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TEN PAGES

Friona blood drive Mar 19

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Calvary Baptist Church from 2-7 p.m. Thursday March 19.

Each donor will receive a "Thank You" t-shirt. To make an appointment call the Blood Center at 1-877-574-8800. Blood Center officials point out that an appointment to donate is not necessary. Walk-in donors are welcome.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center needs an average of 125 pints of blood every day to fill the needs here in the Panhandle. They are working hard to increase the number of donors in the area. If you have not been a donor please consider joining the Blood Center donor club.

'09 senior steak dinner Mar 29

The Friona High School Class of 2009 will hold its annual steak dinner fundraiser Sunday, March 29, at the junior high cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The menu will be steak, baked potato, salad, homemade dessert, and beverage. Tickets are adults \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door. Kids are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. Tickets are available from senior class members or at the high school office.

Senior parents are offering takeouts and home delivery this year. If you could like to get on the list for home delivery contact Jiselle Hand at 250-3575 or Karen Wyly at 295-6583.

Weather report: dry and drier

Local weather guy John Gurley had another boring month in February. He records the weather each day from a big National Weather Service contraption in his back yard.

In February he officially recorded 0.31" rainfall on February 9. That's it. The average high temperature was 63 and the average low was 27. The actual high temp was 78 February 24 and 25. The low was 14, recorded on February 2.

Perhaps March will offer him a more exciting range of weather to record, including some good moisture. At least we hope!

Daylight time starts Sunday

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night (officially 2 a.m. Sunday morning) as Daylight Savings Time begins.

The extra hour of daylight will be in effect for about seven months until Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1.

'09 Relay for Life plans kicked off, survivors sought

Planners for the 2009 Relay for Life met last Thursday at Friona State Bank. The Relay is scheduled for June 19. The next committee meeting will March 26.

Several teams have already committed to participate. Plans are also to have the annual Cancer Survivor dinner in Friona on June 16. Parmer County 4-H will host. Organizers need names and addresses of cancer survivors to update their list. "This is one of the more important aspects of the Relay," organizer Jyl Grimsley said.

If you are a cancer survivor please contact Mrs.

High & Inside



Chieftain catcher Andy Bentley grabs a high inside strike during the game with Plainview JV at the Olton tournament Saturday evening. The Chiefs brought home a 2nd place trophy. They beat Smyer and Olton but lost to Plainview for the championship. The Saturday night weather was freezing as noted by the bundled up fans.

holly campbell photo

Local phone directories to combine

In an agreement signed last week, Choice Directories and West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will combine their phone directories for Hereford, Dimmitt, Friona and the area. The Choice Directories, which has served the area for more than ten years, will be co-branded with West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, which is distributed in May according to Brad Tooley, publisher. The directory will be expanded to carry additional exchange phone numbers, as well as cooperative member numbers.

"This is a win-win for Hereford, Friona and the area as it will combine the strengths of two phone directories," Tooley said. "Customers will benefit by having all their important numbers in one book and merchants will benefit by only having to purchase advertising in one book to reach all the communities of Hereford, Friona, Bovina and Dimmitt."

The book will also include all phone numbers for Bovina, Dawn, Frio, Hub, Milo Center, Parmer, Summerfield, Westway, Farwell, Oklahoma Lane and Tharp. Thomas Hyer, WTRTC general manager, said the agreement will be a positive for all parties and the community.

"It's going to be an advantage for both our members, customers and the busi-

nesses," Hyer said. "One book will offer better advertising opportunities, awareness for area towns and phone numbers for all our customers," he said.

Combining two books is also a "green" initiative, Tooley said. "The combined effort will result in less printing and less books to be disposed of." Advertising deadline for the 2009-2010 directory is March 16. Press run for the Choice/WTRTC book will be 16,000 copies, plus.

For additional information, contact Diane Goddard, sales manager, at 352-6585.

Election signup deadline Monday

The deadline for signing up for seats on the Friona school board or city council is Monday, March 9. There are three seats up for re-election on both the school and city ballots.

Terms of Mitch Smiley, Brent Loflin, and Lisa Alaniz expire on the school board. As of Monday this week only Mitchell Smiley had signed up for the election.

At the city council, terms of council members Jim Atwell, Mark Osborn, and Charlie Pope are expiring. As of our press deadline, no candidates had signed up for the city council election.

Candidate applications are available at the school administration office or city hall. The election will be May 9. If only three candidates sign up for the three seats, officials can vote to cancel the election. A list of signees will be published in next week's Star.

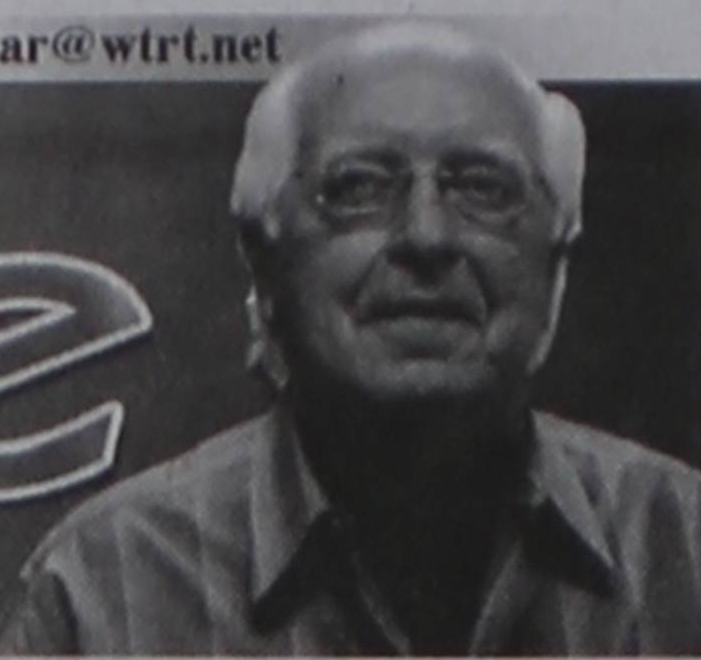


This group of energetic youngsters was busy helping out the St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Sunday, serving desserts and keeping tea glasses filled. They are, l-r, Rosie Cavillo, Isaac Gallardo, Janet Cavillo, Joanna Hernandez, Gabby Quintana, Nohely Juarez, and (in back) Adrian Rodriguez.

ron carr photo

Out Here

By Ron Carr



let them go party

So you want to be a millionaire

We all ask our kids what they want to be when they grow up.

The answer now would be "let the government decide". Seems that with the current economic downturn and the Democrats taking over America, it is a bad thing to be a millionaire, so tell your kids to shoot a little lower.

President Obama gave some bank bailouts then told the execs they couldn't make more than \$500,000. That's not quite right to my way of thinking. The government, congressmen, senators, et al, are not marketing geniuses. They each rip us for \$200,000 a year plus free medical, generous retirement pensions, and as much other graft money as they can hide.

Free golf trips, free trips to Europe, limousines, fancy restaurants. All a part of a politician's daily life yet they want to control the success of private enterprise.

The government cannot create jobs or stimulate the economy. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. If they stopped collecting taxes from everybody for one year, the economy would be stimulated and it would not cost as much as they intend to spend.

You know the news stories about the banks that received bailout money then went out and partied with it. The news media and politicians made a big deal of it. Here we are giving them money and they are actually spending it.

I say the so-called lavish parties did more to stimulate the economy than the government has done. Remember that hotels, resorts, golf courses, etc., employ average Americans. A party at a "lavish resort" needs wait-

ers, bartenders, clean-up people, sound technicians, maids, bellhops, and groundskeepers.

During my travel agent career I handled many such "lavish" events. They are very much a part of the Meetings and Incentive industry. Incentive travel is huge and now all of a sudden it is being branded as an evil activity.

Here's an example. Let's say you are a store manager for a major pizza franchise. In order to increase sales, management gives store managers a six-month sales goal. Those managers meeting the goal qualify for a trip to Hawaii.

The same incentives are applied to many industries. I know folks right here in Friona that have been on nice trips, like Alaska cruises, which they have earned through similar incentive programs.

I personally handled travel arrangements for large companies that "brought their top customers" to Acapulco, or Las Vegas, or the Caribbean and wine and dined them with fancy parties, and golf tournaments, and sightseeing trips. It is the American capitalist business way and there is nothing evil about it.

Under the government's "no party" program, an entire industry is being discriminated against. They will likely be sending a bunch of ice-carving experts to the unemployment office.

Politicians like Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, and yes, Barack Obama condemn the meeting and incentive industry as being evil when actually the "evil" money spent on cocktail parties and green fees is pumped directly into the local economy. Their

stimulus doesn't do that.

A banking company called Northern Trust received \$1.6 billion in bailout money, a paltry sum compared to some others. Northern Trust sponsored a PGA golf tournament in Los Angeles, complete with parties, receptions, etc. It cost a few million, most of which compensated the aforementioned average folks.

The Barney Frank, Nancy Pelosi, Barack Obama steamroller condemned and shamed Northern Trust so much that they vowed to repay the \$1.8 billion ASAP and unbundle their company from further government extortion.

I don't know that a corporate CEO should receive \$100 million a year. All corporations, large and small, are structured this way: stock-

holders, board of directors, officers. The board of directors hire the officers, set their compensation, and oversee the operations of the company. If the various board members of major corporations had done their jobs the government would not now be destroying American ingenuity.

