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Cargill Friona general manager Steve Thompson presents a check for \$12,000 to Larry Knowles, Friona United Way treasurer at the Cargill plant Friday January 4. The local United Way drive exceeded the \$38,900 goal this year. Others at the presentation were, l-r, Twila Brown of Cargill, Carolin Reeve, Knowles, Marca Herring, United Way secretary, Rick White, Cargill employee and United Way chairman, Thompson, and Pam Kendrick. The United Way board and the organizations that benefit thank everyone for their generous contributions to the 2007 drive.

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Jan 16-19

The annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 16-19 at the Friona Community Center. Weigh-ins will be held from 1-5 p.m. January 16 for all animals with barrows classified as weighed. Lambs classified at 5 p.m., steers classified at 5:30 p.m. and the beef heifer show at 6:30 p.m. (Beef heifers are not eligible for the sale.) Thursday January 17 the lamb show begins at 8 a.m. followed by goat show; steer show at 11 a.m. and barrow show at 1 p.m. The premium sale begins at 1 p.m. Saturday January 19. The stock show board advisory committee includes Scott Johnson, Charles Christian, Ed Terry, Rick Seaton, and Chris Hunt. Stock show board members are: Farwell, Tomee England, Sam Billingsley, Keith Hadley, Mark Logan; Bovina, Lawrence Widner, Vince Terrones, Buddy Prather; Lazbuddie, Terry Jesko, Sid Morris, Shane Mason, Doug Barnes; Friona, Davy Carthel, Paul Smith, Micah London, Alan Monroe. Mack Heald is the show's general superintendent and JeDon Gallman is assistant superintendent. Lesly Curtis is swine superintendent, Kevin Schueler is lamb and goat superintendent, and Jerry Simmons is steer superintendent. Officers are JeDon Gallman president, Lawrence Widner vice-president, Garry Patterson secretary, and John Jarecki and Dale Schueler treasurers. Judges for the show are Jake Franke steers, Brad Bevel barrows, and Mark Standlee lambs and goats. There is no admission fee for the show. Concessions will be available and the public is invited to attend the show and sale.

Bobsledders and bodybuilders will be in town Saturday

It will be a busy day at Friona High School Saturday January 12. As many as 600 students, coaches, and sponsors will descend on the school to participate in a speech tournament and the first powerlifters meet in Friona. The Bobsled Classic is an annual speech tournament held here. Erika Montana, high school drama teacher is in charge of the event which will be held in the high school classrooms. The tournament will begin about 8:30 a.m. and

continue all day. Mrs. Montana said a minimum of 150 students will participate but she estimated as many as 300 could enter. She expects 17 schools to participate. Over in the gymnasium Coaches Jimmy Arias and Rex Cumpton will host the first ever Friona powerlifting meet. Both boys and girls will enter the lift meet. Cumpton said they had lifters from 16 schools attending and expect 300 lifters, plus coaches, volunteers, and judges.

The school has purchased a special plastic mat covering for the entire gym floor. There will be four lift stations, each with spotters and judges. Schools participating include 1A thru 3A, no 4-5A schools were included. In simple terms here is how it works. Lifters compete in different weight classes. Three lifts are made; squat, bench press, and dead lift. The total pounds lifted are added together to determine the winner. Lifters weigh-in when they arrive. In case of a

tie in total pounds lifted, the lifter that weighs less wins. Concessions will be available with breakfast burritos and hamburgers being mentioned as two of the offerings. So if you see a traffic jam around the high school, drop in and watch the lift competition for a while. It is a benefit to Friona for these events to be held here. The coaches, teachers, and volunteers will be working hard to assure a successful Bobsled and powerlifting competition.

Chamber seeks nominations for top citizens

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Thursday March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. Executive vice-president Chris Alexander and the Chamber board are seeking nominations for the top citizen awards to be presented at the banquet. If you know a deserving citizen for any of the following categories you can pick up nomination forms at the Chamber office, 621 Main St. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. February 20, 2008. The annual awards are Citizen of the Year, Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Girl Student of the Year, Boy Student of the Year, Most Courteous Employee of the Year, and Teacher of the Year.

JP Hutto retiring, election slate set



Shana Fleming
New county FCS agent

Bovina Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Vi Hutto has announced her intention to retire as of March 31, 2008. Mrs. Hutto is a little over one year into her four-year term. County commissioners will decide whether to appoint a replacement or let JPs Val Howard and Pam Haseloff assume JP Hutto's duties.

In the March primary here is how the county slate will look; filed as Republican are County Commissioner Precinct 3 Ron Byrd; District Attorney Kathryn Gurley, Sheriff Randy Geries, County Commissioner Precinct 1 Kirk Frye, and County Attorney Jeff Actkinson. Filed for office as Democrat

are County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson, and County Commissioner Precinct 3 Mike Haseloff. The Precinct 3 race between Haseloff and Byrd will be decided in November. All other candidates are unopposed. Last week the Friona Star reported that District Judge Gordon Green would be running for

re-election. That information was incorrect. We apologize to Judge Green for the error. In the March 4 primary voters will be required to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary. There is no crossover voting in the primary. Voters can vote for any candidate of their choice regardless of party affiliation in the November general election. The deadline for requesting a mail ballot is February 26 through the County Clerk's office. Early voting begins February 19 and ends February 29. The primary election is March 4. The County Clerk phone number is 806-481-3691.

Extension office has new name, new agent

Quietly and without a lot of fanfare, the Texas Cooperative Extension offices have a new name. It is now Texas AgriLife Extension instead of the old familiar Co-Op Extension. As far as we know there have been no press releases or other communication to local newspapers explaining the change.

Shana Fleming of Friona has begun work at the Extension office in Farwell as the new county Family and Consumer Science Agent. She says she has already been referred to as the new "home demonstration" agent, another throwback to the old days. Shana replaces former FCS agent Suzanne Reese who left to be a full time mother and homemaker.

Shana can be reached at the Texas AgriLife Extension office in Farwell, 806-481-3619.

Parkers retiring after 26 years with the Friona school district

BY RON CARR

It was 1968. Jim and Jan Parker were driving around Central Texas looking for a job when they stopped to eat at a Dairy Queen in Mart. A DQ employee mentioned that Mart was looking for a band director. That chance encounter led to Jim's first band director job. He stayed in Mart for one year, went into the Army for two years and when he got out the Parkers moved to Borden County ISD where they remained for the next 11 years, Jim as band director and Jan as an elementary teacher.

"When we got to Borden County there were 12 kids in the band," Parker said. "In the next couple of years the band grew to 50 members."

Jim and Jan grew up as schoolmates and friends in Dublin, Texas. "We've known each other all our lives," they said. Jim received his bachelor's degree from Sul Ross University and his master's degree from Tarleton State. Jan's degrees are from

Texas Tech and West Texas A&M.

While Hal Ratcliff was principal at Friona High School (he later became superintendent) he tried to get Parker to come to Friona. "He kept after me for a long time and we finally gave in," Parker said. On July 17, 1982, the Parkers arrived in Friona. Their son John was in the second grade.

Jim served as Chieftain Band director from 1982 to 1993 when he became Friona Primary School principal. In 1998, upon Hal Ratcliff's retirement, Parker became FISD superintendent.

Jan has held a variety of FISD jobs including teaching 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade; high school English and special education; elementary special education, talented and gifted (TAG), and most recently as the Parmer County special education transition coordinator, a program to assist special education students (13 and up) and their families and other special ed teachers in the county.

Their son John is a 1993 Friona high school graduate and received his degree from Texas Tech in 1998. He is married and the Parkers have one grandson.

Jim and Jan have enjoyed their life in Friona. "This is a good school system," Parker said. "Taxes are low and the district is in good financial condition. We have a solid school board and staff here. Friona should be proud."

The Parkers are packed and ready to load the U-Haul for Dublin. "We've already taken 3 or 4 loads of stuff down there," Jan said. They bought a home there about a year ago and both still have family there. "It is across the alley and about a block down to my mother's home," Jan said. The home has built in memories. "When we were kids," Jan said, "we used to cut across the yard of this house as a shortcut."

They said Dublin is about the size of Friona and is home to the famous Dublin Dr. Pepper plant. Jan pointed

out that there is plenty of flowerbed work for Jim to do and the couple plan to travel. "I would like to see more of America," Jan said. "We hope to travel up and down both coasts some day."

A retirement reception is planned Sunday January 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the FISD Administration building on east Highway 60. The public is invited.

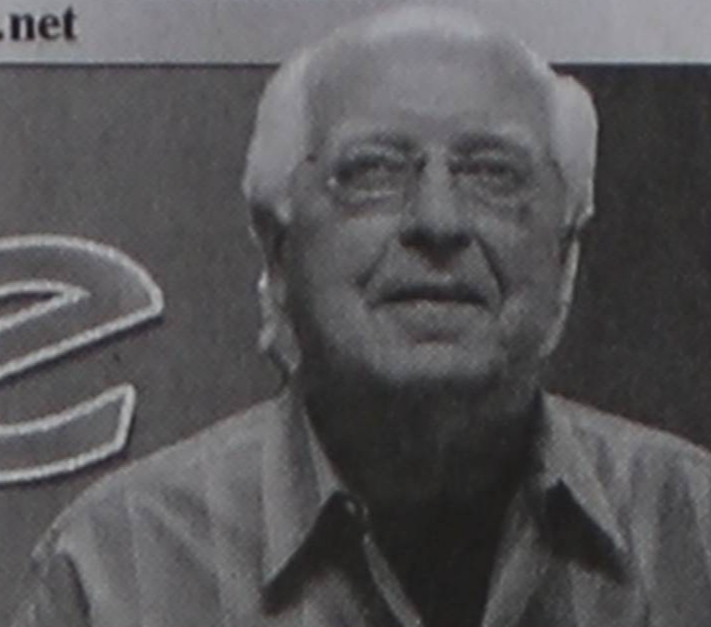


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Friona will bid a fond farewell to Jim and Jan Parker at a reception Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at the FISD Administration Building. Jim, FISD superintendent, and Jan, a special education transition coordinator for FISD, are retiring and moving back to their home town of Dublin, Texas, after 39 years in education, 26 of those here in Friona.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



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Wow! Hill Rod gave me a big scare this week.

That so-called loss in Iowa almost took my main gal out of the race. But she recovered (I guess) in New Hampshire after nearly shedding a tear on TV. So now the Clinton machine is refueled and Mr. Barack Hussein Obama is in danger of being run over.

As a reminder, Billy Jeff Clinton came in fourth in the Iowa caucus in 1992 but went on to be president for eight years.

In case I haven't mentioned it, Barack's middle name is Hussein but for obvious reasons he does not use it in public. And yes I have seen the video clip of him not pledging to the flag but these days being an American patriot doesn't seem to be a requirement for being president of the U.S.

Are Hill Rod and Billy

Jeff old news? Gosh I hope not. I have been looking forward to her being president for a long time 'cause I know she will make our lives better and give folks like me a whole lot of stuff to write about. I can't vote for her in the March 4 Texas primary. Not about to let the ladies at the Precinct 101 polling place write "Democrat" on my voter card.

If John McCain gets the Republican nomination I'll vote for him. Otherwise I may just cast my vote for Hillary in November if she gets the nomination. All of this 'if and who' reminds me of this saying I heard once: "If we had some ham we'd have ham and eggs if we had any eggs."

There is no substance in what any of the candidates say. No matter what they say they will do when they

become president, they won't do it. They can't promise us anything because they still have to contend with the House and the Senate, so their promises are void to start with.

They say that Hill Rod got the senior citizen and women vote in New Hampshire while Barack Hussein's young and black voters didn't turn out like they should. There are not very many blacks in New Hampshire they say. Now it is on to Nevada, South Carolina, and Michigan I reckon where they will continue to divide the country.

Barack Hussein wants the black voters and the young people. However the black folks really like Billy Jeff Clinton who they called the first black president, remember? Then there are the young people who turn out for Barack Hussein's

speeches like they are at a rock concert but they can't be counted on to show up and vote in November.

Hill Rod courts the women, older voters, and blacks. Huckleberry Huckabee claims the Christian E-van-jelicals who want to put the Lord back in the Oval office. Barack Hussein will go after the young people and the blacks in the South. Mitt Romney doesn't know who to go after, and John McCain will win voters who can't find anybody else to back.

It is a shame that politicians choose to divide the country into voter categories. I'm still confident the Clintons will be back in the White House this time next year. Barack Hussein's star is going to flame out when serious voters begin to ask specifically what he will do as president and he won't know the answers.

