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Free pre-natal classes

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign-up for free pre-natal classes Saturday June 11 from 9 – 11 a.m. in the conference room at Parmer Medical Center. All expectant mothers are encouraged to register. The free classes are available in both English and Spanish.

The coalition will also be accepting donations of new or gently used baby items at the same time. For more information contact Heidi Eichenauer at 806-250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 806-295-8291.

Dual credit students go by school office

Any Friona high school student who pre-registered for dual credit classes for the upcoming school year must go by the high school office before June 13 to receive important information from Amarillo College. The information includes instructions on applying to Amarillo College and registering for the fall classes. For more information call Stephanie Barrett at 250-3951.



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Friona Methodist Church youth ministers J. D. Newman, left, and Turok Tarango attempted the Tasty Cream Big Chief Challenge last Thursday evening. The test is to eat a 4-pound cheeseburger with 12 patties, 12 slices of cheese and all the tomatoes, pickles, onions, and lettuce, plus 4 pounds of fries and all the drinks you want. The cost is \$30. If you finish it all in one hour it is free, otherwise you pay. The two gave it their best but had to give up before finishing. More Big Chief Challenge photos on the back page and at frionaonline.com.

New Emergency Room procedures at PMC

BY LANCE GATLIN, PMC Administrator

In recent years, hospital Emergency Departments across the nation have seen an increasingly larger number of patients, and a significant percentage of those patients do not actually

have a true medical emergency. Instead, very often the Emergency Department is inappropriately used as a resource for primary care services (i.e. coughs, sore throats, colds, and

other conditions which should be addressed in an outpatient clinic setting).

Parmer Medical Center (PMC) is not immune to this trend, as Emergency Depart-

ment visits at PMC are rising, including increasingly larger numbers of individuals using the Emergency Department for primary care services.

Common reasons for seeking primary care services in the Emergency Department typically include: 1) a desire to avoid wait times at the clinic, 2) inconvenient to take off work during daytime clinic hours, and 3) a common misperception that hospitals cannot charge for services rendered in the Emergency Department.

Using very costly Emergency Department resources for primary care services not only creates an operational burden by pulling resources away from patients with true medical emergencies, but it places a financial burden on the hospital and the taxpayers who support it. In an effort to most responsibly and effectively serve those patients who present to the Emergency Department with true medical emergencies and to promote appropriate use of Emergency Department resources, effective June 15, 2011 Parmer Medical Center will be implementing new procedures in the Emer-

gency Department related to the treatment of non-emergent conditions.

As is required by federal regulation, it is PMC standard protocol that every person presenting to the Emergency Department seeking medical care will undergo a Medical Screening Exam (MSE) to determine if an emergency medical condition does exist.

As of June 15, if it is determined following the MSE that a patient does not have an emergency medical condition, the patient will then be given the opportunity to select one of the two following options:

1) seek medical services in an outpatient physician clinic setting, or 2) continue treatment in the PMC Emergency Department with payment at the time of service, including any co-pay, deductible or co-insurance.

No procedural changes are being made regarding patients who present to the PMC Emergency Department with a true medical emergency. PMC remains committed to serving you with excellence in all aspects of the hospital operation, and we appreciate your cooperation and partnership.



ron carr photo

The first load of wheat for 2011 was delivered to Friona Wheat Growers Monday June 6. Shown at the co-op scales checking in the load are, l-r, assistant manager Darrin Gilley and first load producer Keith Blackburn.



ron carr photo

Parmer County Farm Bureau hosted the five county fire departments for a hamburger supper Tuesday evening in appreciation of their service to the community. Each department received a \$500 donation from Parmer County Farm Bureau and a \$1,000 donation from Texas Farm Bureau. From l-r are Farm Bureau board members Fred Cook, Ricky Barnett, Alan Monroe, and Michael Rushing, Texas Farm Bureau vice-president Dewey Hukill of Olton, Lazbuddie assistant fire chief Kasey Whatley, Farwell fire chief Henry Garcia, Rhea fire chief Monty Schueler, Bovina fire chief Cesar Marquez, local Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley, and Friona fire chief Jim Taylor.

Judge bans all fireworks

On Tuesday June 7, 2011, County Judge Trey Ellis signed a disaster declaration and filed it with the County Clerk. The declaration bans the sale and use of all fireworks within Parmer County for a period of 60 hours.

Subsequent to this filing, Judge Ellis faxed a letter to Governor Perry's office asking for an extension to ban the sale and use of fireworks in the county through July 4. In the letter Judge Ellis states, "I have talked to all the city managers and/or mayors of the incorporated towns in our county along with all the different fire department chiefs in our county whom all have given a 100% support to this declaration."

The disaster declaration and fireworks ban is also on the Commissioners Court agenda for the next scheduled meeting June 13 at 10 a.m. in Farwell. Ellis said most counties in West Texas and the Panhandle have made similar filings and declarations to ban the sale and use of fireworks due to the extremely dry conditions and the threat of danger from wildfires that could be caused by fireworks.

Council will consider bids and fees

The Friona City Council will meet in regular session Monday June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 619 Main. All council meetings are open to the public.

Item 1 – 3 on the agenda is roll call, invocation, pledge of allegiance and hear public comments. The public may address the council however the council cannot take action on public comments at the meeting. Actionable items must be on the official agenda.

Item 4 will be to hear public comments regarding the consumer confidence report 2010 (annual drinking water quality report).

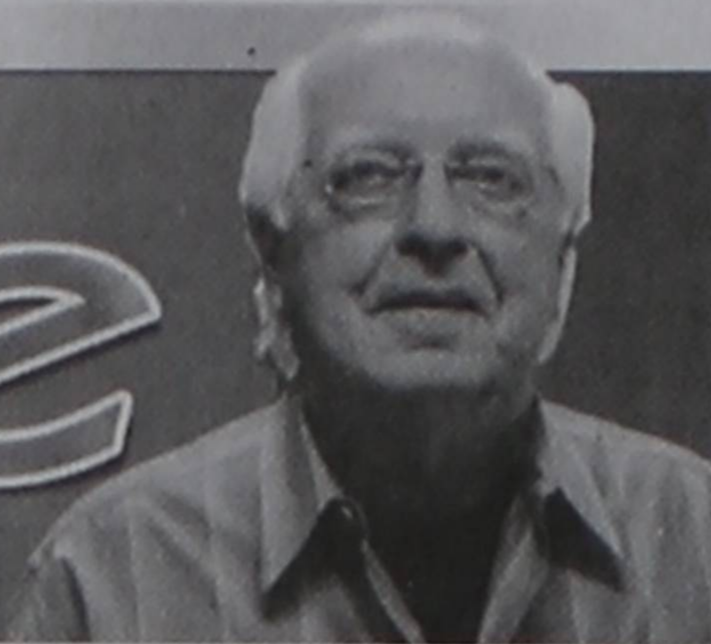
The council will elect a mayor pro-tem to serve for 2011-2012. They will consider and take action on award of bids for a new roof for city offices and the sale of various items, i.e. bicycles, computer monitors, printers, keyboard, copy machine, phones, and vehicle accessories. Bid notices were published in the Friona Star in May.

In other business the council will take action to deny an SPS tariff amendment, consider increasing returned check and after hours working fees, and approval of accounts payable and the May 2011 financial statement.

They will also consider and take action on the sale of 210 Ashland owned by the City, Friona ISD, and Parmer County and consider and take action on future plans for Well #4 located at 7th and Columbia.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



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Random thoughts from a random mind.

It is difficult to pay attention to everything that is going on these days. Tornadoes, floods, wildfires, drought. Maybe that old man cuckoo preacher was right after all. The world may very well be ending.

Someone tell me what is so bad about "popcorn ceilings". I watch a few of the HGTV shows where people are shopping for homes and we are supposed to guess which one of the three they are going to buy. Almost always the female shopper will recoil in disgust at popcorn ceilings. Must be a woman thing. I have a feeling guys don't care what kind of ceiling the house has as long as the little lady is happy.

Just wondering how much time people spend staring at the ceiling. Seems to me that if your female partner is looking at the ceiling a lot your relationship might be in jeopardy.

Different products promoted in TV are said to have micro particles. I don't believe I have ever purchased a product because it has micro particles. I wonder how much difference there is between micro particles and regular particles.

Last week my mother was

cooking away in the kitchen, grumbling about having to cook with electricity instead of gas. "Out in the country," she said, "we had gas and it cooks a lot better." Then she said about the electric oven, "This oven cooks crazy." Not quite sure how an oven cooks crazy but I reckon as many meals as mom has cooked she knows what she is talking about.

God bless people who help others. It has to be frustrating to work with abused children, the very elderly, Alzheimers, or domestic abuse victims. Recently I saw an appeal for a fundraiser to "help end domestic violence." How do you end domestic violence? I think it is not possible. What is possible is to educate, appeal, beg, and urge violent people to not be violent. That is a big job.

I'd like meteorologists to just give the forecast without all of the high pressure lows and low pressure highs. I don't care if a storm is coming from Denver or Albuquerque. Not too big a fan of the jet stream. Don't know what any of it means anyway. Tell me if it is going to rain or be hot or cold. And of course if a tornado is coming I'd like to know that too.

Leal's in Amarillo is add-

ing an Old Fashioned Hamburger and a Chicken Fried Steak to their menu. That must be so you can drag along your relatives that don't like Mexican food. I love chicken fried steak but to me Leal's = Mexican food. I might try one though just to see if Victor really knows how to cook a chicken-fried steak.

Are you following the Casey Anthony trial? Casey is an attractive young lady and her daughter Caylee was a precious little girl. This is beyond a tragedy. Apparently she killed her daughter but the trial will go on for weeks. I feel sympathy for her parents George and Cindy Anthony. Over the past few years they have been pummeled by the media, faced angry neighbors, and subjected to the sin of their daughter. I watch the trial when I can. I don't know why.

A judge should be a judge, not a Republican or Democrat. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in a federal court this week arguing that the government cannot force a citizen to purchase a product, i.e. health insurance. He told Fox News that three Republican judges had ruled in his favor and two Democrat judges had ruled against it. That is not right.

A judge should be a judge, not a politician. Just saying.

Someone write and let me know why Iowa and New Hampshire are considered so important to presidential candidates. Is it because they have the first primaries? Seems like you gotta' go to Iowa if you have a chance to win. Why is that? Screw Iowa. And while you are at it, New Hampshire too. Let them come to Texas and campaign if they want our vote.

Most of the checks we receive here at the Star have the warning, "Do not write below this line" on the back. Wonder why that is? "Do not" is a stern warning. I often wonder if the banks even look for the endorsement on the back. Evidently they do. Last week, when no one was looking, I smacked the endorsement stamp right in the middle of the back of a check. It was well below the "Do not" line. I'm waiting now on the FBI to show up. I may be here next week and I may not. Thanks for reading the Star.

In closing I would like to thank Anthony Weiner. I knew he was a socialist, progressive jerk and would like to thank Anthony for his apparently outstanding performance to prove me right.

Letters to the Editor

Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding the May 2011 jobs report by the Labor Department. The unemployment rate last month rose to 9.1%, and nonfarm payrolls increased by a mere 54,000:

"This morning's disappointing jobs report reflects the fact that President Obama and his circle of advisors have seemingly relied more on hope than substance when it comes to our nation's serious economic challenges.

The President flat out stated many months ago that his stimulus spending and his bailout of the car companies would result in a steady unemployment rate of 7 to 8%. And now we're learning that the Fed's QE2 has done more harm than good. Not only has unemployment failed to improve, but now we are moving back in the wrong direction.

But what we know for sure is that small businesses are barely hiring today, and that brand new startups are few and far between. The point is, without real growth policies, there's not much to cheer about in the market or the economy. The Administration needs to work with Congress to cultivate a jobs growth environment. A good first step would be stopping some of the ridiculous rules and regulatory burdens being proposed by the EPA."

