



Veteran's Day cake at FHS

# Friona Star

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TEN PAGES

## Chiefs are visitors in tonight's game

The Friona Chieftains will take on the Panhandle Panthers in a bi-district playoff game tonight, November 13, at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Kick-off is 7 p.m. Friona will be the visiting team.

A video replay of the game will be broadcast Saturday, November 15, at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76.

## Dance set to benefit Prairie Acres Nov 22

Employees of Prairie Acres have planned a dance to be held at the Friona Community Center on November 22, 2008 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

They will have hamburgers, nachos, chips and cokes available to purchase. A donation of \$10 will be taken at the door.

The public is invited to attend and all proceeds will be donated to the Prairie Acres benefit fund.

Music provided by: Grupo Immortal, Grupo Tiburon, Grupo Volcan and DJ Gavilan.



ron carr photo

Cargill Meat Solutions took time out to honor employee veterans with a special lunch on Veterans Day. These gentlemen are from the first shift at the plant. Second shift veterans were also treated later in the day. Shown, l-r, are, front row, David Wathen, George Rodriguez, Orlando Bonney, Daryl Marshall; back row, Jesse Hutson, Benito Ortiz, Antonio Rivers, Joe Bowens, William Burgess, Danny Duran, Coy Burch, Ron Jones, Juan DeLaPaz, and Inocencio Cruz.

# Traffic stop results in chase, shooting

BY RON CARR

Around 10 a.m. Saturday morning November 8, DPS Trooper Joel Rejino initiated a traffic stop just east of Friona on Highway 60. The driver of the 1996 Ford Explorer was JaWayne

Helfferich, 39, of Clovis, New Mexico. The female passenger in the vehicle was his mother Glenda Camp, 66, of Portales, New Mexico.

When Trooper Rejino

told Helfferich to exit the vehicle for a field sobriety test he sped away into Friona, initiating a one-hour chase that covered more than 40 miles along dirt roads, into pastures,

then ending on County Road 21 in Curry County about 12 miles north of Clovis, New Mexico.

Helfferich's vehicle entered Friona, turned south on Main then west on 5<sup>th</sup> Street before doubling back on 5<sup>th</sup> through several residential neighborhoods before speeding west off of Austin Street onto FM2013. Friona Police Lieutenant Isidro Jimenez joined the chase in town and followed the pursuit to its end. "He kept driving into pastures and was speeding up to 90mph on county dirt roads," Jimenez said. "I was following as backup to Trooper Rejino in case the suspect attempted to enter any residences along the route."

Parmer County deputies and New Mexico State Po-

lice (NMSP) eventually joined the chase. According to a release by the New Mexico State Police, one of the Parmer County deputies fired shots during the chase in an attempt to stop the vehicle.

The NMSP release stated that during the pursuit contact was made between Helfferich's Explorer and two pursuing units. Helfferich's vehicle collided with Trooper Rejino's patrol unit forcing him into a ditch on Curry 21. Rejino got out of his car as Helfferich made a U-turn and drove toward him. The trooper fired at Helfferich's vehicle, wounding the man and ending the pursuit.

Lt. Jimenez was on the scene and administered first aid to the suspect. Helfferich was transported

by ambulance to Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis and later airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was said to be in serious condition.

It was not known why Helfferich ran from Trooper Rejino. Lt. Jimenez said there was a warrant on him in Curry County and alcohol was suspected to be a factor. New Mexico State Police are conducting the investigation and working with the Texas Rangers. Texas DPS obtained a warrant charging Helfferich with evading arrest or detention in a motor vehicle, a felony in Texas.

The suspect's mother, Glenda Camp, later told the Clovis newspaper that her son was not armed and never threatened officers.

## Chamber sets Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays and lighting contest

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and participating merchants will host the annual Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion beginning Monday, November 24. The annual event encourages citizens to shop at home during the Christmas season.

Each time you shop at the participating local merchants you can register to win \$25 in Friona Bucks from that merchant and a top prize of \$100 in Friona Bucks in a grand prize drawing. The promotion will run from November 24 through the December 18 drawing.

Creative Christmas decorators also have an opportunity to win \$100 in Friona Bucks in this year's Christmas Lighting contest. To qualify you have to register your home or business with the Chamber. Only regis-

tered locations will be visited by the judges. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 to add your address to the list of contestants.

The contest runs from December 1 through December 15. The official lighting of the trees in city park is scheduled for Monday, December 1. Details of the annual Santa Visit are still being worked out.

Merchants participating in the Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion are: A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Health Mart, Blackburn Hardware, Dairy Queen, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil Farm Store, Lowe's Supermarket, Malouf's Fabrics, Friona Star, Reel Ticket Videos, Veterinary Industries, W.T. Services, Ingram's Department Store, and Friona Fitness Center.

## Combest at Farm & Ranch commodity symposium

The eighth annual Texas Commodity Symposium will be held December 3, and is hosted by Corn Producers of Texas (CPAT), Texas Grain Sorghum Association (TGSA), Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) and the Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB).

The Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Symposium will begin at 9 a.m. The event is free to all and will conclude with a catered lunch at noon.

Key speakers on the agenda for this year's Symposium include U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, who will discuss the 2008 Farm Bill from a policy perspective, and Farm Service Agency Administrator Teresa Lasseter who will address farm bill implementation. Former Congressman and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest will give remarks from the Southwest Council of Agribusinesses.

"We're proud to offer attendees a great line-up of speakers at this year's Sympo-

sium who will lend useful insight into the issues affecting commodity producers' operations," said CPAT Executive Vice-President David Gibson.

Other confirmed speakers include Don Gohmert, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and John Fuston, state executive director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA), who will be giving important program updates. Chris Albracht, morning show host and program director for KGNC Radio, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event.

"The Symposium is a great opportunity for producers from different commodities to come together, exchange ideas and learn about the issues that impact their operations," said PCG Executive Vice-President Steve Verett.

All producers are encouraged to register early for a chance to win special door prizes. For more information, please contact Lindsay West, Corn Producers Association of Texas communications director, or Shawn Wade, Plains Cotton Growers Inc., communications director.

