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Blood drives July 25 & 26

Two blood drive opportunities will be available next week.

The Coffee Memorial Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive at Cargill Wednesday July 25 from 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday July 26 from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. the Friona blood drive will be held at Calvary Baptist Church's fellowship hall.

Every eligible donor that presents to donate will receive a free Boots and Badges t-shirt. Donors can also vote for their favorite local heroes, either the firemen or policemen. Photo ID or donor card is required and donors must be at least 17-years-old. For an appointment call 1-877-574-8800. Appointments are not necessary to donate.

At the Thursday Blood Drive at Calvary the Noon Lions will be cooking hamburgers for the donors. All volunteer firemen and county law enforcement personnel are invited to stop by for a free burger as the Lions' way of saying thanks for your service to the community.



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The Chieftains played Portales in a 7 on 7 scrimmage at Chieftain Field Tuesday evening. Looking over the action are new Chieftain head coach and athletic director Mike Prokop, left in cap, and new Chieftain assistant coach Daniel Hutchins, right. The young man in the center is Coach Prokop's son Ross who is the offensive coordinator at Morton. The first UIL official day for fall football and volleyball practice is Monday August 6. More 7 on 7 photos at frionaonline.com.

Groundwater level decline is third largest in water district history

Winter water level measurements indicate an average decline of -2.56 feet in groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) service area in 2011.

A review of available records in the HPWD archives has documented only two other years since creation of the district (61 years ago) where recorded average water level declines were greater than those for 2011. In 1964, the average water level decline was -3.99 feet and in 1966, the average water level decline was -2.92 feet. Therefore, the average water level decline of -2.56 feet recorded in 2011 was the third highest based on available data.

In addition, this is the largest decline recorded in the water district's observation well network in 25 years (1987-2012). The next largest decline for that 25-year period was -2.15 feet recorded in 1995 and 1999.

"The impact of exceptional drought and record-setting high temperatures were clearly documented by the HPWD 2011-2012 winter water level measurement program," said William F. Mullican, P.G., HPWD advisor for groundwater issues.

"Extreme heat, low humidity, and hot, dry wind caused increased supplemental irrigation in both the agricultural and urban sectors," Mullican said.

The average water level decline of -2.56 feet recorded in the district's network of 1,280 privately-owned water wells in 2011 is significantly greater than the -0.05 of a foot in 2010, which was an above-average rainfall year.

The 10-year average change in groundwater levels (2002-2012) was -0.81 of a foot while the 5-year average change in groundwater levels (2007-2012) was -1.04 feet.

A review of the depth-to-water level measurement data reveals the severity of the 2011 drought. Average declines of more than three feet were

recorded in six of the 16 counties within the district. These were Lynn County with -3.99 feet; Lamb County with -3.73 feet; Floyd County with -3.62 feet; Hale County with -3.51 feet; Castro County with -3.14 feet; and Parmer County with -3.09 feet.

One observation well in Floyd County recorded a decline of -25.35 feet. In addition, 17 observation wells in other areas in the district recorded water level declines of more than -10 feet.

HPWD field personnel made depth-to-water measurements in approximately 1,280 privately-owned wells from December 2011 to March 2012. This measurement period allows water levels in wells to stabilize following pumpage during the previous irrigation season. These wells are located at an average density of about one well per nine square miles.

The June 2012 issue of the HPWD's monthly newsletter, The Cross Section, features results of

the 2011 winter water level measurements. It includes individual county highway maps showing the approximate location of water wells in the district's observation well network.

Each map is accompanied by available 2002, 2007, 2011, and 2012 depth-to-water level measurements for wells located in that county. Available total changes in water levels for each observation well for the periods 2002-2012 (10-year); 2005-2012 (5-year); and 2011-2012 (1-year) are also tabulated.

"The HPWD Board of Directors and Staff thank the many producers who continue to support the water level observation network by providing access to their wells for depth-to-water measurements each year. These data guide us in making decisions regarding management and conservation of groundwater resources within the district for future generations," said HPWD Manager Jim Conkright.



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Michael Sermon, PA, is the new Physician's Assistant at the Friona Rural Health Clinic. He comes to Friona from Utah with his wife Shaliese and children Kennedy, 3, and Jackson, 1. The family officially arrived in Friona last Thursday, July 12. We welcome the Sermon family to the community and Michael to the Friona clinic staff.



gary cash photo

Of this photo Dr. Cash says, "Another better than average shot of a very rare bird for this area, the Yellow Billed Cuckoo."

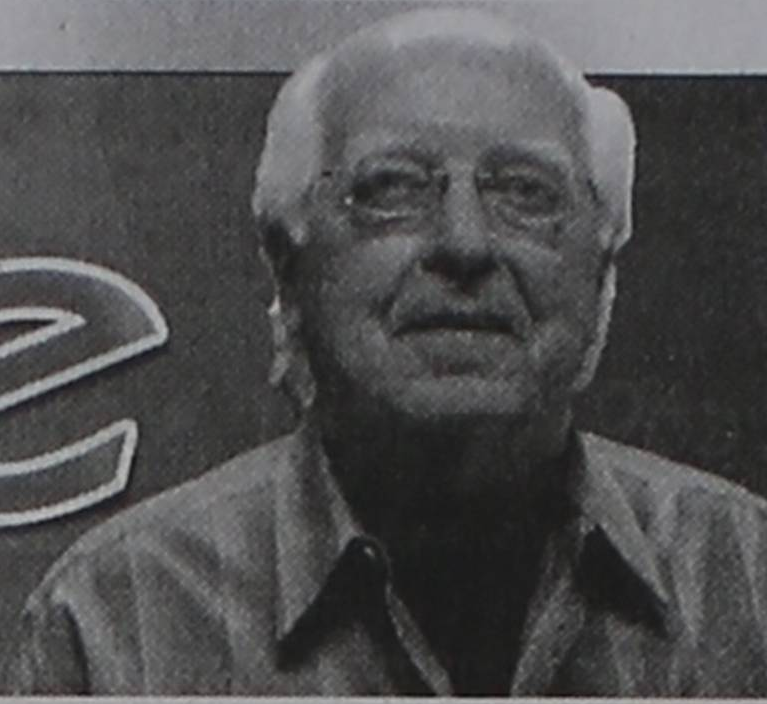


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Friona welcomed the opening of the new Subway Restaurant last week. It opened Thursday evening. The drive-thru window will open at a later date. The interior is roomy with lots of seating and pleasing décor. Manager is Sybil Jordan who is moving over from the Dimmitt Subway. Hours are Mon-Fri 7 a.m. -10 p.m., Sat 8a.m.-10p.m., and Sun 9am.-10pm.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



you didn't build that

"If you're successful you didn't get there on your own. I'm always struck by people who think, well, it must be because I was just so smart. There are a lot of smart people out there. It must be because I worked harder than everybody else. Let me tell you something, there are a whole bunch of hard working people out there. If you were successful somebody along the line gave you some help. If you've got a business you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen."

Barack Obama

The older I get the shorter my attention span.

In my early travel agent years I was giving an older fellow a sales pitch about taking a nice trip "next year". He laughed at me and said, "Next year? Son, I don't even buy green bananas." I got the point. Plan for now. You may not be here long enough for the bananas to turn yellow.

My attention span for the current presidential campaigns grows shorter by the day. They have both already

said everything they have to say. Let's have the election tomorrow. Repetitive rhetoric is insane. The more they talk, the less I listen.

President Barack Obama created some furor this week when he said, "If you've got a business you didn't build that. Someone else made that happen" (see above text). What he said was that if you have a successful small business you didn't get there by yourself. It took rules and regulations and roads and bridges and, of course, government help.

In other words he invoked the Hillary Clinton/Democratic mantra of "It Takes a Village". Remember that one? Hillary wrote a book about it. It takes everybody pitching in for you to be successful. Listening to teachers, preachers, wise old women, and the government are your best chance to live a long successful life.

The Obama campaign is trying to destroy Mitt Romney personally and politically. They are playing dirty and will get dirtier. The President of America has tolerated lies in his campaign

advertising. I don't think the President of America should be a liar, but you know being president is a pretty good job so I don't blame him for wanting to keep it. Whatever happened to the 'civility' Mr. Obama admonished us Americans about?

Then Mitt Romney (or Mittens as his enemies like to call him) pounds his message over and over and over: "I can create jobs. Obama never created a job in his life but I can and will put the American people back to work." Yadda, yadda! To be honest I don't think either one of these men can directly create jobs. The government does not create jobs, except by hiring more government workers. They can keep taxes low enough and drop some regulations that might encourage businesses to hire people but that is not a guarantee.

Obama supporters want to see more of Romney's tax returns. What will that prove? Everyone knows he is wealthy. Do you think seeing his tax returns will cause a progressive liberal to vote for Romney? Ha! They are all about demonizing success.

Another thing that tests my tolerance is the government's monthly jobs figure. For June it was 80,000 they said. I don't trust their numbers. Don't just tell me 80,000 jobs were created last month. I want to know the names of those 80,000 people and exactly where they went to work and, if possible, how much they are making.