Huckleberry Huckabee will continue to look like a deer in the headlights when he is interviewed, Gooliani is already history in spite of the endorsement by our Gov. Rick Perry and that other Democrat, John What's-his-name, needs to hang it up early. he doesn't have a prayer. Bill Richardson needs to go back to his teepee in New Mexico and hope Hill Rod calls to offer him the vice-presidency in her administration.

There is a lot of politics to come. Hope you will stick around. In closing, our current president, George Bush (remember him) is in the Middle East promoting democracy and peace to countries that could care less. The Iranian Navy threatened some of our ships last week and here is Dubya's international diplomatic reply: "Iran shouldn't have done what they did."

Don't you just love politics?

Cotton Resource DVD available

The 2005 Cotton Resource CD provided many things Texas producers needed to know about cotton production. The new 2007 Cotton Resource DVD goes even further, serving as a veritable encyclopedia of Texas cotton information, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "At this stage of the game, it's as close to one-stop shopping for cotton information as we can get," said Dr. Randy Boman, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at Lubbock. "Many of the common challenges producers encounter are addressed by publications on this DVD."

"Information on the DVD is indexed according to key topic areas," said Dr. Robert Lemon, AgriLife Extension agronomist based at College Station. "The publications address general production problems; irrigation management; soil fertility; insects, weeds, nematodes and diseases; harvest concerns, fiber quality and ginning; and production economics. We also included a list of Internet information resources."

The photo gallery illustrates insects, weeds, grasses, diseases and symptoms of herbicide injury. Bark contamination, irrigation, and insect scouting are covered in short videos, Lemon said.

The DVDs are made possible by a grant from the Texas State Support Committee of Cotton

Inc. This funding allowed AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Research to produce and target this resource for AgriLife Extension agents, producers and industry personnel.

Those who want a copy of the free 2007 Cotton Resource DVD can contact Lemon at 979-845-0870 or Boman at 806-746-6101. The contents of the DVD can also be found on the Internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cottondvd>. "The DVD will soon be available at cotton gins, because we know they typically have a lot of traffic in and out," Boman said. "This resource will help answer some of the questions gins receive. We've also made it available to agribusiness representatives and crop consultants, as a key training tool for the cotton industry."

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development. Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life-sciences research.

Post writers unfair to farm bill

BY FORREST LAWS, Delta Farm Press

I've considered the editors of the Washington Post to be many things over the years, but I never took them to be sore losers.

For months, the Post's editorial writers have killed thousands of trees and wasted countless barrels of ink trashing farm programs and calling on Congress to end payments

to "well-to-do" farmers.

Under the guise of fairness, they also hired Dan Morgan, a fellow at the German Marshall Fund, as a contract writer on the Post's special investigations team. Morgan's farm bill articles have been anything but objective.

The Post's editorial writ-

ers, along with most of the Washington-based environmental community, had high hopes for the Dorgan-Grassley payment limit amendment that would place a "hard cap" of \$250,000 on farm program payments to producers and their spouses.

So when that amendment - and one by Minnesota's Amy Klobuchar barring payments to individuals reporting adjusted gross income of more than \$750,000 - went down in defeat, the Post's editorial writers were not happy.

One of those, identified by the Environmental Working Group's Ken Cook as Charles Lane, wrote an editorial, "Backward in the Senate," attacking Arkansas Sen. Blanche Lincoln.

The editorial took issue with the Senate's handling of Dorgan-Grassley, which fell four votes short of the 60 needed for passage. (Lincoln and others insisted on 60 votes, the same number Republican senators demanded to limit the number of farm bill amendments.)

Lincoln, the editorial said, "dug in her heels against Dorgan-Grassley," calling it "unfair to producers of capital-intensive crops, such as rice and cotton, and claiming it would have made U.S. exports less competitive in global markets."

"Left unsaid in Lincoln's statement was that 26 farms in her home state received \$250,000 or more in 2005, according to government sta-

tistics compiled by the Environmental Working Group," the editorial said.

It noted Lincoln could have filibustered the amendments, but, instead, asked Senate leaders for a special voting rule. "Now Lincoln has something to crow about on her next trip to the cotton and rice fields of Arkansas," it said. "But for a Democratic Party ostensibly committed to fiscal discipline, majority rule and economic equality, this is a major embarrassment."

Cotton and rice farmers are tired of seeing themselves pilloried in the newspapers and on TV by writers who wouldn't know the difference between a cotton plant and soybeans. As one letter writer to the Post said, "Your caustic remarks are prime examples of the elitist attitudes we farm folks endure in every farm bill debate."

The Post wasn't the only publication slamming the vote, and those editorials won't be the last word. Environmental groups want the House-Senate conference committee to revisit Dorgan-Grassley.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Tom Harkin of Iowa, who expressed disappointment after the Dorgan-Grassley failure, could re-introduce the amendment. As chairman of the conference committee, Harkin's opinions are likely to carry much more weight than they did during the last farm bill conference.

Mark Your Calendar

January 10

Friona Livestock Show at the Community Center

January 12

FHS Powerlifting Meet begins at 9 a.m. at the high school gym; 12 schools, 200 lifters, concession stand available.

January 16

FISD financial aid meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

January 16

High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show at the Amarillo Convention Center

January 17-19

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona Community Center

January 22

Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. River Road Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 29

Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Tulia Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 5

Chieftain baseball's chili supper fundraiser at the gym before the basketball game with Muleshoe

February 20

Nomination deadline for Chamber Banquet Citizen Awards at 5 p.m.

March 6

Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center

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

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Layered BLT dip looks pretty

BYRON CARR

An ad and photo in a recent Relish Magazine caught my eye. Probably because it is pretty and contains one of my favorite meals, Oscar Mayer pre-cooked bacon. I love that stuff on bread and mayo. This recipe reminds me of a bacon taco.

With the Super Bowl on the horizon this would be an easy fix and a fan favorite. The recipe says it is 28 servings but that isn't even enough for one bag of nacho chips. Keep in mind these recipes are sponsored so they promote various brands of ingredients.

For instance this recipe calls for Breakstone's sour cream but I imagine any good, rich sour cream would do. Here goes. Have fun.

Creamy Layered BLT Dip

Prep time: 10 min
Total time: 40 min
Servings: 28, 2 tbsp each
1 container (16 oz) Breakstone's sour cream
½ tsp onion powder
1 pkg (2.1 oz) Oscar Mayer ready to serve bacon
½ cup Kraft shredded cheddar cheese
2 medium tomatoes, chopped, divided
1 cup shredded lettuce

Mix sour cream and onion powder
Spoon onto bottom of shallow serving dish
Heat bacon as directed on package; cut into small pieces.
Sprinkle over sour cream mixture. Top with cheese, ¾ cup of the tomato and the lettuce; sprinkle with the remaining tomato. Serve with Ritz Toasted Chips Original or fresh vegetable dippers or the chips of your choice.

The Friona Livestock Show is today (January 10) at the Community Center for Livestock Show and the sale is at 9 a.m. The schedule and more info is elsewhere in the Friona Star. Good luck to all area youth as they show and participate.

Opal "Granny" Strickland and broke her hip in 1992 and had hip replacement surgery. She was still in hospital in Amarillo as of today. At Granny's age, she is well into her 90s, the only one in her family in your town and prayers as she travels difficult road to recovery.

Granny's daughter, Orla Taylor, told me Monday her late husband, Ruben Taylor, built the Wheat Growers Christmas star back in 1930. We featured the star on the Wheat Grower's e-newsletter. Ruben welcomed star frame. He operated & Sons welding for years at 8th & Euclid building was recently the school district. She believed that Ray Campbell helped Ruben create the star. The late Mr. Campbell, Danny Campbell, was an electrician. There was a connection. Ray Campbell, Lee Campbell's brother, wife Elwanda and Orla Taylor are sisters.

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Town Talk II

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The Friona Livestock Show is today (January 10) and next week the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is Thursday and the sale is Saturday. The schedule and more show info is elsewhere in today's Star. Good luck to all of our area youth as they compete and participate.

Opal "Granny" Strickland fell and broke her hip last week and had hip replacement surgery. She was still in the hospital in Amarillo as of Tuesday. At Granny's age, she is well into her 90s, the recovery will be difficult. Keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she travels the difficult road to recovery.

Granny's daughter, Ollie Pearl Taylor, told me Monday that her late husband, Ruben Taylor, built the Wheat Grower's Christmas star back in the 50s. We featured the star on top of the Wheat Grower's elevators recently. Ruben welded the star frame. He operated Taylor & Sons welding for many years at 8th & Euclid. The building was recently sold to the school district. She said she believed that Ray Campbell helped Ruben create the frame. The late Mr. Campbell, dad of Danny Campbell, was a local electrician. There was a family connection. Ray Campbell was Lee Campbell's brother. Lee's wife Elwanda and Ollie Pearl Taylor are sisters.

The manager of Friona Wheat Growers in the 50s was Arthur Drake whose three daughters are Erma Brown, Betty Reeve, and Peggy Stowers. Floyd Reeve has been trying to research whose idea it was to put the star on the elevators. Tracing history in a small town is a real hoot isn't it? If you can add anything to the elevator star story, let me know.

Our postmaster Jack Glover went to the Clovis Hospital last Thursday night with a pancreas attack. Jack has had the pancreas problem before and this time sounds equally serious. At our press time he remained in Clovis Regional Medical Center. Keep Jack and his family and our postal employees on your thought and prayer list.

Happy birthday to John Allen on his 80th birthday Saturday January 5. John's late wife Elsie, who passed away in November, shared the same birthday and would have been 85. And the couple's wedding anniversary was the next day, January 6. John was an electrician for many years before he retired and a long time Friona volunteer fireman. Keep the faith John during this difficult adjustment.

Micaela Casas, 39, is battling cancer. She is the mom of Valente and Ritchie Casas.

Her husband is also named Valente. He works for Cargill. Micaela has battled cancer before and now has been diagnosed with a couple of brain tumors which require chemo and radiation. She is being treated in Amarillo.

A love fund for the Casas family has been set up at the Friona Credit Union to assist with the mounting medical expenses. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nancy Davis, Credit Union manager, for more information.

The senior citizen meals resumed this week (actually last Thursday) after a holiday lay-off. Come on by Mondays and Thursdays to the Friendship House for good healthy \$3 lunch. It is located right in front of Prairie Acres.

It was said that E. G. Phipps' sister passed away in Muleshoe and Kathryn Goddard's brother Aubrey Peddy passed away in Canyon. There are obituaries in today's Star for Ida Louise Bush, 87, and Lula Marie Fleming, 92, both former residents. I asked about them at the senior lunch.

Mrs. Bush and her husband Buck were Friona residents for many years. She was a 6' tall lady that worked for the post office, so said Joann Mills. Mrs. Fleming and her husband also were long time Friona residents years ago. Mr. Fleming was mayor of Friona in the

60s, according to Carol Ellis.

Former Friona resident Dale Westbrook stopped by the office this week. He and his family lived in Friona from the 50s into the 70s. He is married to Mary Bell McGlothlin and is pastor of the Rockwell Baptist Church in Amarillo for the past seven years. The reverend left information about a concert by Dallas Holm, a Christian music performer, which will be held at his church January 26. More info about it on the church page.

Seems there was a fracas at the Friona gym Saturday evening. The area Little Dribblers basketball teams for 3rd through 6th graders were holding a tournament. During the final game a few adults got in a bad mood and almost went to fisticuffs. One person was thrown out of the gym and a couple of Friona PD officers hung around until the game was over and the crowd cleared out. I understand it was not Friona teams playing when the altercation occurred. A great example for the youngsters, huh?

Saw Gene Hutto of Bovina at Fast Stop this week. Gene has been retired about four years but stays active driving a Bovina School bus, hauling hay, and serving on the Bovina EMS crew. The good news is Gene said he had lost 30 pounds and was planning to lose another 30-40. He had knee problems and knee surgery and the weight loss has helped with his getting around. Gene's wife Vi Hutto is planning to retire March 31 as Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. Gene and Vi plan to utilize their travel trailer and fishing poles often.

This year Valentine's Day is on Thursday February 14. Since the Star is published on Thursday we will print our Valentine brag page photos on Valentine's Day. Dig out those photos of the kids and grandkids to include in our annual Valentine's Day issue. More info elsewhere in this

issue. Thanks for joining us for another year. Keep sending news of local interest and concern. I'll be at Leal's Restaurant in Muleshoe Friday night before the Chief/Squaw basketball games. Maybe I'll see you there. Until then.

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Friona grad receives Master's from St. Edwards

Gerardo Chairez, a 1989 Friona High School graduate, recently received his Master's of Business Administration degree from St. Edward's University in Austin.

Gerardo is the son of Eustolio and Francisca Chairez of Friona. Information was received from his sister, Adriana who lives in Tucson, Arizona.