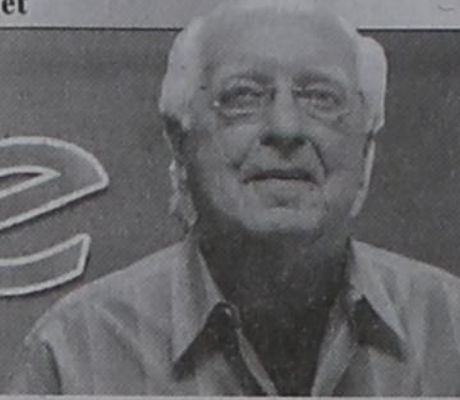


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Chieftain band members Josh Duenes, front, and Jesus Sarabia, background, played an echo duet version of TAPS to end the Veterans Day program at the high school Tuesday. It was a moving end to a great patriotic program presented by the band, choir, and FCCLA, in honor of our area veterans. More photos of the event at frionaonline.com.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## thoughts on veterans day

When World War II ended in June 1945, I celebrated. At the time, I was 6-years-old but because all the adults were jumping around in the front yard I jumped and clapped too. The war is over, I shouted. Had no idea what war or where it was but I was glad because they were glad. It was indeed a time to celebrate.

My dad, uncle, and other men from Hillsboro worked at the Convair defense plant in Ft. Worth, which manufac-

tured military airplanes. They car-pooled the 50+ miles every afternoon and worked the night shift mostly. Each day they pulled on their overalls and T-shirts, grabbed their old black metal lunch boxes with baloney sandwiches or cold chicken and a thermos of iced tea and headed north. They got back home about 3-4 a.m. while I was safely fast asleep. Later I would learn that it was about the fighting was about, so little boys like me could

be safe and sound in a free country. I thought about those times on Veterans Day this week.

My mother attended the Veterans Day program at Friona high school Tuesday. She will be 90 next May but when we were jumping up and down in Hillsboro in 1945 she was 26. It has been a lifetime since that year. America has fought more wars, sacrificed more lives, and generated many more veterans.

Hugh Moseley, unofficial Parmer County historian, lives in Farwell. His daddy, David Moseley, was a veteran of World War I. On the original Veterans Day, November 11, 1918, called Armistice Day back then, Hugh's daddy was recovering in a hospital in Paris, France.

Mr. Moseley died in 1985. Until this week the flag that draped his casket had never been unfurled. On Tuesday Hugh requested that the flag fly at the Friona Public Library in honor of his father. Librarian Darla Bracken granted the request.

He also brought some of his father's memorabilia to display at the library; postcards sent home, the wallet he carried his future bride's photo in, a wartime keepsake

pillow and kerchief, other postcards from France and Germany, and a postcard from the ship *USS Mongolia* from the Jewish Welfare Board to U.S. Army and Navy personnel.

Mr. Moseley later named his daughter, Hugh's sister, after the ship; Edith Mongolia Moseley, a name Hugh said she had some trouble warming up to in her lifetime.

Once again the students of Friona High School's band and choir, assisted by the FCCLA kids, presented an inspirational program to honor our area veterans. The gym was filled with elementary school students, community friends and families, and a host of veterans, many of whom were fighting overseas when I was jumping around in that front yard in Hillsboro.

I've been to every Veterans Day program since they began in 2001 and the students never cease to amaze me. As we like to say, "they clean up really well." Choir in black formalware, student speakers in their Sunday best, all with great discipline and respect for the occasion. Smiles all around and cake and refreshments in the cafeteria afterwards.

## The best cake you can make!

BY RON CARR

"This recipe was given to me 30 years ago by a good friend. I bake it for birthdays and Christmas." So says Azalea Stephens of Dayton, Texas, in a recent American Profiles magazine recipe section. She was talking about my favorite, Italian Cream Cake.

My mother still makes the best Italian Cream Cake and will probably have her feelings hurt that I didn't ask for her recipe. But she is busy with Thanksgiving pie planning so I'm publishing Azalea's recipe instead. This would be a great finale for your Thanksgiving dinner. So separate those eggs and toast those pecans. Your folks will love you even more.

### Italian Cream Cake

Serves 24

#### THE CAKE

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 5 eggs, separated
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 3-oz can sweetened coconut

#### THE FROSTING

- 12 ozs cream cheese, softened
- 6 tbsps butter, softened
- 24 ozs confectioners sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup chopped toasted pecans

#### THE COOKING

1. Preheat oven to 350. Grease three 9-inch cake pans and line with wax paper
  2. To prepare cake, combine buttermilk and baking soda; mix well. Beat egg whites with a mixer at high speed until stiff.
  3. Combine granulated sugar, butter, and shortening; beat with a mixer at medium speed until light. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well. Add buttermilk mixture alternately with flour. Stir in vanilla. Fold in egg whites. Stir in coconut. Pour into pans.
  4. Bake 18-20 minutes until a wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on a wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on a wire rack.
  5. To prepare frosting, combine cream cheese and butter; beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Reduce speed to low; blend in confectioners sugar and vanilla. Spread frosting between layers, on sides and on top of cake. Sprinkle pecans on top. Store in the refrigerator.
- Have a Happy, Tasty, Thanksgiving!

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New this week:  
 Chiefs vs. Muleshoe  
 JV Squaws vs Bushland  
 Varsity Squaws vs. Bushland  
 FHS Veterans Day program

## Mark Your Calendar

- November 21**  
Bovina Chili Lunch  
11:30 am - Senior Center
- November 22**  
Prairie Acres benefit dance  
Friona Community Center from 7 pm-12 a.m.  
\$10 donation required.
- November 23**  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church  
Bring canned food for Food Bank
- November 26 - December 1**  
School's out for Thanksgiving holidays
- December 1**  
Official lighting of City Park trees  
Home lighting contest begins
- December 2**  
Open house at Ingram's & Ivy Cottage
- December 2-4**  
Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show at the Civic Center
- December 6**  
Pheasant season begins thru January 4
- December 18**  
Chamber Ho, Ho, Home for the Holidays drawings
- January 18**  
Prairie Acres benefit Mexican dinner,  
Jr. High Cafeteria

### ACROSS

- 1 hillbilly
- 5 TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"
- 6 The \_\_\_ Ranger
- 7 redneck repair kit: \_\_\_ tape
- 8 TXism: "table grazed"
- 9 triumph expression
- 12 TXism: "does \_\_\_ sleep in the woods?" (yes)
- 17 Coleman Co. seat
- 19 this part of the TX flag is flown on the bottom (2 wds.)
- 21 third DWI in TX (2 wds.)
- 22 Menard Co. seat
- 23 Nueces River was 1st known as \_\_\_ River
- 28 "\_\_\_ Dong Daddy from Dumas"
- 29 Mulgrew in film "A Stranger is Watching" with TX Rip
- 30 actor Don in "The Buddy Holly Story"
- 31 this Jose ended his career with Astros
- 35 horse area in barn
- 36 in '93 Mavs signed Jim Jackson, "Big \_\_\_ the Year"
- 42 Luling has watermelon \_\_\_ off competition
- 44 TX-born Prentiss
- 46 TXism: "he plows \_\_\_ row" (dependable)