I see no need to write anymore about politics from now to the November election. I'm pretty sure I know who Parmer County voters will choose so bashing Obama and the Democrats here is like preaching to the choir. Just remember that if the Dems and Obama win in November, life as we know it will never be the same. That is bad news for you and me but even worse news for our kids and grandkids.

The Obama, Reed, Pelosi regime has managed to divide the country. If not them then who because we are darn sure divided. Feel free to share your thoughts. Just keep in mind I'm not real keen on long, boring rhetoric so be brief.

It's that attention span thing.



cogitations & aphorisms of jodok

By Uncle John White • 1868 - 1965

From the July 22, 1938 Friona Star, Uncle John White, Editor. Apparently there was negative campaigning even in 1938, as indicated by Uncle John's comments. Here are some excerpts from his Cogitations column. He is talking here about the election for the governor of Texas, which had 13 candidates. This will be the last look at the 1938 Friona Star. We will be printing more from earlier editions in the weeks ahead. Hope you enjoy these glimpses of life in the early Friona years.

Well! Well! Well! This political scrimmage will be mostly over in just another week and a day, except the shouting, and that will all be done by the successful candidates and their intimate friends and supporters.

There is still considerable interest in the 13 legged race for the governorship (it is almost

a centipede for legs), however there are about four that seem to be considered in that race at all, and it makes but little difference, if any, to me which of these four win out, unless it might be Mr. O'Daniel. He seems to be a sort of a "lone star" so far as politics are concerned.

All of the others are veteran politicians and old hands at the campaign business, and are adhering right close to the old hard and tried tactics of the political race, while Mr. O'Daniel has departed at a considerable angle from those old tried and true methods, and while the old time politicians affect to have no fear of him, they are, at the same time, turning their slivces of ridicule and sarcasm in his direction.

It has been my experience in political matters that when the fully confident candidate

begin such tactics as that on their opponent, it has been a sure sign that they are, nevertheless, experiencing considerable uneasiness on his account.

Maybe, however, I had better state before I go any further along this line, that I am neither for Mr. O'Daniel, nor against him, and I do not care a snap of my finger which one of the army is elected, for it will not make any appreciable difference to me or any of the other common folk of the state which one of them is elected. We will have to cough up our share of the dough to pay the expenses that they and their offices are piling up against the people of the state in the form of taxes, either hidden or visible, and if we could not read some big "bear story" about them occasionally we could not tell which of them is "bull of the woods" or "boss of the camp".

- ACROSS**
- 1 TX Dennis Quaid '79 film: "Breaking _____"
 - 5 _____ Duro Canyon
 - 6 TXism: "mi casa _____ casa" (neighborly)
 - 7 "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up _____ Be Cowboys"
 - 8 ex-Cowboy Golden Richards coll. (abbr.)
 - 9 mine and your vessel (2 wds.)
 - 16 indecisive jury
 - 17 TXism: "_____ buttermilk" (problem)
 - 19 TXism: "six of _____, _____ a dozen of the other" (same)
 - 21 lubricated
 - 22 TX Indian tribe: _____-Coushatta
 - 27 TXism: "put it right _____"
 - 28 how TX Tommy Lee Jones makes money
 - 29 highest TX waterfall: "_____ Falls"
 - 30 viable
 - 32 TX Willie sang in '85 "_____ Are the World"
 - 33 this TX Sam is an ABC journalist
 - 36 TXism "_____ light idea" (inspiration)
 - 37 TXism: "dance with _____ brung ya"
 - 38 cease play (2 wds.)
 - 39 TXism: "fine _____ fish" (mess)
 - 41 new car trials (2 wds.)

- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "fits like ugly on an _____"
 - 2 TX-born Debbie Reynolds '62 film: "How the West _____ Won"
 - 3 Van _____, TX
 - 4 Conway Twitty tune: "_____ It Sometime"
 - 8 in Jasper Co. on 96
 - 9 TX Anne Gwynne '44 film: "House _____"
 - 10 inspection and certification label
 - 11 "Great Society" TX senator, Ralph (init.)
 - 12 believing that humans are not more important than other living things

- 44 barn rodent
- 45 income producers for the Mexia News
- 46 Gulf sponge
- 47 TX Mandrell's "Sleeping Single _____ Double Bed"
- 48 in Henderson Co. on 175
- 51 Odessa is seat of this co. "_____ and haw"
- 52 Rush Limbaugh "network" (abbr.)
- 54 hosp. caregivers
- 13 TXism: "chew _____ a while" (ponder)
- 14 one of the names of the Norse god Thor
- 15 TX Charley Pride sang "_____"
- 16 destitute persons in Houston and Dallas this TX Lomax was a noted collector of folk music
- 18 TX Jay O. Sanders was in '10 film "_____ Darkness"
- 20 TXism: "a rooster crows, but _____ delivers"

- TEXAS CROSSWORD**
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- 22 TX summer necessity (abbr.)
- 23 youngster
- 24 end-of-rainbow find: "_____ of gold"
- 25 "nice" or "pretty," south of the border
- 26 TXism: "rare as _____ rattlesnake"
- 28 TXism: "a mess of" (2 wds.)
- 31 TX hockey team: "Rio Grande Valley Killer _____"
- 34 state trans. agcy: "Tx _____"
- 35 soap lather or beer
- 37 TXism: "_____ beak" (drink)
- 40 TX Don Henley helped write "Life in the Fast _____"
- 42 Slurpee forerunner
- 43 chit or coupon
- 49 burial chambers
- 50 _____-15 assault rifle

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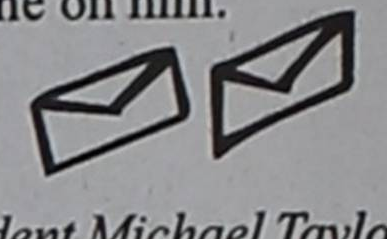
Letters to the Editor

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and former Texas Attorney General, responded on the Senate floor to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's speech criticizing the Texas voter identification law in Houston.

"Yesterday, Attorney General Holder spoke in Houston, Texas, at a gathering of the NAACP, and I'm sorry to say that his remarks were completely inappropriate and misleading."

"He once again defamed my state, and our state legislature, by equating our common sense voter I.D. law with a poll tax. By invoking the specter of Jim Crow racism, the Attorney General is playing the lowest form of identity politics."

"Mr. Holder knows better. His rhetoric is irresponsible and a disgrace to the office of the Attorney General. Shame on him."



(Received this letter via email from former resident Michael Taylor. If you would like to answer his query or send him a message, his email is michaeltaylor220@msn.com)

Greetings from Saginaw, Texas, just north of Ft. Worth. Imagine my surprise and amazement when on the way to work, going in the opposite direction, heading toward Ft. Worth on Hwy 287, I see a Friona ISD bus. What in the world could be going on?

My family lived in Friona from 1960-61 to 1970. Most of my great memories from childhood are from living in Friona. My father, Robert Taylor, mother, Francis Taylor, sister Pat, older brothers Don and Jim, and myself, Mike, resided at 1206 Maple.

The year after we moved the apple tree we had planted and nursed yielded the state record at that time. I told dad we should have dug it up and brought it with us.

Three years back the family, with the exception of mother who passed away in 1995, went on a reunion tour to see what all our past residences looked like at the time. What changes to some, others not so much.

About a mile west of the Hwy 214-86 intersection I noticed there was a farm missing in sorts. It was the Johnson family. Their daughter Cinda and I were boyfriend and girlfriend from 3-7 grades when she gave me back my Cracker-Jack ring and broke up.

I used to ride the school bus to the farm to play, my dad was the bus driver and taught math at the high school for some time. He would pick me up on the way back into town. They had a nice brick home, large livestock barn, and huge implement shed. They're gone?

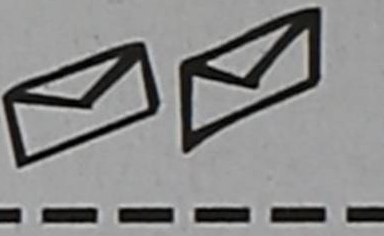
Also just south of the intersection about 1,000 ft. or so was a huge semi-circle aluminum barn where the graduating 8th grade class had their dance. Gone? Do you know?

Just a little history. My father opened the roller rink on old TX 214 near Main, just a concrete slab now. My brothers, along with Donnie Gibson and Randy Baize had a band (KRUNCH) that played there along with the TYRANTS. I'm not sure of the spelling on the last band.

Our good family friend Freddy Williams was killed in the Vietnam war (booby trapped dinner tray). I was good friends with David Hutson, Robert Ward, Clay Cudd, Arthur Castenada (great artist and Captain America), Bill Fallwell, Jay and Coy Moore, Teddy King, Lupe Gonzalez (Thor), and Durwood Looper who died in a boating accident.

Well, I've rambled enough. If you know I'd love an email back. If you would like more memories just let me know. To all my friends in and from Friona, best wishes and have a great long life with tons of great memories. I know I did.