So what do we tell our kids, especially the ones about to get out of college? Where is their incentive to go forth and earn a million? It is said college graduates will earn \$1,000,000 more than non-graduates in their lifetime.

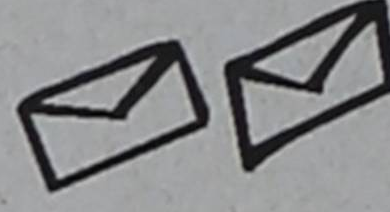
If it is left up to the Frank, Pelosi, Obama socialist express, that may no longer be true.

Let's go party while we still can.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a former Friona resident and a Lubbock resident I follow local sports a lot. After reading the Friona Star article, where the money was donated to the Cook family in Idalou, it really showed me the great values that Friona folks have and that I miss. I work with a school board member from Idalou ISD and I follow their sports closely, except when they beat Friona at Canyon in football this year. That made for some problems, but we worked it out. I just wanted to say I think my home town is the best in Texas.

Thanks,
Dewayne Williams
1977 Grad of FHS
Son of Rex and Barbara Williams



Plans for the second edition of Prairie Progress, the new publication of the Parmer County Historical Commission, are in the second stage. We hope that the new book can highlight the strength of our pioneers and of our families today. It is important to give everyone the opportunity to honor their ancestors even those who are still around.

The new history book will offer memorial pages just for that purpose. The pages will sell for \$200 for a full page, \$125 for a half page and \$ 88 for a quarter page.

If the full page seems a little pricey, think about it as being four quarter pages. For instance, Gladys and I plan to honor our family with the full page and break it into quarters. That way we can include her grandparents, my grandparents, her parents, and my parents, all for 200 bucks. Not too shabby. Or you might think of the same breakdown for a half or even a quarter page. Remember, you are in charge of what you want to include in the pages, so be creative.

We hope that this will be the highlight of the book because we really need to remember those who gave us the great county to be a part of.

Also, these same prices are available for businesses in Parmer County. That's a pretty good deal for your advertising bucks. Remember that a lot of our agriculture has been in the family for many years so to combine the memorials and the business is not a bad idea. Even if your business or farming enterprise has just started, we are interested in hearing about it, so consider taking part in the new Prairie Progress.

Don Spring
Parmer County Historical Commission

Don't forget to spring forward one hour Daylight Savings time begins Sunday

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "got a skunk by the _____" (trouble)
- 5 once a pharmacy name in TX
- 6 military branch of Abilene Dyess (abbr.)
- 7 TX-born Ron who was a base-stealing Atlanta Brave ('87-'93)
- 8 TX-based "Pizza _____"
- 9 TXism: "_____ to a rattler" (wicked)
- 12 singer Hayes or physicist Newton
- 16 Van _____, TX
- 18 TX Swayze's home in CA: "_____ Bizarro"
- 21 TXism: "more than you can shake a _____" (a lot)
- 22 "Texas Eagle" is an _____ train
- 23 TXism: "_____ horse of a different color"
- 28 TX Kenny's "Love Will _____ You Around"
- 29 drug addict
- 30 slide back the bar in a door
- 31 TXism: "talks _____ streak" (talks fast)
- 35 Fredericksburg Oktoberfest food: _____ kraut
- 36 TX coast destination for Spring Break
- 42 TX Comptroller of Public Accounts once had this title
- 44 TX Audie fought _____ jumpers in "Duel at Silver Creek"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "quit the handle" (get to work)
- 48 rare eye inflammation disorder: "_____ Syndrome"
- 49 TX Stone who formed the "Family Stone"
- 50 TXism: "weak as _____-day kitten"
- 51 TXism: "dainty as _____ doily"
- 52 TXism: "_____suckin' dog"
- 53 "Texas 2-_____"
- 54 "Texas" is a musical _____ in Palo Duro
- 56 TXism: "he put _____ on the feed bag"
- 57 horse doc
- 58 feminine suffix
- 15 first King Ranch land was bought for less than 2-cents an _____
- 17 private Fort Worth university (abbr.)
- 16 _____ broiled steak
- 20 neighbor across the Red River (abbr.)
- 23 this became TXU in 1998
- 24 init. of George H.'s "Stormin'" general
- 25 TXism: "blind as _____"
- 26 Alamo excursions
- 27 TX-born Chill Willis film: "City That Never _____"
- 14 picnic pests

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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Solution on page 4

- 32 TX Willie sang "Let It _____ Me"
- 33 a Chinese mile
- 34 TX country (abbr.)
- 36 TXism: "_____ to bed with a shovel" (bury)
- 37 opera solo
- 38 fender after a "fender bender"
- 39 these blooms can kill fish off the TX coast
- 40 civil rights org. with branches in TX
- 41 "wine and _____"
- 43 mom's complaint: "this room looks like a pig _____"
- 45 Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood" (init.)
- 47 impractical fence? (2 wds.)
- 48 "house" south of the border
- 55 NY National League Astro opponent

Mark Your Calendar

March 5

Parks & Wildlife Deer Season meeting
7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church

March 5-6

Friona Relays Track Meet
Junior high-Friday; JV Varsity-Saturday
Volunteers to help conduct the meet are needed.
Contact Coach Rex Cumpton at 250-3862 or
Coach Carrie Arias at 250-8800.

March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins

March 9

Regular meeting of Friona City Council - 6 p.m.
in Council Chambers on Main Street

March 10

Chamber of Commerce Banquet
at the Community Center

March 12

Ag in the Classroom at the Community Center
sponsored by Farm Bureau for 4th graders

March 19

Blood drive 2-7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church

March 22

One-Act Play public performance at
2 p.m. in the high school auditorium

March 29

Senior Steak Dinner
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria

March 30

St. Teresa's Senior Class Banquet at 6 p.m.

May 9

Local election day for
School Board & City Council

June 19

Relay for Life Cancer Walk

July 18

4th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off

August 8

6th Annual Chamber of Commerce
Golf Tournament-Call for details-250-3491

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Standard open display rates are \$4 per column inch. Volume discounts are available.

Classified ads are a minimum of \$5 or 25-cents per word. Borders and special type are \$4 a column inch with a \$5 minimum. Card of Thanks is printed with a border and is the \$4 a column inch rate with a \$10 minimum.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary, and birth announcements are \$10.

We reserve the right to limit the amount of space used for wedding announcements without extra charge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

DEADLINES

News articles and advertising are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday to guarantee publication. Articles and ads submitted after the deadline are accepted only on a space available basis. Deadlines may be changed from time to time for holidays or special issues.

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Thursday, March 5, 2009

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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

If tumbleweeds were gold, folks around here could bail out the government. All we've had for weather is wind and dust and an ample crop of the dry rolling bushes. The Friona State Bank sign says, "Pray for rain." Sounds like a good idea but God must be busy trying to figure out what the government is doing. Some day it has to rain doesn't it? The county burn ban is still in effect.

A couple of weeks ago I took a deep breath and faced a serious and scary experience. It's called Wal-Mart customer service. I had to exchange a couple of items but I got through it without any major psychological damage. At the end of the transaction they asked for my driver license. Apparently I was so glad to get out of there I

forgot my license. I never missed it until three days later when I received it in the mail at my house. No note, just a license in an envelope. Thank you Wal-Mart person.

Chieftain coach Rex Crompton has announced his intention to resign and accept a coaching position at Hobbs, New Mexico, a 5A school. He will be offensive line coach and we'll talk to Rex and give more details later on before he departs.

Took mom over to the St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Sunday. The Catholic Church ladies did their usual excellent job. We got there early and by the time we left the parish hall was filling up with the post-church crowd. Thanks ladies. Some neat kids were helping out clearing tables

and pouring tea. We put their smiling faces on the front page as a reward.

Speaking of St. Teresa's, they have scheduled the Class of 2009 senior dinner for Monday, March 30 at the parish hall. Other churches will no doubt schedule senior class dinners later. If you have a senior dinner scheduled let us know please so we can put it on the calendar.

And the senior class steak dinner will be Sunday, March 29, at the junior high cafeteria. Details are printed on page one. Proceeds help with the all-night drug free party after graduation May 29. The school year is speeding up now and in a matter of days another class will sail away and we'll start all over. Whew!

Still on the food thought: The dessert coordinator at the twice weekly senior lunches, Carol Ellis, says the seniors need 4-5 desserts each Monday and Thursday. Up to now, seniors have been preparing the desserts but volunteers are wearing thin. So they are asking for assistance from the community to provide some of the desserts.

If you don't attend the senior lunches (yet) but would be willing to furnish a dessert on a somewhat regular basis, call Carol at 250-3053



ron carr photo

Attebury Grain, LLC, hosted a luncheon Tuesday to introduce Cole St. Clair as the new manager of the Black elevator. Attending were Attebury employees, back, l-r, Bo Gonzales, Fabian Tafoya, new manager Cole St. Clair, Dale Lock from Amarillo, Tereso Tafoya, and Curtis McGill of Amarillo; front, l-r, Lezli St. Clair, Jayne Euler, and Jill White of Happy.

for more details. On behalf of all sweet tooth senior citizens, we thank you!