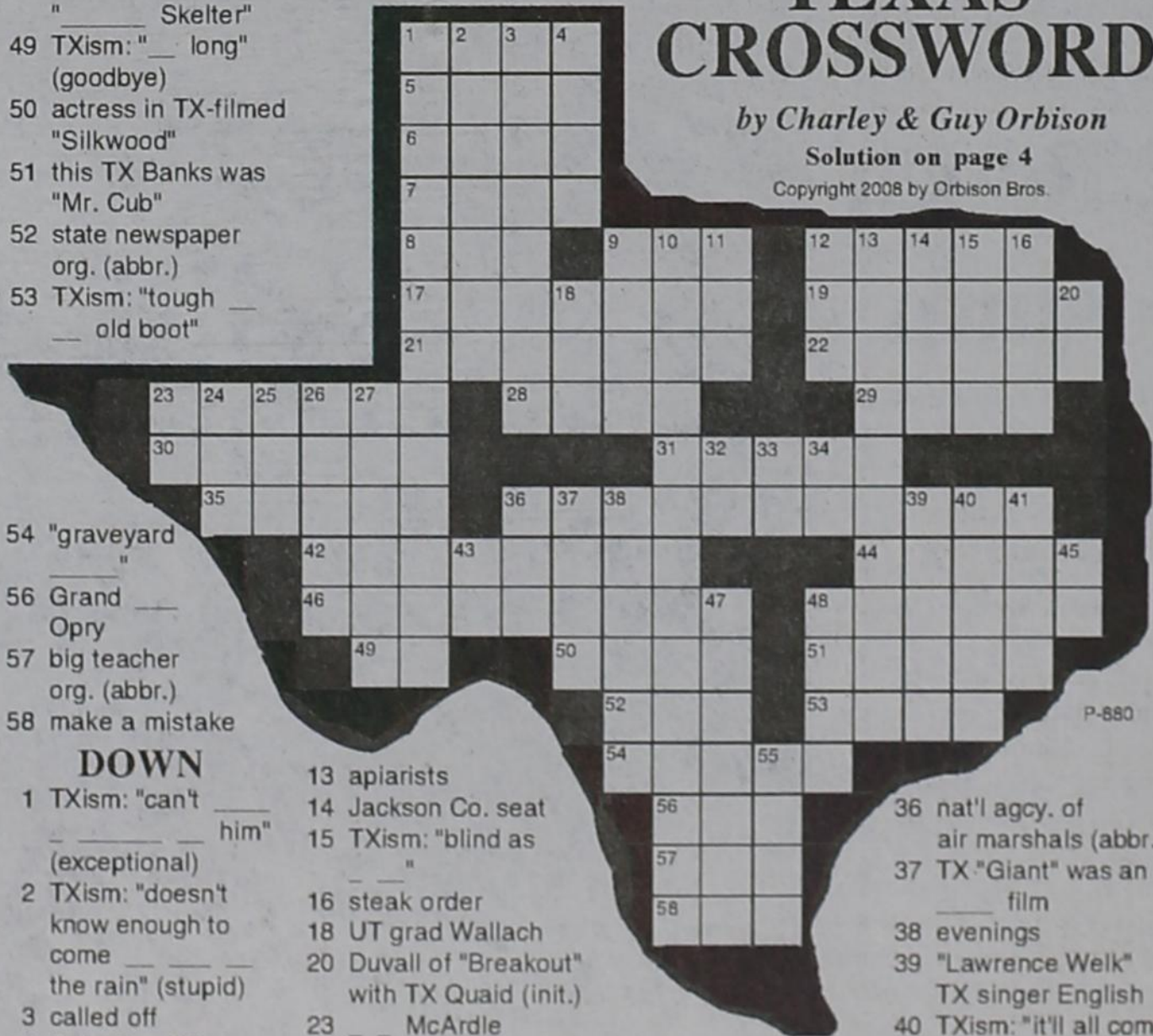
### DOWN

- 1 TXism: "can't \_\_\_ him" (exceptional)
- 2 TXism: "doesn't know enough to come \_\_\_ the rain" (stupid)
- 3 called off
- 4 Palestine AM
- 9 Fort Worth's "\_\_\_ Carter Museum"
- 10 Twitty/Loretta duet: "As Soon as I \_\_\_"
- 11 Pat Toomey's "On \_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- 12 \_\_\_ wrestle

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 13 apiarists
- 14 Jackson Co. seat
- 15 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
- 16 steak order
- 18 UT grad Wallach
- 20 Duvall of "Breakout" with TX Quaid (init.)
- 23 \_\_\_ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"
- 24 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life \_\_\_ Ownself" (abbr.)
- 25 TX "daughters" org. (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "got as much to \_\_\_ hibernating bear"
- 27 on SW side of DFW Airport on 183
- 32 Houston mayor ('92-'98) (init.)
- 33 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- 34 TXism: "\_\_\_ the skin of my teeth"
- 36 nat'l agcy. of air marshals (abbr.)
- 37 TX "Giant" was an \_\_\_ film
- 38 evenings
- 39 "Lawrence Welk" TX singer English
- 40 TXism: "it'll all come \_\_\_ the wash"
- 41 TXism: "skeeedaddle"
- 43 \_\_\_ Pepper
- 45 "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 47 horse transport
- 48 TX summer feature
- 55 TXism: "put the \_\_\_ of God in him"

## Friona Star

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### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

### DEADLINES

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# Town Talk II

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

If you thought our paper last week was late you're right. We pick up the weekly edition each Thursday morning at the plant in Clovis and have it "on the street" before noon.

Last week, because of a really sloppy print job, we had to have the entire run reprinted. Didn't get back to Friona until 3:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon. So the November 6 Star didn't get "on the street" until almost 5 p.m. We apologize for the delayed delivery. Stuff happens. However our e-Star online email subscribers received their paper on time as usual.