Michael Taylor



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Town Talk II

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The Friona Noon Lions Club will NOT be cooking their world famous French fries at the Cheeseburger Cook-Off Saturday or the NewsChannel 10 Summer-time Tour event Wednesday. The Chamber assigned the club an area on the north side of the city park near the fire department instead of their usual spot near the Depot. The Lions Club board felt the location would be inconvenient for most patrons and would affect the fundraising effort of the club.

The American Legion members and Auxiliary will be raffling a nice long barrel Ithaca 12 gauge shotgun from their booth at the Cheeseburger Festival Saturday. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The auxiliary ladies will be taking donations in exchange for a Red Poppy. American Legion Post 206 will appreciate you stopping by.

It was cooler and cloudy Sunday and Monday but only a splatter of raindrops Monday that most of us didn't even notice. We did receive a smidgen of rain, 0.08", overnight Tuesday. Every drop counts. Gonna be hot the rest of the week.

Received a note that the City of Friona will mail water bills in an envelope this month instead of the customary card. The water bills will be printed on plain paper due to printer problems at city hall.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School will be held next week, July 23-27 from 9 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. All children are invited to attend. Likewise the First Baptist Church VBS will be held next week. Check the theme and the dates on our church page.

Jacee Burney, the six-year-old daughter of Cody and Melinda Burney, will be competing in the High Plains Junior Rodeo finals July 18-21 in Clovis. Jacee is competing

in three events, barrel racing, pole bending, and goat ribbon pull. She is currently fourth in the average.

Former Bovina resident and Bovina Blade editor Scooter Russell called from her home in Spearman to tell of the passing of Lou Nuttall. Mrs. Nuttall was also an editor at the Bovina Blade for many years. Mrs. Nuttall passed away in Bedford, Texas about a week ago according to Scooter. Her children are Ronnie, Deborah, Rita and Rhonda, all former Bovina residents. Scooter and Jim Russell will be celebrating their 60th anniversary August 3. I know they will have a good time.

Former Friona residents Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus celebrated their 45th anniversary this week. They now live in Amarillo. Joe and Anita Lafuente will be celebrating their 33rd anniversary Saturday with a trip to a Rangers game next weekend. Mark and Deirdre Osborn observed their 27-year anniversary last week. Let's add Candice and Eric Geske's 9-year anniversary. She is directing the junior high summer drama workshop production. Happy anniversary to all. Let us know if you are having an anniversary. We would like to share it.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church's annual jamaica will be held at the church grounds Sunday August 5 from 12:30 - 8 p.m. Games, live music, lots of food and fun. The community is invited to attend.

Thomas Parson became a great-great-grandfather again on July 4. Twins Luke and Addison were born to Andrew and Valarie Willingham of Rockdale, Texas. Ellis and Mildred Parson of Summerfield are great grandparents. Wayne and Anita Parson are grandparents. Friona Star production manager Nathan Parson is a great uncle.

Friona Cheer Camp is next week. The camp will be at

the high school July 24-26. Times: 9-11 a.m. for 4-year-olds - 5th graders; 6-8 p.m. for 6th graders and junior high cheerleaders. Cost is \$25 and includes a camp t-shirt. Register in the high school gym the first day of camp. Any questions contact Dianna Wright at 265-5563.

Ben and Lori Osborn welcomed twin boys to the family on July 13. Their names are Robbie and Jack. Congrats to the Osborn family. Saw a photo of these two boys on Facebook. They looked plenty healthy.

Lee Gibson was back again at BSA in Amarillo last Friday. More fluid on his lungs. Was moved out of ICU to a regular room on Saturday. Lee continues to have a rough time. Keep him and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

The manager of our new Subway is Sybil Jordan who comes over from the Dimmitt Subway. The Subway opened last Thursday evening. I stopped in Saturday morning for a Subway breakfast and to take a couple of photos. It is a very impressive construction job. The interior is plenty roomy and nice and bright. A welcome addition to the Friona scene and it has been busy the times I have driven by. For now they are open until 10 p.m. every day.

Early voting for the primary runoff elections will be next week, July 23-27. The only place you can early vote is the County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Farwell. Officials expect a very low voter turnout for this July 31 runoff election. There will be four Republican and only one Democrat race on the ballot. The main Republican race is for U.S. Senate between David Dewhurst and Ted Cruz. Two Railroad Commissioner races and Justice Supreme Court Place 4 round out the Republican ballot.

Certain streets south of Hwy 60 are scheduled to be seal coated this year. The

start date is July 25-27. From Euclid St. and the streets west to Ashland. See the map in today's Star. Residents are asked to not park on the street or water near the curbs during the seal coating.

Ladies check out the ad this week for the Harrington Center's Mobile One mammogram visit at the WalMart in Hereford Friday July 27. There is a number to call for an appointment.

For you folks on Social Security, here is the good news from the Affordable Care Act. Your monthly Medicare deduction is \$104.20 in 2012, then \$120.20 in 2013, and will be \$247 in 2014. Even though the Republicans talk big I don't think they will win enough seats in November to repeal

Obamacare so the increases are likely to stick. Guess we should start tightening our budget now. Unlike the Senate Democrats who have not passed a budget in three years, we have to stick to a budget.

The FHS Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for the weekend of September 15. Local classmates are meeting at the home of Rickey and Kathy Rector Sunday July 22 at 3 p.m. for planning. They need names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of classmates ASAP. Send to diamondkat@att.net or message on Facebook.

Lou and Skip Keith have moved to Surprise, Arizona. She says it is hot and her dogs are miserable but they shall overcome the ob-

stacles. All the best in your new quest.

Don't forget the retirement reception for Friona Police Chief Tino Salinaz Friday July 27 at 3 p.m. at city hall. Stop by and have a cookie or cake and wish Tino well. I'll be there.

Went out to the Chieftains vs. Portales 7 on 7 football event Tuesday evening. Good opportunity to practice my football photo skills before the season starts. Coach Mike Prokop and his new staff were on hand observing the action. Won't be long now until football and volleyball practice begins officially and all you teachers will be trudging back to school. School starts August 27. Time does march on. Be safe and stay cool. Until then!



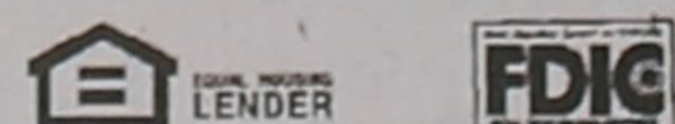
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Lions Club News



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Evening Lion Bill Ellis, left, welcomes Hal Blackburn to the Lions meeting Thursday July 12. Hal and wife Marvinne have been house parents at Boys Ranch for four years in two houses of high school age boys. He told Lions members he gets a great feeling of accomplishment to see boys develop from a troubled past into successful citizens.

When the wrong direction seems right (Pt. II)

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Solomon's expedient actions in his marriage alliance with Pharaoh's daughter in 1 Kings 3:1, was a bad direction that may have seemed right when Solomon acted. Don't drink the kool-aid of the world that calls right things wrong, and wrong things right. The world's marketing of evil as normative and permissible is seen in homosexuality, the attack on gender, divorce (even in the church), entitlement mentalities, laziness, abortion, sexual immorality, living together in place of marriage, pornography, idolatry and so much more.

If you will guard your heart from going in the wrong direction, recognize three aspects of the wrong direction, even though it may seem right. First, notice that sin seeks to meet a legitimate need or desire apart from God's design. In 1 Kings 3:1, Solomon achieved marriage and peace, but he did the unthinkable, marrying a pagan foreigner and making a treaty for peace instead of fighting for it.

Second, in the wrong direction short term gains are actually long term disasters. For Solomon he laid the foundation for his 700 wives and 300 concubines who eventually turned his heart from the Lord in a disastrous way for the nation. Thirdly, recognize that diplomatic decisions are often covenant compromise. Solomon had peace and family with Pharaoh, but he traded a solitary dependence on God's covenant promises to get it. Sin is that way, though, isn't it? At the time, the pleasures of sin wooed, draw and attract, but in the end, those enticements lead to a disastrous fate.

Guarding yourself against the wrong direction also involves keeping sight on the priority and promise of God's direction and blessings. Solomon's greatest flaw was not that he didn't recognize the sin before him, but that he lost sight of God's big picture for himself, the nation and God's glory. God is so good in this sinful and wicked world. Keeping his glory, revealed in Christ, at the center of your life is the greatest guard against going the wrong direction, even if it seems right.

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OBITUARIES

Cooper Chapman

Cooper Dane Chapman, 24, of Amarillo, died Thursday July 12, 2012. Memorial services were held Monday, July 16, 2012, in the auditorium of Hillside Christian Church West with Sr. Pastor Tommy Politz and Pastor Johnathan Mast officiating. Private burial was held in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Cooper was born April 11, 1988 in Amarillo to Bobby and Tuesday Chapman. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 2006 and was employed by Plaska as a lineman and loved his job and his coworkers. Hunting was one of his favorite hobbies.

Cooper was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Tuesday Carol Chapman; a brother, Cash Alan Chapman; his grandparents, Eddie Martin and Ray Chapman; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pippin.

