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Squaw/Chief basketball: who, what, where, when?

BY RON CARR

Thanks to the state-wide TAKS test day Tuesday, the high school basketball playoffs are in minor disarray this week.

Tuesday would normally have been the opening round of the boys playoffs and the continuing regional quarterfinal games for the girls. However, all those games are now being played Wednesday night, which was last night, and after this week's Friona Star went to press.

The result is there are no current playoff game results in this newspaper and by the time we print another one the Squaws could be headed to the state tournament while the Chiefs could be on the way to the regional tournament. Not to fear. We will catch up on all the action and photos in next week's Friona Star.

In the meantime, here are the potential scenarios. Eight Region I girls teams were in contention for Wednesday night's games. They were Panhandle, Friona, Mason, Ballinger, Shallowater, Spearman, Wall, and Merkel. Four of those teams will head for the regional tournament in Midland Friday and Saturday, February 23-24.

If the Squaws defeated Panhandle Wednesday night they will travel to Midland to play either Mason or Ballinger Friday evening in the first game of the regional tournament. The Friday winners meet Saturday, probably around 1 p.m. to determine the Region I representative to the state tournament in Austin March 2-3.

For the Chieftains it has been a two-week wait and several

practice games to get to their first playoff game. As district champions they have a bye

Wednesday. They will meet the winner of Wednesday's Abernathy vs. Idalou

bi-district game. The Chieftain's area round game could be in Canyon either

Friday or Saturday. Because Tuesday games were moved to Wednesday some coaches want

to push their Friday games to Saturday. In Friona's case there is a special circumstance.

If the Squaws are playing in Midland, the Chiefs vs. Abernathy/Idalou game could possibly be moved south to a venue like Levelland to give fans a closer opportunity to follow the Squaws to Midland then have time to see the Chiefs game also.

The FHS-TV crew of Mike Hutson and Clint Mears would need to figure out how to film both the Chiefs and Squaws games for TV replay. It was undetermined at press time whether games would be shown Saturday on WT Services Channel 76. It depends on several outcomes. Mears and Hutson said the best thing to do is tune in at 10 a.m. Saturday to see if games are being broadcast.

No doubt it will all work itself out. Game times and locations are published in both the Amarillo and Lubbock daily newspapers. The website www.terryssportspage.com also maintains an up-to-date playoff bracket. Or you can call a friend or ask a neighbor.

It is a big week for Friona basketball and we hope you can be a part of it. Good luck and congratulations Chiefs and Squaws.



ron carr photo

Another gold basketball for the trophy case. The Friona Squaws defeated Littlefield in the area playoff round Friday night at Levelland. Shown with the area champ trophy are, front, l-r, Hollis Gurley, Ashley Ingram, Erica Davila, Lucretia Field, and Tiffany Vazquez; back row, l-r, Erin Anthony, Michelle Martin, Staci Murphree, Miranda Frye, Krista Graham, Shayli Reed, and Briar Barnett. The girls meet Panhandle in Canyon Wednesday February 21 in regional quarterfinal action. A victory means a trip to the regional finals in Midland Friday and Saturday. Congratulations and good luck Squaws. More photos on our frionaonline.com website.

Filing deadline for school, city elections is March 12

Candidates for election to the Friona school board and city council have until March 12 to file applications.

In the school board election there will be two openings. Terms of school board members Ricky Barnett and Alan Monroe are expiring. Candidates can get applications and sign up at the Superintendent's office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Three openings are up for election to the Friona city council. Terms of Jim Atwell, Charlie Pope, and Mark Osborn are expiring. Candidates can pick up applications at the city hall during business hours.

The official election day is Saturday May 12. The school board and city council polling place will be combined in one location, 619 Main St., in the city council chambers.