Monday was Mexican pile-on day. I didn't make it but our Star employee Marlene Mueller substituted for me. She likes to visit and gossip as well as the next person. No serious illness concerns were shared and that is a good thing. If you have any news of local interest, good or not so good, please share it with us so we can pass it along.

Spoke with Brad Tooley this week. He is the former owner and publisher of the Canyon News. Brad's company, Choice Media, owns billboards and publishes phone directories. Choice Media is announcing this week they have 'taken over'

the WT Services phone directory printing. A story and ad explaining the transaction are included in this Star issue. The Choice Directories are free and we will have a supply of them here at the office.

The Friona Country Club annual meeting is Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Friona State Bank community room. A proposed increase in dues or the sale of the club and golf course will be the main topic on the agenda. Members are encouraged to attend.

Was happy to attend a steak lunch this week hosted by Attebury Grain. The occasion was to introduce Cole St. Clair, new manager of Attebury's Black elevator. Cole and his wife Lezli

moved to Friona from Dalhart. Cole's dad Tommy is a loan officer with Great Plains Ag Credit. The event was held at the senior citizen Friendship House. A big welcome to Cole and Lezli and their new baby due in April.

We will see you at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday. It starts at 6:30 p.m. The theme is Hats Off to Friona and the dress is casual and folks are encouraged to wear a hat. Tickets are \$15 and available only in advance. The menu is prime rib and fixins. Come on out and enjoy the meal, high school choir, silent auction and the recipients of this year's Chamber citizen awards. We will feature the winners next week. Until then!



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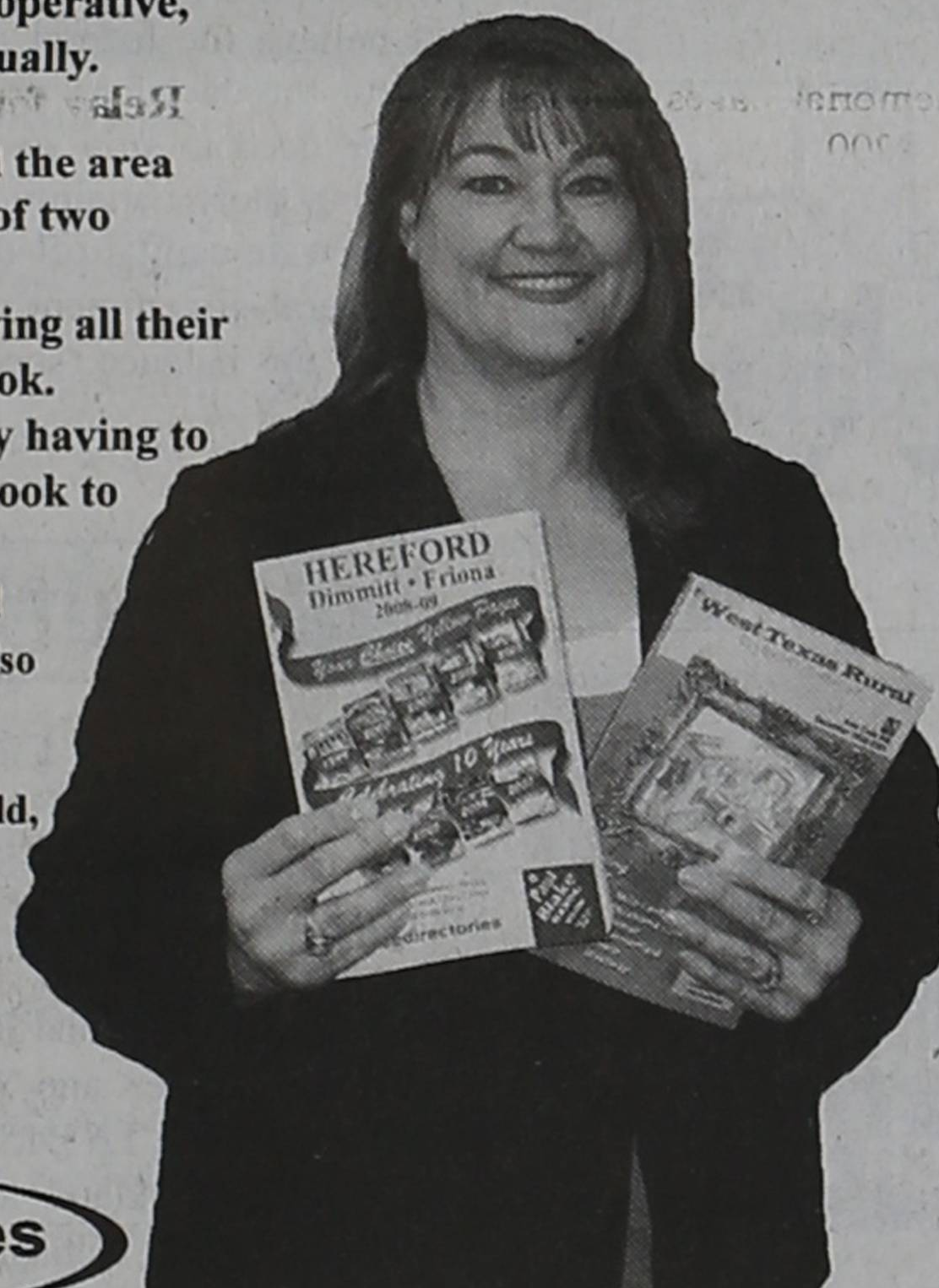
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Diane Goddard, Sales Manager

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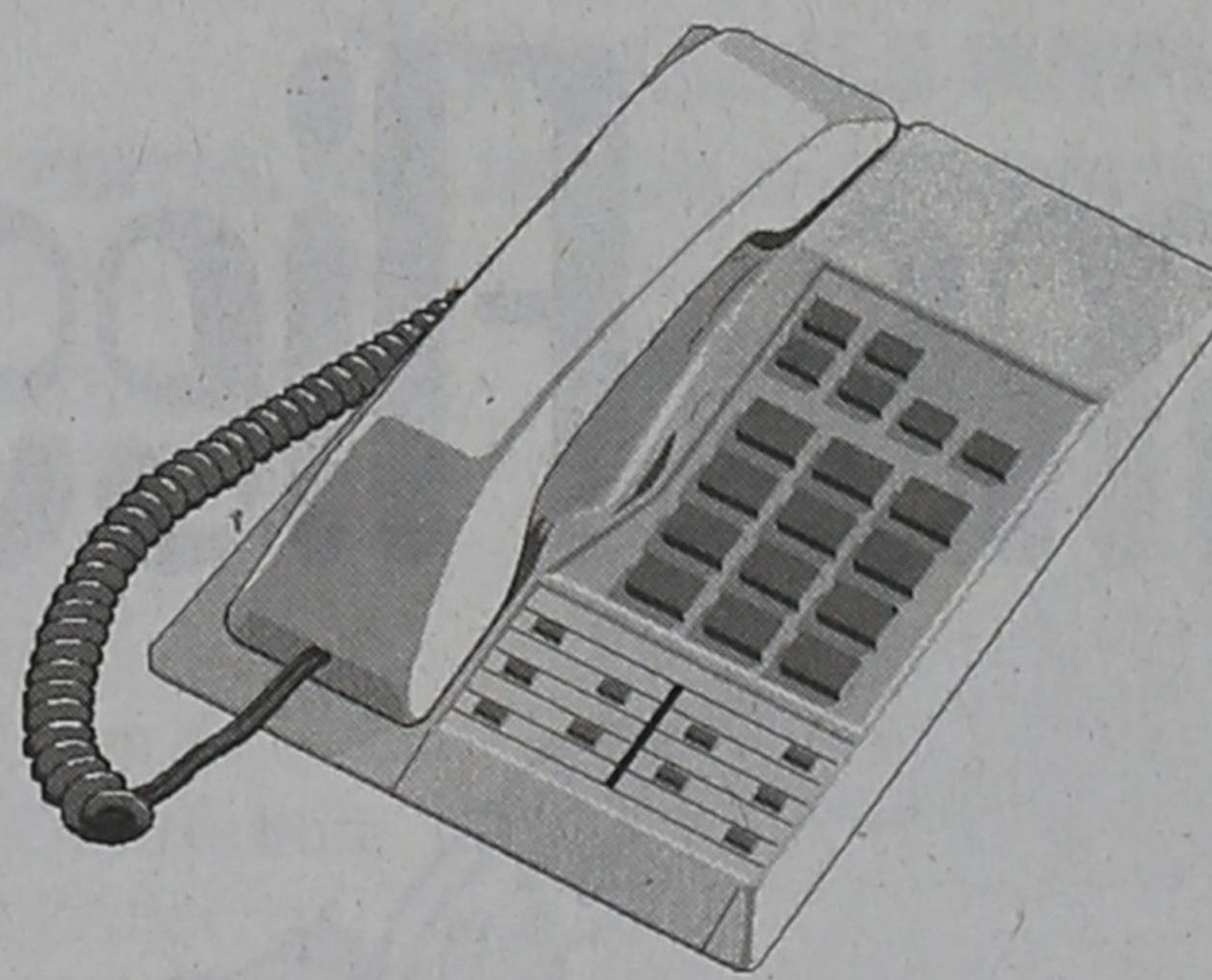
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Wind coalition discusses county power grid

Premium Wind Coalition (PWC) of Bovina hosted a meeting at the home of Jim and Kay Swafford with Jimmy Clark, Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, to discuss the options available to extend the power grid into Parmer County.