Survivors include his father, Bobby Chapman and wife Jana, of Amarillo; a son, Brooks Benjamin Chapman of Amarillo; two sisters, Kelsy Lane Chapman of Amarillo, and Tianne Nichole Yarbrough of Austin; his grandmothers, Ethel Chapman of Dumas and Rose Poulain of Amarillo; his girlfriend, Katrina Pulley and her daughter Lily of Amarillo; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com.



Cooper Chapman

Syble Hewitt

Syble Hewitt, 93, of Friona, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2012, in Friona. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia, Texas, with Bob Miller, nephew, officiant. Services were under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Syble Smith was born March 7, 1919, in Deaf Smith County, Texas to Lewis Allen and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Smith. She married Oscar T. Hewitt on August 9, 1939 in Raton, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on June 23, 1973.

Syble received a teacher's certificate from West Texas Teachers College, then taught school in Plemons, Texas and South Plains Independent School District for 20 years. After retiring from teaching, Syble owned and operated the Splatter Shack in Friona from 1975 to 1985. She was a very busy person all of her life. She helped her husband farm, was a master gardener, and sold angel food cakes. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Friona.

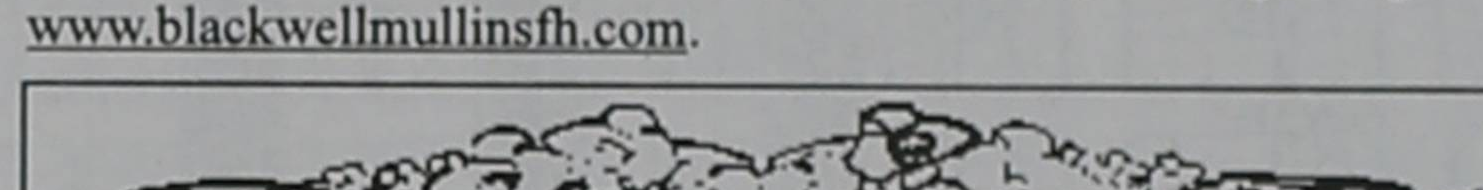
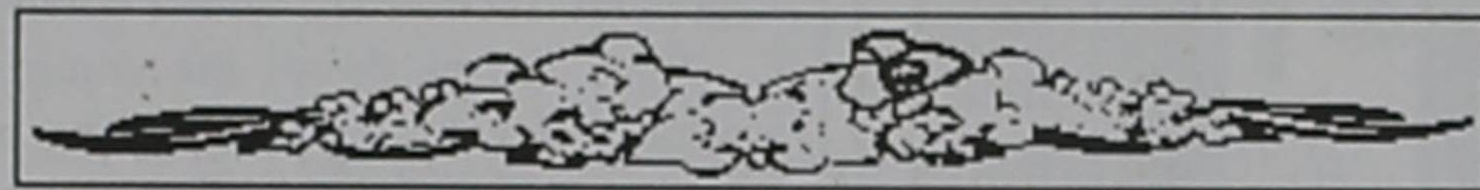
She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two sisters, Sarah Poe and Ella Weeter.

Survivors include two sisters, Doris Johnson of Hereford, and Lois Miller of Friona; and several nephews and nieces.

Memorials can be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th St., Friona, TX 79035. To sign the online guest register go to www.blackwellmullinsfh.com.



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BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

As a child, one of my favorite things to do was to go fly a kite. I remember getting little cuts on my index finger from letting the string out too quickly. Every now and then we would get one so far up, it looked like it might even run into a plane. When I was a kid, I never really thought about what made a kite fly.

Of course, a good breeze was helpful, otherwise you would run forever and never get the kite going. I think the two things that had the greatest impact on a kite, were the string and stick. Unless the kite is anchored to the ground via the hand of a child of any age, it will not fly. Kind of ironic; in order for a kite to soar it must be grounded and have support for its wings provided by the little stick.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings of eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (NIV) You see, your hope, or string, must be anchored where? In the Lord! Having a faith anchored in the Almighty, you will fly like a kite. What a beautiful thought, my faith placed in God's hands allows me to soar.

You are probably wondering where the little stick fits into this story. Here it is, the stick is the backbone. It is the part that doesn't give in to the wind. As Christians there are many things we need to have backbone about and resist. The ingredients: an anchor-God, a string-faith, and a stick-backbone. The only thing left is breeze: that is life. Life will blow hard sometimes and not so hard others. Regardless, it will always have something in it that you will have to rise above. Do you have the ingredients to fly?

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Regional alfalfa workshop in Dimmitt

South Plains alfalfa producers can update their production skills at a regional alfalfa production workshop set for 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. July 25 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office for Castro County, 205 North Broadway, Dimmitt.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock, is the main speaker. Trostle will discuss the suitability of Roundup Ready alfalfa to the area and irrigation management topics.

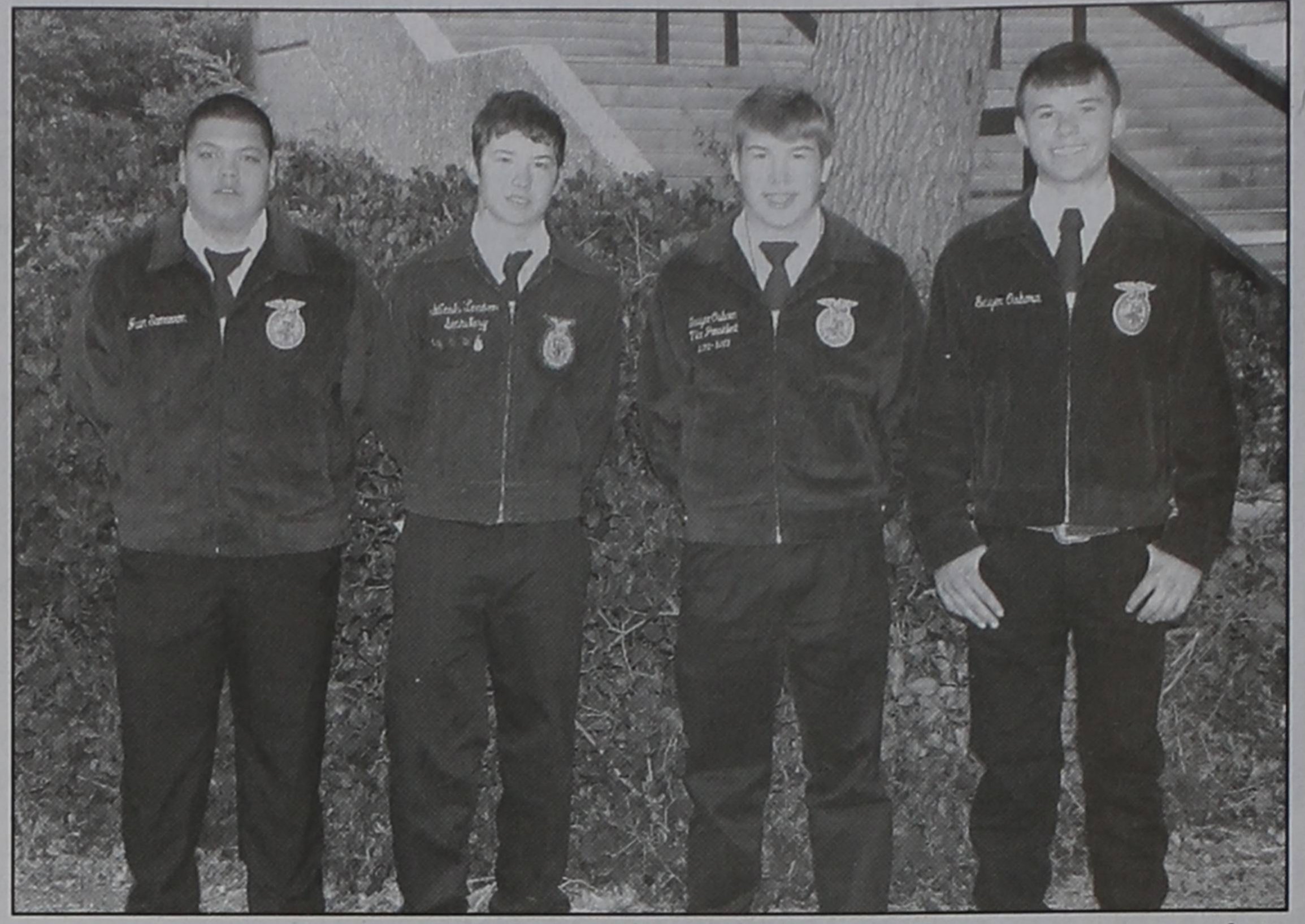
"With the advent of glyphosate-resistant pigweed species in the South Plains, alfalfa growers are not immune to developing resistant pigweed," Trostle said. "So, sole reliance on glyphosate for weed control is inadvisable for alfalfa producers just as it would be for a cotton grower."

"Another issue looming on the horizon is limited irrigation water in the future," he said. "Most of the South Plains is in the initial phases of pumping limitations, which will decline to fixed levels in 2017. This will likely shrink the size of some alfalfa fields."

