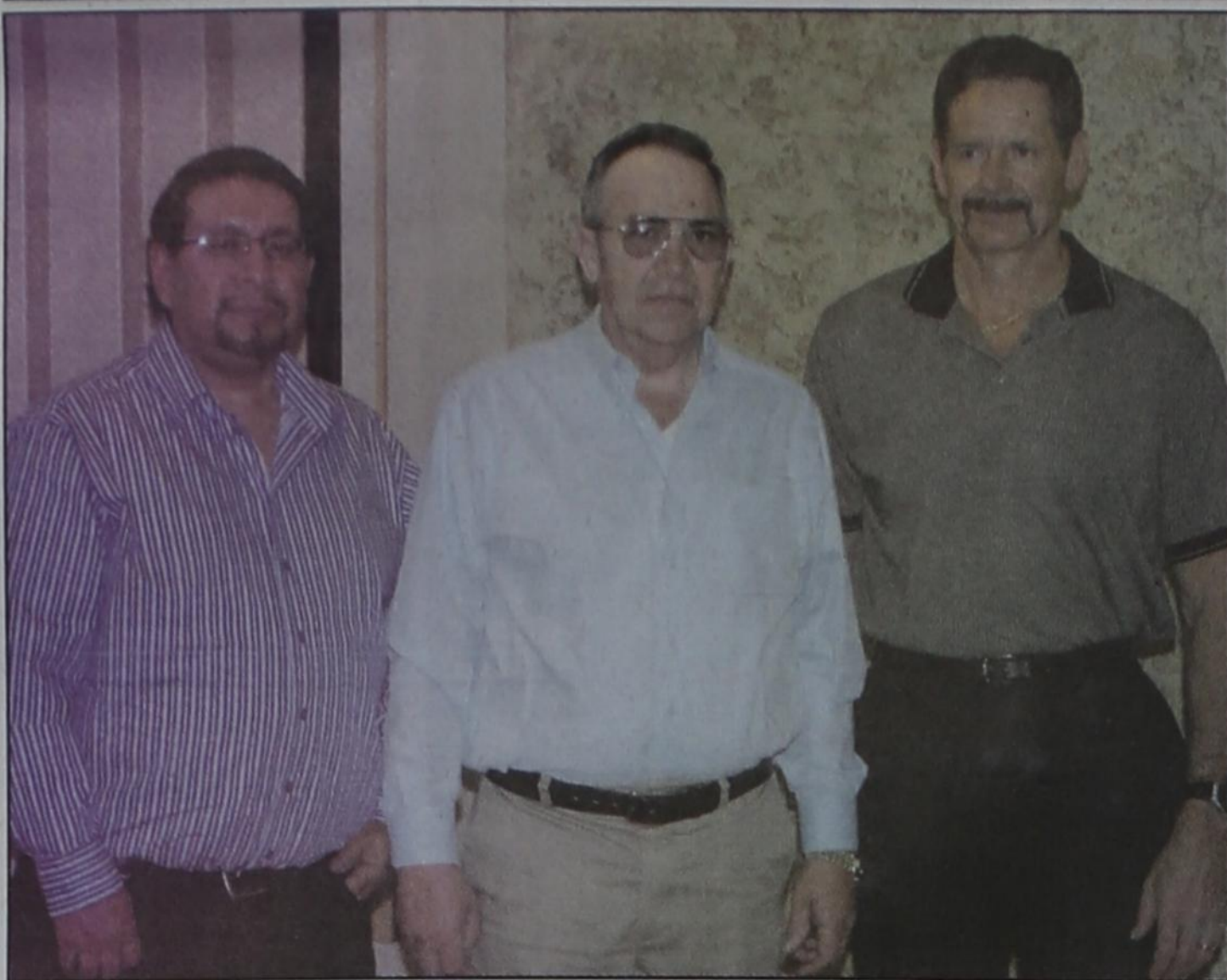
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Honored for 35-years of service at the Cargill Meat Solutions annual banquet were, l-r, John Ortiz, Jerry Ruthardt, and Jerry Landrum.

Cargill honors senior employees

Cargill Meat Solutions held its 7th Annual Service Awards Banquet Saturday March 3 at the Hereford Country Club. The annual affair honors Cargill employees that have completed 25-, 30-, and 35-years with the company.

General manager Steve Thompson

greeted the esteemed group present with family and friends as they enjoyed a filet mignon dinner prepared by country club staff. Jarrod Gillig acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Rick White with a big assist from his wife Diane organized the evening and prepared the plaques and gifts for the honorees.

A drawing was held to give away four tenderloins to four lucky winners and another contest was held to guess how many total years of Cargill service was represented by employees attending the banquet. The correct answer was 1,049 years.

Service awards were presented to:

35-years: John Ortiz, Jerry Landrum, and Jerry Ruthardt.

30-years: Greg Burleson, Jaime Villarreal, Walter Hudson, Mac Bowers, Lupe Garza, Victor Arzola, Sam McIntosh, Andy Garza, Pablo Martinez, Rick White, Wilbert Ransom, Lorenzo Claudio.

25-years: Gina Thompson, Diamond Perez, Horacio Flores, Rodney Shelby, George Guillen, Bacilio Viernes, Arthur Sisneros, Jesus Mendoza, Joe Perez, Irma Mendoza, Juanita Gonzales, Manuel Arellano, Jose Ortega, Oscar Rodriguez, and Candice Miller.



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Receiving 30-year Cargill Meat Solutions service awards Saturday night were, seated l-r, Jaime Villarreal, Pablo Martinez, Mac Bowers, and Lupe Garza; back, l-r, Rick White, Greg Burleson, Andy Garza, Wilbert Ransom, Lorenzo Claudio, and Walter Hudson.



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Celebrating 25-years employment with Cargill Meat Solutions are, seated, l-r, Diamond Perez, Gina Thompson, Candice Miller-Spell, Irma Mendoza, and Art Sisneros; back, l-r, Jose Ortega, Oscar Rodriguez, Horacio Flores, Bacilio Viernes, and Joe Perez.

Bovina citizens honored at annual Chamber banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet Saturday March 3 at the school cafeteria.

Citizen awards were given to Brett Whitten, Man of the Year; LaTrelle Mieber, Woman of the Year; J. T. Hammonds, Heritage Award; Martha Morris, Educator of the Year; and Students of the Year Jessie Reyna and Jessica Bachicha.

Need for foster/adoptive parents

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in Amarillo says there is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents.

Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families.

These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents.

To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the CPS office, 6200 I-40 West, in Amarillo. This month's meeting is Tuesday, March 13. For information the TDFPS phone is 806-354-6230.

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