Summer Drama Workshop in July

The annual Summer Drama Workshop is scheduled for July 5-16, 2011. Directors this year are Allison Johnston, elementary; Erika Montana, junior high; and Joy Morton, high school. Registration is still only \$25 per child for the two-week camp.

Rehearsal times will be 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for elementary, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. for junior high; and 7 - 10 p.m. for high school. Registration forms are available in the high school office but it is not necessary to pre-register. However pre-registration does help the directors with planning.

Director Allison Johnston said, "I am sending solicitation letters this week for community support. We cannot do summer drama without help from our incredible community. We have not raised the tuition for this camp as long as I can remember and I have been involved for over 20 years."

Anyone wishing to contribute can send a check to the Friona Fine Arts Council, 801 W. 5th, Friona, 79035. The plays have not yet been selected. One or more of the public performances may be on Friday July 15. Exact details will be furnished later.

Parents, grandparents, and family of the elementary students will have an opportunity to provide snacks for the kids one of the days. Junior high and high school students will be on their own to bring snacks for breaks.

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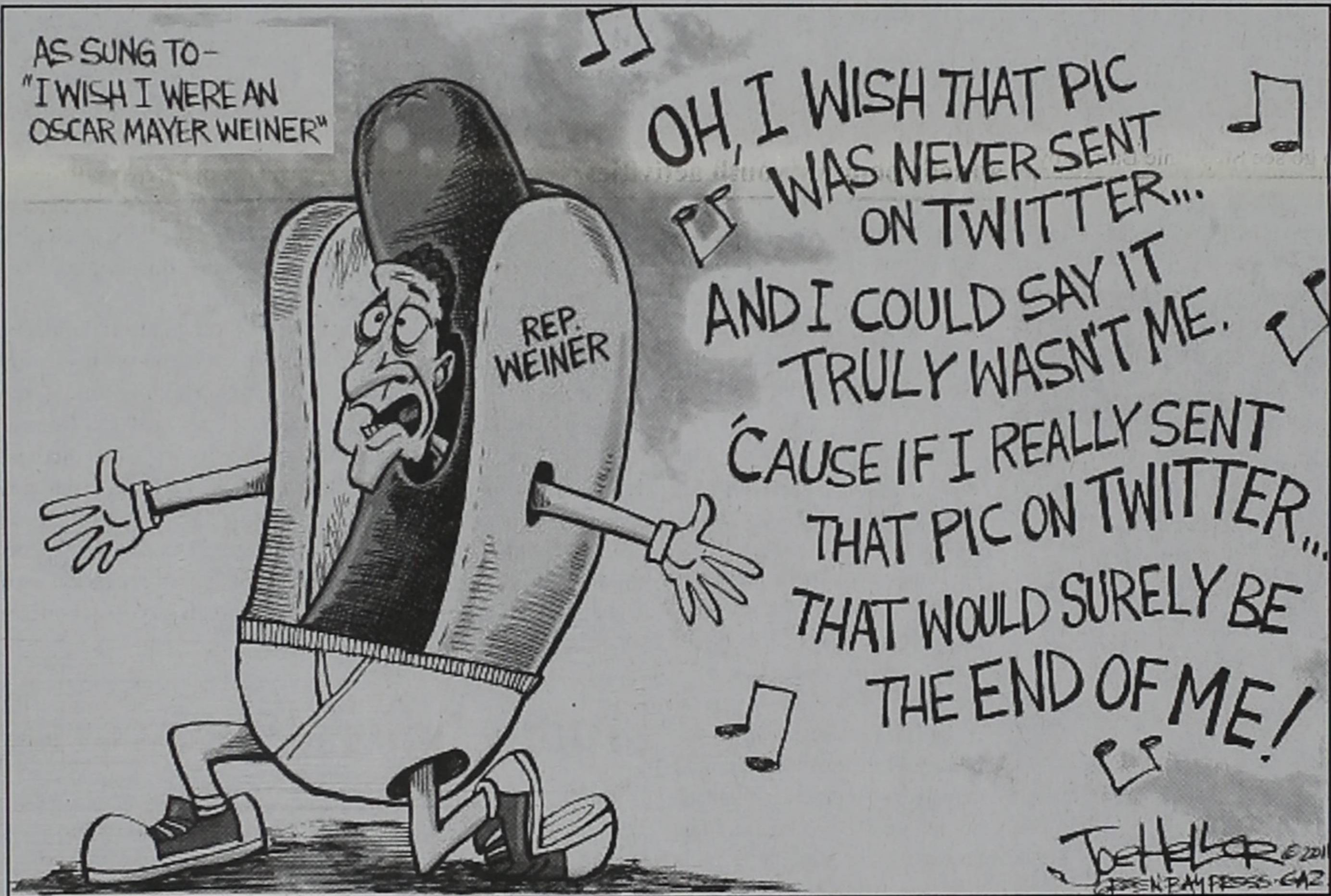
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- ACROSS**
- Jacksboro is seat of this county
 - TXism: "tough ___ old boot"
 - TX Stoney who QBed Permian to state title in '89
 - Fox affiliate in Wichita Falls
 - TX-based maker of high-end TVs
 - 42-across, south of the border
 - Roger Staubach was 27 years old during this (2 wds.)
 - Chris Doux sang "Dallas Days and Fort Worth Nights"
 - TXism: "a squeaking wheel gets the ___"
 - this Carey was Capt. Parmalee on "Laredo"
 - TXism: "if ___ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
 - hockey team: "Rio Grande Valley Killer ___"
 - Greg Abbott's title
 - he protected Troy & blocked for Emmitt
 - TX-born Steve Howey film: "Bride ___" ('09)
 - this Fortas was an LBJ nominee to the Supreme Court
 - football field "upright"

- TX Owen Wilson was a voice in this '06 film
- "The eyes of Texas are ___ you"
- large instruments like the one at Broadway Baptist in Fort Worth (2 wds.)
- TXism: "got a ___ full" (drunk)
- meaning of 17-across
- TXism: "thinking ___ doing"
- TXism: "happy as a kid on ___ -A-Whirl"
- TXism: "it's a piece" (distant)
- "all-you-___-eat"
- TX to the U.S.A. sweater makers
- TX financier ___
- Pickens ___
- TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"
- TXism: "hobble your ___" (shut up)
- int'l distress signal

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- DOWN**
- TX Ginger Rogers' 1st husband
 - TXism: "dainty ___ bride"
 - Dimmitt is the seat of this county
 - got on his knees
 - in Pecos Co. on 190
 - habitual drunks
 - this lba was TCU BB coach (1987-94)
 - TX Johnny Horton sang about this state for a movie (abbr.)
 - mascot for many TX h.s., including Hico, Glen Rose, & Slaton
 - TX Tanya '76 tune: "___ Some Love"
 - TXism: "a sight for sore ___"
 - USS Houston fought in the Java ___ ('42)
 - TXism: "tough ___ heel"
 - Lady Bird was one for UT ('71-'78)
 - TXism: "want ___ bad I could spit"
 - honky tonks
 - "___ is me"
 - TX-born Perrine film: "What Women ___"
 - it's needed for some vaults (2 wds.)
 - people eaters
 - battalions
 - epic TX-based '56 film with Liz Taylor
 - prolonged gaze
 - ___-gallon hat
 - treads heavily
 - TX Ginger's "Flying Down ___" ('33)

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Summer begins off on June 21 but it already like summer here. Ten the 90s and our friend th is still around. With schu ing out now and folks s ing for vacations it take help to get news for the every week. Send along family news, vacation or other items of inter email is frionastar@wtrt.net if it is a local event we come by and snap a few los.

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Town Talk II

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Summer begins officially on June 21 but it already feels like summer here. Temps in the 90s and our friend the wind is still around. With school being out now and folks scattering for vacations it takes your help to get news for the paper every week. Send along your family news, vacation photos, or other items of interest. Our email is frionastar@wtrt.net. If it is a local event we might come by and snap a few photos.

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The Cheeseburger Festival, Cook-Off, & Car Show will be Saturday July 16. For information to enter and cook or have a vendor booth or register your classic car for the show call the Chamber of Commerce office at 806-250-3491.

On Monday June 13 at 10 a.m. the county commissioners will likely approve a disaster declaration banning the sale and use of fireworks in Parmer County. County Judge Trey Ellis made the ban official on June 7. The ban comes as the area is suffering from serious drought conditions. A burn ban has been in effect for several months and is also likely to be extended. Unless more than ample rainfall is received it is likely to be a quiet July 4 out here.

Next Thursday, June 16, First National Bank - Friona Banking Center, will cook sausage wraps in the parking lot during the noon hour to benefit the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Donations will be accepted. The FNB crew cooks some great sausage so stop by and grab a wrap and support the Cancer Coalition.

Methodist Church youth ministers J.D. Newman and Turok Tarango packed the

house at Tasty Cream Thursday evening as they tried the Big Chief Challenge. The deal is to eat a 4-pound cheeseburger plus 4-pounds of fries in an hour. It costs \$30 but is free if you finish it all in an hour. The boys gave it a go but didn't make it. The giant cheeseburger has 12 patties, 12 pieces of cheese, plus all the lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles. Have you seen 4-pounds of fries? There are photos elsewhere in this issue plus on our frionaonline.com website. Check it out. Nice try fellows.

Summer reruns on TV driving you nuts too? Food Network just started their "Next Food Network Star" competition Sunday night. I don't know how to cook but I like Food Network. Also on A&E Sunday night at 9 p.m. check out The Glades, a detective show set in the Florida Everglades.

Over at Glass Pros, Bobby Thompson's boy Collin (a high school senior) is earning some summer money washing and vacuuming cars and pickups. It is not a full detail but a hand-wash and vacuum. It costs \$30. He started Monday and I was his first customer. Stop in and help the young man out. Always like to try and help the kids who want to work. If you have a teenager that is looking for customers this summer let me know and we will mention it in Town Talk.

Time to think about Summer Drama Workshop. Dates are July 5 - 16. Three age groups: elementary, junior high, and high school. Registration forms will be in the high school office but it is not necessary to pre-register.

Rehearsal times are elementary 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; junior high 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; and high school 7 - 10 p.m. Public performances will be July 15 and/or 16. Details later.

The coffee Memorial Blood Center bloodmobile was here Saturday during the PMC Kidz Health Fair at the city park. During the three hours they had 14 donations. One of the hospital folks working the Health Fair told me she thought this was the largest turnout they have had at the annual Health Fair. Thanks to all who participated, especially the blood donors.

Cross country coach Ben Kirton participated in the Myrick 5K run in Hereford. The race is in honor of DPS Trooper Myrick who died in a patrol car crash several years ago. Ben said Rob Noland and Davy Carthel came out and had a good time. There were 198 participants who ran or walked. The proceeds go to support families of fallen officers. Ben said, "It was a great course with hills. We were blessed with no wind and a little cloud cover."

The Prairie Acres June newsletter says that 19-year employee Velma Lovvorn, R.N., Director of Nursing, is retiring. The family council meeting will be held at Prairie Acres June 16 at 7 p.m. All interested family members are invited to attend. The resident of the month for June is Maria Trevino. The employee of the month is Jennifer Baize, LVN.

Attention parents of high school students! If your student pre-registered for dual credit classes for the 2011-2012 school year they need to go see Stephanie Barrett by

June 13 to receive info from Amarillo College. Mrs. Barrett told me Tuesday that only three students had been to see her and usually there are about 50 dual credit students per year. She is at the high school office, 250-3951.

Noticed on Leal's Facebook page that the Amarillo restaurant has added an old fashioned hamburger and chicken fried steak to the menu. Sort of hate to see that. Hope its good but I don't go to Leal's for a hamburger, do you? Hi Victor.