"I plan to speak on irrigation management strategies, especially the fitting of irrigation capacity to land area. Alfalfa planted this fall will see decreasing limits of allowable irrigation water before the end of the stands' useful life, so planning now for limited water in the future is a very important consideration."

Other workshop topics include fall planting, variety selection and insect control. The program will conclude with a visit to a local alfalfa field. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a valid pesticide applicator's license.

Individual registration is \$10. An alfalfa crop production handbook will be available for an additional \$20. For further information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Castro County office at 806-647-4115, or Trostle at 806-746-6101, or ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu.



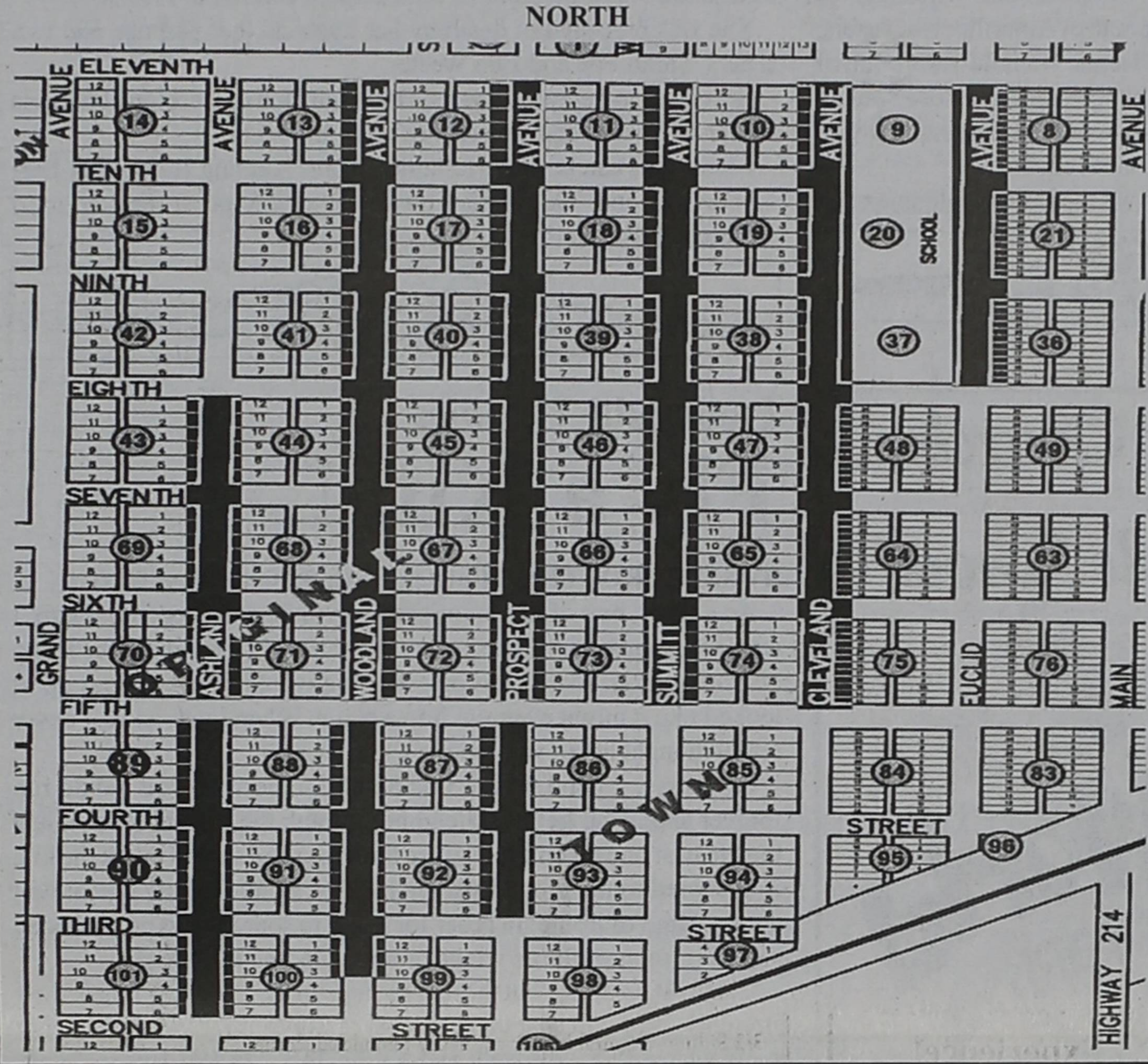
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Four Friona FFA members attended the 84th annual Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi the week of July 9-13. Members attending were, l-r, Juan Samarón, Oran London, Sawyer Osborn, and Cole Stowers.

Seal coating to begin next week

The map shows the streets scheduled for seal coating next week. The highlighted areas will be seal coated this year. The estimated date for the project to start is July 25-27. The city is asking

the residences in the highlighted areas not to park on the street or water near the curbs. The area affected is Euclid St. in front of the junior high and the streets west to Ashland St.



Corn producers laud farm bill

The Corn Producers Association of Texas commends the House Ag Committee on its passage of the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2012 with a vote of 35-11.

"This action shows the committee's commitment to developing and passing a farm bill promoting the diversity of American farmers and the nation's food source," CPAT President Robert Gordon said. The Committee's bill provides a means to meet the necessary need for risk management practices, honoring the requests of producers. American farming as a whole was not bundled into one package, but the Committee accounted for the production diversity our country depends on.

While no legislation is perfect, the Committee's bill offers farmers program options they need to viably produce a stable, abundant food supply. This bill allows farmers to determine the form of coverage that enables them to effectively manage the grave risks involved in agricultural production, including the perils of Mother Nature such as severe weather and disease, as well as skyrocketing fuel and input costs and widely fluctuating market prices. The proposed legislation includes both revenue and price-based coverage options.

Significantly, the Committee's bill does not weaken the commodity title by shifting too

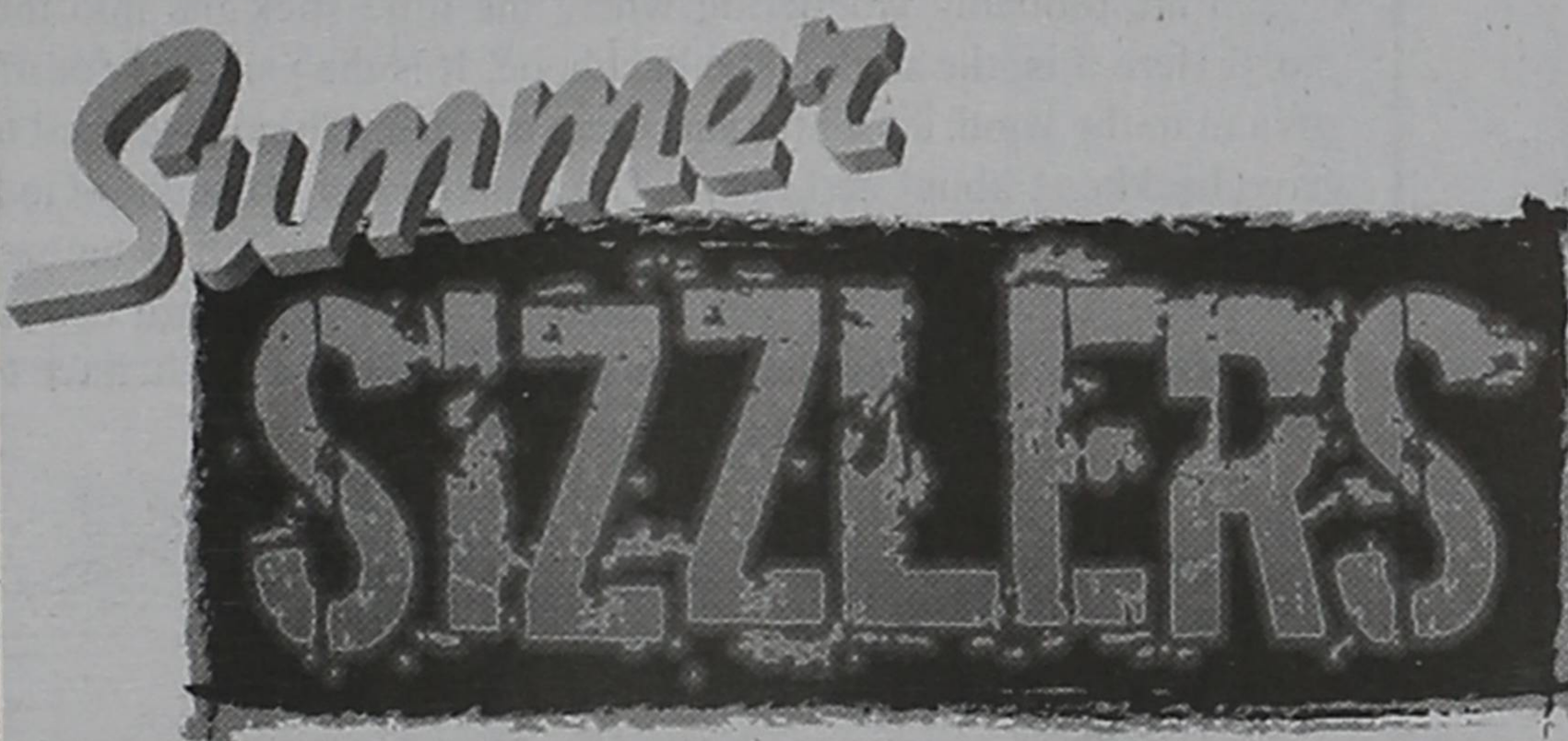
much burden and expectation onto crop insurance, which crop insurance was never designed or intended to carry. This is a balanced, reform-minded, fiscally responsible bill that underscores our commitment to production agriculture and rural America, achieves real savings, and improves program efficiency," Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Okla.) said in a statement.