Jim Bob Swafford, Director of PWC, presented the alternate power grid extension plan to Mr. Clark. The plan calls for extending a single 345KV line another 35 miles southwest from Hereford to Bovina. The extension would allow wind developers in Parmer County access to a power grid to export electricity to the southern part of Texas.

Swafford said Clark was very supportive and receptive to the plan. He agreed to facilitate meetings with state representatives and senators in Austin to present the plan. Since the state legislature is in session now, the meetings will be held later in April.

PWC presented Clark with a signed petition of 140 signatures for Parmer County in support of the power grid extension. "We continue to make progress toward Parmer County wind development," Swafford said.

Man donates firearm shrouded in mystery

In 1951, at just 10 years of age, Gene Gifford wandered through Ceta Glen Canyon throwing rocks in the creek bed when suddenly he noticed something very peculiar in the dirt. A Colt Model 1860 Army revolver was soon discovered.

When Gifford visited the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum to see the exhibition Samuel Colt: Arms, Art and Invention, this past summer, he was inspired to donate this important firearm to PPHM. Gifford found the firearm in the vicinity of where Colonel Ronald S. Mackenzie's Fourth U.S. Calvary traveled during the Red River War. Mackenzie and his troopers fought Southern Plains Indians at the "Battle of Palo Duro Canyon" in September 1874.

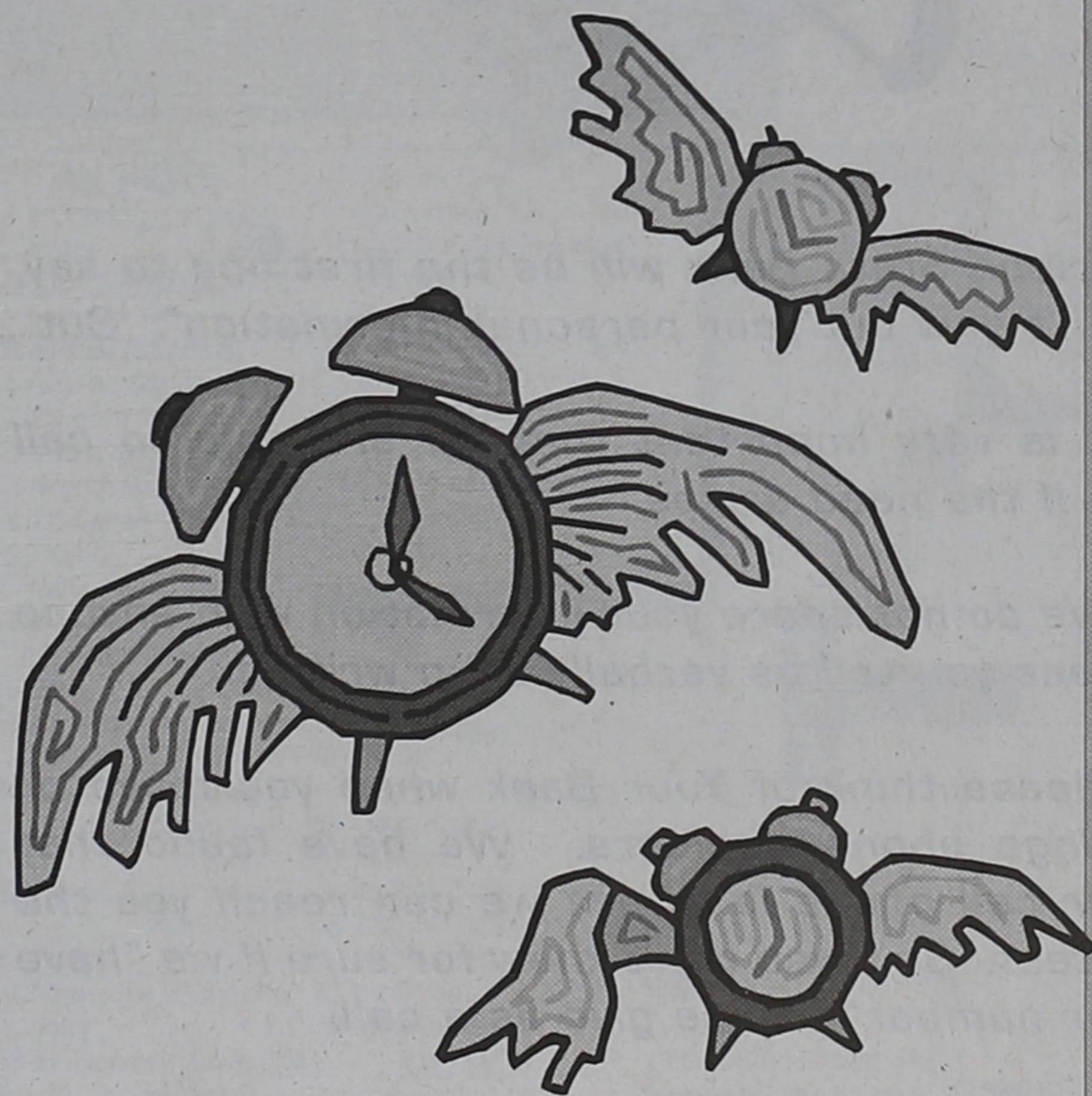
"Although it is possible one of the soldiers lost the pistol during the battle, it is also possible that it belonged to one of the Indian combatants. By 1874, many Indian warriors had acquired firearms through trade, raids, or capture during battle," said J. Brett Cruse of the Texas Historical Commission and author of a new book on the Red River War.

Four balls remain in the six-round cylinder of the Colt, and the hammer rests on an empty chamber, which would indicate that it was lost during a time of deadly action on the part of its previous owner. Whether this person was Indian or white will forever be shrouded in the mists of time along with the circumstances of the firefight. The warrior might have been one of Col. Mackenzie's Fourth Calvary troopers, or a Comanche or Cheyenne brave fighting for his life. He might have fallen, with the pistol flying from his hand, as his horse was shot from under him, in a hail of lead and powder smoke. He might have lived to fight another day or died on the spot.

Based on the historical facts, this artifact is brought to life. It opens a window on this vast sea of grass that was a great battlefield 130 years ago.

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Mayor Stan Miller, Norma Whitten, Jimmy Clark, Jim Swafford, and Dan Ray

Pesticide training and testing

A Texas private pesticide applicator training and testing program will be held March 11 at the Bailey County Extension office in Muleshoe. The office is located at 118 West Avenue C, just west of 1st Bank.

Training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and testing should conclude by 1:30 p.m. Texas AgriLife Extension Service will provide the training and the Texas Department of agriculture will administer the test. A lunch break is not scheduled. Attendees are encouraged to bring a calculator.

Individuals who want a Texas private applicator license must attend a training program offered by AgriLife and pass the TDA exam, and purchase a license. The applicator license fee is \$60 and expires five years after issued.

For more information or to obtain study materials call Monti Vandiver at 806-272-4584 or 806-481-3300.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 8 - March 14, 2009

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wtrt.net.)

Mar. 8-David Sifford, Mary Schueler, Rob McDaniel, Ruby Neathland, Bianca Burkett, Sarah Gerles, Gail Hand, Kay Venable, Bonnie Scaff, Rob McDaniell, Lea Garrett

Mar. 9-Linda White, Billie Tontage, Cindy Cleveland, Will Romero, Sean Campbell, Kay Hinton

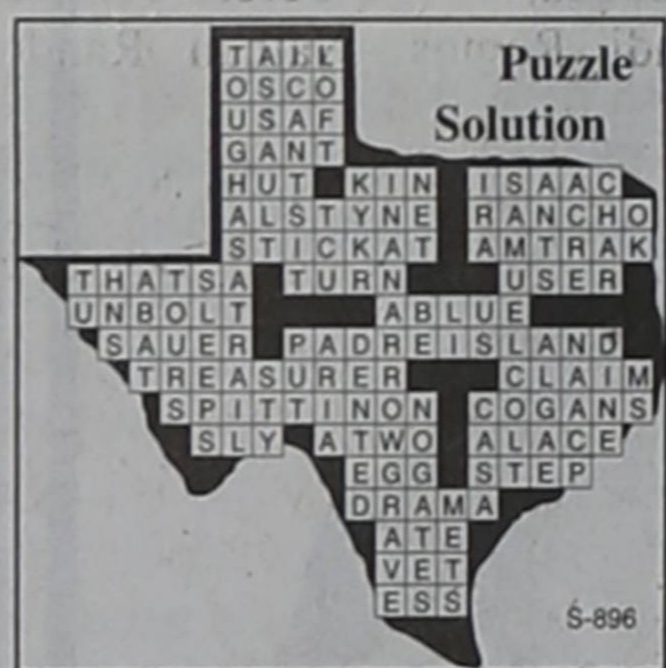
Mar. 10-Jerry Poarch, Park Weatherly, Patsy Gresham Riggins, Beth Bridges, Victor Favela, Tony Chisom, Maisie Rainey, Pattie Hanes

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

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, Tracy Jamerson, Amelia Taylor

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, Chloe Whitten, Elijah James Garcia



Sheriff's Report

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

February 24, 2009, Micah Bontrager, 21, of Denver, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

February 24, 2009, Sherena Leatherman, 36, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on Potter and Randall County warrants (theft by check), bonded and released.