Victory Family Church is expanding. Plans are underway to add about 5,000 square feet onto the rear of the church. Members moved a large storage building on Monday to the church parsonage near the hospital. (See photo this page). The new space will be used primarily for youth classroom and activities. The church is located at 9th and Washington. Robert Kerby is the pastor.

Time marches on! In today's paper are photos of Dale Williams and Betsy Clark receiving college degrees. Dale, son of Gary and Mercedes Williams, is now a pharmacist working in the pharmacy of the H-E-B grocery chain near Waco. Betsy, daughter of Henry and Paula Clark, earned her law degree and will live in Friona and practice in Hereford. Each spent about 8 years in college pursuing their careers. I remember both of these youngsters from their high school days and just look at them now. Congratulations and all the best to Dale and Betsy.

If you are a Facebook person search out our Friona Star Fan Page and "Like" it. We are almost to 200 fans so click on and keep up with Friona news and photos. Plus we would always appreciate hearing from you.

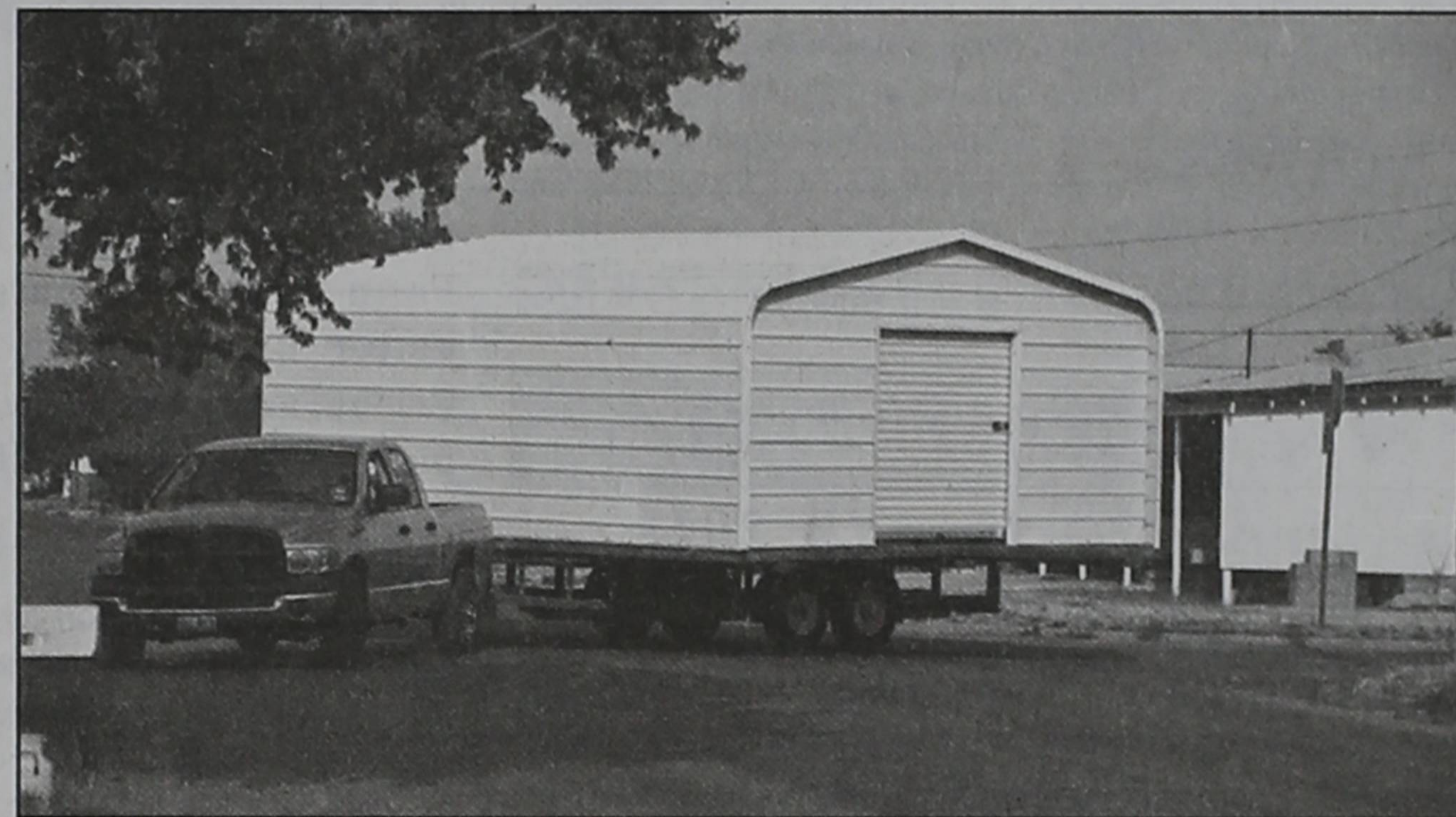
As reported on Facebook, Clayton Blackburn, son of former Friona residents Kerry and

Brian Blackburn, was drafted by the baseball Giants in the 16th round. The Blackburns live in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Happy to hear Donna Schueler is home and recovering from a heart procedure in Amarillo over the weekend. Also was told that Jack Patterson has been seriously ill.

I attended the Parmer County Farm Bureau hamburger supper Tuesday evening for our area firemen. Farm Bureau has long been a supporter of volunteer firemen, paying for fire schools, and in this case donating \$500 each to the Rhea, Farwell, Bovina, Friona, and Lazbuddie fire departments. The Texas Farm Bureau also contributed \$1,000 to each fire department. Thanks to Mitchell Smiley and staff for this nice contribution to the community. And thank you firemen for your service.

The End. See you next week. Until then!



sheri rector photo

That is Bobby Thompson driving the pickup with help from members of Victory Family Church as they move this large storage building off of church property at 9th and Washington. Work is beginning on an approximate 5,000 square foot expansion of the church building to accommodate added room for youth activities.



ron carr photo

Wheat producers will recognize this friendly face at Friona Wheat Growers. Alryna McElreath works the scales at the co-op. She is married to Heath McElreath. She is from South Africa and recently completed all requirements and was sworn in as an official U.S. citizen. Congratulations Alryna. Way to go!

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OBITUARIES

Eva Marie Parker Nichols

Eva Marie Parker Nichols, 96, of Canyon, formerly of Friona, died Saturday, June 4, 2011 in Canyon. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Rev. Wayne Griffin of Second Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



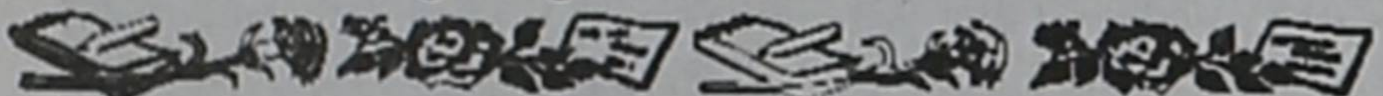
Eva Marie Nichols

Mrs. Nichols was born February 17, 1915 in Red Oak, Iowa, to Walter G. and Mable Kreitzberg Smith.

She married Oscar Lee Parker in 1936, and L.D. Nichols in 1971. She owned an area restaurant for many years, was an avid Christmas decoration collector and a member of Second Baptist Church in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, two sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by three sons, Billy Parker and wife Polly of Amarillo, Jerry Parker and wife Frances of Canyon, and Danny Parker; one sister, Margie Eich of Sterling Illinois; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



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For more information please contact

Eva Rubio at 806-247-0023.

Drawing will be held on

Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day).

Panhandle Parables

When pigs fly?

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

I have read in the Bible about a pig stampede after Jesus sent a legion of demons into a pig herd of 2000, which stampeded into the lake. Can't say I have ever seen a pig stampede, or for that matter a pig fly, (literally). What if someone walked up to you and with complete conviction told you they did, would you believe them?

Reasons not to believe in a flying pig story:

1. The obvious, God did not give a pig wings. (We fly and don't have wings.)
2. No one has ever caught a flying pig on video or have they? (Bigfoot believers beware.)
3. Impossible. ("...with God all things are possible...")
4. I would need to see it myself. (Didn't Thomas say something like that?)
5. How?

Then how does a Christian go about sharing the virgin birth, miracles performed by Jesus, or even and maybe most significantly, the resurrection? Believe it or not many have trouble with these pivotal stories of the life of Jesus and respond very similarly as they would if you were talking about flying pigs.

Fortunately, God does give ample proof of the Christ, and faith becomes the obvious element. That being said, how prepared are you to share the most unbelievable story of all time, God in the flesh, dying on our behalf? If Christians are not prepared, who will be? The story is ours. The story belongs to those who do not yet know it is theirs too. Remember one day you will fly. (1 Thess. 4:16-18)

This story is only foolish to those who do not believe. Believe it, live it, love it! Occasionally, look heavenward; it likely will not be pigs, but something much more impressive.

Linda Polk Black

Linda Polk Black, 62, of Friona, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2011 in Friona. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Pastor Rick Burton, Pastor Gary Johnson, and Pastor Leon Talley, officiating. Burial was in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Linda Black

Linda was born on June 26, 1947, in Magee, Mississippi, to Charles Polk and Ann Rankin Polk. She married Danny Black on August 3, 1968, in Beaumont, Texas.

She attended Lamar University where she met her husband, Danny. They relocated to Friona where they resided for 43 years. She worked as the secretary at First Baptist Church, was a receptionist at Parmer Medical Center, and was administrative secretary for Eastern New Mexico University in the financial aid department. She earned an associate's degree in Paralegal Studies at Amarillo College.

Linda enjoyed learning and took continuing education courses from different colleges. She also enjoyed learning about the Savior, Jesus Christ. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior soon after she married and became a member of First Baptist Church where she taught high school girls Sunday school and helped with Bible school.

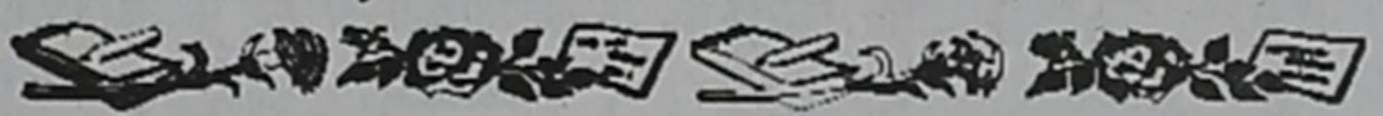
Linda and Danny worked together as class parents, worked with the band and athletic boosters, and served as election judges. More recently she became a member of Grace Baptist Church. Within the last several years she enjoyed cooking funnel cakes and supporting her children in their endeavors.

She was known for her benevolent and humble heart. She was loved dearly because she loved people. She was blessed with God's grace and wisdom and will be sincerely missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Ann Rankin Polk, and her husband, Danny Black.

Survivors include, one son, Deven Daniel Black of Hereford; one daughter, DaLinda Adele Black of Friona; one brother, Robin Polk and wife Ann of Beaumont, Texas; one grandchild, Trinity Nameste Black of Friona; mother-in-law, Clydie Black of Friona; sister-in-law, Kitty Gallman and husband JeDon of Friona, and their children Melanie Braun and husband Jerry of Clovis, New Mexico, and Daylen Gallman of Dallas; and great niece and nephew, Jessie and Oran London of Friona.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Parmer County Cancer Coalition, Grace Baptist Church of Friona, or a favorite charity.



Genuine repentance

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you really care that your sin is heinous, horrific and hellish before God? If you are like most people, it doesn't bother you that much, except when you are inconvenienced or embarrassed by your sins in the eyes of others. We work so hard to cover up our sins, yet forget that all the while they are in clear view of God, and most likely many others who just haven't said anything to you.

In 2 Samuel 11, David sins big time by having an affair with another man's wife, then having that man murdered and taking this woman home with him. Nobody knew, it seemed, until God sent the prophet Nathan to rebuke David in 2 Samuel 12. When this happened, David genuinely repented of his sin and attempted to cover up his scandal.