Following its passage, Committee member Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas) said, "Importantly, the farm bill we passed is both cost-effective and equitable. Not only does the House bill spend less than the Senate's bill, but according to an independent study released by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center, farms producing every kind of row crop, in every part of the country would be better off under the House farm bill."

The House Agriculture Committee's bill is a strong base for continued food provisions for American citizens. It protects and encourages an abundant, stable food supply for citizens, as well as keeping our country's foundation strong and allows the economy freedom to thrive.

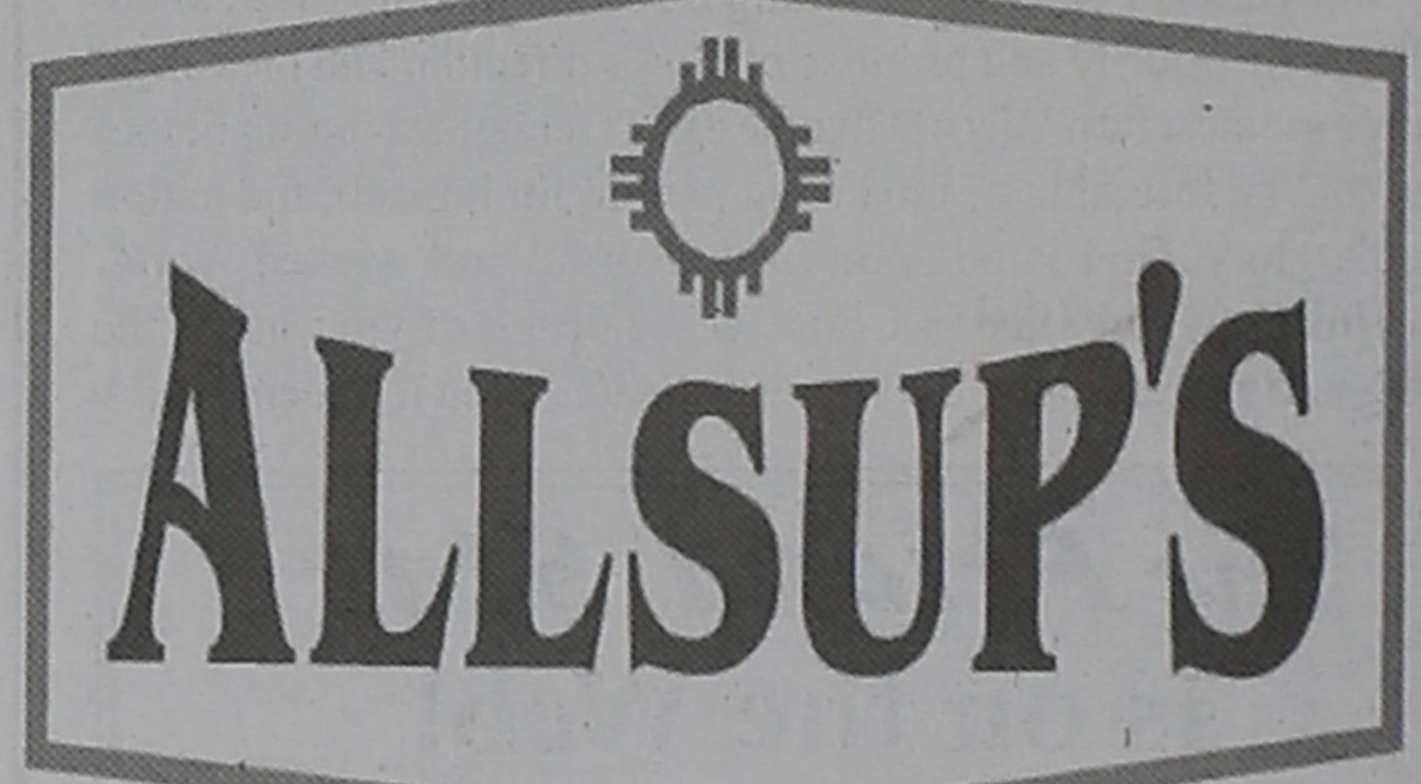
CPAT looks forward to continuing its work with the House of Representatives to continue the movement of this legislation, which works for all regions, all commodities and all farmers, as well as all consumers.

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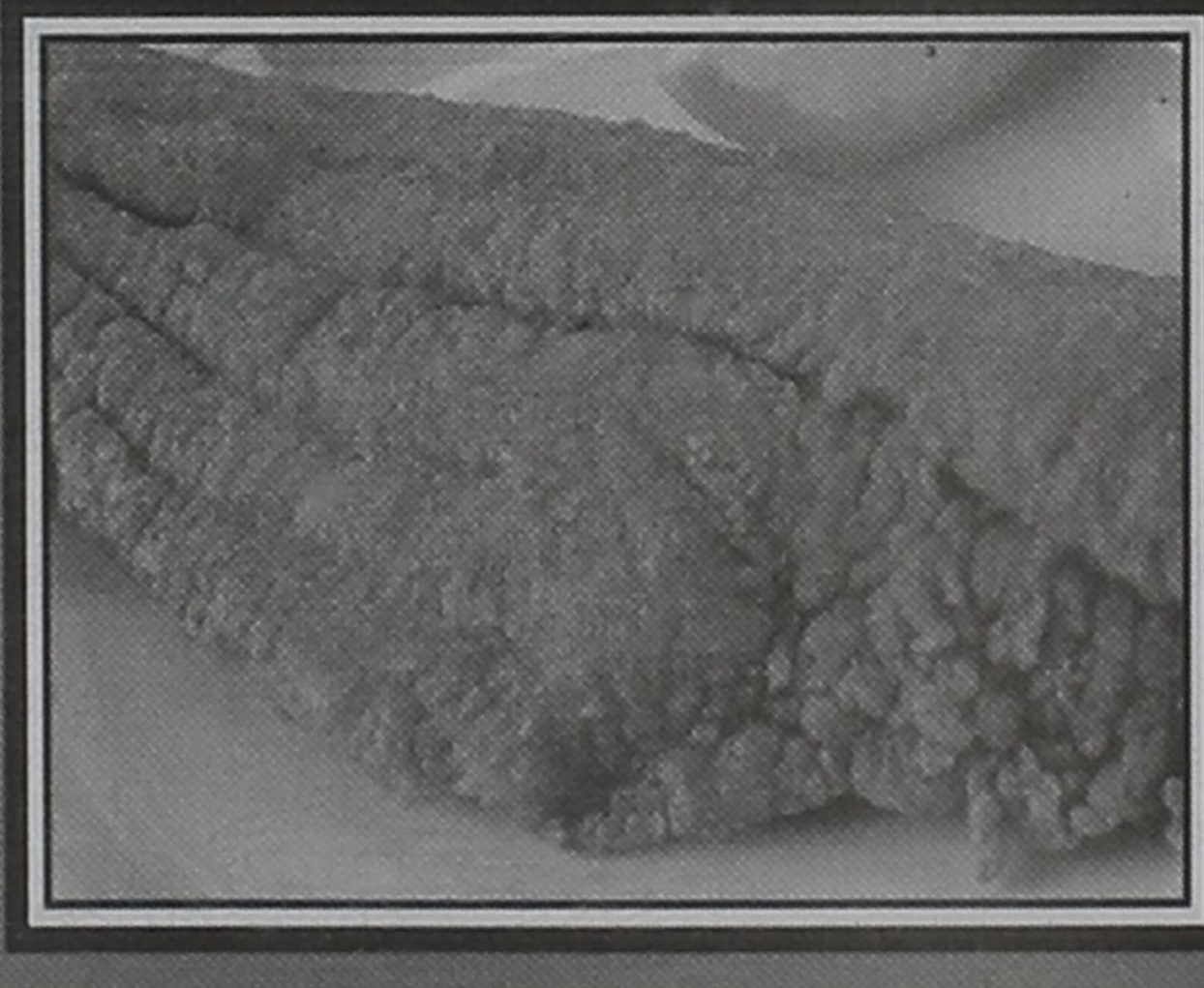
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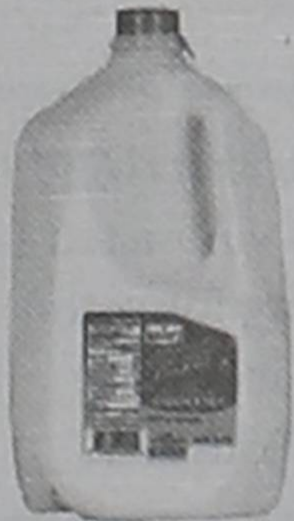
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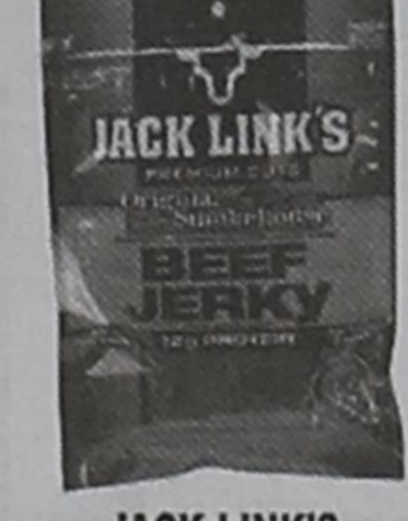
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Tickets, priced at \$30 each, are available at the King's Manor business office at 400 Ranger Drive in Hereford, by calling King's Manor at 364-0661, and will also be on sale at the door. All proceeds benefit the King's Manor Benevolent Fund.