He also has two other degrees: a Bachelor of Science, major in chemistry, from St. Edwards University in 1998 and an Associate of Applied Science in Chemical Technology in 1994 from Texas State

technical College in Waco. After high school Gerardo joined the Army at the age of 19. He served four years on active duty in Ft. Hood and Korea. He left the military in 1993 and was honorably discharged in 1997. In Austin he worked full time in semiconductor and computer chip manufacturing while attending St. Edward's.

Today he is a specialist in bulk chemical supply systems. He works on computer based plant facilities and equipment including plumbing, fabrication, elec-

trical, mechanical, instrumentation, and controls. Many friends and family

were present at Gerardo's graduation ceremonies and the family is very proud of him.



Francisca, Gerardo & Eustolio Chairez

Take precautions to prevent fires

By BENJI HENDERSON CEAAG Parmer County

As all of you know it has been a very dry winter so far. This brings the topic of fire into a reality. Many of our residents in Parmer County live outside of the city limits yet people who live within the city limits are not out of danger. Wildfires can spread very rapidly and continue to burn as the approach town. Fire can be very destructive to a home or farmstead if let burn out of control.

With the acreage of CRP grass here in our county wildfire can become a large threat. Due to the rains that occurred last summer many of our ditches and CRP acres had a large amount of growth. This contributes to the danger of wildfire in Parmer County. All of that growth can help to fuel a fire and allow it to spread rapidly. Many of the roadsides are also grown up as well as the playa lakes, which saw a large growth of weeds, which are very dry and burn readily. Currently Parmer County is under a burn ban. According to the Texas Forest Service we are also under high fire danger due to the current drought like conditions.

Protection is your best bet on avoiding damage from a wildfire. The best advice for many of our families that live out of the city limits is mowing. Mowing those tall weeds and grass can greatly reduce the chance of a fire because it takes away much of the fuel needed to keep burning.

Another important factor is not throwing out lit cigarette butts, and extinguishing flames on items when you are finished. Many of our farmers use cutting torches to work on equipment and should take precautions when working on or around equipment that has been allowed to grow up with weeds through the summer.

Prevention is the best bet. By preventing fires from getting started we reduce many of the factors that contribute to a fire getting out of hand. Many things we cannot control, such as a lightning strike or fallen electrical line, but if you have taken precautions before hand a fire can be quickly taken under control by the local fire department.

Preventing wildfires is a reality for many residents of Parmer County. A few simple steps and precautions can save many heartaches and losses for yourself and others. As we continue on through the winter and spring months do all you can to help prevent wildfires from getting started on your place or your neighbors. Always remember an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. For more information on wildfires you can access the Texas Forest Service at forestservicetamu.edu or the Extension Disaster Education Network at texashelp.tamu.edu.

Sheriff's Report

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

January 1, 2008, Beverly Smith, 44, of Logan, New Mexico, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

January 1, 2008, Joe Michael Sanchez, 42, of Texico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated (3rd of more), pending Grand Jury.

January 3, 2008, Maria Gonzalez, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance), pending District Court.

January 3, 2008, Randy Claycomb, 37, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

January 4, 2008, Belma Ruiz, 42, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of a controlled substance; and possession of marijuana-more than 2 ounces, less than 5 pounds), pending District Court.

January 5, 2008, Brian Osborn, 36, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with evading arrest with a vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

January 6, 2008, Kenneth Baltes, 32, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 18, 2008, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Lee Roy Salazar, 37, of Mexia, Texas, charged with theft, was sentenced to a Class A misdemeanor punishment of 120 days in Parmer County Jail, with a state jail felony conviction; \$291 court costs; and \$750 fine.

— Erica Nicole Peace, 23, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervision (endangering a child), had her community supervision revoked and was sentenced to 2 years in the state jail division; \$358 court costs; and \$10,000 fine.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 27, 2007 to January 02, 2008:

Classic Lone Star Builders – Edward White and Doris White, L7 B6 LAKEVIEW FRIONA.

Howard L. Fleming and Patricia B. Fleming – The ABCD Fleming Family Trust, S/2 36 T3S R3E; S/2 AND W NW/4 S27 T6S R3E; SE/4 S8 T5S R4E; NW/4 S19 T5S R4E; S28 T6S T3E; SW/4 S21 T3E T6S; NW/4 OF NE/4 S13 T3S R3E.

Howard L. Fleming and Patricia B. Fleming – The ABCD Fleming Family Trust, W58.5 L22 ALL L23 B6 STALEY FRIONA.

Washington Mutual Bank – HUD, L4-6 B41 FARWELLLL.

Betty Jean Bruns, Benny Fred Bruns, Billy Jack Bruns, and Jana Lou Bruns St. Clair – Guy Lynn Brockman and Jonessa Jennings Brockman, SW/4 S2 T11S R3E.

Mark W. Howard, Robin Howard, Greg Howard, and Roberta Howard – Farwell Abstract Exchange LLC, W/2 S46 BLK A; E/2 S46 BLK A.

Farwell Abstract Exchange LLC – Eric Daale and Tami Daale, W/2 S46 BLK A; E/2 S46 BLK A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 13 – January 19, 2008

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

Jan. 13-Logan Baize, Morgan Baize, Sarah Nelson, Sammy Stormes, Caden Duke, Traci Carthel

Jan. 14-Clarice Dominguez, Dave Hutson, Lisa Jones, Larry Gonzales, Jacquelyn Hight Franklin, Christi Martin, Colby Ingram, Patty Davenport, Trent Cook, Pamela Pauling, Layne Clark, Arturo Espinoza, Marcia Brown, Kari Tongate

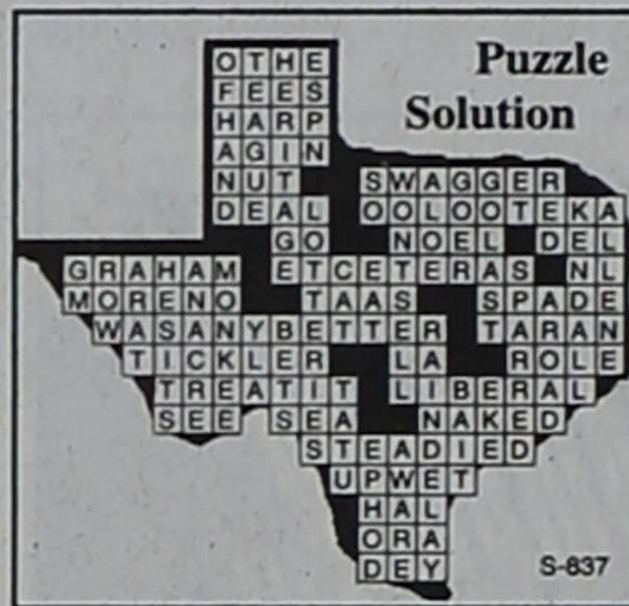
Jan. 15-Dora Geneva Bentley, Aaron Kyle Hand, Abigail Jones, Carl Robinson, Tim Smith, Julia Leake, Freeman Melton, Andrew Champenois, Charles Champenois

Jan. 16-Andrew Kendrick, Roger Peace, Darran Procter, Christie Wiseman Spring, James Warren III, Breann Barnett, Trell Taylor, Christy Barksdale, Tawnya Wales

Jan. 17-Amy Trevino, Jordan Nichols, Kitty Gallman, Mike Fair, Irma Hernandez, Billy Lynn Marshall, Mike McCallum, Terri Ellis

Jan. 18-Nola Fay Vestal, Curtis Drager, Jenifer Lynn Buchanan, Joshua Kent Rivera, Bret Whitten, Claire Bingham, Mayzie Faith Zinck

Jan. 19-Gene Schueler, Iona Renner, Krista Renner Kemple, Kristi Neill, Susie Preston Perkins, Libbye Turner, Cotton Fleming, Heather Sandoval



Cotton conference set in Muleshoe

January 24 is the date for the Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd., in Muleshoe.

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Report

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Freshmen 2-2 at Lazbuddie

The Friona freshman basketball boys took a total of six players to participate in the Lazbuddie Tournament. They went lost, won, won, lost for a 2-2 record and lots of playing experience. Sudan 48, Friona 39 One Sudan player tossed in 26 points to lead the Sudan attack. The frosh Chiefs had three 3s, one each by Nick Ortiz, Brenner Barnett, and Duncan Welch. They were 50%, 6 for 12 in free throws. Ortiz was high with 12 points, Barnett 11, Jeremy Alaniz 6, Welch 5, and Clayton Smiley 5.

left the game at the free throw line as they converted only 8 of 27 free shots. Smiley had 12 points, Barnett 5, and Alaniz 3.

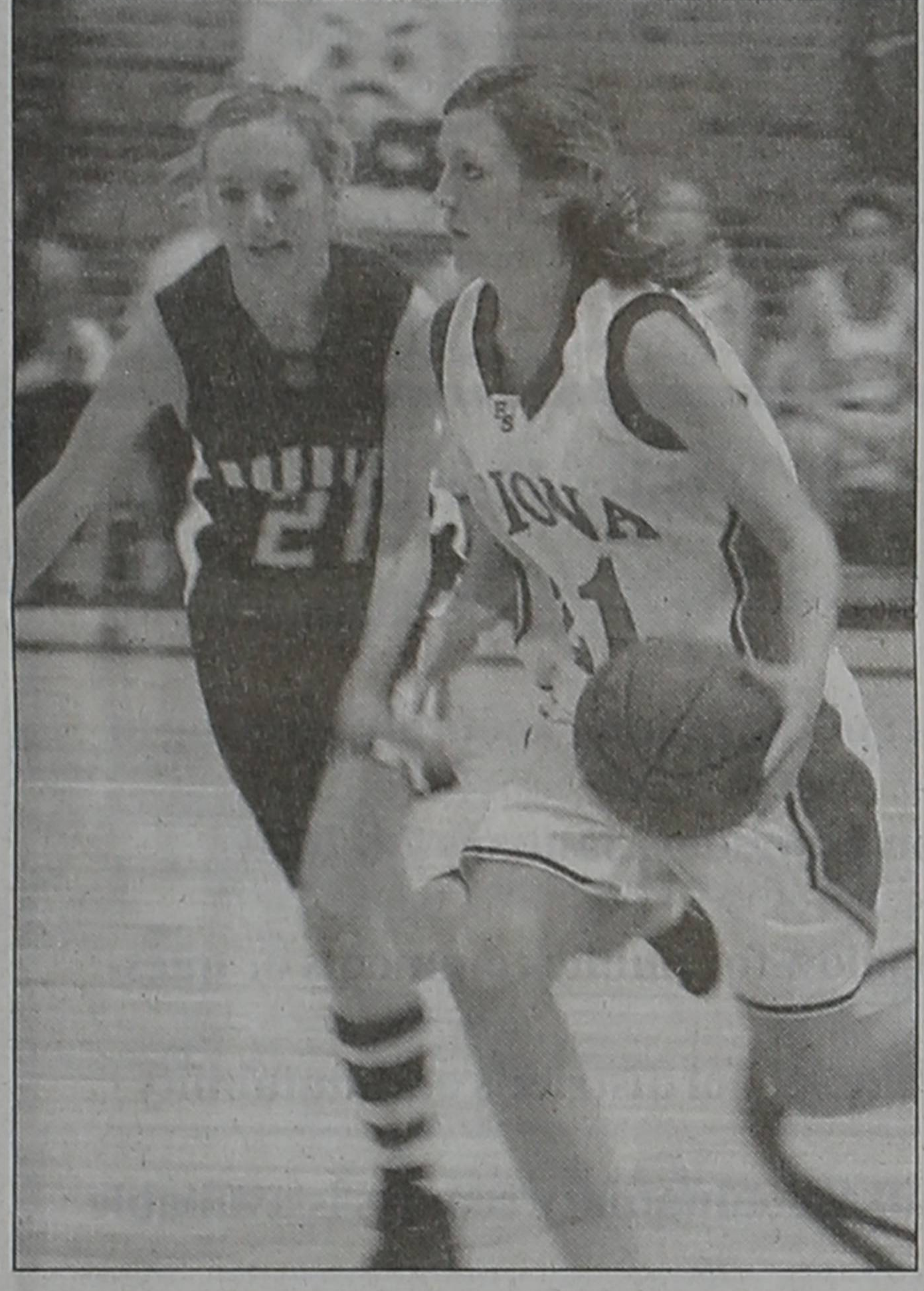


Ryan Schwab (00) is pinned against the baseline by a Dimmitt Bobcat but managed to get the pass away. Schwab and the Chieftains handed Dimmitt a 67-47 loss and remain undefeated in district play. More photos of the game at frionaonline.com.

Friona 50, Lazbuddie 20 In this game Nick Ortiz came up big with 23 points to lead his teammates to victory. Nick had three 3s. Barnett came through with 14 points including two 3s. Smiley had 9 points, Welch and Alaniz 3 each.