Psalm 51 is the fuller version of David's plea for mercy. Genuine repentance is you turning from your sin toward Christ. It begins as you realize the depth of your sin and that you are openly exposed before God. No more cover ups, lies or excuses; you are not a victim, but you own your sin as evil, wicked and rebellious against God.

Seeing our exposure draws out the reality that you are empty without God's cleaning and restoration. That's true of you as well, you are a dried up creek, an empty cistern, a barren well left to yourself. Thankfully, God does forgive us, and cleanse us from sin, and when that happens it makes you excited to serve God.

David was broken over his sin, turned from it and was cleansed by God, and ready to serve His Lord. Is that true of you as well, or do you smugly cleave to your sin as if nobody, not even God knows? Lord save us from such foolishness.

Ella Mae Wilkerson

Ella Mae Wilkerson, 90, of Friona, died Saturday, May 28, 2011 in Friona. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Rev. Rick Burton, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



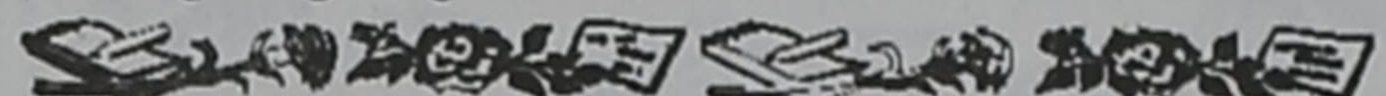
Ella Mae Wilkerson

Mrs. Wilkerson was born on March 18, 1921, in Stevenson, Alabama, to Drury and Dora Elizabeth Davis Evans.

She married Alvin H. Wilkerson on April 3, 1938, in Hollywood, Alabama. She loved gardening and cooking, was a homemaker, and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, David Charles Wilkerson, one brother, Fred Evans, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include two sons, Fred Rayford and James Kenneth Wilkerson, both of Friona; three daughters, Geneva Bentley of Friona, Dorothy Jean Benson of Savannah, Tennessee, and Virginia Alene Gamble of Friona; one sister, Effie Arnold of Stevenson, Alabama; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great grandchildren.



Kay Hill Huckabee

Kay Hill Huckabee, 74, of Friona, died Thursday, June 2, 2011 in Friona. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Rev. Rick Burton, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



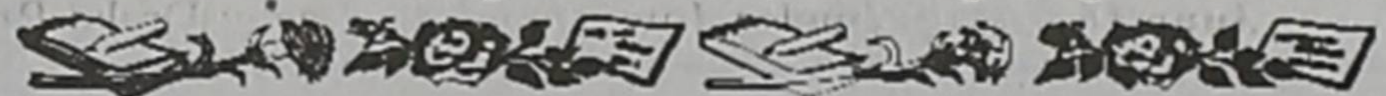
Kay Huckabee

Mrs. Huckabee was born July 25, 1936 in Wheeler County, to Ranius and Mella Mitchell Hill. She went to Bethel Community School, graduated from Shamrock High School in 1956, moved to Lubbock in 1958 where she worked for S.P.S., and met the love of her life at a drive-in theater.

She married Donald Keith Huckabee on April 14, 1962, in Lubbock, and they moved to Friona in 1968. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Patricia Hill.

Survivors include one son, Kerry Lee Huckabee and wife Emily of Tucson, Arizona; two daughters, Debra Faye Huckabee of Meza, Arizona, and Susan Rae Henderson and husband Wayne of Ackerly, Texas; three sisters, Dorothy Glazner and Lena Cook of Shamrock, Texas, and June Dressler of Blue Ridge, Texas; one brother, Melvin Hill of Shamrock; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



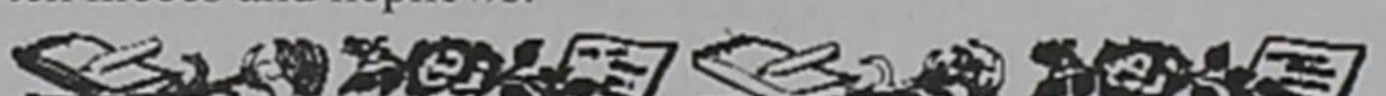
Roberto Tienda, Sr.

Roberto Tienda, Sr., 76, of Bovina, died Saturday, June 4, 2011 in Amarillo. Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Mass of Christian Burial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, with Father John Valdez, of Hereford, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Tienda was born July 11, 1934, in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, to Serfin and Gregoria Hernandez Tienda. He married Rosa Romo on May 15, 1956 in Mexico. He was a farm laborer and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a half-brother, Rodolfo Bazaldua.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa of Bovina; one son, Roberto Tienda Jr. of Bovina; one daughter, Celia Tienda of Bovina; one sister, Maria Tienda of Monterrey, Mexico; one grandchild; and ten nieces and nephews.



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 Thank you Dr. Morales, Dr. Jubay and Dr. Dixon for all your care.
 Thank you, Bluebonnet Home Health and staff for being there for us and teaching us how to attend to her needs.
 Thank you to all the nurses and staff at the hospital for your tender care.
 Thank you Prairie Acres Nursing Home and staff for all your care for her five weeks stay.
 Thank you Blackwell Funeral Home for help with all the arrangements.
 Thank you Bro. Rick for the beautiful service and the Calvary Baptist Church family for the meal, being there for us, and all your love and kindness.
 Thank you everyone who brought food and flowers, and all the kind words.
 We love you all.
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 Ella Mae Wilkerson

Thank You
 Words cannot express the generosity shown by the people of Friona during this time of many funerals held in our church.
 We appreciate the wonderful food, help, and other acts of kindness you have shown.
 This is just another example of what a wonderful community we live in.
 Our many thanks,
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Dear Friends and Family
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 Clydie Black and Kitty Gallman



Retiring Friona ISD staff members honored during a retirement reception last Thursday were, l-r, Trini Arias, Sandy Houston, Nilda Pinales, and Amelia Soltero.

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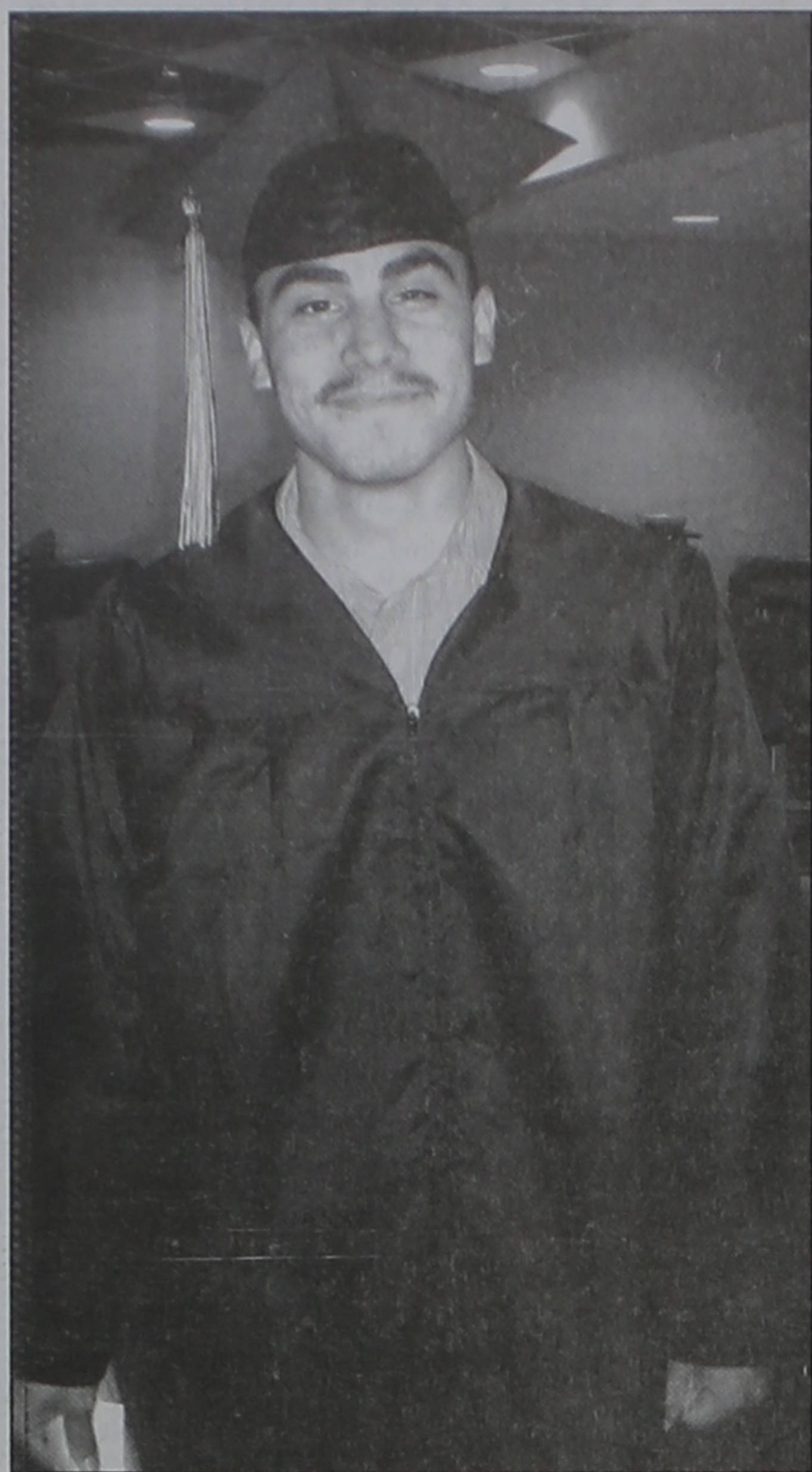
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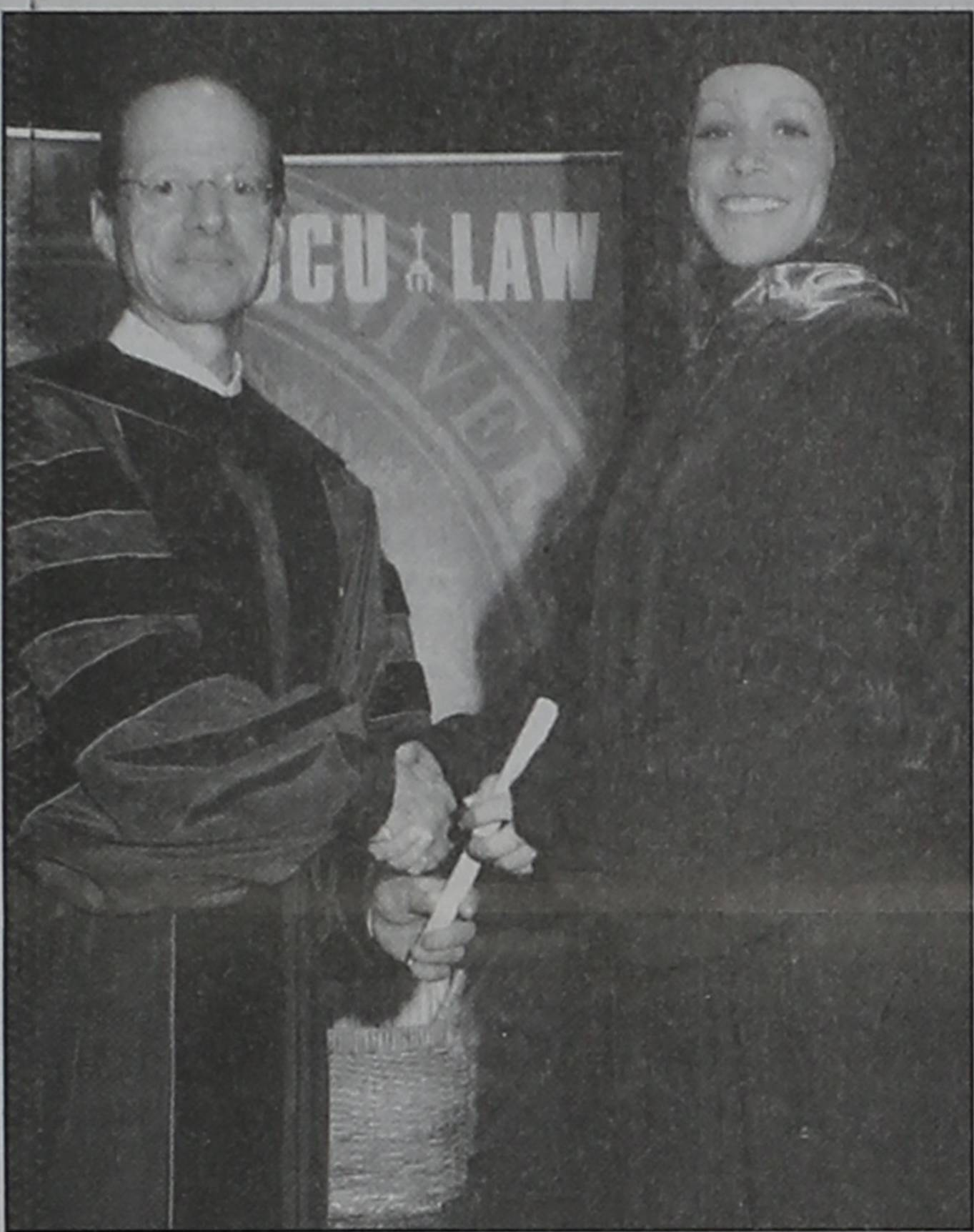
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Michael Verlod graduated on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from Amarillo Vista College as a Medical Technician. His proud parents are Scott and Dalia Verlod of Friona.