Veterans Day was Tuesday. I promised Marine veterans Hugo Rivera and Victor Soliz I would say Happy Birthday to the Marines. The Corps was 238 years-old Monday November 10. That means it was founded in 1770. Wow! What a tradition. Happy birthday Marines and a salute to all our veterans.

My friend Jim Zehner, formerly of Bovina, called me over the weekend from Min-

nesota where he now resides. He has been driving a truck hauling grain and sugar beets and was in the process of gathering firewood (really) in preparation for another freezing Minnesota winter. Jim is a retired spray plane pilot and a native of Minnesota.

At Monday's senior lunch we dined on chicken nuggets that looked like little hockey pucks, plus macaroni and cheese and green beans. David Renner, son of Iona Renner, was a visitor. It was said that Lois Norwood fell last Friday and broke her wrist. She was treated in Amarillo.

A busload of Friona folks left Tuesday on Friona State Bank's trip to Branson. They will be back Sunday I think. Senior lunches are each Monday and Thursday. Cost is still \$3 or \$3.50 for take-out. All area seniors are invited to partake.

Bovina Police Chief Leon Sadtler has resigned. He has been the Chief in Bovina for 17 years. No word on future plans.

The basketball season started Monday as the junior varsity and varsity Squaws played Bushland at the Friona gym. It is nice to have an inside sport to take photos for a change, especially with the Panhandle winter approaching. Hope the weather holds for tonight's bi-district football playoff game with Panhandle at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.

For you folks not familiar with the Panhandle there is also a town named Panhandle. Kimbrough Stadium is not kind to old geezers like me. It is built in a bowl with lots of hills to climb to get down to the sideline and in and out of the stadium. We'll huff and puff our way through. Go Big Red! Good luck Chiefs! Look out Fat Boys or Feldman's.

Did you see a fella come through town last Thursday riding a horse and leading a pack horse? His name is Bob Jones. He is a retired businessman from England and is riding the horse(s) from Canada to El Paso just because he wants to.

He spent Wednesday night

in Friona at the vet clinic and Thursday night at Brett Whitten's veterinary clinic in Bovina. Brett's parents, Earl and Norma Whitten, invited him to their home for supper and had a nice long visit. Norma said he is an interesting fellow. He told them he had never ridden a horse before now and bought the two horses in Canada just for this trip. You can check out his progress at americanlongride.blogspot.com.

Shirley Fangman's niece, Lori Kershen and husband Russ, caused a stir at the Halloween night Canyon vs. Randall football game when they dressed as Sarah and Todd Palin. Lori is the daughter of Judy Kitten of Canyon and Leroy Kitten of Amarillo.

Russ is the chiropractor in Canyon that Tyson Neill recently joined. We copied the photo that appeared on the front page of the Canyon News. It is reprinted on this page. The resemblance to Sarah Palin is pretty neat.

Bill Hardin at Tasty Cream has been decorating inside the restaurant with Chieftain football jerseys, helmets, and photos. In cooperation with the high school yearbook staff, we have been providing some fun photos for the Tasty Cream walls. Stop in, have a burger or steak fingers or other "tasty" items and take a look at the photos.

Prairie Acres employees are doing their part to raise


money for the benefit program. They have planned a dance Saturday November 22 at the community center from 7 p.m. to midnight. Hamburgers, nachos and trimmings available. There is no charge but donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the PADA benefit account.

Be sure to check out the community events in our Mark Your Calendar on page two of each week's Friona Star. Thanksgiving and Christmas are headed our way so you better choose between naughty or nice. Thanks for sharing your news with us. We'll be right back. Until then!

**THANK YOU!**  
 I appreciate your support in the election.  
 I will endeavor to uphold the standards of the office  
 Trey Ellis  
 Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

**Benefit Dance**  
 Grupos Immortal • Tiburon • Volcan  
 Prairie Acres employees are sponsoring a dance  
 Saturday, November 22  
 7pm - Midnight at the Friona Community Center  
 \$10 Donation • hamburgers, nachos, chips, soft drinks • Everyone is invited.  
 Proceeds to benefit Prairie Acres bond payment.

**The following fugitive is wanted as of Nov 12, 2008**  
**Confirm warrants prior to arrest!**  
**WANTED**  
**Up to \$1000.00 REWARD**  
**YOU MUST CALL CRIME STOPPERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REWARD**  
**The person pictured below is wanted in the State of Texas, Parmer County, and has at the time of this publication, an active warrant for their arrest. Omar Dimas**



Hispanic Male, D.O.B. 3-24-1990  
 Height 5'-7" Weight 170 lbs.  
 Warrant: MTR Possession of Marijuana  
 Warrant #: 10726

NEVER attempt to apprehend a fugitive yourself! If you have information on the location of this fugitive, contact PARMER COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS AT: 800-744-TIPS (8477)/806-481-9178  
 You DO NOT have to give your name.



courtesy photo  
 Shirley Fangman's niece, Lori Kershen and husband Russ, dressed as Sarah and Todd Palin at the Canyon vs. Randall football game Halloween night.



Friona State Bank would like to welcome our newest employee, Christi Merino, to our banking staff. She is a teller. You will find her in the first position in the teller line at the bank.

Christi was born in Friona to Roman and Sylvia Garcia. She has a brother, Roman, of Lubbock, and a sister, Margie, who lives in San Antonio. When Christi was 6-years-old her father passed away and six years later Sylvia married Steve Raymond of Friona. The family moved to Colorado and Christi chose to live with her brother Roman who was attending Texas Tech in Lubbock. She graduated from Monterey High School. Through mutual friends she met her future husband Freddie Merino, of Friona. They married in 1996.

Freddie owns M&M Welding on Highway 60 in Friona. Christi stayed at home to raise their three children, Adrian, Christian, and Mikaela, before going to work in the Friona Schools. She was a teacher's aide in the 2nd grade for four years before joining the bank staff.

The Merinos enjoy camping, going to the kids' sporting events, and are very active at Temple of Adoration. Christi teaches Pre-K and kindergarten Sunday school and Freddie is a translator at the church. She also enjoys scrapbooking, cooking, and home decorating.

We at Friona State Bank are very happy to have Christi join us as she brings a very quick and easy smile and a warm personality. We invite you to stop by and welcome Christi to the bank's staff.