Friona 52, Springlake Earth 36 Ortiz went on a run again to spike the junior Wolverines. He scored 21 points including a pair of 3s. Barnett had 11 points and a three, Smiley 10 points, and Alaniz 8. Alaniz also had a pair of 3s.

Hart 45, Friona 39 In their closest contest of the tournament, the Hart baby Longhorns edged the Friona Mighty Six by six points. Ortiz continued his point production with 19 points but Coach Towner's boys



Senior Squaw Miranda Frye goes into overdrive as she scoots around a Dimmitt Bobbie defender. The Squaws beat the Bobbies and are now 3-2 in district. More Squaw-Dimmitt action at frionaonline.com.



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Basketball Roundup

Chiefs/Squaws win at Tulia

BY RON CARR The Chiefs and Squaws continued their district play with a set of games in Tulia last Friday, January 4. They came home with four wins (JV and varsity) and now head into the tough part of the district schedule with games ahead vs. Dimmitt, Muleshoe, and Bushland. The Squaws had a 19 point first quarter and led the Tulia Lady Hornets 32-21 at half time. Then they went cool in the second half, scoring only 14 points but holding Tulia to 12 for a final score of 46-32.

then crushed the Hornets in half number two with a 31-15 run. Alex Gurley lit up the gym with a team high 22 points including six 3-pointers, followed by Sawyer Reed with 10, Ryan Gerles 7, Ryan Schwab 6, Jared Boyd 6, Matthew Stanberry 6, Chris Haile 6, and Kaison Graham 5. The Chiefs shot 10 of 12 from the free throw line and Boyd and Graham each had a 3-point goal in their total. The Chiefs now turn their attention to Dimmitt, Muleshoe, and Bushland in what is a critical three-game set on the march to the playoffs.

Senior post Hollis Gurley sparked the team with 12 points. Close behind was Miranda Frye with 11, followed by Erin Anthony's 7, Briar Barnett 6, Regan Anthony 5, Michelle Martin 3, and Diana Bolivar 2. Martin, Frye, and E. Anthony (2) had 3s. The girls were 4 of 8 from the foul line.

The JV boys smacked the junior Hornets by a large margin, winning handily 54-25. The game wasn't even close as Friona scored 27 points in each half and held Tulia to only 9 points in the second half.

Reed was high point with 18, Gurley had 14, Matthew Stanberry 12, Ryan Gerles 12, Kaison Graham 5, Jared Boyd 2, Trent Hudson 2, and Ryan Schwab 2. The win gives the Chiefs a 16-4, 4-0 record as they head into the final two games of the first half of district play. The Chiefs travel to Muleshoe Friday and Bushland Tuesday. Bushland is also undefeated and beat Muleshoe Tuesday 44-35 to set up an eventual showdown game.

Zack Fair had the hot hand, scoring 16 points. Kirby Frye dumped in 14, Stetson Reed had 12, Joey Dickson 7, Justin Dominguez 3, and David Schwab 2. Reed had two 3s and Dickson had one. They were 3 of 9 from the line.

Chiefs JV 37 Dimmitt JV 47

The JV Chiefs led the junior Bobcats from Dimmitt 17-9 after one quarter and 21-19 at the half but ran out of steam in the second half. Dimmitt's JV put up 28 second half points and held Friona to 16 to whack

the young Chiefs 47-37. Joey Dickson tossed in six 3s to lead all scoring with 18 points. Rolando Castanon and Kirby Frye each had 6 points, Justin Dominguez had 4, Zack Fair 2, and Stetson Reed held Friona to 16 to whack

Chiefs trample Dimmitt 67-47

BY RON CARR Senior wing Alex Gurley scored the first 8 points of the game, including two 3s to give the Chiefs a quick lead which they never gave up. Altogether the Chiefs drained 9 three-point goals, 4 by Gurley, 4 by Sawyer Reed, and one by Kaison Graham on the way to a 67-47 win to remain undefeated in district play. One of Gurley's treys was a loft from half court as the first half buzzer sounded that was a nothing-but-net crowd pleaser. The Chiefs had a 10-point lead at the half and bombed Dimmitt with a 32-22 second half run. The boys shot 10

of 12 from the foul line. Reed was high point with 18, Gurley had 14, Matthew Stanberry 12, Ryan Gerles 12, Kaison Graham 5, Jared Boyd 2, Trent Hudson 2, and Ryan Schwab 2. The win gives the Chiefs a 16-4, 4-0 record as they head into the final two games of the first half of district play. The Chiefs travel to Muleshoe Friday and Bushland Tuesday. Bushland is also undefeated and beat Muleshoe Tuesday 44-35 to set up an eventual showdown game.

Squaws bury Bobbies 42-29

BY RON CARR It might have been one of the strangest games so far for the Friona Squaws. The girls outran and outgunned the Dimmitt Bobbies for a 42-29 district win that improved their record to 11-10, 3-2, with one game to play in the first half of district at Muleshoe Friday January 11. The Lady Mules beat Bushland Tuesday night so the Friona and Muleshoe girls each enter the game with 3-2 district records.

The Dimmitt game saw senior post Hollis Gurley score zero points, the Squaws did not commit a foul the entire second half, Briar Barnett was still out with a pulled muscle, and Jordan Monroe might have suffered a broken finger. But strangest of all was a non-call made by the referees to start the second half. After a timeout, the Bobbies threw the ball in with six girls on the court. The referee whistled the play dead, allowed the Dimmitt coach to take a player out, then resumed play without calling a technical foul for too many players. In spite of Coach Michael Hurley's protest, the referee refused to call the technical and the game continued. Gurley, the Squaw post, was double and triple teamed most of the game and was shut out in points for the first time this season. Coach Hurley also said it was the first time in his coaching career he had a team that went an entire half without fouling. It was a fast wild game punctuated by many turnovers on both sides. The Squaws put up four 3s, one each by Ashley Ingram, Michelle Martin, Regan Anthony, and Miranda Frye. The girls were 6 of 16 from the free throw line. Regan Anthony was the leading scorer with 13, Frye and Martin had 10 each, Ingram 5, Erin Anthony 2, and Diana Bolivar 2. The JV Squaws romped over Dimmitt 48-21, sparked by a 15-3 first quarter and a 26-11 second half run. Taryn Jamerson led with 14 points, Heather Sandoval had 12, Kami Kerby 6, Paige Herbert 6, Anna Murphree 5, Brittany Berend 3, and Stephanie Aguirre 2. The girls had five 3s, two each by Jamerson and Herbert and one by Murphree. They were 9 of 18 from the free throw line.

***** AUCTION CALENDAR ***** Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Lewis Senter - Owner Located: Halfway, Texas Selling: Farm Equipment Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Lamb County Area Farmers - Owners Located: Otton, Texas Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. Agri-Gold Corporation - Owners Located: Otton, Texas Selling: Farm Equipment Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:30 a.m. James Clark & Others - Owners Located: Friona, Texas Selling: Farm Equipment Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Terry Burk Estate - Owner Located: Estelline, Texas Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Hayes Hay Farms - Owners Located: Plainview, Texas Selling: Hay & Farm Equipment Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Buri Mandrell - Owner Located: Otton, Texas Selling: Farm Equipment Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 - Sale Time: 9:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Consignment Auction Located: Nazareth, Texas Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment Call Alan Birkenfeld to Consign: (806) 570-6328 Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. F.S. & H Farms - Owners Located: Muleshoe, Texas Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Big Square Farms - Owners Located: Lazbuddie, Texas Selling: Farm Equipment Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 - Sale Time: 9:00 a.m. Wendall Barrick - Owner Located: Abernathy, Texas Selling: Farm Equip. & Antique Equip. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m. Montgomery Farms - Owners Located: Brice, Texas Selling: Farm and Cotton Equipment to consign call: Daniel Jenkins (806) 423-1127 ***** Five Star Auctioneers ***** OFFICE: (806) 296-6379 - P. O. BOX 1630 - PLAINVIEW, TEXAS 79073-1630 WEB SITE: WWW.FARMAUCTIONGUIDE.COM/FIVESTAR Terms of Sale: Cash, Personal or Business Check, Cashier's Check All Accounts Settled Day of Sale - Lunch Will Be Provided NOTICE: Please Bring Your Own Check Book. If You Are Not Authorized to Sell Our Property Please Bring Your License. WE ARE HERE AND HERE TO STAY - WE ARE HERE AND HERE TO STAY

OBITUARIES

Harold Joe Wells

Harold Joe Wells, 75, of Friena, went to be with his Lord on Monday, January 7, 2008 in Friena. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at the Friena United Methodist church with Reverend Ron Colwell, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friena Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

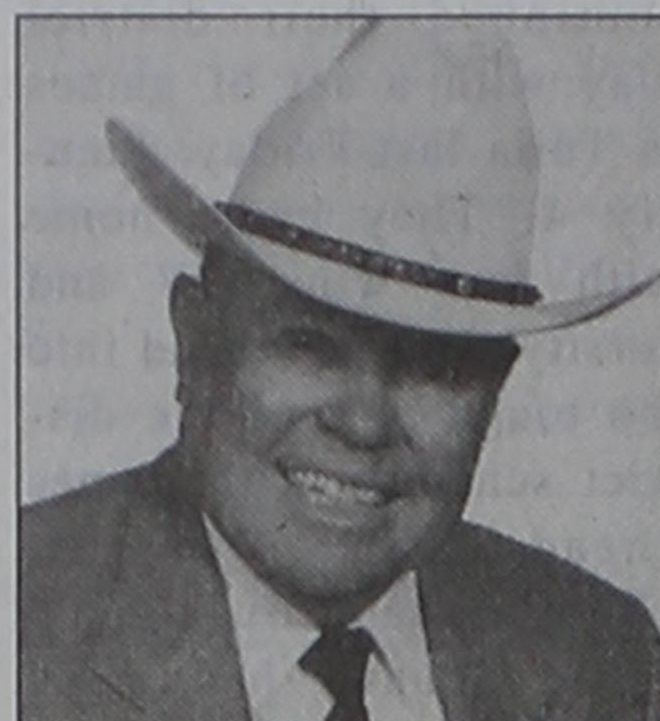
A lifetime resident of Friena/Parmer County, he was born September 29, 1932 in Friena, to Harland Clay and Jewel Lola Johnson Wells. He graduated from Friena High School in 1950 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Texas Tech in 1955. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Harold married Joyce Durham on December 18, 1971 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a member of the Friena United Methodist Church and had served on the board of WTRT Services of Hereford for ten years. He was a member of the Friena Masonic Lodge #1332 and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; two stepsons, he loved as his own, Glenn Arthur Rebber and wife Rhonda of Waco, and David Walker Rebber and wife Anne of Lubbock; one sister, Jan Chesher and husband Albert, of Hereford; three brothers, Max Wells and wife Jo, Jim Roy Wells and wife Cherry, and Rex Wells and wife Sue, all of Friena; two grandchildren, Derek Wilson Rebber of Waco and Dallas Walker Rebber of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

The family requests memorials be made to the Friena Public Library or Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary.



Harold Joe Wells

Jesse David "J.D." Spencer

Jesse David "J.D." Spencer, 82, passed away December 18, 2007, at his residence in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. He was born May 12, 1925 in Collin County, Texas, to the late Jesse Gleenwood and Lydia Ethney Pitmon Spencer. He married Jeriah Jones Spencer of Soddy Daisy on August 23, 1943.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on December 21, 2007, at Hebron Church of Christ with Wayne Cantrell and Bill Greer officiating. Burial followed at Hebron Cemetery by High Funeral Home of McMinnville, Tennessee.