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Betsy Shae Clark earned her Juris Doctor Degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law at the Hooding and Commencement Ceremony May 15, 2011. Betsy is a 2003 graduate of Friona High School and a 2005 graduate of Amarillo College with an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies. She graduated in 2008 from West Texas A&M with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences. While at Oklahoma City University she was on the Dean's List and a member of the Texas Legal Society. She is currently studying for the Texas Bar Exam which she will take in July. After taking her bar exam she will be employed with the Easterwood, Boyd, and Simmons Law Firm in Hereford. Betsy is the daughter of Henry and Paula Clark.

Water District releases revised rules

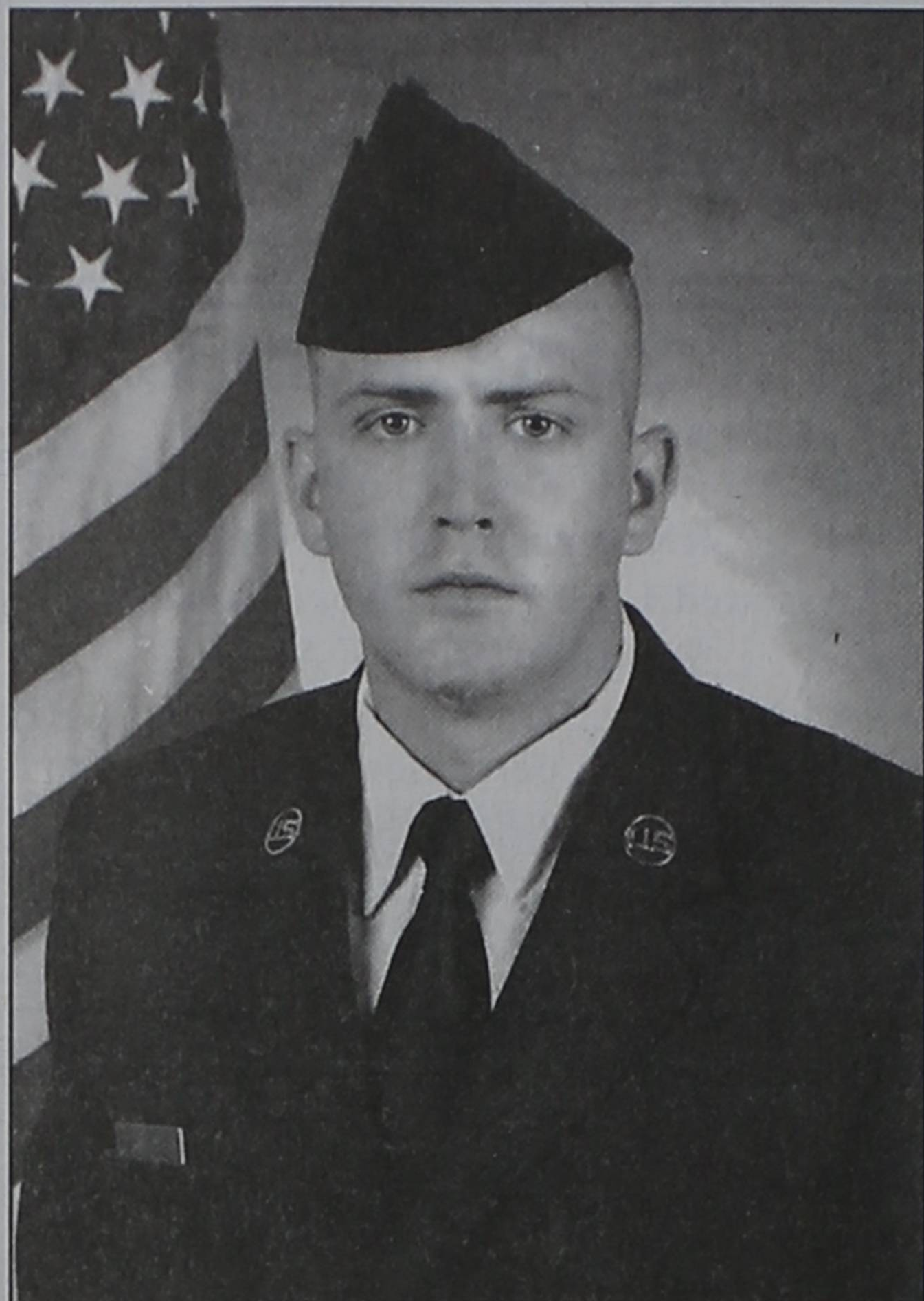
A revised set of proposed draft amendments to the Rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 are now available for public review and comment prior to two public hearings set for June 27 in Dimmitt and Levelland. The first public hearing is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle, in Dimmitt. A second hearing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Levelland Middle School Auditorium, 1402 E. Ellis Street, in Levelland. The High Plains Water District ("District") is amending its rules to implement the "50/50" management goal in response to state statute requiring the setting of desired future conditions for the Ogallala Aquifer within the District's 16-county service area. The "50/50" Management Goal refers to a goal, adopted by the District Board of Directors, to have at least 50 percent of the groundwater in storage in the aquifer in 2010 available for use in 50 years (2060). In March, the District's Board of Directors held five public meetings to receive comments on the initially-proposed draft rule amendments. A grand total of 1,300-1,500 persons attended the meetings. "Several areas of concern about the initial proposed draft rule amendments were identified through oral and written comments. The District's Board of Directors was receptive to all comments and they believe the revised proposed rule amendments address those concerns. District residents are asked to look over this second set of proposed rule amendments and offer any comments they may have—either in person at the public hearings, by mail during the comment period, or both," said General Manager Jim Conkwright. The revised proposed draft rule amendments may be downloaded from the District web site at www.hpwd.com or a hard copy is available by contacting the District office at (806) 762-0181. Written comments regarding the revised proposed draft

Brantley completes basic at Lackland Air Force Base

Air Force Airman 1st Class T.J. Brantley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an Associate in Applied Science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

T. J. is a 2007 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He is the son of Curby and Kay Lynn Brantley of Bovina.



T. J. Brantley

Winter water level measurements show decline

Groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer showed an average decline of -0.05 of a foot in 2010, according to data collected during annual Winter Water Level Measurements made by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

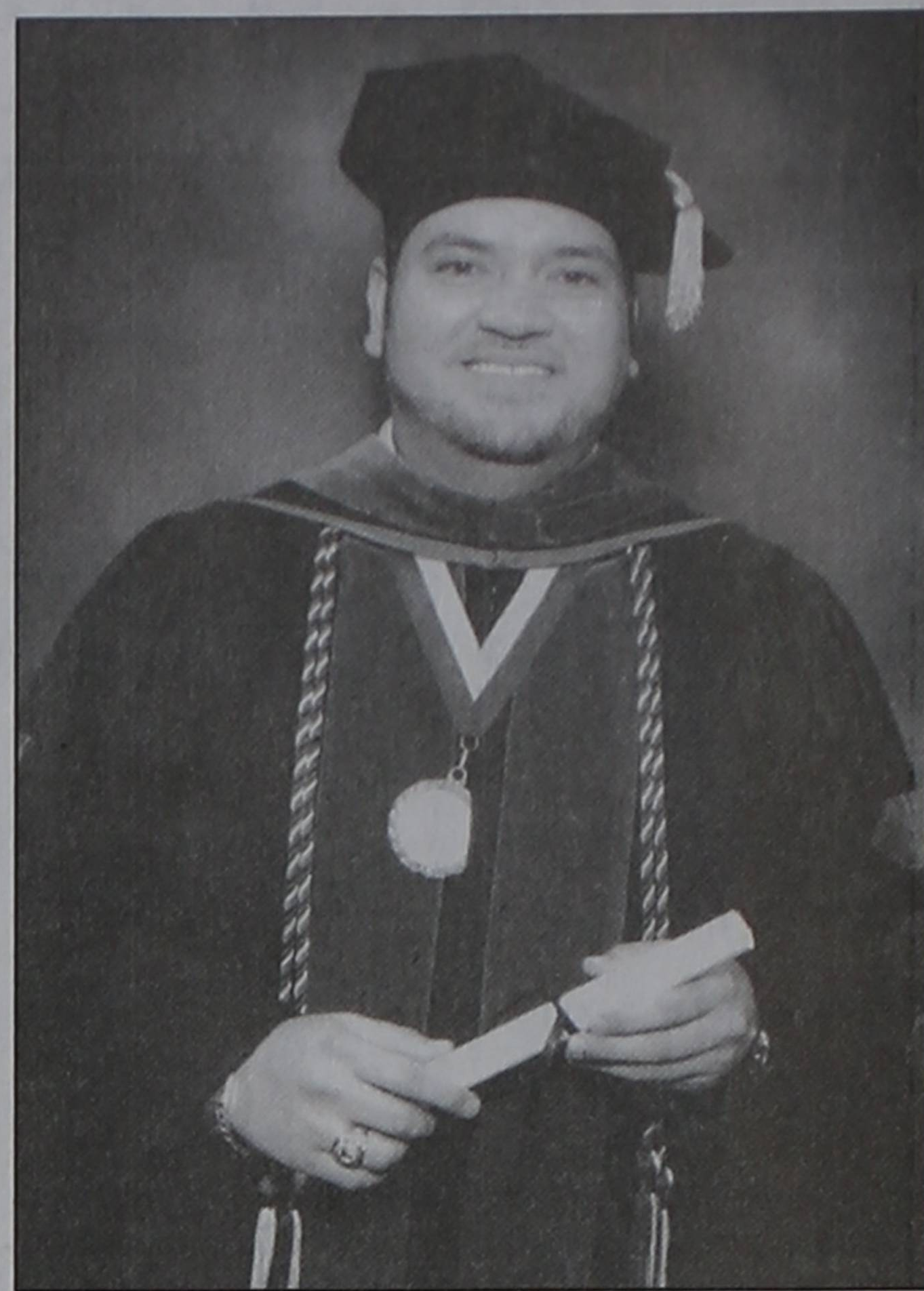
In comparison, depth-to-water level measurements indicated an average decline of -1.50 feet in 2009.