February 25, 2009, Maria Rivas, 37, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for theft by check, pending County Court.

February 27, 2009, Andy Sisneros, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

February 28, 2009, Hagen Henderson, 26, of Hereford, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.

February 28, 2009, Travis Irwin, 25, of Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

February 28, 2009, Carollynn Stockard, 22, of Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

February 28, 2009, Tobyn Stockard, 25, of Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

March 2, 2009, Miguel Elias, 36, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department for criminal mischief (more than \$50.00), pending County Court.

March 2, 2009, Eric Mendoza, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police Department for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

On February 17, 2009, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Carlos David Guillen, 25, of San Antonio, charged with attempted sexual assault, (reduced from sexual assault), had adjudication of guilt deferred; placed on community supervision for seven years; \$566 court costs; \$1,500 fine; \$400 attorney fees; and \$425 restitution.

Neugebauer says stop beefing up broken banks

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Deputy Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee, issued the following statement in response to Citigroup's and the U.S. Treasury Department's announcements regarding conversion of preferred shares held by the government to common shares:

"The American taxpayers should be outraged. The federal government should not make taxpayers common shareholders in American banks. This action only expands the government's intervention in the financial sector and puts taxpayers at further risk.

"I believe the federal government must be held accountable for the decisions made on behalf of America's taxpayers. We need to stop sweetening bailouts for broken banks and bring more certainty to government policies in order to bring private capital off the sidelines and into the economy. The federal government cannot continue down this path of beefing up balance sheets for institutions that are not performing."

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from February 18, 2009 to February 25, 2009:

Tracy L. Bunker and Suzanne R. Bunker - Bengor Aero Spraying Inc., E40' L40 ALL L41 B2 WESTERN.

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Jack Allan Kirkland and Michele Kirkland - Coleman Young and Melissa Young, L21-22 B2 FARWELL.

Paige Krakoski, Lacye A. Ratliff, Tiffany Barclay - Ronald E. Price, SW/4 S23 CHARLES HARDING

James D. Clark and Rachel L. Clark - Clint Hurst and Shannon Hurst, SE/4 S19 BLK A.

Pablo Martinez and Herlinda Martinez - Roberto Morales Sagastume, L21-24 B2 GARDNER.

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Friona Elementary All A, AB Honor Roll and Big Chief Awards

Friona Elementary School Principal, Martha Soliz, has released the fourth six weeks honor rolls.

All "A" Honor Roll:
Second grade: Gabriela Barrayndey Vazquez, Jace Belk, Jocelyn Carpio, Josselyn Castillo, Rickie Castillo, Jordan Cockran, Omar Estrada, Artemio Garcia, Natali Godinez, Jonathon Hernandez Jacob Isom, Breanna Mannrique, Angelica Martinez, Madyson Milloy, Alondra Ovalle, Emma Rector, Kessly Salinas, Marin Santiago Nuci, Christopher Sinclair, Victoria Torres, Socorro Viernas, and Rosa Zamora.

Third grade: Lydia Alexander, Bryce Bunker, Matthew Dickson, Sandra Gonzalez, Brooklynne Johnston, Jacqueline Legarreta, Julissa Lopez, Stephanie Maldonado, Madison Morrow, Seth Murphree, Saidi Soliz, Gloria Torres, Kassandra Villarreal, and Hadley White.

Fourth grade: Claudia Alexander, Kendall Barnett, Brandon Douglas, Aspen Fleming, Sydney Frye, Chelsie Gomez, Mikaela Merino, Beatris Molina Franco, Luz Salas, and Alicia Tino.

Fifth grade: Itzel Anett Enriquez, Joshua Barnett, Hillary Bermea, Jacob Harrison, Kaegan Kerby, Erika Maldonado, Josue Ojeda, Elizabeth Rocha, and Jasmine Rodriguez.

"AB" Honor Roll:

Second grade: Paola Bermudez Ramos, Brea Brown, Alexis Cavazos, Anahi Cigarroa, Isaac Cigarroa, Jennifer DeLaCruz, Jakob Dominguez, Gabriella Douglas, Nicole Fair, Angelica Flores, Ruby Flores, Sergio Flores Gandarilla, Gia Garcia, Juan Garcia, Carey Gomez Gonzalez, Dylan Hofferichter, Peyton Hofferichter, Brenda Jaramillo, Logan Loflin, Liliana Lozoya, Elian Mendoza, Marco Monreal, Rodrigo Munoz, Bailey Pope, Maria Prudencio, Martin Quintana, Justin Raymond, Damian Rodriguez, Jaylyn Rodriguez, Jazmin Rodriguez, Kimberly Rodriguez, Logan Rodriguez, Ebany Saucedo, Allison Soltero, and Slade Swink.

Third grade: Karina Acosta, Gabriel Antonio, Blase Bermea, Andrew Bonds, Bryce Bunker, Mesa Capshaw, Caitlin Carthel, Viviana Chavez, Stephanie Corrales Ponce, Brandon Countiss, Arlisa Denton, Ivan Duran, Nuria Garcia, Cynthia Gonzalez, Erika Grado, Ezekiel Grado, Mario Hernandez, Cade Hurst, Jenifer Jaramillo, Marco Maldonado, Verence Mendoza, Marlene Morales, Briana Padilla, Trushar Patel, Erick Prieto, Guillermo Quintana, Valerie Ramirez, Viviana Rivera, Aaron Rocha, Jonathan Rodriguez, Laura Sanchez Gonzalez, Raul Silva, Mason Stanberry, Reagan Stowers, Francisco Summertiin, Marissa Villanueva, and Kraig Villarreal-Cadena.

Fourth grade: Briana Alvarado, Leslie Alvarez, Desteni Aragon, Jason Balli, Sabrina Barraza, Isabel Bautista, Itzel Bermudez Ramos, Tristan Castillo, Kori Caywood, Alejandro Cigarroa, Jaime Cigarroa, Kim

DeWit, Abigail Diaz, Cason Drake, Mason Fleming, Daniela Flores Lopez, Alexa Garcia, Edwin Garcia, Kayleigh Hardin, Juanita Izaguirre, Robin Kelley, Maritza Lopez, Nastassia Luna, Austin Mercado, Destiny Ordaz, Daniel Pena, Arely Quintana, Beronica Regalado Ayala, Yahaira Rodriguez, Jasmin Salas, Griselda Santiago, Salvador Santiago, Ashley Soltero, Aaron Tafoya, Luis Trejo, and Marilena Viernas.

Fifth grade: Eva Alvidrez Delgado, Anahi Antonio, Brayon Ayala, Esmeralda Barrayndey, Eric Brown, Courtney Bunker, Rafael Calvillo, Yodeli Castillo, Kyra Davis, Salma Escamilla, Salma Estrada, Alondra Flores Lopez, Keila Gabel,

Yvonne Gonzalez, Trey Hurst, Rosa Ixcoy Garcia, Ashlynn Kilpatrick, Autumn Kilpatrick, Cesar Lopez, Evelyn Lozoya, Karen Meza, Blayke Mills, Adrian Munoz, Makayla Pierce, Cedric Rogers, Tyler Smith, Jay Soto, Lorena Soto, Cody Stowers, and Johnna Thompson.

Big Chief Awards:
Second grade: Mrs. Houston's Class-Andrew Cigarroa; Mrs. Huckin's Class-Samuel Frye; Mrs. Morrow's Class-Jace Belk; Mrs. Pinales' Class-Maria Prudencio; Mrs. Sarabia's Class-Marin Santiago Nuci; and Mrs. Welch's Class-Jonathan Hernandez.

Third grade: Mrs. Galvan's Class-Ruby Torres; Mrs. Herbert's Class-Lydia Alexander;

Mrs. K. Jones' Class-Stephanie Maldonado; Mrs. Miller's Class-Trushar Patel; Miss Street's Class-Ivan Gallardo; and Ms. Rodriguez's Class-Mario Hernandez.

Fourth grade: Mrs. Fitch's Class-Joel Cigarroa; Mrs. Gipson's Class-Natalie Avilez; Mrs. Hickman's Class-Jessie Garcia; Mrs. Reed's Class-Aspen Fleming; and Mrs. Smith's Class-Brandon Douglas.

Fifth grade: Mrs. Gilley's Class-Kaegan Kerby; Mrs. B. Jones' Class-Evelyn Lozoya; Mrs. Murphree's Class-Tyler Smith; Mrs. Sundre's Class-Cedric Rogers; and Mrs. Wiseman's Class-Courtney Bunker.

Friona Junior High All A and AB Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School principal, Mark Sundre, has released the fourth six weeks honor rolls.

All "A" Honor Roll:

Sixth grade: Kayla Alexander, Alexis Alvarado, Luis Anchondo, Cassandra Ganska, Angela Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Brenton Hickman, Tyler Hough, Mason Loflin, Candice Malone, Kendall Morrow, Justin Rocha, Haden Smiley, and Lino Tarango.

Seventh grade: Nicole Anchondo, Isabel Davila, Holly Johnston, Amy Osborn, Jacob Osborn, Alonzo Ovalle, Esdras Rodriguez, Hunter Sundre, and Shayle Swink.