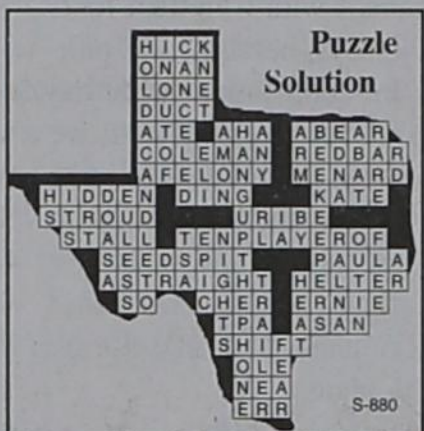
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 16 - November 22, 2008

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

- Nov. 16-Mike Scott, Glenda Richards, Sue Rector, Steve Taylor, Nola Myrick, Gregory Macik, Aubrey Renner
- Nov. 17-Kristen Barker, Jarrell Wright, Poppy Grimsley, Karen Renner, Henry Clark, Dora Parson, Randy Kirkpatrick, Patti Johnson
- Nov. 18-Melba Smiley, Joey Howard, Jim Bishop, Joe Don Henry, Eric Veggeberg, Katelyn Ruibush, Gabe Goodwin
- Nov. 19-Lee Gibson, Frances Baker, Betty Lewellen, Brandon Lee Wilkins, Joe Aguirre, Roque Mendez, Courtney Carthel, Gretta Warren
- Nov. 20-Bobby Jordan, Celia Dee Loflin, Monda Daniel, Leah Nelson, Annabell Aguilar.
- Nov. 21-Kyle Mills, Alicia Rapp, Tommy Brockman, Joan Brookfield, Penni Weatherly Hudson, Jordan Jamerson, Regan Tongate, Joyce Veazey
- Nov. 22-Sam Saiz, Brandon Walker, Sarah Prieto, Roy Markham, Rodney Shepherd, Liz Costancio



## Region XVI Head Start awarded \$4.5 million

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas' senior Senator, has announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$4,508,411 in funding to the Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo for Head Start projects.

"Over the years, Head Start programs have been instrumental in promoting school readiness," said Senator Hutchison. "This grant will provide low-income children with the developmental support they need to succeed in school."

Head Start programs provide comprehensive health and education services to low-income children and their families. Passed in 1965, the Head Start Act has helped meet the needs of more than 22 million impoverished preschool children.

## Easter Lions turkey shoot

The Easter Lions Club is holding its annual Turkey Shoot, Sunday, November 16, from 1-5 p.m. For more information contact Dee Taylor at 276-5217 or Tommy Sparkman at 276-5856.

All interested shooters are invited to participate. And no, they do not shoot real turkeys.

## Sheriff's Report

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

November 6, 2008, Shery Aguirre, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department for possession of a controlled substance (more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams), pending Grand Jury.

In 287<sup>th</sup> District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding: — On October 7, 2008, Brian Todd West, 39, of Dimmitt, charged with violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance), had his community supervision revoked, and was sentenced to 5 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$326 court costs; and \$10,000 fine.

— On October 16, Sergio Alanso Hernandez, 31, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervision (DUI), had his community supervision revoked and was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$75 court costs; and \$750 fine.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from October 30, 2008 to November 5, 2008: Michael Shepard and Bennie Shepard – Marsha Shepard Cunningham, L17 EASTVIEW ADD BOVINA.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. – William C. Beverage, L28 E/2 L29 L30-32 B48 FARWELL.

First Community Bank – Bruce Pemberton and Janna Myers, L23-26 B30 FARWELL.

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## November sales tax reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says the state collected \$1.73 billion in sales tax revenue in October, up 5.2 percent compared to October 2007.

"Sales tax collections grew in the first two months of fiscal 2009, however, at slower rates than generally seen over the past three years," Combs said. "Collections have continued to increase overall, but remittances from the key retail trade sector have begun to decline slightly as consumers grow increasingly cautious and confidence erodes."

October state sales tax collections and November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers, and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

Parmer County's November 2008 payment totaled \$49,822.45 broken down as Bovina \$7,761.71; Farwell \$9,198.85; and Friona \$32,861.89. In November 2007 the tax payment total was \$44,829.48.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 11.13% broken down as Bovina 4.04%; Farwell 15.67%; and Friona 11.71%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$461,395.52 as compared to \$444,188.08 for the same period last year, a 3.87% change.

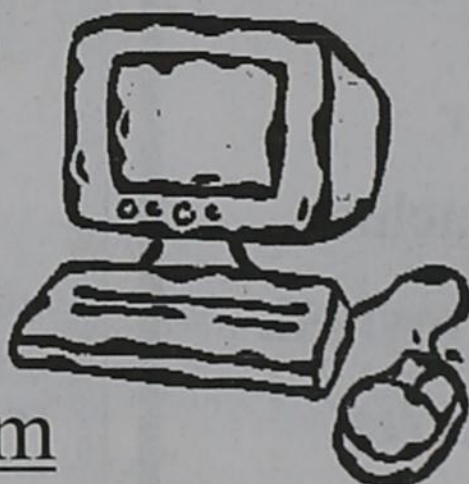
The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, December 12.



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Friona Girl Scout Troop 364 is shown learning the Girl Scout Circle. From left are Nohemi Castillo, Brenda Jaramillo, Paulina Jaramillo, Yodeli Castillo, and Josselyn Castillo. Girl Scout volunteers are needed. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, or any other adult who wants to make a difference in the lives of girls. Call Girl Scout membership specialist Alba Austin in Amarillo at 1-800-687-4475 for more information.

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The varsity Squaws opened the season with a win over the Bushland Lady Falcons on a last minute 3-point play by Regan Anthony. Shown l-r, are Sasha Estrada (20), Heather Sandoval (23), Taryn Jamerson (25), Brittany Berend (32), and Regan Anthony (11). The Squaws host Vega Saturday November 15. JV begins at 2:30 p.m. and varsity at 4 p.m. Reprints of Squaw action photos will be available at frionaonline.com.

# Squaws open basketball season

The Friona Squaws JV and varsity opened the 2008-09 basketball season Monday night at home vs. the Bushland Lady Falcons.

Coach Michael Hurley, in his second season as the varsity girls' coach, will field a team short on varsity experience but long on attitude. Sophomore Regan Anthony and junior Sasha Estrada are the only returning lettermen from last year's varsity squad.