The five-year average annual change in groundwater levels within the district's 7.5 million acre service area was -0.77 of a foot for 2006-2011, as compared to -0.90 of a foot from 2005 to 2010.

Winter Water Level Measurements showed groundwater level increases in five of the 16 counties within the district. They are: Lynn County with an increase of 4.76 feet; Swisher County with an increase of 2.40 feet; the portion of Armstrong County within the district with an increase of 0.75 of a foot; Lubbock County with an increase of 0.66 of a foot; and the portion of Floyd County within the district with an increase of 0.35 of a foot.

The remaining 11 counties had average declines in groundwater levels, ranging from -1.59 feet in Parmer County to -0.04 of a foot in the portion of Hockley County within the district.

"The reduction in water level declines from the previous year is directly related to timely rainfall received in 2010 within the district," said General Manager Jim Conkwright of Lubbock. For example, total 2010 precipitation recorded at the Amarillo



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Gary Don and Mercedes Williams are proud to announce their son, Dale Williams, received a Doctorate in Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center during commencement exercises May 21, 2011. Dale graduated from Friona High School in 2000 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Texas Tech in 2004. He is now working for H-E-B in Central Texas. He is the grandson of Florence Williams Wood and the late Wallace S. Williams and the late Maria Teresa Mendoza and the late Mercedes Mendoza.

and Lubbock National Weather Service forecast offices was 26.54 inches and 26.46 inches, respectively.

This compares to 21.13 inches for Amarillo and 12.87 inches for Lubbock in 2009. The average annual precipitation for Amarillo is about 20 inches per year while average precipitation for Lubbock is 18 inches per year.

Technical Group personnel Lee Cranmer, Mark Hamilton, Greg Holder, Gray Sanders, and Keith Whitworth made depth-to-water level measurements in approximately 1,280 privately-owned wells from December 2010 to March 2011. This measurement period is used in order to allow water levels in wells in the Ogallala Aquifer to stabilize following pumpage during the previous irrigation season.

Approximately 10 percent of the wells were re-measured in March 2011 to ensure stabilization of aquifer water levels had occurred at their time of measurement. In addition, district personnel also used a network of continuous water level recorders to verify this fact.

Water wells in the High Plains Water District's observation well network are located at an average density of one well per nine square miles. The wells in the network are also part of the State Observation Well network administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin.

Results of the district's Winter Water Level Measurements were published in the May issue of The Cross Section, the water district's free monthly newsletter. This annual water level issue contains county highway maps that present the approximate location of each well in the district's observation well network.

Each map is accompanied by available 2001, 2006, 2010, and 2011 depth-to-water level measurements for wells located in that county. Also tabulated are available total changes in water levels for each observation well for the periods 2001 to 2011, 2006 to 2011, and 2010 to 2011.

"The High Plains Water District's Board of Directors and Staff thank the many producers who continue to support the water level observation network by allowing access to their privately-owned well for depth-to-water level measurements each year. This provides essential data needed for groundwater management decisions within the district," Conkwright said.

Caprock Canyons June events

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of June. Join in the Canyon Walks and Talks that will be held June, 18, and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. where anything from geology, history, flora, and fauna of Caprock Canyons State Park will be discussed.

Also, bring your children to the Discovery Center where they can learn even more about the park from animals to plants to people and everything in between. The Children's Discovery Center is open every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The evening slide show program this month at the Interpretive Amphitheater will be "Paleos of the Panhandle" where we will try our luck using an ancient technology and learn about the first people to inhabit the Canyonlands, the Paleo Indians. This program will begin at 9:00 p.m. so don't miss it.

Special programs this month are the summer "Bat Tours" which will be held Saturday, June 18 and Saturday, June 25. Clarity Tunnel, an abandoned railway tunnel on the Caprock Canyons Trailway, is home to up to half-a-million Mexican Free-tailed bats each summer. During these guided vehicle tours along the Trailway, visitors will view the bat emergence flight and enjoy spectacular views of the rugged and beautiful breaks of the Llano Estacado. Tours begin 1.5 hours before sunset each evening and they take about 4 hours to complete. Please call (806)455-1492 for reservations and more information. There is limited availability for each tour so be sure to reserve your spot.

Last but not least, "Geocaching 101, Treasure Hunting Made Fun" will be held on Saturday June 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Theo Pavilion. Ever heard about geocaching and wanted to try it, but just didn't really know what it was? Well, not to worry because during this program, all the basics of geocaching are taught and visitors are offered the opportunity to hunt for the numerous geocaches that can be discovered in Caprock Canyons State Park.

Park admission: adults, \$3; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

Cotton outlook dreary

From Monti Vandiver, County Extension Agent, Pest Management Newsletter.

Spring 2011 is a spring to forget. I cannot remember a tougher spring to get a crop established.

Non-irrigated cropland has no planting or deep moisture and will require large amounts of rainfall to make up the deficit. Crop establishment in irrigated production systems has been a struggle to put it mildly.

High winds and extremely dry conditions have made it difficult to maintain adequate moisture in the seedbed. Cool nighttime temperatures earlier in May and application of additional irrigation have further compounded the issue by reducing soil moisture.

So far 2011 has been the perfect storm as far as cotton goes. At this point in time we are on borrowed time so far as cotton planting goes. Every day that goes by dramatically increases risk associated with crop maturity. In addition sand damage associated with high winds have and continue to take their toll on the area cotton crop.

Replant decisions face producers

By BENJI HENDERSON
Parmer County Extension Agent

As we start into the month of June without moisture, many Parmer County producers must look at replant decisions in case of some much needed rain becomes a thought.

Hail out damage on West Texas cotton is often heavy this time of year. Any marginal cotton stands or marginal cotton seedling health may be evaluated for possible termination. In typical years through early June cotton might be replanted as soon as possible.

Other producers will consider replanting to catch crops if alternative crop options, herbicide rotation restrictions, etc. are favorable. As we may encounter further significant hail and wind damage on cotton in the coming weeks, growers with damaged cotton stands will await crop insurance adjuster decisions.

Although your crop insurance may have considerable influence on your decision regarding damaged cotton, here are suggestions to keep in mind. Among crop options after cotton, soybeans, sunflower, and guar are typically grown with yellow herbicides and thus do not experience potential injury risks like grain sorghum.

Herbicide carryover injury from cotton fields may be a particular concern for Caparol, Cotoran, Karmex, Diuron, and Staple in soil residues. If Dual and Dual Magnum herbicide has been applied, Concep safened sorghum seed can be planted directly into the treated soil with little risk of sorghum injury.

Planting of other crops again can be very important in the case that we do receive some beneficial moisture here during the month of June and later into the summer.

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Local ESL celebrates successful year

In 2010-2011, Friends of the Friona Public Library, City of Friona and the Region 16 Service Center in Amarillo, collaborated as partners to provide an "English as a Second Language" class free of charge to local residents who qualified for that service and to establish a Family Literacy Center for our community.

The project began with a successful application to the Texas Book Festival Organization for a literacy grant developed by local resident, Kip Kimbrough, M.A.R.E. Master of Arts in Religious Education, to sponsor an ESL class. Friona Public Library received \$5,000 in funding in April 2010.

Goals set by the Friends at the beginning included: 1) obtain commitment and investment by the students 2) provide practical teaching for everyday life situations and 3) achieve dedicated attendance to the class. And as part of the Friends Centennial Endowment, the Friends voted to purchase and install new flooring in the Redeemer Center, the former Redeemer Lutheran Church, at 1304 Virginia. The Church [1964-1999] donated the building to the City of Friona in 1999. Friends also set aside \$1,500 for the ESL class.

As a result of reading the Friends Spring Newsletter, in July 2010, two local retired teachers who had also been thinking of starting an ESL class agreed to join our effort. Linda White and Sharon White, both certified ESL instructors, then approached Region 16 for assistance. Following a needs assessment survey provided by Region 16, which volunteers distributed door to door, by mail and by personal contacts to businesses for prospective students, we received over 100 possible candidates!

By August, the Friends had installed new flooring throughout the building. Community Service Work saved \$1,500 by removing the old flooring. City of Friona provides utilities, grounds keeping, housekeeping, insurance and major maintenance and repair. Region 16 pays the instructors, provides for classroom materials and teaching aids.

Prospective students took placement tests September 30, and 42 students qualified for the class with 35 placed on a waiting list. Classes began October 5, 2010 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Friends sponsored an Open House on November 7, 2010.

In December 2010, Region 16 furnished 10 computers for the center while the Friends and the City of Friona shared the cost of installing extra electrical outlets in Redeemer Literacy Center to accommodate them. Mr. Kimbrough also started a

conversational class in December on Mondays and Fridays 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for any students interested.

In April 2011 WT Services of Friona and WTRT of Hereford agreed to provide Internet service to the center for the class. Also in April, Region 16 announced that they would be providing a potable Smart Board for the center which arrived on June 3.

Friends of the Friona Public Library wish to express our

sincere gratitude to all of our partners in the establishment of the Redeemer Center Family Literacy Project and to anyone who helped with this project: City of Friona, Region 16 Service Center Amarillo, Texas Book Festival, Campbell Electric, John Fred and Linda White, Thomas Reed and Gifts in Kind, Alan Haile and State Farm Insurance, Bi-Wize Pharmacy and Furniture, Community Service Program, WT Services of Friona, and WTRT of Hereford.