State spending goes public

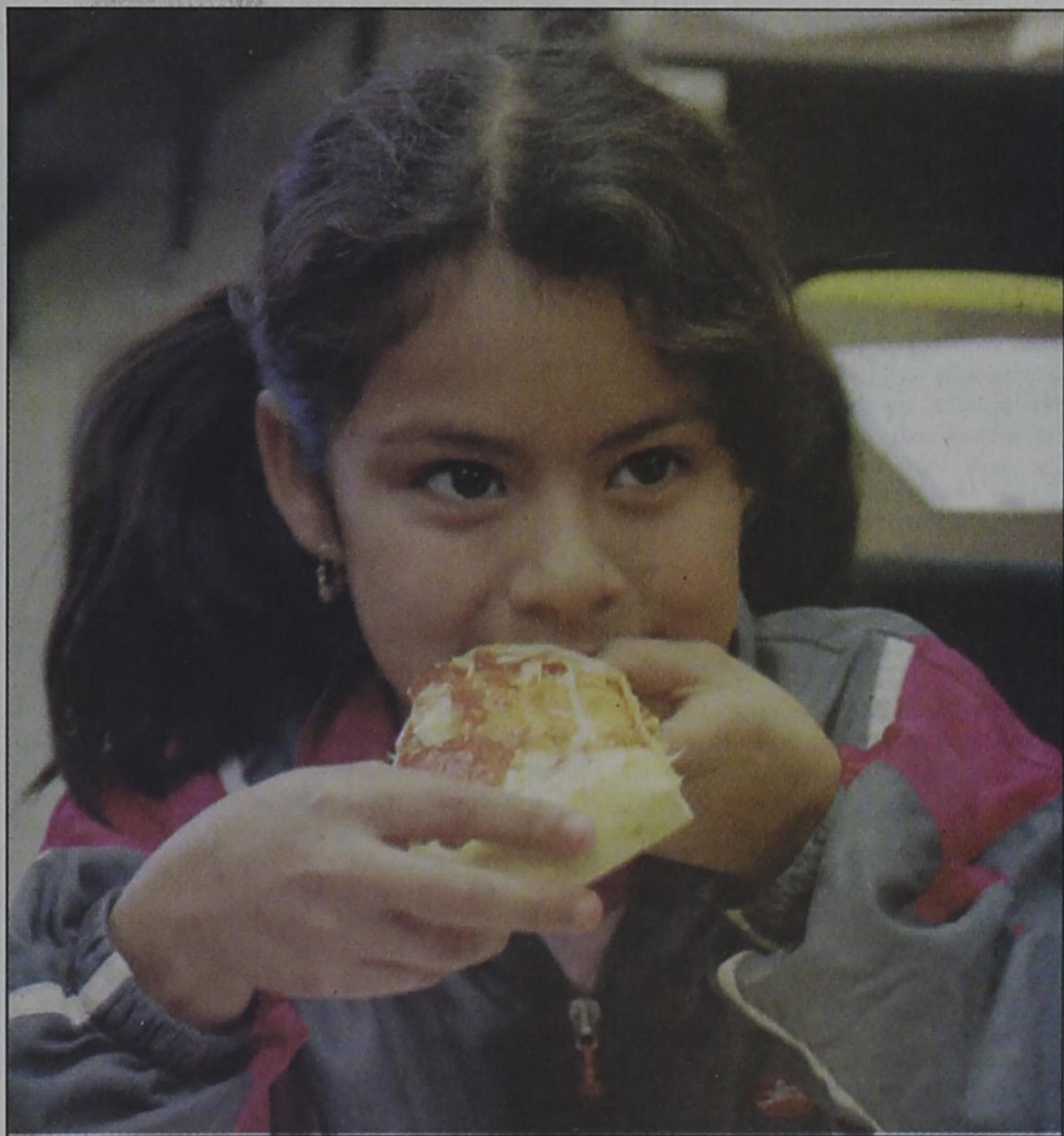
Comptroller Susan Combs has posted detailed expenditure lists for eight state agencies on the Web site, enabling Texans to easily see how their tax dollars are being spent. Making state expenditures public is part of the Comptroller's initiative to make state government more transparent.

"As the window on state government, the Comptroller's office can't have the blinds pulled down," Combs said. "During my first week as Comptroller, I began posting my agency's expenditures online, right down to pencils, and I asked other state agencies to join us."

In addition to the Comptroller's office, expenditures by the following agencies are posted at www.window.state.tx.us: Texas Education Agency, Texas Workforce Commission, Health and Human Services Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Department of State Health Services.

Not all state agencies currently have an automated system necessary to report their expenditures to the Comptroller for posting on the Comptroller's Web site. The Comptroller is developing a plan to put more agencies' expenditures online.