Mr. Spencer was employed for 21 years as a farm hand and mechanic for Wesley Barnett of Friena.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Jesse and Oleta Spencer of Soddy Daisy, Jesse David and Jan Spencer, Jr., of New Caney, Texas, and James Raymond and Cathy Spencer of Friena, Texas; two daughters, Louise and Jim Nunley of McMinnville and Joy Diane Burkes of Schulenburg, Texas; two brothers, Harold Kindle and Wilford A. Kindle both of Texas; three sisters, Jackie Mae Hall of Texas, Ermidine Collins of Missouri, and Linda Gale of Louisiana; thirteen grandchildren, Judith Carter, Cheryl Myers, Jason Burkes, Johnny, Jeff, David, Tammye Kaye, Justin, and Logan Spencer, Jeanette Phillips, Jim Nunley, Dodie Niemeyer, and Mandy King; twenty-four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



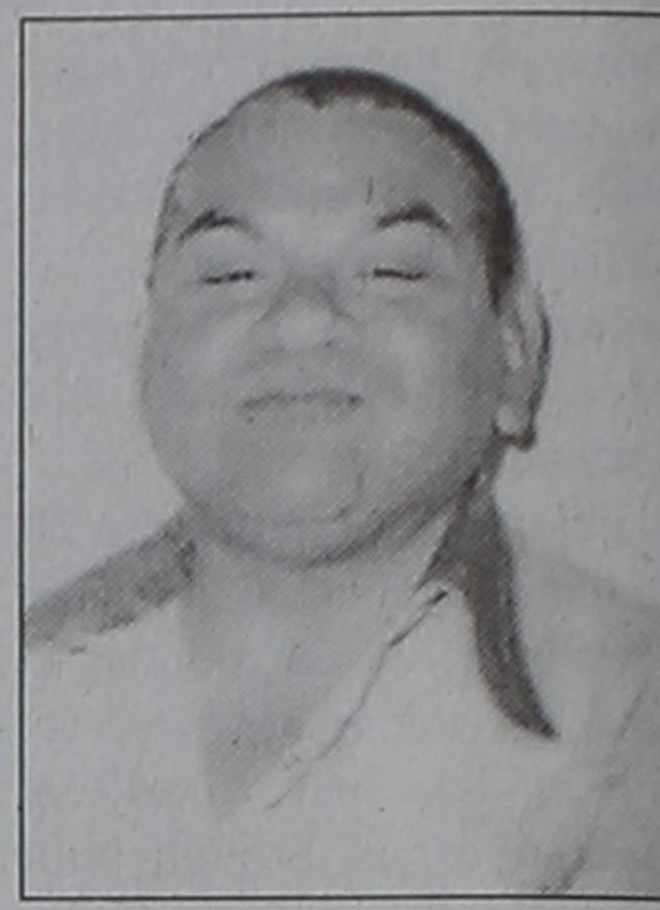
Jesse David "J.D." Spencer

Fidencio "Lonnie" Guzman

Fidencio "Lonnie" Guzman, 65, of Brownfield, Texas and formerly of Friena, Texas, died Friday, January 4, 2008, in Brownfield. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at Friena Cemetery with Reverend Elias Torres of Templo Bautista Church of Friena officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friena.

Lonnie was born December 28, 1942, in Kenedy, Texas, to Victoriano and Candida Valdez Guzman. He loved farming and the agriculture industry, hunting, drag racing and truck driving. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Candida Guzman of Canyon, Texas; ex-wife Julia Garza Guzman of Canyon; one daughter, Vicki Guzman Shead of Amarillo; four sons, Federico Salinas of Amarillo, Victor Guzman of San Antonio, Felix Guzman of Lubbock, and Nickolas Guzman of Canyon; one brother, Jimmy Rodriguez of Lubbock; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Fidencio "Lonnie" Guzman

Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts IT'S BRAGGING TIME!

Bring a photo (any size) and your special Valentine message to the Friena Star office by 5 p.m. Monday, February 11. Cost per person in photo: 1 - \$10, 2 - \$15, 3 or more - \$20 *Valentine photos will appear in the special Friena Star Valentine issue February 14. *All photos will be returned. For more information call 250-2211

Lula Marie Fleming

Lula Marie Fleming, 92, was born July 20, 1915 in Toler, New Mexico. She died January 4, 2008, in Lubbock.

She was the youngest of seven children born to T.L. Beall and Mary Lula Demic. Marie married the love of her life, Raymond Lee Fleming, on October 25, 1936, in Clovis, New Mexico and lived her life to the fullest. She was a devoted wife, a loving and caring mother, a dedicated homemaker, a talented artist, a steadfast friend to many, and a gift from God in the eyes of her grandchildren.

She spent her life serving others, never thinking of herself. With her steadfast love and support, her husband, children, and grandchildren spread their wings and soared. She showed by her selfless example how to love one another, how to follow God, how to care for our neighbors, and how to raise a family. Marie was the matriarch of a close, loving, caring, and proud family. She will be missed but never forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Raymond Lee Fleming, who died May 25, 2004.

Survivors include her son and daughter, Ray Dean Fleming and LaVon Reeve; her son-in-law, Don Reeve; daughter-in-law, Jan Fleming; seven grandchildren, Kipi Ward, Karla Dixon, Reese Fleming, Loyd Fleming, Jay Reeve, Julie Banfield, and Jamie Epperson; thirteen great-grandchildren, Haylee, Jalayna, and Brooklyn Ward, Dallas and Trapper Dixon, Sasha Hollingsworth, Brittany Hopkins, Ashley and Macy Reeve; Parker and Taryn Banfield, and Emily and Cody Epperson; and one great-great-grandchild, Jaleigh Lynn Hopkins.

Graveside services were held Monday January 7, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. MST, at the Melrose Memorial Cemetery in Melrose, New Mexico. Arrangements were by Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

The family requests memorial donations be sent to the Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

Ida Louise Bush

Ida Louise Bush, 87, of Fort Worth, Texas, former resident of Friena, passed away Saturday, January 5, 2008, at home in North Richland Hills, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2008, at Rising Star Church of Christ with Charles Chesshir officiating. Burial was in the May Cemetery in May, Texas. Arrangements were by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star, Texas.

Louise was born March 4, 1920, in Fort Worth, Texas, to James and Pearl Pressly-Killough.

She married D. E. Bush on August 17, 1942, in Muleshoe, Texas. She was a homemaker for many of her early married years and then became an employee of the U.S. Postal Service. She was a member of the Church of Christ and did missionary work for many years.

Louise is survived by three sons, Paul Bush, Johnny Watson, and Mack Watson-Bush; two daughters, Cathy Tate and Tammy Pelletier; a granddaughter, April Bush; two grandsons, Jeff Bush and David Martin; and nieces, nephews, and siblings.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years,

D.E. Bush, and two daughters, Kay Bush and Mamita Bush.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Portales, New Mexico, Christian Children's Home.

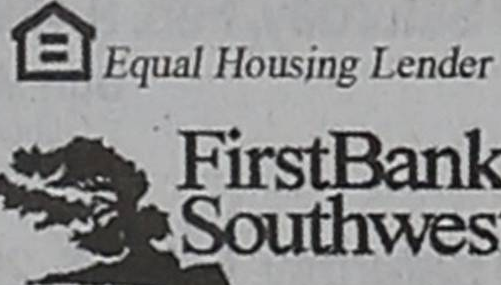
Notice Of Public Hearing

The Friena ISD Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing as part of the regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2008

The hearing is to allow for public comments or questions related to the school district's accountability status. A copy of all accountability reports is available at the FIRD Central Office, 909 E. 11th Street. Notice is also given at this time of a change in the regular monthly meeting date for the month of January due to conflicts with trustee schedules.



Connie Mendoza
Home Loans
3rd & Main
Hereford, Texas 79045
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The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District advises that once again it is time to place your order for windbreak trees.

Parmer County SWCD has a good selection of all variety of trees. Trees for windbreaks, wildlife, or fruit trees are available. Seedlings as well as larger replacement trees can be ordered.

More than 30 varieties of shrubs, hardwoods, and evergreens are offered.

To order, call the Parmer County SWCD office, 806-481-3311 and talk to Jenny Baize, Frank Torres, or Earl Behrends.

ACROSS

- 1 Lake ___ Pines
- 5 "legal eagle" payments
- 6 "mouth ___" (harmonica)
- 7 TXism for "against"
- 8 TX pecan, e.g.
- 9 Carl Sandberg: "Texas is valor and ___"
- 16 "Let's Make a ___"
- 18 this Cherokee chief adopted TX Houston
- 21 TXism: "hunkered down and raring to ___"
- 22 Christmas carol
- 23 in Corpus Christi: ___ Mar College
- 24 Young Co. seat
- 30 additional odds and ends
- 34 Astro league (abbr.)
- 35 actress Rita of "Angus" with SMU grad Kathy Bates
- 36 test before TAKS
- 37 shovel
- 39 TXism: "if I ___ couldn't stand it!"
- 43 "Home Improvement" actor ___ Noah Smith
- 44 TXism: "ivory ___" (pianist)
- 45 TX ZZ Top album: "___ Grange"
- 46 "Helen" was TX Crystal Bernard's ___ on "Wings"
- 47 TXism: "___ with kid gloves"

- 49 not a conservative
- 52 TXism: "never let 'em ___ you sweat"
- 53 Gulf excursion: deep ___ fishing
- 54 TXism: "___ as a plucked chicken"
- 55 quieted a disturbed horse
- 58 TXism: "feel like I've been ridden hard and put ___"
- 59 actor Holbrook

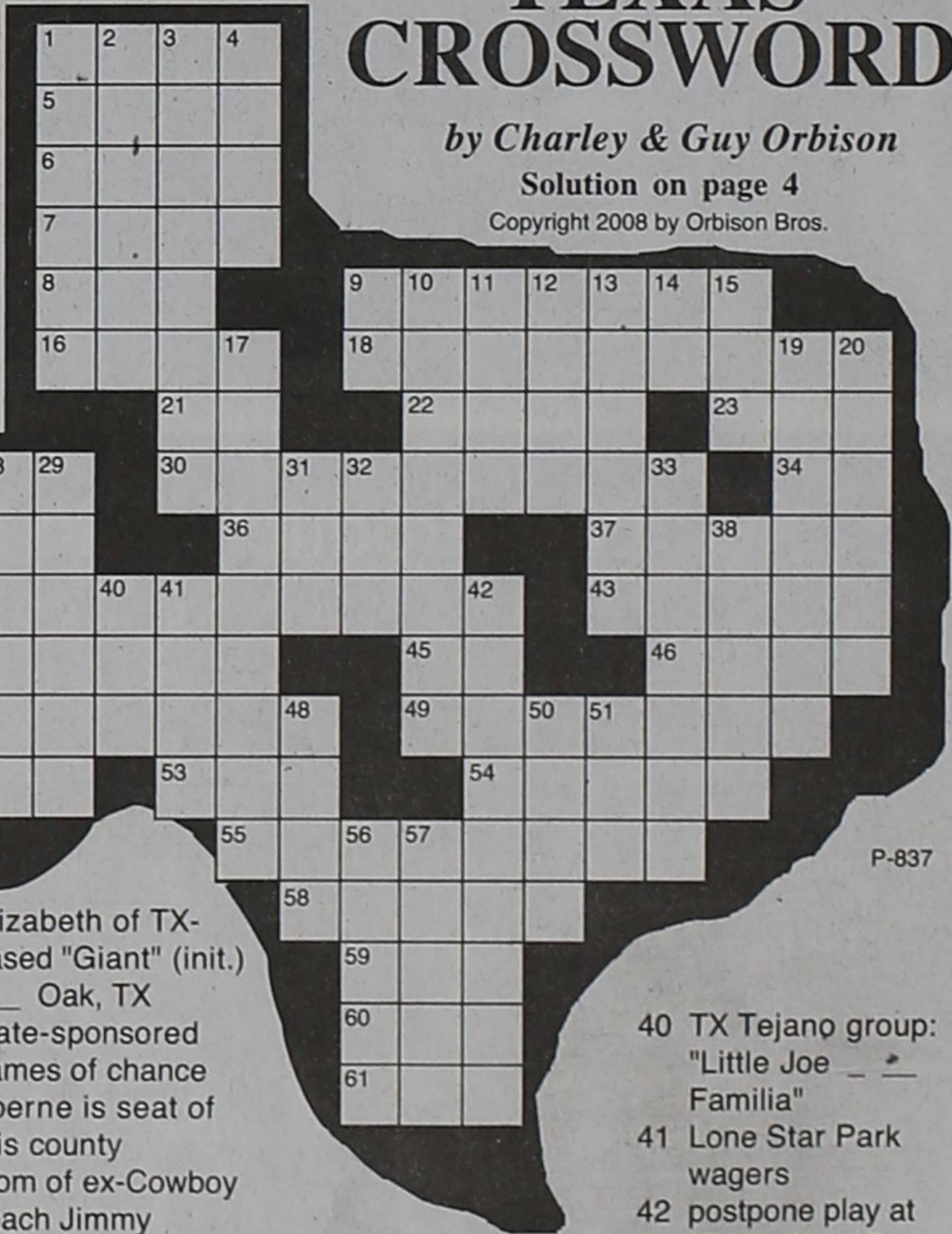
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- 1 "sleight ___"
- 2 in Freestone Co. on hwy. 84
- 3 in Hillsboro: "Texas ___ Museum"
- 4 Cowboy Monday night network
- 9 TXism: "___ long" (goodbye)
- 10 TX "Bo" Pilgrim "___ a fat, yellow chicken"
- 11 Valley plant
- 12 TXism: "he's full of spit and vinegar"
- 13 let others in first (2 wds.)