The 2008-09 Squaws will have only two seniors on the squad, Heather Sandoval and Brittany Berend. Five juniors and two sophomores complete the team. Juniors are Estrada, Stephanie Aguirre, Anna Murphree, Taryn Jamerson, and Paige Herbert. The two sophomores are Anthony and Kami Kerby.

Last year the Squaws went to the playoffs by defeating Tulia and Muleshoe after a three-way tie for third place. They closed out a great season with a 2-point heartbreaker loss to Spearman in the bi-district game.

The Squaws will host Vega here Saturday November 15. JV is at 2:30 p.m. and varsity at 4 p.m. The 2008-09 Chieftain/Squaw basketball schedule is posted on our website at frionaonline.com.

# Chiefs lose to Mules 41-7

The Friona Chieftains closed out the regular season with a 41-7 loss to the Muleshoe Mules Friday November 7 at Muleshoe.

The high-powered Muleshoe offense, patterned after the Texas Tech spread, scored on six touchdown passes, five by starter Wes Wood. The five TDs, gave Wood 53 touchdown passes on the year, one shy of a Panhandle record.

Friona ends the regular season at 5-5, 3-2 in district, good for third place and a playoff spot. The Chiefs meet the Panhandle Panthers at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday November 13, at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Friona will be the visiting team. Panhandle is 9-1 with their only loss to Bushland (10-0).

The Muleshoe defense held Friona to 231 yards of offense, 166 rushing and 65 passing. Joey Mendoza was the leading rusher, gathering 55 yards on 13 carries. Zack Fair managed 49 yards on 9 carries. Other rushers were Raul Licerio 10 for 23, Joey Dickson 7 for 19, Justin Dominguez 2 for 12 and Noe Saenz 1 carry for 7 yards.

Quarterback Dickson was good on 3 of 10 passes for 32 yards. Justin Dominguez took over at quarterback late in the game when Dickson went out with a slight concussion. Dominguez completed 2 of 5 passes for 33 yards. Ernesto Monreal (1), Zack Fair (2), and Raul Licerio (2) caught passes in the game.

R. Licerio scored the Chiefs lone touchdown on a 3-yard run in the 2nd quarter. Rodrigo Vasquez was good on the extra point try. A second quarter drive by the Chieftains ended with a lost fumble at the Muleshoe 7-yard line. The Mules covered the 93-yards in three plays to take a 14-7 lead, then scored with under one minute left in the 2nd quarter to take a 21-7 lead into halftime.

Fair and lineman Sergio Mendes also were sidelined late with slight concussions. Mendes had suffered a shoulder injury earlier in the game. All three are expected to play against Panhandle. Coach Mike Herbert said senior lineman Alex Dunnam will return to the lineup against Panhandle. Dunnam has been sidelined since the second game of the season following a knee injury and knee surgery.



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Zack Fair (12) takes a handoff from Joey Dickson (7) around left end at Muleshoe. The Chiefs meet Panhandle November 13 in a bi-district playoff.



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Basketball season began Monday night at Friona gym. The JV Squaws lost a close game to Bushland 28-27. Shown are JV Squaws, l-r, Liz Trevino (23), Ashlee Howard (11), Ester Sarabia (30), Leann Davila (10), and Brittney Herbert (21). More JV photos posted at frionaonline.com.



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Raul Licerio dashes into the end zone to score Friona's only touchdown at Muleshoe.

# Regional cross country results

Two Friona cross country runners participated in the regional cross country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Saturday November 8.

Coach Michael Hurley said three runners qualified for the meet but Jesus

Sarabia was injured in a JV football game last week and was unable to participate. Jose Mendoza ran his 2nd personal best time of 18:49.9 to finish 49th out of 158 runners. Katie Osborn also ran a 2nd personal best time of 14:32.1 and finished 127th of 168 runners.

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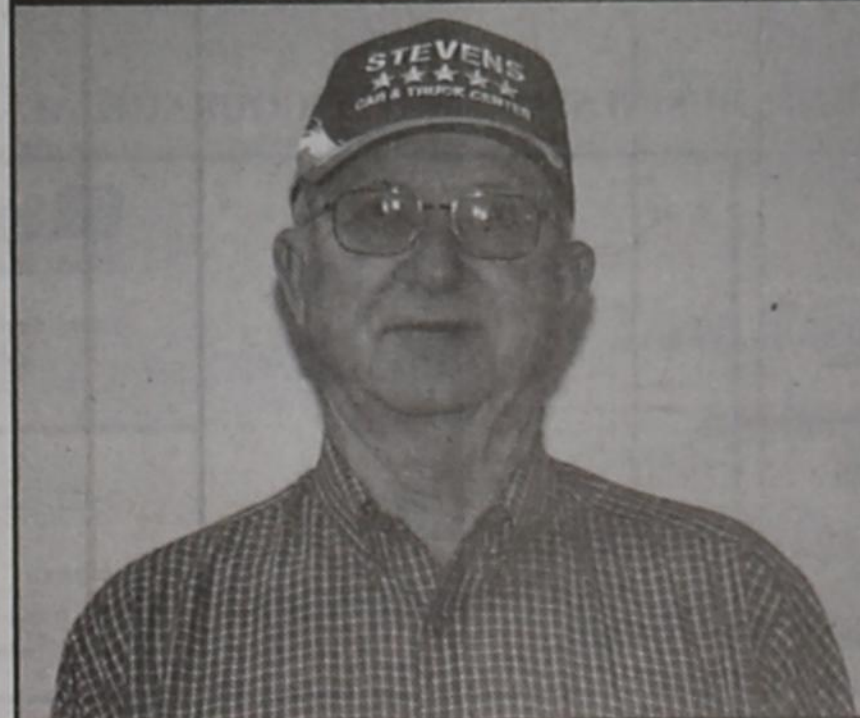
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Mark and Belinda Anthony were honored by their children, Brittany and Lance Field, Kathy Anthony, and Benjamin Anthony, with a surprise 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with family and friends, and the renewal of their wedding vows on Sunday, October 12, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The couple's wedding took place at First Baptist Church on October 14, 1983.

**Think about this  
The beatitudes and marriage**

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ  
Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek." The word meek refers to taking a wild animal and harnessing, saddling and working it. It identifies taking the wild brute strength of an animal and bringing it into control. Its strength is now used for some good purpose. It's not allowed to just run wild at will any longer.

What a tremendous lesson this is for marriage. Simply put, the individual's desires and strengths are put to use for the betterment of the mate. It's, "let me do what is best for you".