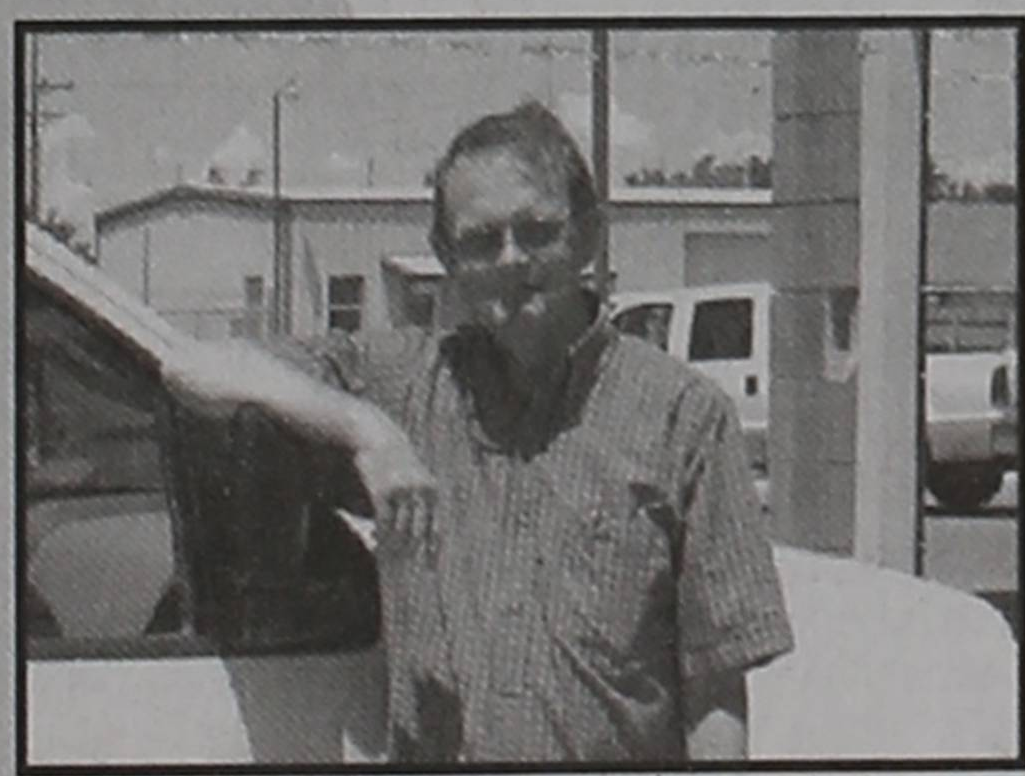
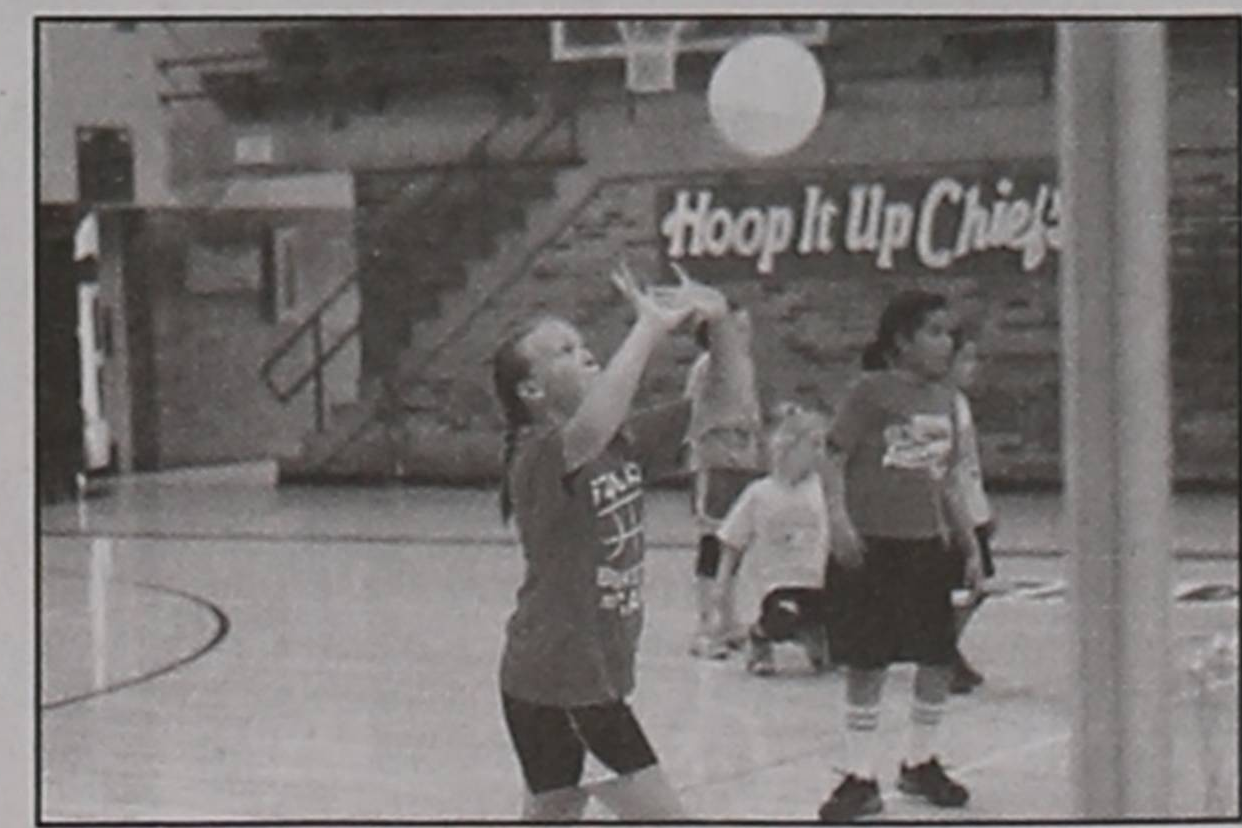
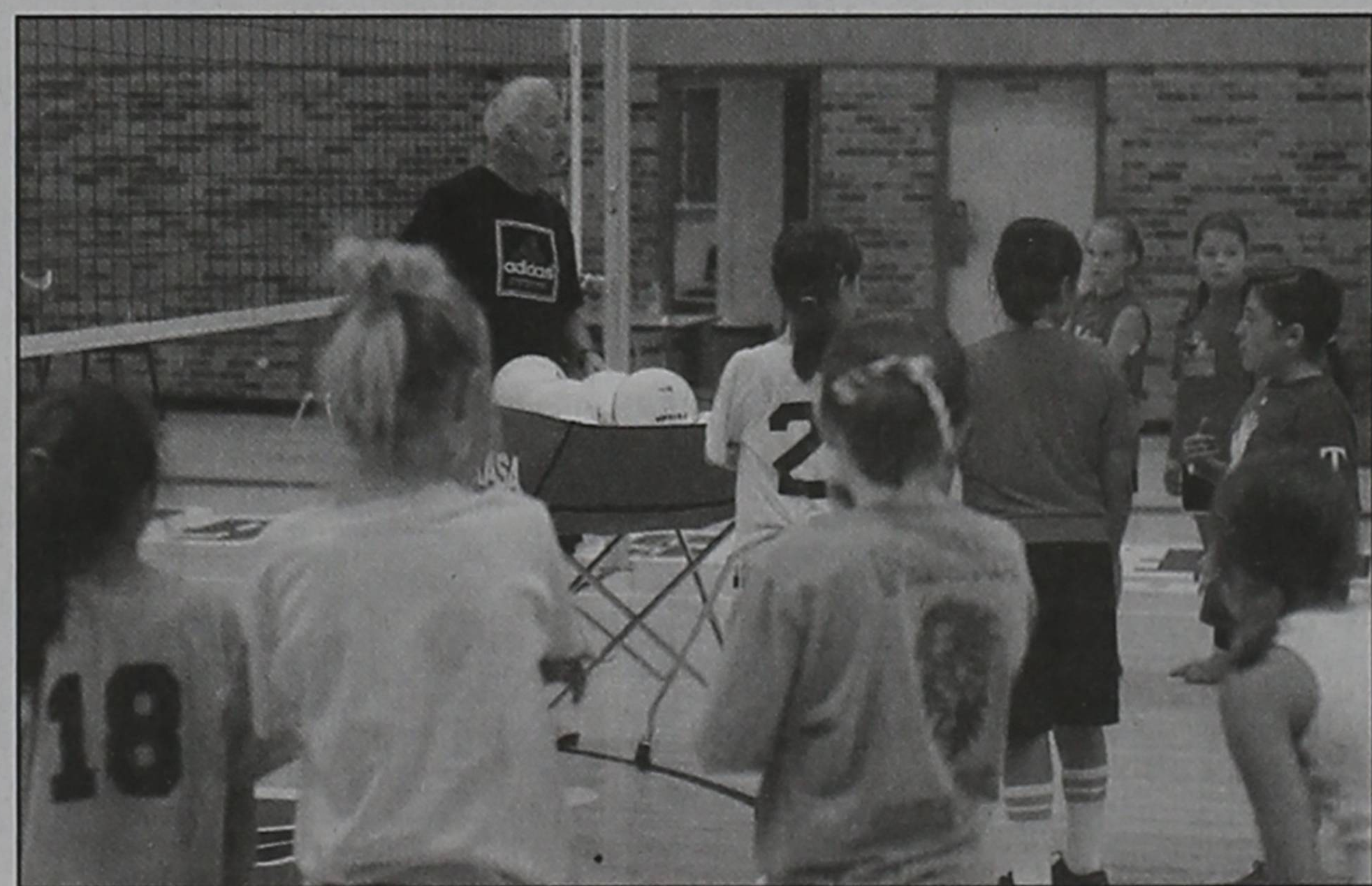
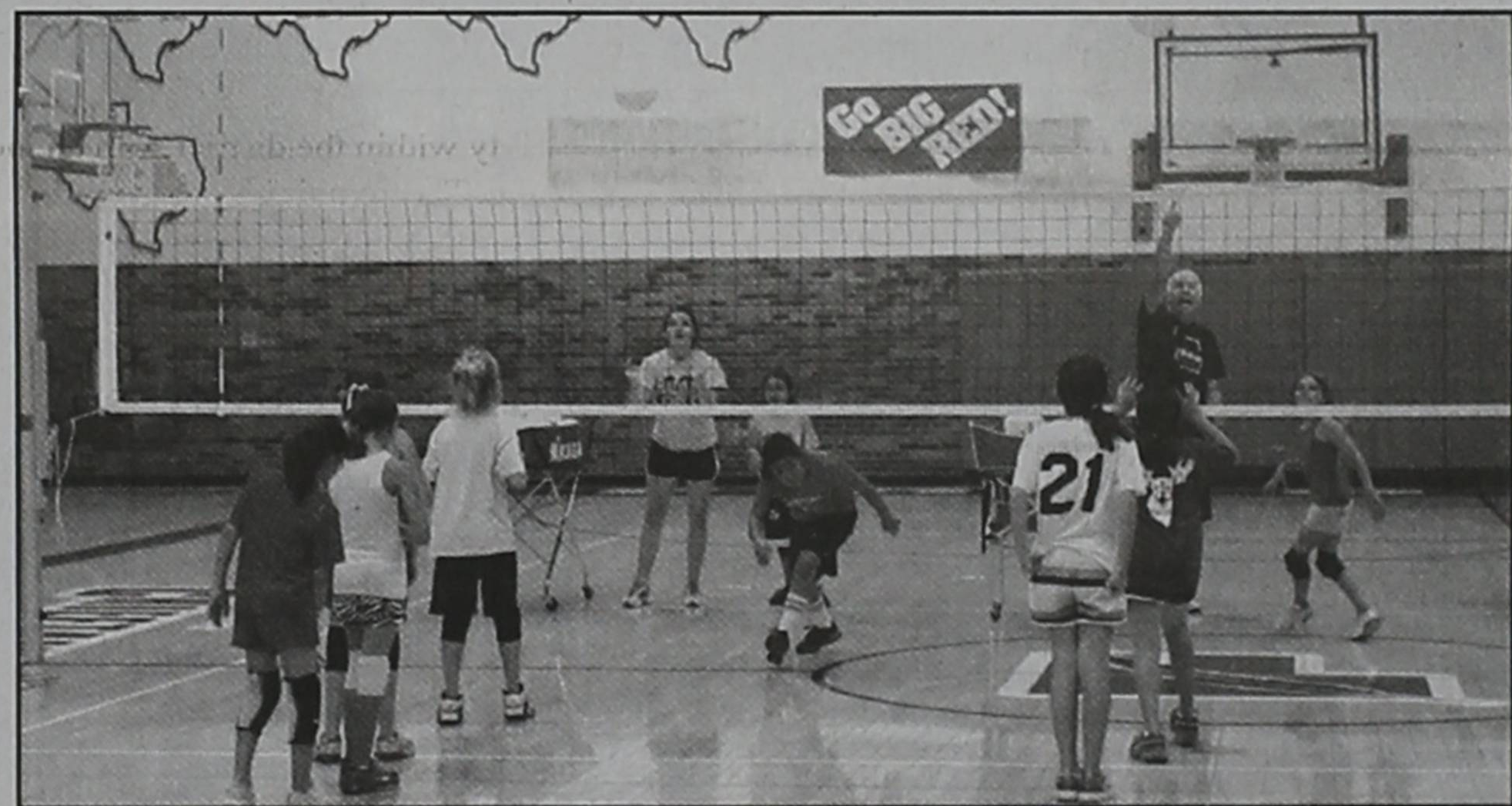
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Local ESL students who were on hand for the final class sponsored by Friends of the Friona Public Library and Region 16 were treated to a pot luck supper and game session are shown here with their instructors: Linda White, standing far left, and Sharon White, kneeling far right, front at the Redeemer Family Literacy Center. Classes will begin again in the fall of 2011.