Eighth grade: Cotton Fleming, Maddie Murphree, Sajal Patel, and Kalley Preston.

"AB" Honor Roll:

Sixth grade: Antonio Adame, Brandon Berend, Alison Bonds, Jimmy-Lee Caywood, Airam Chavez, Jose Chihuahua, Joselito Cigarroa, Saul Espino, Julissa Gallego, Edgar Guerrero, James Irons, Richard Izaguirre, Paulina Jaramillo, Andrea Juarez, Cassidy Malone, David Martinez, Daniel O'Brian, Denise Padilla, Brayden Pope, Mike Ramos, Rosie Rodriguez, Emmanuel Rosales, Clara Salinas, Guadalupe Salinas, Gladwyn Senibalo, Cole Stowers, Chelsy Villanueva, Aubrey Williams, and Yulisa Yanez-Ramirez.

Seventh grade: Zoila Aguillon, Rosa Calvillo, Coke Capshaw, Kelsey Davis, Jeri Duenes, Jose Flores, Isaac Gallardo, Alejandra Garcia, Ediladjo Garcia, Hector Garcia, Michael Garcia, Jose Gonzalez, Erick Guerrero, Tuffy Henry, Daizy Hernandez, Trenton Hickman, Logan Kilpatrick, Kendall Kimbrough, Kiana Lozoya, Kayley Lucas, Marcella Mendoza, Lucia Perez, Marisol Posado, Brandi Ramos, Nathan Rando,

Mercedes Rodriguez, Jakelin Sanchez, Destiny Sandoval, Mark Schwab, Ashli Smith, Ricardo Soto, Karina Tafoya, and Rebekah White.

Eighth grade: Maria Chacon Anchondo, Emilio Degollado, Stephen Dominguez,

Krystin Gonzales, Cheyenne Harris, Macy Herring, Zoe Herring, Marissa Lozoya, Magali Morales, Gabriela Quintana, Linda Ramos, Jose Rivera, Alexys Romero, Daniel Soltero, Oscar Vasquez, and Colby Woodson.

Friona High School All A and AB Honor Roll

Friona High School principal, Chris Morrow, has released the fourth six weeks honor rolls.

All "A" Honor Roll

Freshmen: Karina Chihuahua, Ryan DeWit, Rachel Dickson, Katie Osborn, Luis Puga, and Weston Wylly.

Sophomores: Regan Anthony, Caitlin Bronniman, Keeley Dunnam, George Frye, Brittany Herbert, Isabel Hernandez, Kami Kerby, Catalina Ortega, Miguel Reveles, Kelsey White, and Julie Wiseman.

Juniors: Leonardo Castaneda, Joseph Dickson, Monica Dominguez, Joshua Duenes, Sasha Estrada, Paige Herbert, Derek Jamerson, Taryn Jamerson, Jordan Kelley, Anyuili Lopez, Mackenzie Malone, Steven Mendoza, Anna Murphree, Yesenia Ortiz, David Schwab, Matthew Stanberry, Hayden Sundre, and Melina Vega.

Seniors: Hannah Carthel, Edward Echevarria, Jamie Garcia, Pablo Lopez, John O'Brian, Gabriela Rivera, Natalia Rodriguez, Gabriel Kenneth Senibalo, Alba Soltero, Andrew Stowers, and Kathleen Wylly.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Freshman: Gabriel Avalos, Jose Barraza, Harley Cox, Elysha Galaviz, Armando Garcia, Lorenzo Garcia, Alan Gomez, Cynthia Guerrero, Kimberly Guitierrez, Paden Henry, Leslie Hernandez, Abigail Jones, Guillermina Lara, Edward Leon, Berenice Lopez, Abigail Martinez, Caleb Monroe, Hortencia Montana,

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Sophomores: Laci Austin, Maria Del Calvillo, Zackery Fair, John Gurley, Marcela Hernandez, Laura Lopez, Sergio Mendez, Ernesto Monreal, Michael O'Brian, Juan Ortiz, Ruben Rocha, Juan Tarango, Claudia Trevino, and Duncan Welch.

Juniors: Stephanie Aguirre, Jeremy Alaniz, Monique Alaniz, Yuliana Alvarez, Miguel Chico, Erik Cruz, Felissa Dominguez, Raul Dominguez, Angelica Gallagher, Adrian Garcia, Maria Garcia, Kenneth Gordon, Ana Hernandez, Monica Jurado, Jonathan Licerio, Lacey Lookingbill, Justin Lozoya, Katelyn Miller, Angelica Nicolas, Jonathan Pierce, Stetson Reed, Krystal Rios, Zulema Rocha, Yesenia Rojas, Noe Saenz, Jessica Salinas, Jesus Sarabia, Bianca Soto, and Guadalupe Vasquez.

Seniors: Steven Bentley, Brittany Berend, Rolando Castanon, Justino Dominguez, Alexander Dunnam, Staci Fairweather, Melissa Gallego, Perla Gonzalez, Victor Guerrero, Aaron Hand, Lucia Mendez, Maria Meza, Ricardo Monreal, Nohemi Ramos, Patrick Rios, Jonathan Rocha, Richard Salinas, and Alexis Vega.

Boys basketball All-district named

District 2-2A varsity boys basketball coaches named all-district selections this week.

Joey Dickson was selected as Newcomer of the Year. Dickson averaged 12.5 points and 2.5 assists per game.

Matthew Stanberry was named to the all-district team. He recorded 15 points and 10 rebounds per game average. Coaches did not pick a second team all-district. Fourteen players were chosen, a District MVP, Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, and 10 all-district players.

Honorable mention recognition went to Nick Ortiz who had a 9 point and 3 rebound per game average.



Golf tourney results

Friona high school hosted a golf tournament February 23-26. The girls played the first two days and the boys the final two days.

Coach Jeff Isom said the turnout was down this year but the weather made for great play all four days. Isom expressed thanks to the Friona Country Club for the use of the course, Lowe's Supermarket manager Marisela Padilla for ordering extra groceries, and An Donuts.

The girls team of Caitlin Bronniman, Keeley Dunnam, Brittany Herbert, Paige Herbert, Abby Jones, Lacey Lookingbill, and Katie Miller shot a team total of 422, good enough for 2nd place.

The boys team of Josh Duenes, Aaron Hand, Michael Ortiz, Jesus Sarabia, Alex Vega, Conner Woods, Clayton Smiley, Duncan Welch, and Jordan Kelley shot a 430 and 488.

The two teams competed in Tulia this week.

All-district girls basketball named

Coach Michael Hurley advised that Friona Squaw Regan Anthony was named to the 2-2A all-district team. Teammates Stephanie Aguirre and Sasha Estrada were district honorable mention.

There was not a first team/second team this year. Coaches named 10 girls to the all-district team, plus a district MVP, offensive and defensive MVPs and a Newcomer of the Year.

Powerlift results, regional qualifiers

The Friona high school powerlifters participated in their last regular season meet in Sweetwater last weekend. Alex Dunnam placed 3rd, Clayton Smiley placed 3rd, and Hilario Hernandez was 4th place.

Powerlifters qualifying for regional competition are: girls, Tori Abeyta and Estabali Hernandez; boys, Jesus Sanchez, Noe Saenz, Hilario Hernandez, Alex Dunnam, Victor Guerrero, and Clayton Smiley.

FHS tennis results

Friona high school tennis coach Ky Graham had 30 tennis players, 15 boys and 15 girls, entered in the Amarillo Small School Tennis Tournament February 27.


Rolando Castanon won 1st place in the Boys A division singles and Elda Castanon was the consolation winner in the Girls B division singles.

Others participating were: girls singles-Yesenia Ortiz, Amber Roberson; girls doubles, Heather Sandoval-Regan Anthony, Tamra Stormes-Jesse Jamerson, Kimberly Guitierrez-Estabali Hernandez, Ingrith Ojeda-Patricia Yanez, Krystal Rios-Angelica Gallagher.

Boys singles, Stetson Reed, Joey Mendoza, Alex Torres, J Gurley; boys doubles, Brenner Barnett-Gilberto Torres, Raul Licerio-Gerardo Torres, Caleb Monroe-Weston Wylly, Donovan Ortiz-Michael Ortiz, Victor Reveles-Gabriel Avalos. Mixed doubles, Miguel Soto-Gracie Sanchez.