It reminds me of a business seminar I once read about. The attendants were relating what they did. One man said, "My job is to make my boss look good."

Isn't that good advice for a marriage? What if every husband and wife did all they could to make their mate look good? A paradox in life is that the more a mate serves the other mate and makes that mate happy, the happier they become.

Use your abilities, strengths and good qualities to work for your mate. If you do, it will strengthen your mate and your marriage will be happier.

**New Arrival**



**Alizah Miracle Dominguez**

Joey and Claudia Dominguez are proud to announce the newest arrival to their family, Alizah Miracle Dominguez.

Alizah was born on September 29, 2008 at the Clovis, New Mexico Presbyterian Hospital at 1:40 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Alizah has an older sister, Adynaih, who is 2 1/2 years old. Her grandparents are Javier and Delia Arpero, and Joe and Clarice Dominguez, all of Friona.

Alizah's great-grandparents are Raul and Eva Silva of Friona, Fileberto and Cecilia Arpero of Amarillo, John and Lucy Everet of Earth, and Martina Dominguez and the late Francisco Dominguez of Friona.



Zelma Gammill

**Daughters choose Prairie Acres for their mother**

Zelma Gammill, 92, from Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, is the newest resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gammill's daughters, Dr. Joyce Roberts and Naomi Gunn began looking 6-8 months ago for a place for their mother to live. After looking at facilities in Farwell, Friona, Roswell and Clovis, they chose Prairie Acres. When asked why they chose Prairie Acres, which is two hours from Ft. Sumner, Mrs. Gunn said, "We had heard about Prairie Acres and when we walked in, we were very impressed. It was clean and didn't have any odors. It was by far the best home we had seen. The residents were clean and seemed to be well cared for. Everyone was happy and the atmosphere was pleasant."

She added that the drive is worth it since they have no doubt their mom is being well taken care of and happy. "We are so very happy and feel strongly that we made the right decision," said Mrs. Gunn.

**Nazareth Sunday dinner and bazaar**

The Christian Mother's of Holy Family Parish in Nazareth is sponsoring a Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar and Thanksgiving Dinner & Raffle on Sunday, November 23.

The bazaar is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth school cafeteria. The dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazareth community hall. Plates are \$8 adults and \$5 children 10 years and under. Turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings will be served. For more information contact Cince Schulte at 806-945-2557.

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Students from Mrs. Schueler and Mrs. Barnett's Spanish classes competed at the South Plains College Foreign Language Festival November 7. They competed in three categories and brought home 25 first place ribbons and 2 second place ribbons. Above, l-r, are folkloric dancers Vanessa Herrera, Graciela Sanchez, Ana Hernandez, Natalie Rodriguez, and Adriana Soltero. Natalie won 1st place for her solo dance, Jarabe Tapatio, and the group received 2nd with their dance, Las Alazanas. Others competing were Silvestre Huerta, Berenice Lopez, Adrian Quintana, and Yuliana Alvarez.

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At the Randall High School speech tournament last weekend Kathleen Wyly placed 1st in poetry and 6th in domestic extemporaneous speaking. Sponsor Erika Montana said FHS has a young speech team and all are doing well. Also competing were Angelica Gallagher, Tamra Stormes, Alex Gonzales, and Keeley Dunnam. The Randall High tournament was hosted by Friona native Lacy Venhaus.



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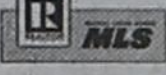
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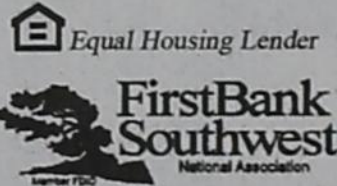
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# OBITUARY

## Robert G. "Bob" Lacewell

Robert G. "Bob" Lacewell, 80, died Saturday, November 1, 2008, in Abilene, Texas. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Dr. Phil Christopher and Reverend James Teal officiating.

Robert was born July 10, 1928 to Camille (Frost) and Dan Lacewell in Ector (Fannin County), Texas. He moved to Friona, Texas at an early age, graduated from Friona High School in 1946, Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, Texas) in 1950, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1953.

Robert married Martha Jane on March 2, 1950 in Abilene, Texas. After graduating from Southwestern, they returned to Abilene to make their home.

Robert served as a minister from March 1952 to June 1990, for a total of 38 years in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church near Olney, Texas; Allendale Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas; Vera Baptist Church in Vera, Texas; Temple Baptist Church in Hereford, Texas; First Baptist Church in Taos, New Mexico; Texline Baptist Church in Texline, Texas; Buena Vista in Borger, Texas (23 years), serving in the Palo Duro Baptist Association as a moderator for two terms; and Elmwood Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas for three years.

Robert and his wife, Martha, received the Hardin-Simmons University John J. Keeter Alumni Service Award in October 2003. They also volunteered to help at Hardin-Simmons University events. Robert was a member of the board of trustees from 1996, and chairman of the School of Music Foundation. Martha served for five years as music foundation secretary and as chaplain for the Hardin-Simmons University Alumni Association. Robert served as pastor of Baptist churches, in Texas, for 38 years and Martha taught public school for 29 years.

Robert enjoyed attending Bible Study, Hardin-Simmons football and basketball, and the University of Texas and Dallas Cowboy football. His most favorite thing was telling people about Jesus Christ and how to know Him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dan Lacewell; two sons, Michael Lacewell on May 10, 1991 and Dr. William Robert Lacewell on July 16, 1991; and one brother, Tommy Lacewell in 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Nollner Lacewell of Abilene, Texas; his mother, Camille Lacewell of Friona, Texas; one sister, Gladys Day of Friona, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Mary Lacewell and Virginia Nollner, and numerous other family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Michael Lacewell Music Scholarship Fund or the William Robert Lacewell Science Scholarship Fund or the donor's charity of choice.



Robert G. "Bob" Lacewell

# After five years, grandson back on football field

(The following story is excerpted from the Canyon High School newspaper as written by Shelbie Belott and provided by Gladys Day. Jeff Gerber is a senior at Canyon High School. He is the son of Gary and Dian Gerber and the grandson of Gladys Day of Friona.)

It's freezing. The ball is thrown from one hand to land in another. A heart beats rapidly, but not on adrenaline alone.

Senior Jeff Gerber was 12 years old when he experienced a drastic heart rate increase during a junior high football game.