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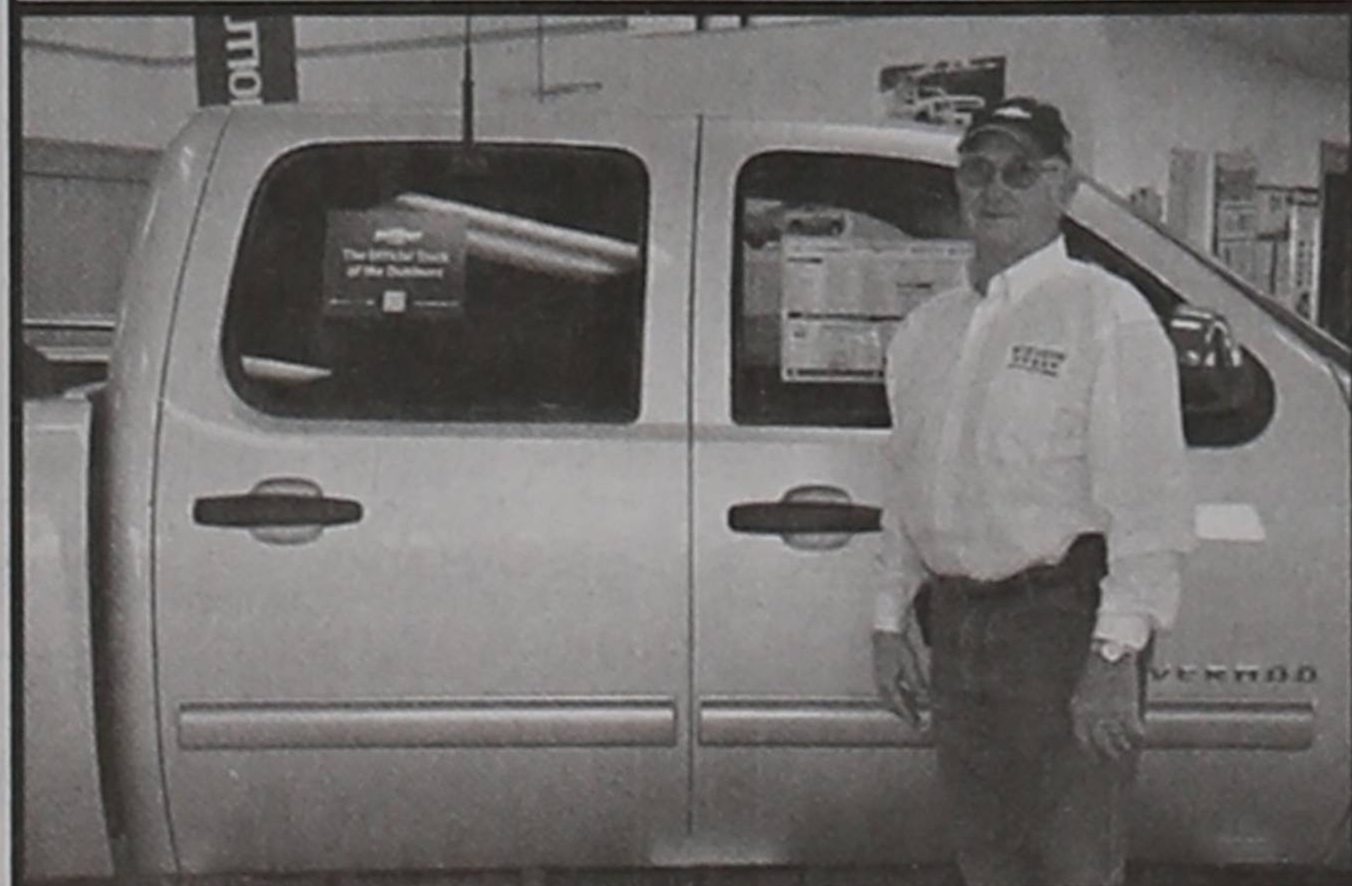
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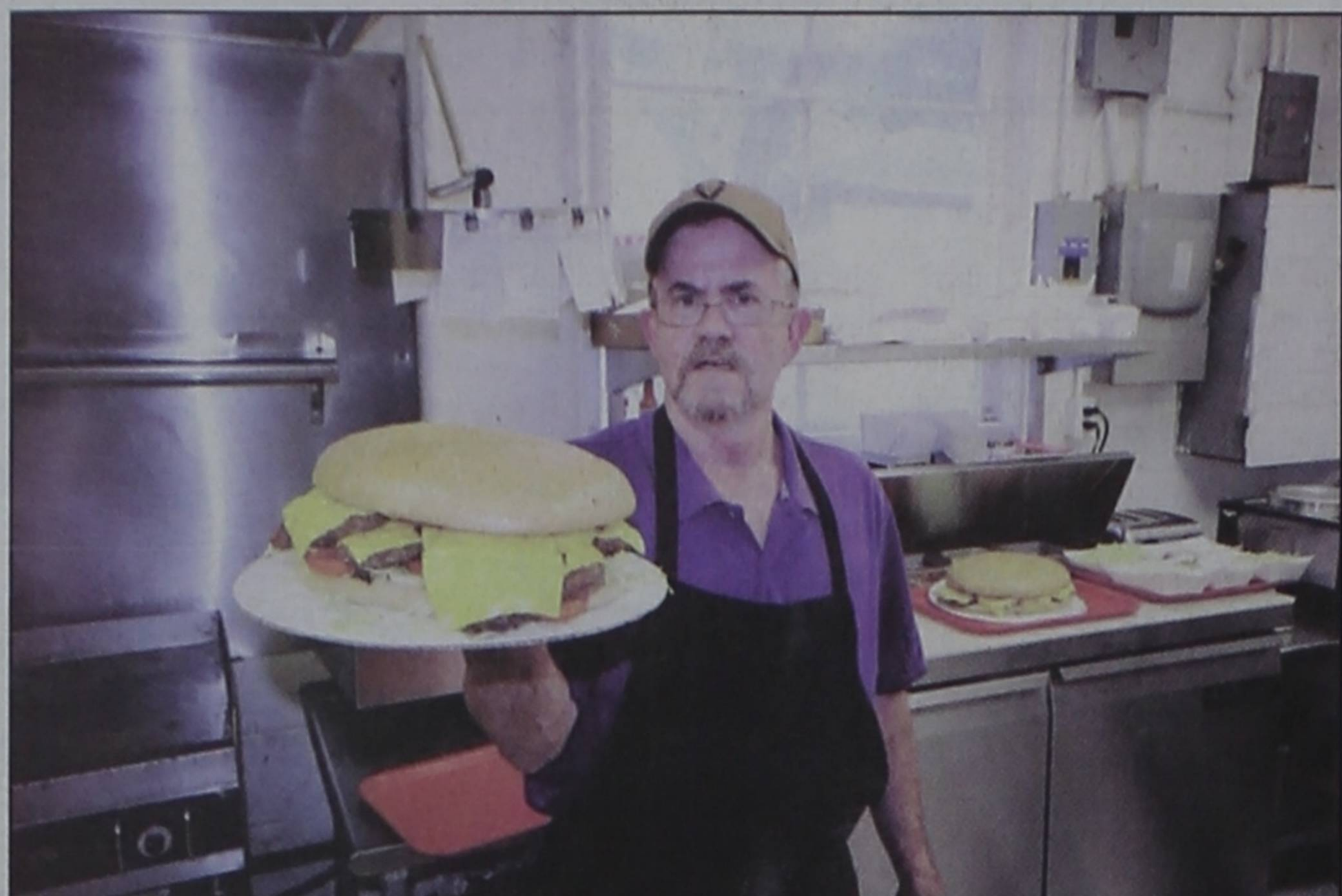
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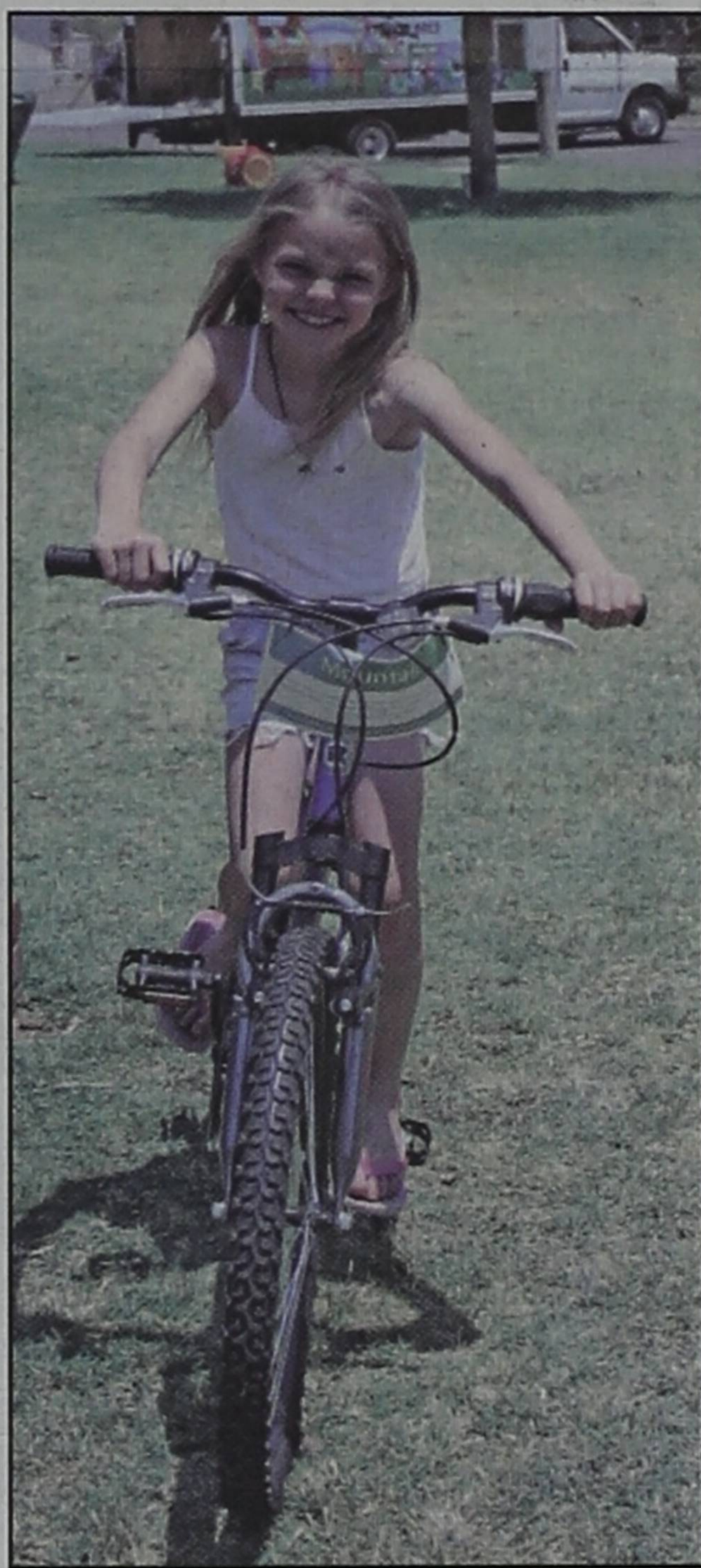
Kidz Health & Safety Fair held

Parmer Medical Center held its fourth annual "Kidz Health & Safety Fair" on Saturday at the Friona City Park. Approximately 189 children from Friona, Farwell, Texico, Bovina, Muleshoe and Hereford were in attendance. In addition, there were even some visitors from Tucson, Arizona!

Blue Bonnet Home Health, the Friona Fire Department and Dr. J.R. Ivins Dental Office were present in addition to all the hospital

booths. The Coffee Memorial Blood Mobile was also available for adults who wished to donate blood.

The children in attendance were given summer tips, safety education and various hand-outs. They also received back-packs, sunglasses, and first aid kits. A hamburger or hotdog sack lunch was provided. Two bicycles were given away with the winners being Noah Santiago and Becky Schlenker, both of Friona.



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Kidz Health Fair bicycle winners were Noah Santiago and Becky Schlenker.



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