Chief/Squaw Tennis Schedule


DATE	TOURNAMENT	
March 6	SPCHEA Tourney	Levelland
March 9	Varsity dual vs. Farwell	TBA
March 27	SPCHEA Tourney	Levelland
April 3-4	Amarillo Relays	Austin Tennis
April 9	Plainview Tourney	Plainview
April 14	District Tourney	Plainview
April 22-23	Regional Tourney	Odessa
May 2-3	State Tourney	Austin



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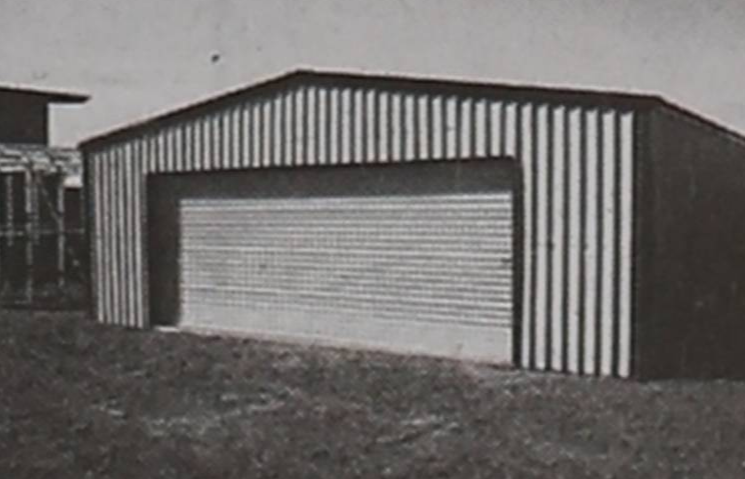
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FHS Students and Staff Member for February

We, at Friona High School, are happy to announce the February Students and Staff Member of the Month. These students and staff member are great assets to our school and we are proud of them.



Michael Villanueva

Freshman: Michael Villanueva is a model student. Mrs. Berend says, "that he helps others willingly and has a great attitude. Michael is smart and is respectful to teachers and fellow students."

Sophomore: Kelsey White is described as "one of the sweetest girls in this school". She is involved in sports, choir, OAP, FCCLA, student council. Mrs. Johnston says, "She works hard and is a great student. She is kind to everyone. She al-



Kelsey White

ways has a smile on her face and a kind word for others. She exemplifies all that we look for in our student leaders."



Ana Hernandez

Junior: Ana Hernandez is a student with a sweet personality. Ana works hard in class and contributes to the class. Another contribution she makes to the school is

her work with FCCLA. Mrs. Allen describes Ana and her accomplishments well. "Ana Hernandez is an exemplary student. In Early Childhood Professions, Ana is a great role model for the primary children. She approaches all assignments with a positive approach and enthusiasm. She began preparing in October for the FCCLA written Leadership Tests.

In recent regional competition, Ana won a gold medal and qualified to go to state for her diligent efforts. She puts others first and eagerly volunteers to help others and do projects. She is a Vice-president of Projects for the Friona-Red FCCLA chapter."

Senior: Natalia Rodriguez always has a smile on her face and has a very pleasant attitude. She is kind to others and encourages them. Natalia



Natalia Rodriguez

is a hard worker. Natalia came back to the United States to get a high school diploma from the U.S.A. so that she could more easily attend a university in the states. Mrs. Johnston says, "she is an accomplished musician and she is so very personable. She is a delight to have in class. She is an active member of the choir and has become one of the best singers in the choir in a very short time. She always has a smile on her

face. She is dedicated to her studies and to making a difference in her world. She exemplifies everything a student of the month stands for."



Patsy Allen

Staff Member- Mrs. Allen was nominated for several reasons. Mrs. Allen recently took the FCCLA to Regional competition where each team qualified many of these students along the way. Her nominator, Mrs. Berend, said the following,

"Mrs. Allen is a very dedicated teacher. She is an excellent role model for her Early Childhood students. Her students learn so much from her not only in the lessons but also by her actions. I feel that Friona High School is so fortunate to have someone with the experience and knowledge that Mrs. Allen possesses. She truly loves Friona High School and her students. She will do whatever she can to help a student achieve their personal goals." She also helps students and extra-curricular programs by sewing items of all types. Mrs. Allen also helps other teachers willingly and with a smile. Ms. Murdock describes Mrs. Allen as an "instrumental force in most of the service learning at Friona High School. This has been an important step in students receiving scholarships".

FHS choir students advance to state

Sixty-two students from the Friona High School Choir competed Saturday, February 21, at the UIL Regional Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"The students represented Friona very well and are to be highly commended for their behavior and performances," choir director Allison Johnston said. Seventeen students will advance to the state competition to be held on the campus of Texas State University in San Marcos Monday, June 1.

Students receiving a rating of "Excellent" or Division 2 in their events are: Freshmen Gabriel Avalos, Elysha Galaviz, Abby Jones, Jacob Pena, Gabriela Reveles, and Amber Roberson; Sophomores Maria Calvillo, Lisann Davila, Thania Garcia, J Gurley, Kami Kerby, Laura Lopez, Julia Machado, Magali Salinas, Skyla Stormes, Crystal Trevino, Kelsey White, and Patricia Yanez; Juniors Stephanie Aguirre, Monique Alaniz, Josh Duenes, Derek Jamerson, Jessie London, Steven Mendoza, and Melina Vega; Seniors Corinne Hinton and Joshua Silva.

Students receiving a first division on their class one solos and will advance to state are: Freshman Jessica Jamerson; Sophomores Keeley Dunnam, Vanessa Herrera, and Julie Wiseman; Juniors Monica Dominguez, Angelica Gallagher, Lacey Lookingbill, Jordan Kelley, Kenzie Malone, Yesenia Ortiz, Krystal Rios, Davis Schwab, Jesus Sarabia, and Bianca Soto; Seniors Tommy Carranza, Victor Parra, and Natalia Rodriguez.

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- Kristin Butman & Casey Meeks
- V'Lynda Wilcox & Kevin Barnett
- Trisha (Winebrinner) & Jake Steelman
- Adam Bandy & Jordi Higgins
- Michelle Martin & Cameron Kirkland

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Olive Massie given a life membership

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A Challenge

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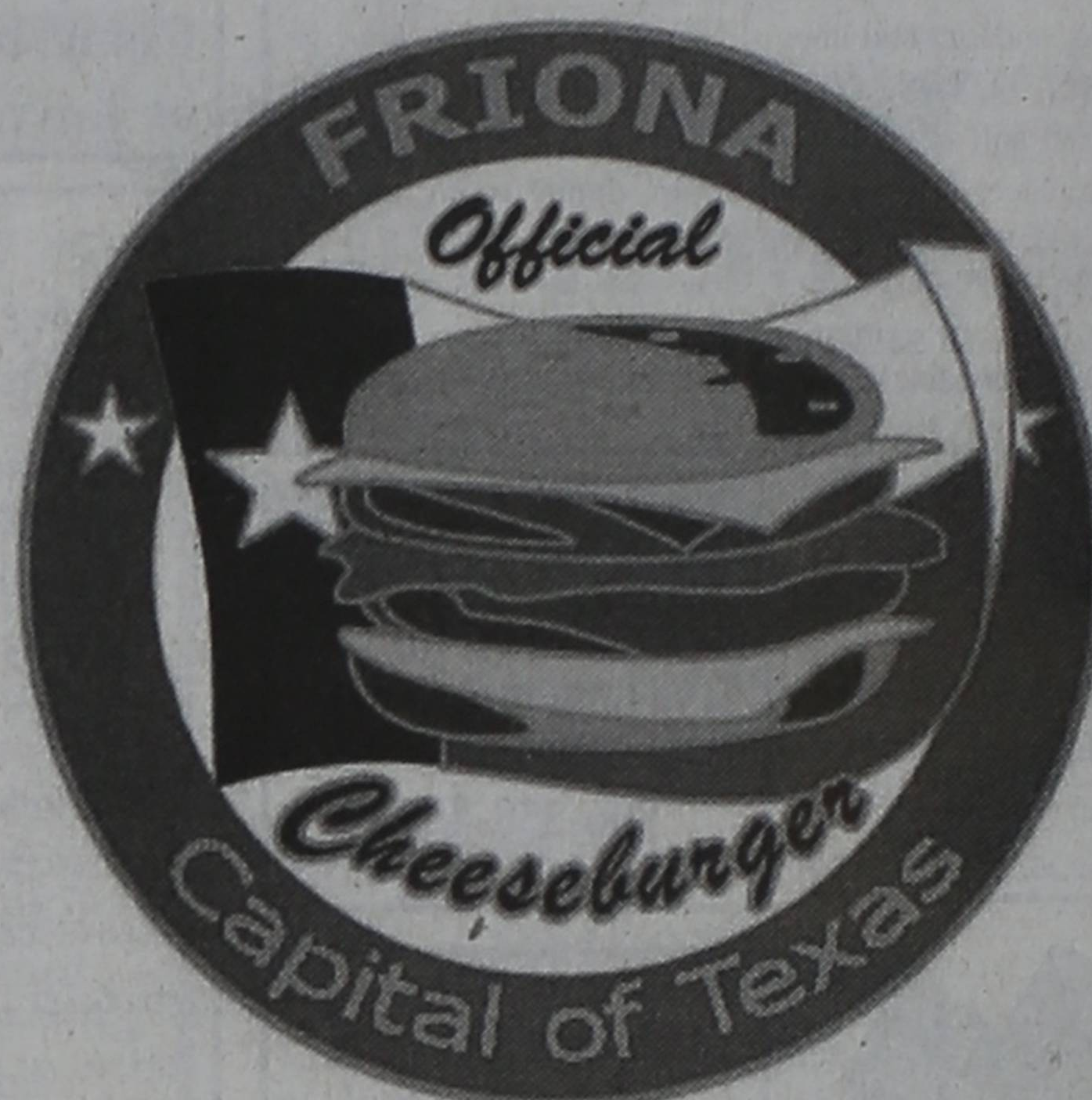
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Way to go Friona FCCLA!!