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
Solution on page 4
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- 14 Elizabeth of TX-based "Giant" (init.)
- 15 ___ Oak, TX
- 17 state-sponsored games of chance
- 19 Boerne is seat of this county
- 20 mom of ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy
- 24 Arlington auto plant
- 25 TXism: "a tough ___ to hoe"
- 26 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
- 27 TXism: "___ tall in the saddle"
- 28 4,840 square yds. of TX land (2 wds.)

- 40 TX Tejano group: "Little Joe ___ Familia"
- 41 Lone Star Park wagers
- 42 postpone play at Minute Maid Park (2wds.)
- 29 TX-born Mike Nesmith in mid-60s
- 31 TXism: "___ got his tongue"
- 32 "___ more beef"
- 33 practiced boxing
- 38 TXism: "sticks like tar on ___"
- 48 past Dallas Sidekick star
- 50 worm on a hook
- 51 ___ out a living"
- 56 garment of Hebrew priest cognizant

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Dallas Holm in concert in Amarillo

Former Friona resident Dale Westbrook is pastor of the New Fellowship Baptist Church on Rockwell Road in Amarillo. It is 1/2 mile east of Midway Chevrolet at 6700 Rockwell Road.

Reverend Westbrook invites everyone to the church on January 26, at 7:00 p.m. for a Christian music concert by Dallas Holm.

Mr. Holm has received numerous awards during his career including Grammy nominations. He has had many number one songs like *Rise Again*, *Here We Are*, *Face to Face*, and *To The Glory*. He lives in Lindale, Texas, and has been performing for 39 years.

The doors of the church open at 6:00 p.m. Also, singer Andy Chase will be at Reverend Westbrook's church on Saturday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to both concerts.

ENGAGEMENT



Zachary Cole Barrett & Rebecca Sue Ellyson

Ellyson & Barrett

Phillip and Darlene Ellyson of Purcell, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Sue Ellyson, to Zachary Cole Barrett the son of Robbie and Stephanie Barrett of Friona, Texas.

The couple plan to exchange vows on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Union Hill Baptist Church in Purcell, Oklahoma.

Think about this Three principles for a new year

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up." (Isaiah 43:19) We must face the future. This should remind us that those times when we are overwhelmed and heart-broken will pass. We may have problems that seem insurmountable, but all things can be dealt with if we look to God for the source of that which is new. What God promised to do for His people of old, He can do for us.

If we are lost, He has a roadmap for us. If we are thirsty, He has a river for us. If we are hungry, He has the bread that we need. If we are scared, He has a word for us.

Start your new year focusing on God and if I can help you in that great adventure, give me a call. I love you and want to spend eternity with you.

Baby Shower
Alicia Smith Sanderson
Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 12
Registered at:
Wal-Mart
Target
Toys-R-U

90th Birthday Celebration
The children of Joe Menefee
invite all friends and family to his
90th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the
Friona Heritage Estates dining room
from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
(No gifts please,
only your presence is desired.)

Friona Bridal Registry

Ingram's
Phone: 250-3291
 Leslie Fangman & Jason Ham
 Jason Wright & Melissa Bass
 Zach Barrett & Rebecca Ellyson
 Landon Martin & Amy Wenzel

Ivy Cottage
Phone: 250-8073
 Leslie Fangman & Jason Ham
 Jason Wright & Melissa Bass
 Zach Barrett & Rebecca Ellyson

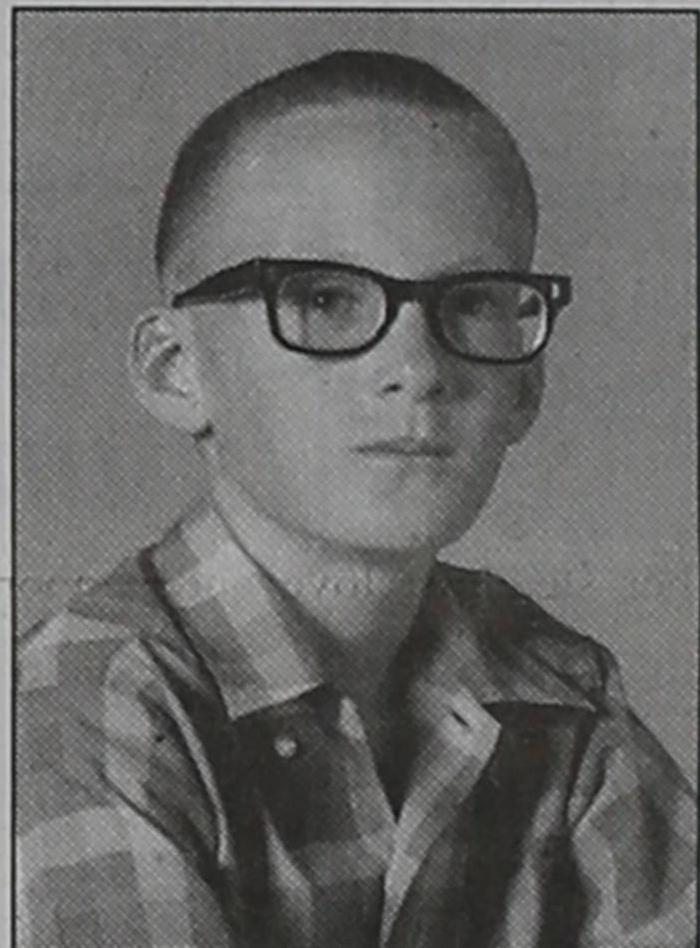
Love fund set up for Micaela Casas

Micaela Casas, 39, mother of Valente and Ritchie Casas, and wife of Valente, Sr., is battling cancer and was recently diagnosed with brain tumors. She has to travel to Amarillo often for treatment. Her husband, Valente, Sr., a Cargill employee, has to take time away from work to drive Micaela to the treatments. Although they have some insurance, the costs they have to pay are staggering.

A love fund has been established at the Friona Credit Union to assist Micaela and her family with medical expenses. Please go by the credit union at 6th and Euclid or call 250-2736.

Send your church news to
FRIONA STAR
 frionastar@wtrt.net

Guess who's 50?



Happy Birthday!
 from all your friends

Area Church Directory

Friona

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
VICTORY FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
 9TH & WASHINGTON
 PASTOR ROBERT KERBY
 250-2207

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 301 GRAND
 REV. ISIDRO JIMINEZ

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CALVARY BAPTIST
 15TH & CLEVELAND
 250-3000
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 3 yrs - 6th grade

FIRST BAPTIST SIXTH & SUMMITT
 MARK STOVALL, PASTOR
 250-3933

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
 NORTH END OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 1601 EUCLID
 250-3456

TEMPLO BAUTISTA
 403 WOODLAND
 ELIAS TORRES, PASTOR
 250-3472

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 16TH & CLEVELAND
 Rev. Johnson Vadakumchery, CMI
 250-2871

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 502 WEST SIXTH
 T. LEON TALLEY, MINISTER
 250-2769

TENTH ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST
 10TH & EUCLID
 RON SMILEY 250-3213
 GERALL WYLY 295-6774

METHODIST
FRIONA UNITED METHODIST
 8TH & PIERCE
 REV. STEVE PATTERSON
 250-3045

TEMPLO DE ADORACION
 620 WASHINGTON
 250-5929
 ROY DOMINGUEZ - PASTOR

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 250-3635

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 251-1632

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 MIKE PRATHER, MINISTER
 251-1334

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 205 4TH STREET
 LARRY MITCHELL, PASTOR
 251-1124

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 401 3RD STREET
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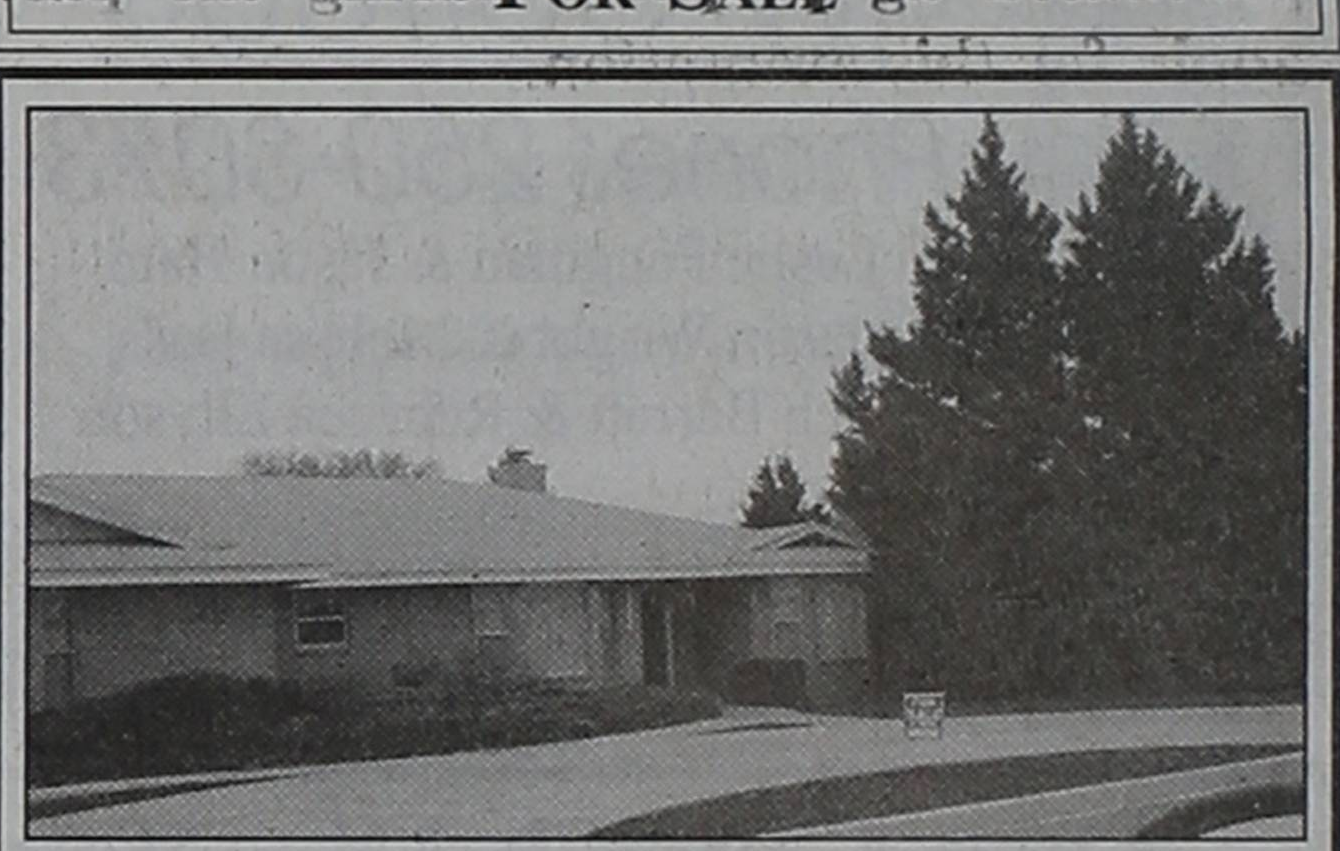
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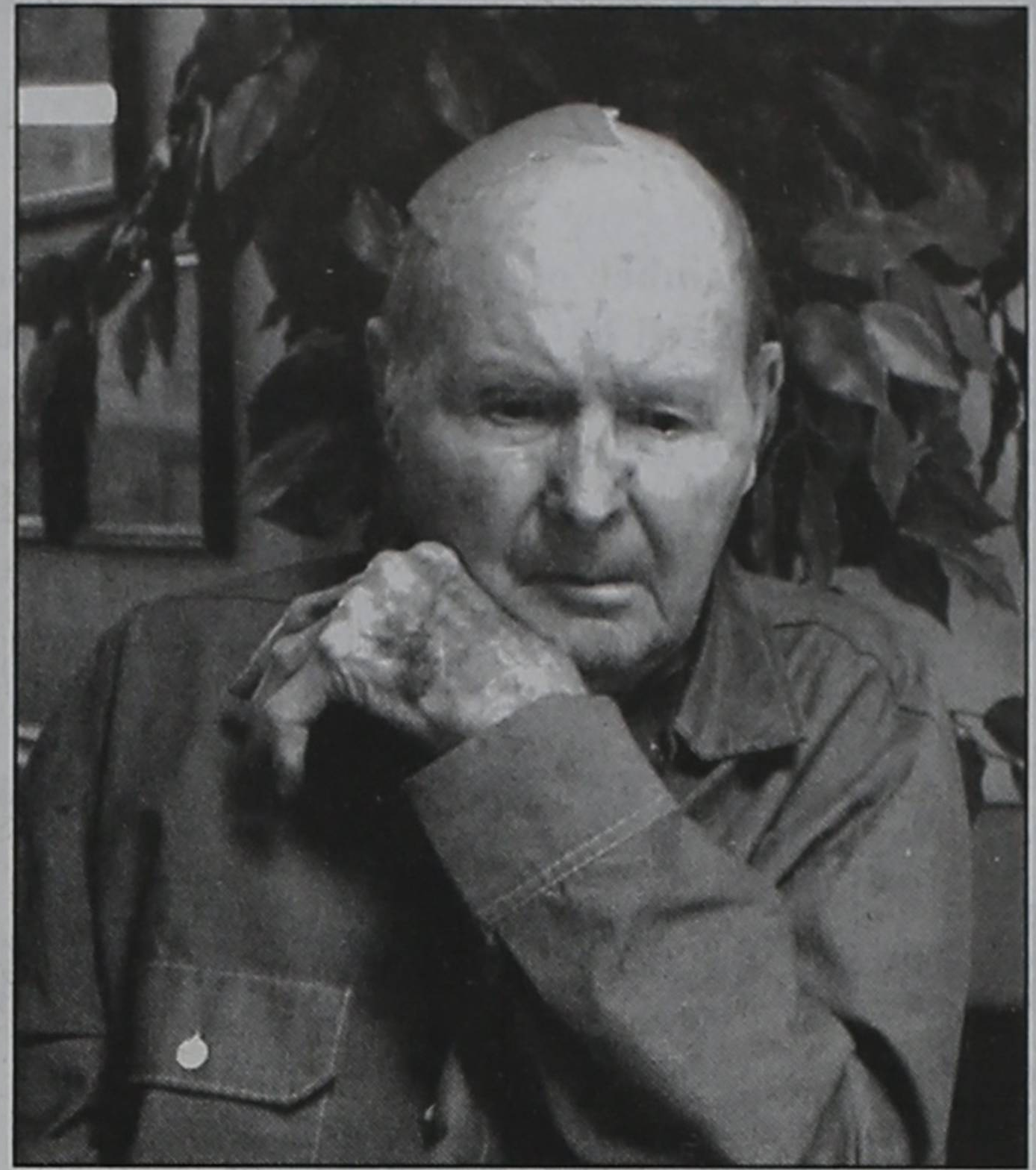