"I threw the ball to Shaun Lawson, and he caught it and started running," Jeff said. "I was hit late by two big guys from the other team. That's when I noticed I couldn't breathe."

Exiting to the sideline, Jeff was examined by an off duty EMT attending the game. Soon ambulance sirens blared and Jeff was rushed to the hospital.

"I knew it was more than not being able to breathe," Jeff said. "You could see my heart beat through my football pads; it felt like my heart was going 100 miles per hour."

In reality, Jeff's heart rate was 260-280 beats per minute, exceeding the normal 60-100 beats per minute. This abnormal fast heart rhythm started in the upper chambers of Jeff's heart from abnormal electrical connections or firing of the heart. When tackled, Jeff had suffered from a Supraventricular Tachycardia. Jeff had developed this condition and suffered from increased heart rate recurrence when he would run or get jolted.

"It was hard in junior high," Jeff said. "I had to wear a heart monitor and I always thought everyone would make fun of me."

Soon, reality hit. Treatment options were narrowed down to either life long medications or a procedure to correct the rhythm, caused by Jeff's upper heart chambers.

During Jeff's sixth and seventh grade years of junior high Jeff underwent two ablation procedures performed at the Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth.

Under anesthesia, Jeff's heart was deliberately put into tachycardia with medication to trigger areas where electric currents were flowing incorrectly. Doctors used a laser to burn and seal any area creating scar tissue through which the electricity could not travel and create problems for Jeff's beating heart.

Both procedures were unsuccessful and Jeff was forced to stop playing football.

Jeff's mother and biology teacher Dian Gerber remembers watching her son go from a role on the field to a spectator in the stands.

"As a parent you want to help," Mrs. Gerber said. "Yet I was so thankful that he could function, and he was at least there."

Although Jeff was prohibited from playing football, he continued to play basketball and baseball.

"I had to deal with it, so I did," Jeff said. "As long as I was busy, not being able to play wasn't too bad. When I had to watch a game, I really wanted to be out there."

Fast forward to Jeff's junior year and yet another operation.



Jeff Gerber

Jeff was sent to Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Once more doctors attempted an ablation of Jeff's heart. Unlike the previous attempts, this procedure required Jeff to remain awake throughout the 11 hour operation.

"I was lying on a flat steel table and my back ached," Jeff said. "I'm not normally claustrophobic, but there were x-rays in my face and I kept having hot and cold flashes."

Jeff was able to remain awake for six hours and then requested

to be put under anesthesia for the remaining five hours of the procedure. Jeff's heart was again triggered into tachycardia and watched through an x-ray machine positioned over his heart. Temperature flashes occurred from the medication given to stimulate his heart while searching for areas of inconsistent electricity flow.

This time the ablation was successful.

"The doctor told me Jeff was cured, but not many doctors say that," Mrs. Gerber said. "I tried to make him a yearly checkup and the doctor said to me, 'Mrs. Gerber I don't think you understand Jeff doesn't need a heart doctor anymore. He's cured.' I was so thankful."

Now a senior, Jeff is a starting strong safety for the varsity football team. Jeff is getting to play football for the first time since junior high.

"It's all football and it's so much fun," Mrs. Gerber said. "Jeff and his dad talk football all the time and I'm so thankful to watch him get to play ball again."

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# Kay Bailey discusses President-elect Obama

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

With the election of our first African-American President, Barack Obama, the United States has achieved a significant historical milestone and reaffirmed the American ideal that any individual, whatever his or her background, can ascend to the highest office in our land. That fact alone is cause for great national pride, regardless of anyone's party affiliation.

Barack Obama ran a strong campaign, emphasizing the need for change. I share his hope that there will, indeed, be a change in the rancorous tone and partisanship that has stymied productivity in Washington for too long. The best way we can build bipartisanship is to rally around sound principles that focus on the genuine concerns of American families.

Our nation's present economic crisis has forced many low-and middle-income Americans to tighten their belts and carefully balance their budgets. Likewise, the government must keep its own spending under control. With the national debt already at \$10.5 trillion and climbing, federal spending must be curbed. In the Senate, I will work with my colleagues and with President-elect Obama's Administration to lower spending, setting clear priorities, and working toward a balanced federal budget.

Senator Obama has proposed a progressive tax policy that will sharply raise taxes on small businesses and middle-and upper-income individuals. By capping or penalizing financial success, economic growth and job creation become stifled. Instead, lawmakers and the next Administration should cooperatively advance policies that place opportunity for success within the reach of all Americans, while not discouraging entrepreneurial risk by redistributing the products of success. And we must all heed the lesson America learned the hard way when President Hoover raised taxes during economic hardship in 1932, turning a serious recession into the Great Depression.

One of Senator Obama's campaign pledges was to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health care. As Congress and the next Administration consider health policy solutions, we must guard against abandoning the free market principles that will help keep quality, affordable health care choices available to our citizens.

The next Administration will be tasked with the urgent national priority of pursuing American energy independence. President-elect Obama has set a goal of reducing American imports from the Middle East and Venezuela. We share this goal. It will take a comprehensive approach to halt the \$500 billion we currently send abroad for foreign fuel each year. His plan to pursue alternative sources of energy and promote new, clean technologies should be a part of a broader strategy. However, until technological advancements can keep pace with American energy consumption, we must bridge that gap by increasing our domestic supply of oil and gas. Congress should not adopt policies, such as a windfall profits tax on oil producers, that

could stifle production, discourage innovation, and keep our domestic oil and gas in the outer continental shelf off limits. The principle of supply and demand should guide our energy solution as Congress works with the next Administration toward an era of self-sufficiency.

Finally, in order to keep America a place of opportunity and prosperity, we must continue to protect our homeland from the threats of terrorism. In January, Senator Obama will assume the solemn duty of commanding our Armed Forces and overseeing the administration of the Global War on Terror. He has promised a phased reduction of American troops in Iraq. As our forces are drawn down, it is important that our commanders on the ground con-

tinue to be consulted in order to avoid micromanagement of the war from Washington. This will help us to build on the success of the surge in Iraq, and assure that terrorists do not destabilize that country and spread their destruction further.

Voters have tasked elected officials with serving the best interests of all Americans. Lawmakers may disagree on certain issues, but we share the same goal and responsibility of making this nation a better, safer, and more prosperous place. Though the political climate has changed and a new set of challenges lie before us, I remain committed to the people of Texas and will stand by the principles that have helped me earn their trust.

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