Applied Technology-first place, l-r, Anyuli Lopez, Sasha Estrada, and Paige Herbert.



FCCLA students qualifying for state competition are, front row, l-r, Monica Dominguez, Paige Herbert, Melissa Gallego, Stephanie Aguirre, Jamie Garza, Maricela Sanchez, Cierra Henry, Staci Fairweather; middle row, l-r, Brittney Herbert, Julie Wiseman, Kelsey White, Anyuli Lopez, Jessica Salinzs, Lupita Garcia, Ana Hernandez, Yuliana Alvarez, Monica Saenz, Joey Mendoza, Perla Gonzalez, Brenda Acosta; back row, l-r, Laci Austin, Sasha Estrada, Yesenia Rojas, Regan Anthony, Hannah Carthel, Abby Jones, Amber Roberson, Bianca Soto, Jessie Jamerson, Lupita Vazquez, Tamra Stormes, Monica Jurado, Zulema Rocha, Alex Vega, Lacey Lookingbill, Maria Meza, and Natalia Posada.



National Programs in Action-Occupational Division-first place, l-r, Natalia Posado, Monica Dominguez, Lupita Vazquez.



National Programs in Action-Junior Division-third place, l-r, Abby Jones, Tamra Stormes.



Interpersonal Communication-first place, l-r, Amber Roberson, Jessie Jamerson.



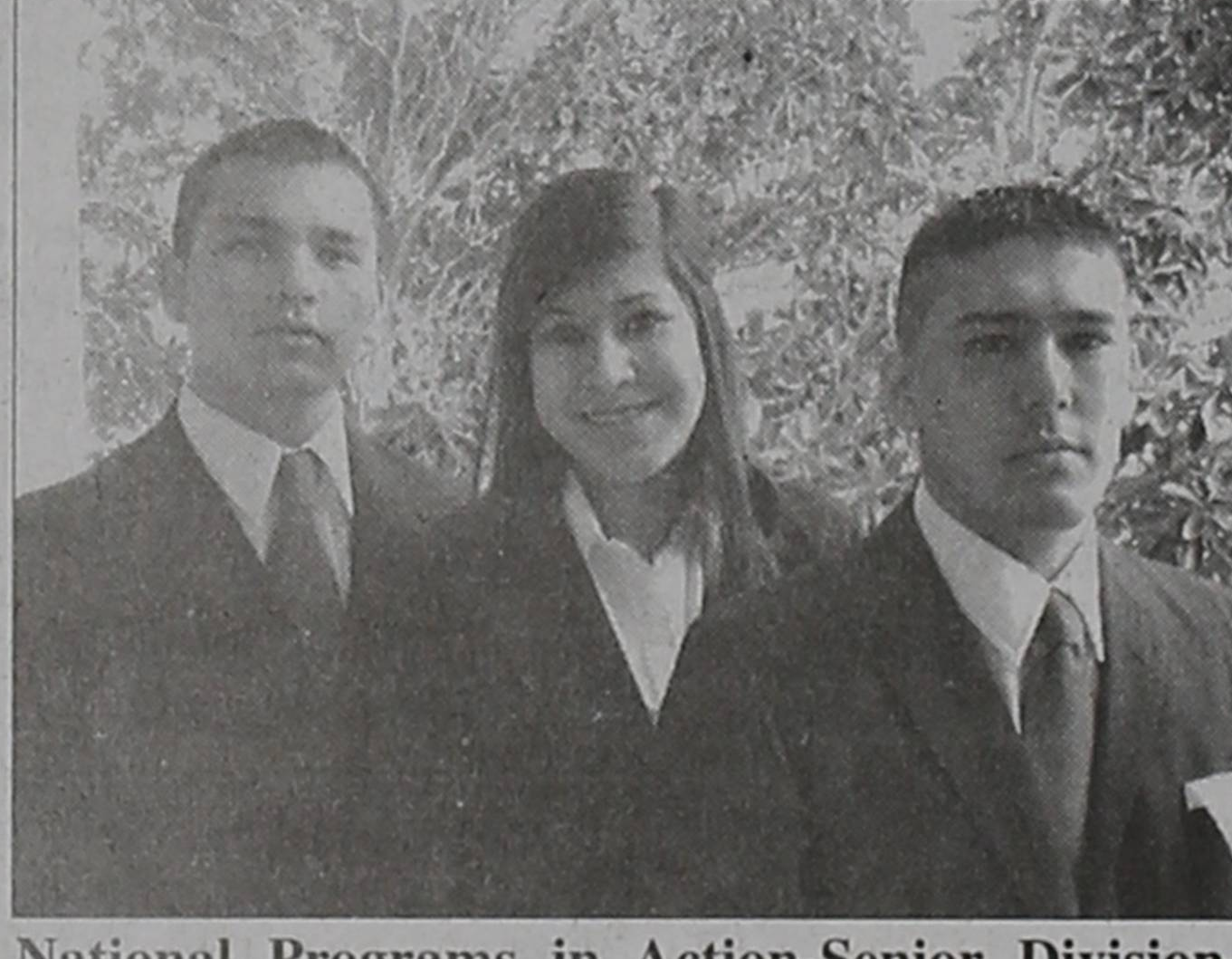
Illustrated Talk-first place, l-r, Bianca Soto, Lacey Lookingbill, Yesenia Rojas.



Chapter Service Display-Occupational Division-first place, l-r, Staci Fairweather, Melissa Gallego, Monica Saenz.



Life Event Planning-second place, l-r, Kelsey White, Julie Wiseman, Hannah Carthel.



National Programs in Action-Senior Division-fourth place, l-r, Alex Vega, Stephanie Aguirre, Joey Mendoza.



Focus on Children-second place, l-r, Cierra Henry, Maricela Sanchez, Jamie Garza.



Chapter Service-Senior Division-first place, l-r, Laci Austin, Regan Anthony, and Brittney Herbert.

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Friona FCCLA: 37 qualify for state

Friona FCCLA won several Region I awards at the conference held at Odessa February 12-14. The Friona chapter was honored for "Their extensive involvement in state and national programs," "for outstanding completion of a Regional Project," for the highest percentage of members participating in a project, and for a program that exemplifies the goals and contributions of America's youth."

In Region I, Friona students compete with students in schools of all sizes from the top of the Panhandle to Odessa and El Paso.

Individual students who competed in written leadership exams were: Yuliana Alvarez-gold medal; Lupita Garcia-gold medal; Ana Hernandez-gold medal; Maria Meza-gold medal; Monica Saenz-gold medal; Jessica Salinas-gold medal; Brenda Acosta-silver medal; Perla Gonzales-silver medal; Monica

Jurado-silver medal; and Zulema Rocha-silver medal.

The following students were recognized for completing "Power of One" projects. These activities give students the opportunity to identify a need and carry out a project to exemplify that even one person has the power to change themselves and others: Melissa Gallego, Maricela Sanchez, Staci Fairweather, Cierra Henry, Desiree Trevino, Jamie Garza, Hannah Carthel, Yesenia Rojas, Ana Hernandez, Lupe Rubio, Jessica Salinas, Lacey Lookingbill, Bianca Soto, Natalia Posado, Monica Jurado, Monica Dominguez, Monica Saenz, Lupita Vazquez, Lupita Garcia, Sandra Bautista, and Melissa Gonzales.

Friona FCCLA advisors are Gayle Murdock and Patsy Allen. The Texas State Leadership competition will be April 15-18 in Corpus Christi.



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The Friona Chieftains won 2nd place and brought home a trophy from the Olton tournament. The Chiefs beat Smyer 19-1 and Olton 7-6 before losing to Plainview JV in the championship match. Front, l-r, Jacob Pena, Justin Dominguez, Erik Cruz, Raul Licerio, Ricardo Monreal, Hayden Sundre, Andy Bentley; back, l-r, Coach Styler Haddock, Jeremy Alaniz, Kirby Frye, John O'Brian, Bryan Gordon, Jason Berend, Joey Dickson, Matthew Stanberry, Andrew Stowers, Coach Justin Sundlie, and Coach Danny Campbell.



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Parmer County Community Hospital Employee of the Year Mary Duran, center, is congratulated by PCCH director of business development Heidi Eichenauer and hospital administrator Lance Gatlin.

Duran is PCCH employee of the year

Parmer County Community Hospital held its annual employee appreciation dinner Friday February 27 at the Hereford Country Club.

Annual service awards were presented to Linda Black and Allison Swink, five years; Emmeline Green 15 years; and Mary Lou Venhaus 35 years.

Mary Duran was recognized as the 2008 PCCH Employee of the Year. During the presentation it was noted that Mary cares about the

patients and takes her position as a cook in dietary very seriously. She is very thoughtful and remembers the patients would rather be at home with their families, especially during holidays.

As a result, she takes it upon herself to lift their spirits by presenting them with a small gift each holiday. The attitude Mary has demonstrated to the patients is one that truly reflects well for the hospital.

Also nominated by their

peers were Amber Bonds, Gary Johnson, Nimfa Martin, and Jessica Ortiz. Hospital administrator Lance Gatlin recognized each of these employees for their dedication to the hospital



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Receiving service awards at the PCCH employee appreciation dinner were, l-r, Emmeline Green 15 years, Allison Swink 5 years, Mary Lou Venhaus 35 years, and Linda Black 5 years.

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