The Life of Watson Whaley

BY CONNIE SLAGLE

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

Watson Whaley just celebrated his ninety-eighth (98) birthday. He was born December 3, 1909, near Hollene, New Mexico Territory, to Marvin and Beulah Whaley. Beulah's parents and Marvin had homesteaded on the "Strip", an area along the Texas-New Mexico border. Watson's father came from Kentucky in 1908, and his mother and her parents came from Iowa in 1906. Watson's brother, Tom, was born in December 1910. It is interesting that each of Watson's parents was an only child, and they had just the two sons and two granddaughters.



Watson Whaley

Marvin, Beulah, and sons moved to Friona in 1920. Beulah's mother taught school at Hollene and Texico, and Beulah had been "home schooling" the boys. She chose Friona for its good school, and the fact that there were no draws to cross when moving. The boys started school in the fourth grade. Watson, ten years old, was already driving a tractor and getting up at four a.m. to bring in the horses. The Whaley's home on Woodland included a lily pond and a menagerie of animals, such as parrots and monkeys. The family would "camp" on their large section, called the 800, during planting and harvesting seasons. One corner of the 800 has never been broken out, and you can see the old wagon wheel ruts today.

In 1929, Watson and Tom graduated from Friona High School. They bought land from their parents for \$18 an acre. In 1930, the family took a three month trip to Los Angeles and Pasadena, which included seeing the desert and ocean for the first time, and watching the Rose Parade. Watson had planned on going to college in California-until he found out he would not be home in time for harvest. When Watson was 33 years old, he was drafted and served in the army for a short time.

In 1947, Watson Whaley married Alice Wiley, daughter of R.G and Rosa Wiley. Connie (Slagle) was born when he was 40 years old, and Lou (Sutton), three years later. At the time, Watson was farming six sections of land. His construction company did the concrete work for several elevators-the first one at Vega, then Hart, Dimmitt, Plainview, Claude, and Friona. Always inventive, Watson built his own grain drier and many farm implements. He even built Alice a clothes dryer, which worked beautifully-until it burned up a load of lingerie!

He also shelled beans and peas for her with a wringer washing machine. He could repair anything, choosing to keep his old equipment running until he retired. He had many employees over the years, and some still return to visit him.

As the girls grew up, Watson and Alice were very active in Girl Scouts. Watson was on the building committee that constructed the Girl Scout house, and he always helped Alice with her many church activities. Watson and Alice helped many struggling young families and older couples throughout their years together. Alice bravely fought a multitude of health problems and died in 1982.

Watson had both knees replaced when he was 87, because it was getting difficult to climb to the top of the granary. After spinal fusion surgery, the doctor cleared him to start driving. His reply was, "Good, because I just finished wheat harvest." Watson did not retire from farming until he was 94 years old.

Lou Whaley was FHS valedictorian in 1972, then received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Math from WTSU. She taught math at the college level, recently retiring. She and her husband, John Sutton, have three children. Michael attends TSTI in Waco, Rebecca is a junior at UT, and James is a high school junior. John has two master's degrees (in Math and Business) and is a systems analyst for the Defense Department. They live in Harker Heights, near Fort Hood.

Connie Whaley was FHS salutatorian in 1969, then graduated from WTSU, and married Dennis Slagle of Benicia, California. He joined Watson in farming land that had been in the family for 86 years. Connie is a long time science teacher. Their son, Jason, died in a car accident in 1997, when he was 16 years old. He was an outstanding young man, and his death was a terrible tragedy. Their daughter, Jamie, who is 25 years old, attended Abilene Christian University and works at the Friona Public Library. She married Greg Lewellen in 2006.

Watson, who now resides at Prairie Acres, will happily become a great-grandfather this summer.

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If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to reapply for this exemption.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 4 th Six Weeks Begin	8 B-Ball vs. Dimmitt (H) JVG 7:30 JVB 6:00 VG 6:00 VB 7:30	9 Report Cards	10 HS Special ED Meeting Parents/Students @1:15	11 ATSSB All Region Band JH All Region Band B-Ball @ Muleshoe JVG 7:30 JVB 6:00 VG 6:00 VB 7:30	12 HS Bobsled Classic Powerlifting @ Friona JH All Region Band Amarillo 2:45
13	14 FGBB @ Bushland 7:15 FBBB Bushland (H) 7:15 JH BB Dimmitt 5:00 G-T, B-H Primary Headstart Meeting @3:30	15 BB @ Bushland JVG 7:30 VG 6:00 JVB 6:00 VB 7:30	16 County Stock Show 16,17,18,19 Financial Aide Meeting HS Cafeteria	17	18 B- Ball vs. Texico (H) VG 6:30 VB 8:00 JVG 4:00 JVB 5:00	19
20	21 FGBB @ Dimmitt 7:15 FBBB vs. Dimmitt (H) 7:15 JH BB Dimmitt G-T, B-H	22 BB @ River Road JVG 7:30 VG 6:00 JVB 6:00 VB 7:30	23	24 Fort Worth Stock Show Jan.24 -Feb. 2 Junior High Basketball Tournament	25 BB @ Highland Park JVG 7:30 VG 6:00 JVB 6:00 VB 7:30	26 Hereford Speech Tourney Junior High Basketball Tournament
27 English Honor Society Induction 1:30 pm in Library	28 Progress Reports FGBB @ Muleshoe 7:15 FBBB vs. Muleshoe (H) 7:15 JH BB 5:00 G- T, B-H Scholastic Book Fair at Primary Jan. 28- Feb.1	29 BB vs. Tulia (H) JVG 7:30 VG 6:00 JVB 6:00 VB 7:30	30	31		



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The Friona Chamber of Commerce and other officials and contractors joined J. D. Heiskell & Co. Friday January 4 for an official ribbon cutting at Heiskell's new unit train unloading facility west of Friona. Visitors were offered a tour of the massive facility and were served lunch courtesy of Ferrell-Ross Manufacturing of Hereford. The unit will be used to accept primarily distiller's grain to be used in cattle feed by dairies and feedyards.

SW Farm/Ranch Classic kicks off with breakfast

BY ROGER HALDENBY

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce will kick off the fourth annual Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, January 31, in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Serving line will open at 7:15 a.m. Keynote speaker Tom Sell with Combest, Sell & Associates will discuss the Farm Bill and its importance to the local economy, particularly how Lubbock benefits from sound farm policy and the potential effects to Lubbock if that policy were not in place.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 for members and \$20

for non-members. Table sponsorships are available for \$300 and include a listing on the program, banner placement at the breakfast, and prime reserved seating for eight people.

Registration/cancellation deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, January 28. For more information or to reserve your seat, go to: <http://www.wlinc3.com/cgi/foxweb.dll/wlx/cal/wxprofile?calc=772&cc=LUBCC>.

You may also call (806) 761-7000 or e-mail <mailto:info@lubbockbiz.org>.

The Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic will be Thursday, January 31, Friday, Feb-

ruary 1, and Saturday, February 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. This indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays.

The show is open to the public with free admission and free parking at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Additional information on exhibiting or attending the show may be obtained from the show office by calling (806) 798-7825, emailing: <mailto:swclassic@suddenlink.net>, or by visiting <http://www.swclassic.com/>.