This year's Founders Day celebrates the Golden Anniversary of King's Manor Methodist Retirement System that opened in 1962 with nursing care and independent living. Through the years,

services including child care, licensed assisted living, Samaritan Hospice, Adult Day Care and rehabilitation have been added.

Pictures highlighting the five decades of service of King's Manor will be on display.

Clint Savoini of Hereford will conduct the live auction that will include 18 offerings. Featured auction items include a steak dinner for eight couples expertly prepared and served by Hereford residents, Steve and Sharon Hodges, a walk/wade fly fishing trip for two on streams around Gunnison, Colorado donated by the Gunnison River Fly Shop in Gunnison, Colorado that includes a night's stay at the Gunnison Holiday Inn Express, a shadow box from the Tulia studio of famed Western and religious artist Kenneth Wyatt, and O.W. Lee handcrafted wrought iron patio furniture.

Following the auction will be entertainment by Willie, Waylon, Johnny and the boys of the tribute band "The Highwaymen". The original Highwaymen, featuring Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings, toured the world performing their unique sound. The tribute band "The Highwaymen" will recreate the music and likeness of those country greats with numbers including, I Walk the Line, Big River, Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys, On the Road Again, and Desperados Waiting for a Train.

Founders Day is the primary fundraiser for the King's Manor Benevolent Fund, created so that residents who have made King's Manor their retirement home through the years, will not be turned out in the event that they outlive their resources.

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Cheer camp coming up

The Friona Cheer Camp will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 24-26. Camp times: 9-11 a.m. for 4 year-olds to 5th graders; 6-8 p.m. for 6th graders and junior high cheerleaders. The cost of \$25 includes a camp t-shirt. The camps will be at the high school. Registration at the high school gym the first day of camp. If you have any questions call Dianna Wright at 265-5563.



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Friona Heritage Estates assisted living center held a tea last week for their volunteers. Local volunteers assist with resident activities, hair styling, meals, and other areas as needed.

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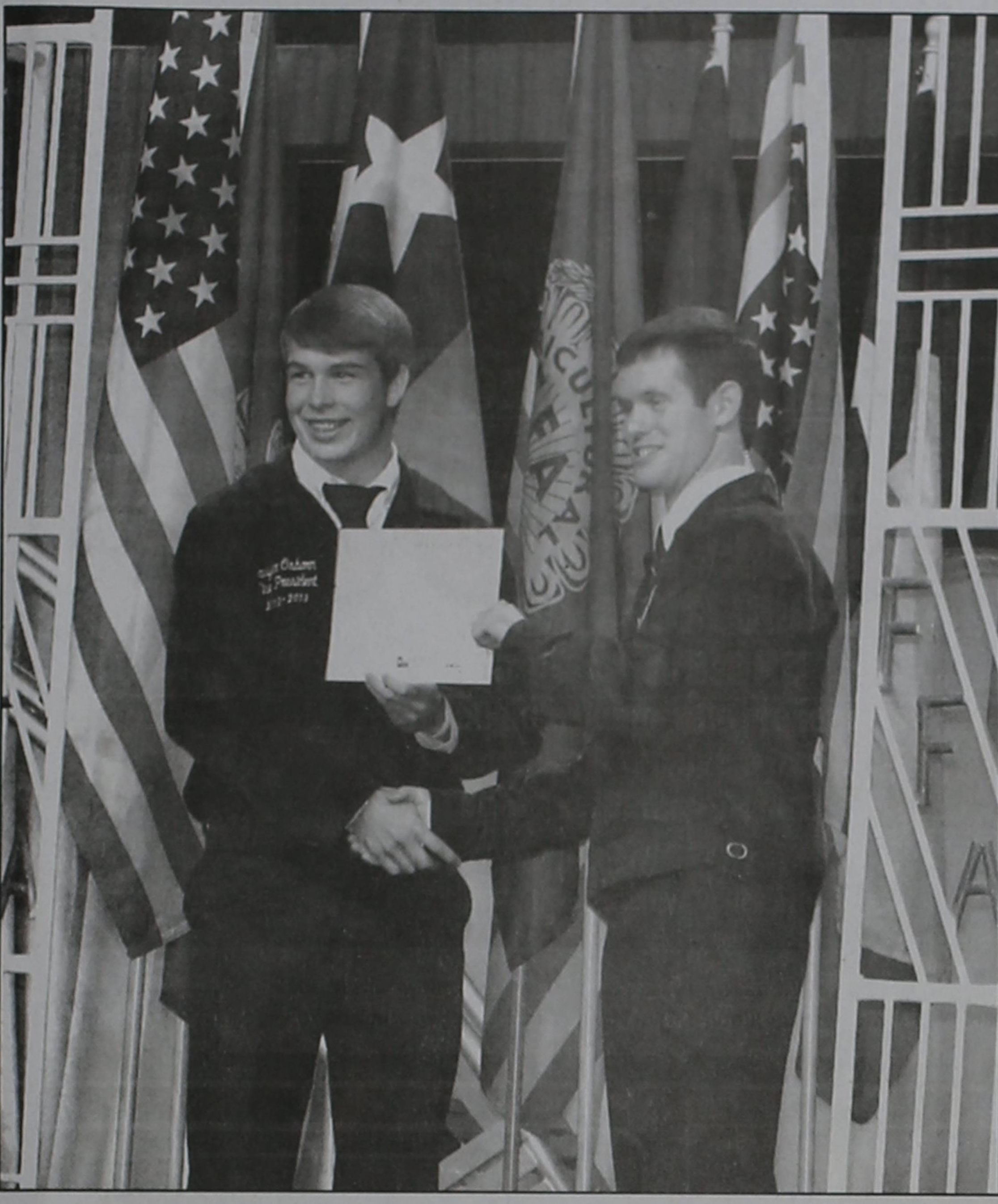
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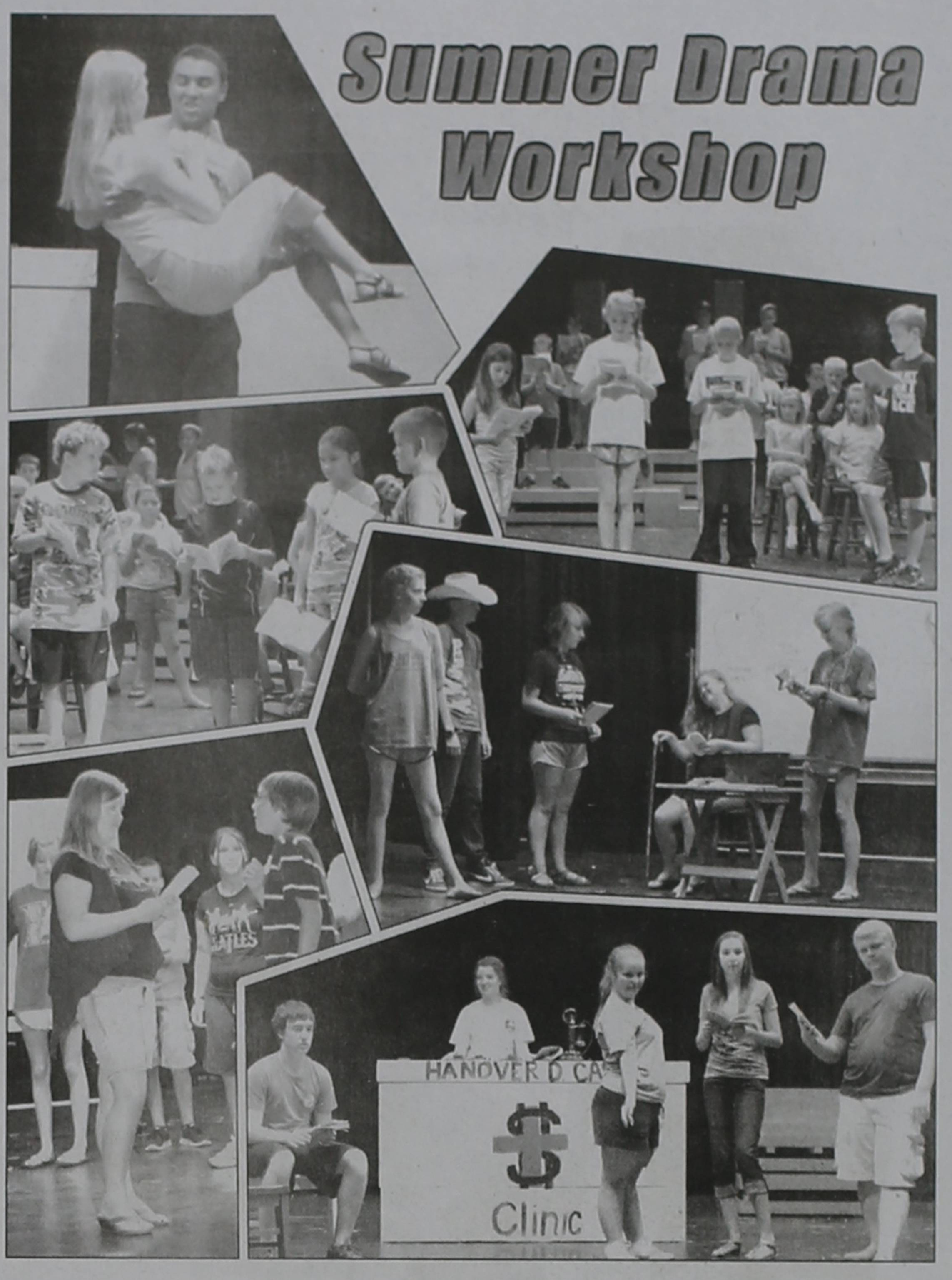
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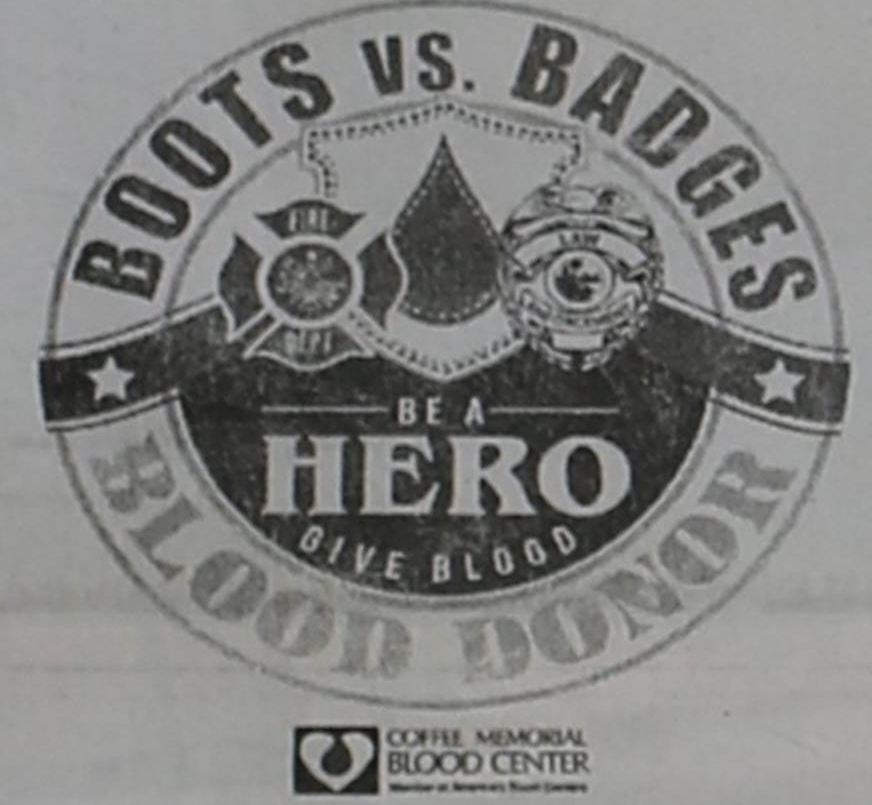
The State FFA Convention marks the end of a year of achievements for more than 86,000 FFA members across the state. Blake Vineyard from the Roosevelt FFA Chapter in Area 1 was elected State FFA President by the FFA delegates. Sawyer Osborn, left, received the Lone Star FFA Degree at this year's convention. It is the highest degree of membership offered at the state level.



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The Summer Drama Workshop public performances schedule:

The junior high production of "The Quest: A Fairy Tale With Attitude" will be presented Friday July 20 at 6 p.m. Director is Candice Geske. The high school production of "Dogsbreath Devereaux, the Dastardly Doctor or Nurses! Foiled Again" will be presented Friday July 20 at 7 p.m. Director is Joy Morton. The elementary production of "Flapper! a mad-cap musical comedy tribute to the 1920s," will be presented Saturday July 21 at 6 p.m. Director is Allison Johnston. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. All presentations are at the high school auditorium. Many of the student participants in the Summer Drama productions are from out-of-town. We welcome our out-of-town guests to Friona and appreciate your support of the annual Summer Drama Workshops. The Summer Drama staff thanks all of the volunteers and sponsors and actors who contribute time and money toward the success of the workshops.



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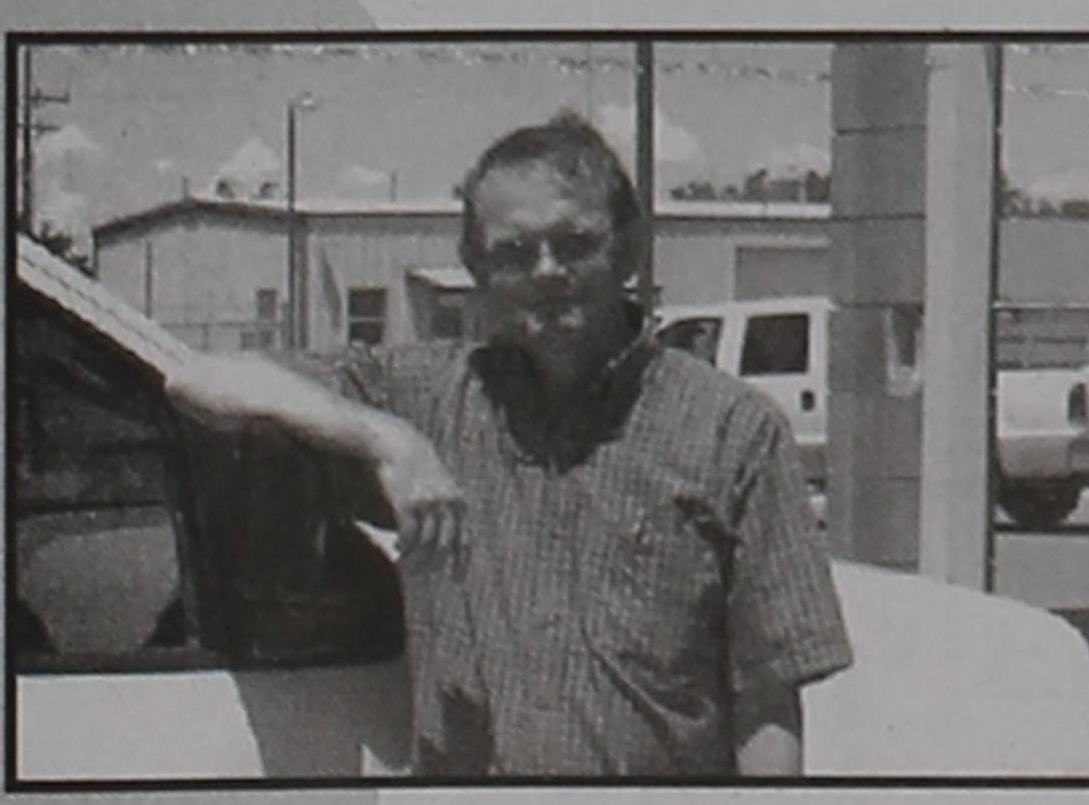
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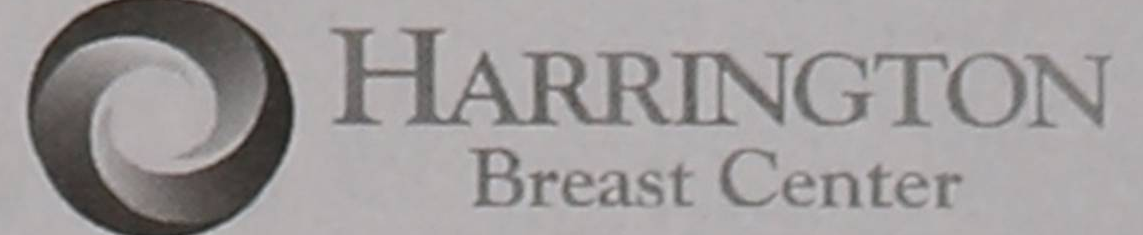
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