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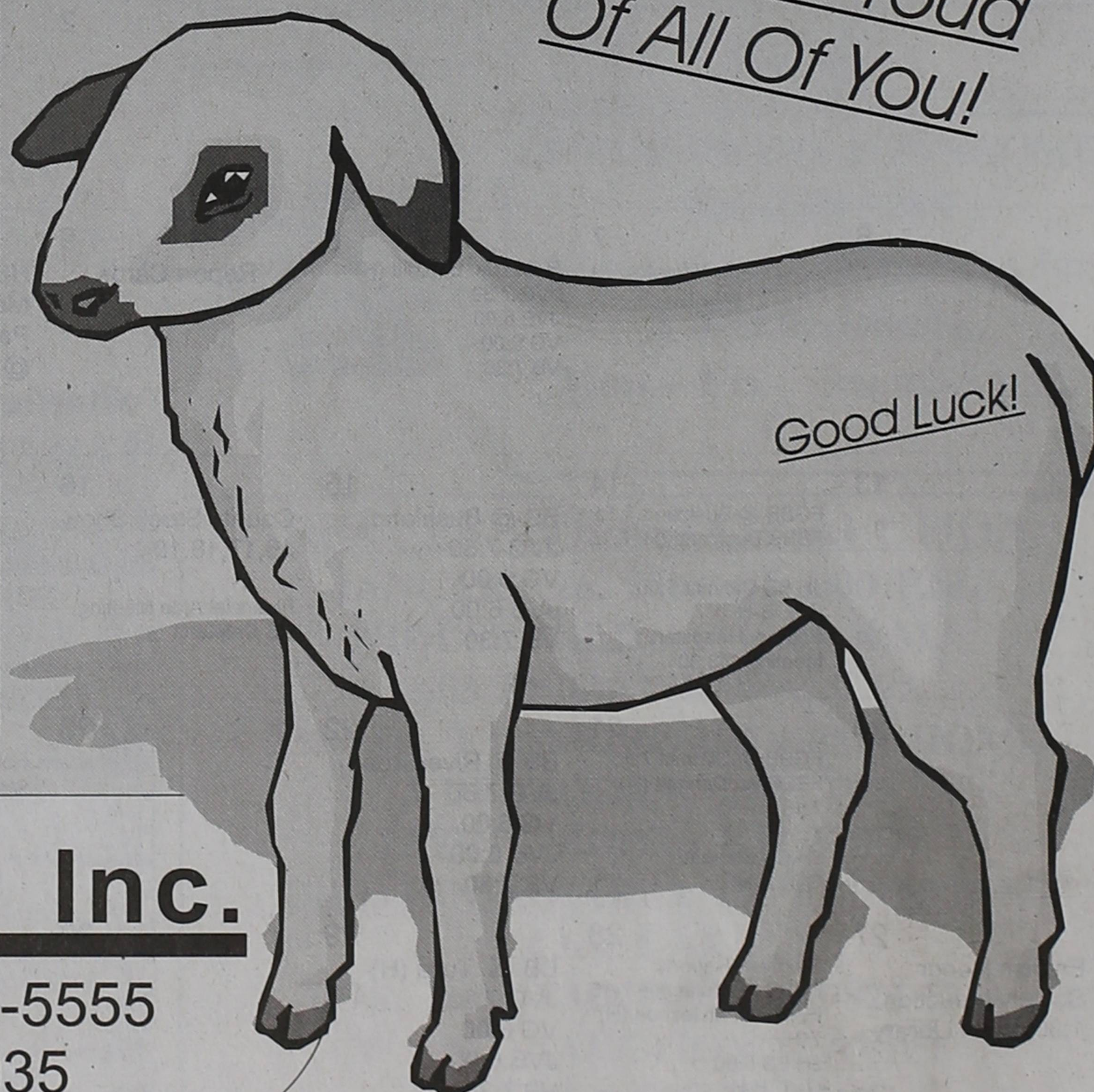
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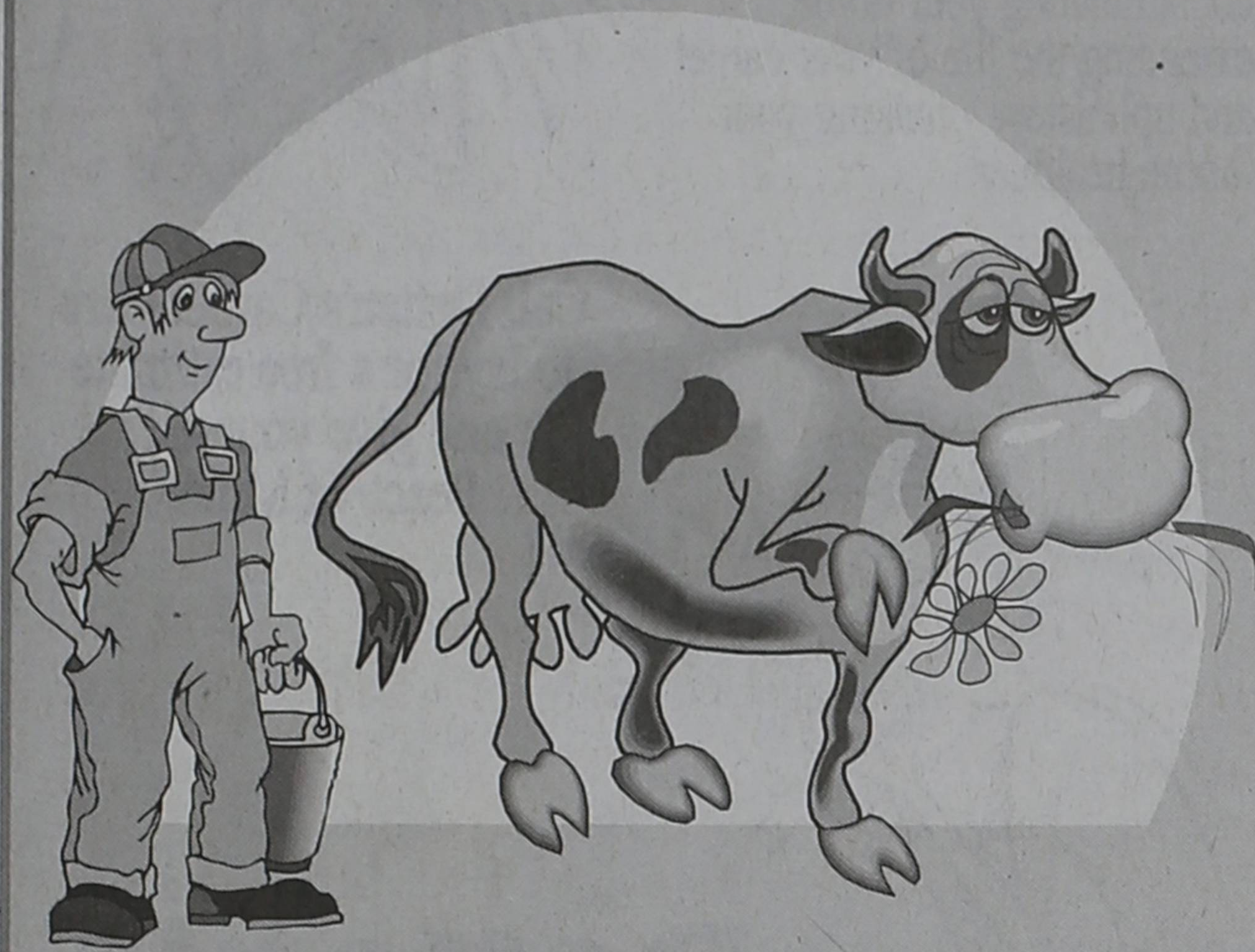


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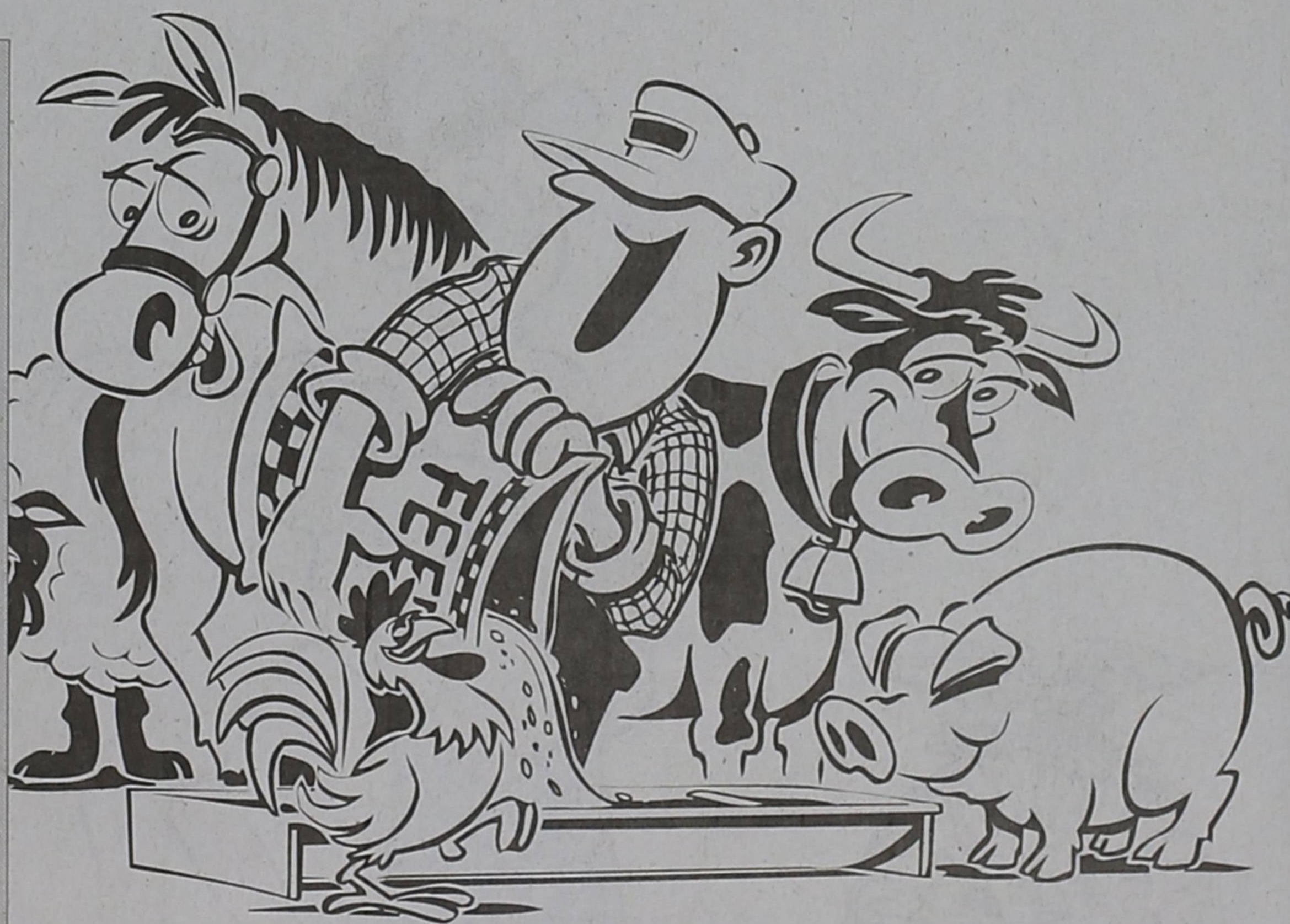
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Parmer County Junior Livestock Show schedule

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January 19
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Chieftain band members advanced to area tryouts

On Monday December 3, 2007, members of the Chieftain Band traveled to Panhandle High School to try out for the Class A-AAA all-region bands. Each year the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) sponsors the selection of outstanding high school band students to perform in the annual All-Region Bands.

According to Chieftain band director Ron McWilliams the process of selection is very competitive as the two all-region bands are made up of stu-

dents from three high school classifications in the panhandle: A, AA, and AAA.

Top students are ranked according to their tryout performance and placed according to that ranking in either the top band, Symphonic, or in the second band, Concert. Students placed at the top of their section in the Symphonic Band then advance to All-Area in the ATSSB All-State process.

Students selected as alternates for the All-Region Bands were: Angelica

Nicolas, tenor saxophone; Alex Ferguson, baritone saxophone; and Alex Gonzales, euphonium.

Students selected to the All-Region Concert Band were: Heather Sandoval, clarinet; Edlyn Romero, alto saxophone; Josh Duenes, trumpet; Andres Herrera, tuba; Jordan Kelley, tuba; and Bryan Flores, trombone.

Selected to the All-Region Symphonic Band were: Raul Licerio, tuba; John Torres, trumpet; Alonzo Rojas, trombone; Rolando Castanon, trombone; Justin Dominguez, trombone; Hernan Ramirez, euphonium; and Kenny Newhouse, selected as first chair or principal alto saxophone player in the entire district.

Five of the students placed high enough in the Symphonic Band and elected to move on to participate in the All-Area auditions last Saturday, January 4. They were Raul Licerio, John Torres, Alonzo Rojas, Hernan Ramirez, and Kenny Newhouse.

Mr. McWilliams had these comments about the band: "I am particularly proud of our students' success at All-Region this year. Even though none of our students were able to move past the All-Area tryout level in the All-State process, there was no other school in the entire Panhandle, other than Canyon High School (a AAA school), that had more students qualify for the All-Area competition. The kids' efforts will all come together Saturday January 12 when our students have the opportunity to perform with the Region I ATSSB All-Region Bands at the Civic Center in Amarillo."



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All-Region Symphonic Band qualifiers are, top, l-r, Hernan Ramirez, Raul Licerio, Justin Dominguez, Alonzo Rojas; front, l-r, Rolando Castanon, John Torres, and Kenny Newhouse.



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All-Region Concert Band qualifiers are, top, l-r, Bryan Flores, Andres Herrera, Jordan Kelley, Alex Ferguson; front, l-r, Heather Sandoval, Edlyn Romero, Angelica Nicolas, and Josh Duenes.

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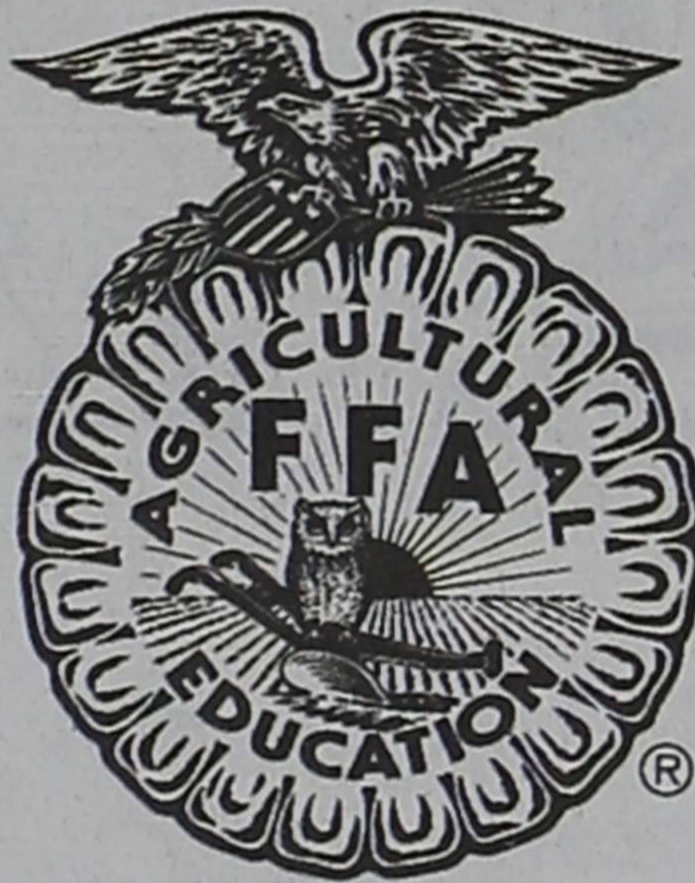
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