"This is a first for Texas," Combs said. "We're setting a new standard of transparency and accountability in state spending. It's the taxpayers' money, and taxpayers deserve to know whether their money is being spent in a responsible manner."



ron carr photo

Friona elementary 3rd grader Yajaira Rodriguez enjoys some serious pizza in Mrs. Lane's 3rd grade classroom Thursday. She and her classmates won a food collecting contest and were treated to a pizza and ice cream party by the Parmer County Farm Bureau. More photos and story on page 11.

Friends of the Library basket auction planned

It is time again for the Friends of the Library fundraiser. Friends vice-president Renee Brown has been contacting donors for the library's annual basket auction fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

New this year will be a Parmer County Centennial Basket to be auctioned. If you would like to contribute to the Centennial basket contact the library at 250-3200. Those interested can also start designing their "book-themed" baskets.

A Friends spokesperson said, "We are looking forward to some more very creative baskets to be given away Sunday April 29." For more information or assistance with baskets contact the library.

St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Sun. March 4

St. Teresa's Ladies Society Annual Mexican Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Teresa's Parish Hall, in Friona.

The menu will include beef enchiladas, taco, beans, rice, coffee, tea and dessert.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under ten-years-old.

Takeouts will be available at no charge and the Country Store will have baked goods and craft items for sale.

Wind energy workshop for small-scale users in Hereford

While a great deal of local attention is focused on larger wind farms and ethanol plants, tremendous possibilities also exist at the residential and business level for solar, biomass, and bio-diesel, as well as wind energy.

In response to these issues a Community-Scale Renewable Energy Workshop will be held in Hereford March 13 at the Community Center. The workshop will provide information and re-

sources for renewable energy options.

The event is being organized by Ogallala Commons, a non-profit resource development network with additional sponsorship by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and Swisher Rural Electric Cooperative, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union-Cooperative Development Center and Xcel Energy.

"The event will be a clearing-house of information for any-

one interested in developing renewable energy at the residential, community, or farm and ranch level," noted Darryl Birkenfeld, Director of Ogallala Commons. "While not every town will have a large-scale wind farm, any community and its residents can take feasible steps to create renewable energy projects. There is now great potential for grid-tied systems. We will explore net-metering from the perspective of lo-

cal utilities but also from the experience of area residents who are actually doing it."

Doors will open at 8 a.m. with exhibit and information booths by local projects, community colleges, and companies. The morning program begins with an overview of wind energy basics by Byron Neal from the USDA-Bushland Station, and a view from the grid by Bob Bryant of Gold Spread Cooperatives and Sherry

Kunka of Xcel Energy.

A panel will give information and experience about community-scale wind, solar, methane, hydrogen, and bio-diesel projects. A second panel will explore the economics of small types of renewable energy and efficiency projects.

A highlight will be an afternoon bus tour of utility-connected wind generators at the Tony and Dottie Neal residence in Bovina and the Bill Paetzold

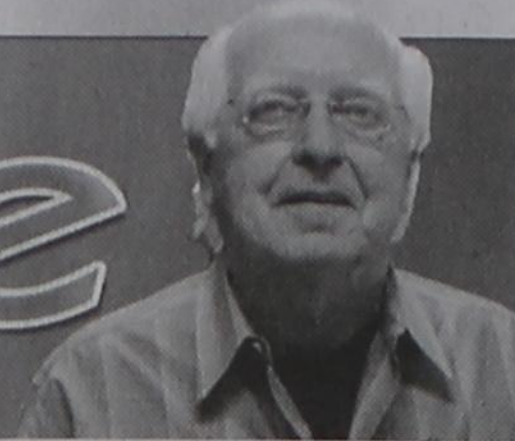
farm near Hereford, and a grid-tied system in Nazareth.

Registration for the workshop is \$35 per person or a \$25 early bird rate for those who register by March 2. Anyone interested can view a brochure and register online at www.ogallalacommons.org (click on the events button).

For more information contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-945-2255 or darrylb@amaonline.com.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



the parmer farmer

"Penalties are equal to the cost of correcting the weed problem as determined by the county committee times two, and the weeds still have to be controlled."

I wonder what some of the pioneers who came here in the early 1900s would have thought if somebody had told them they could be penalized and fined for having weeds in the field. Apparently, according to the February 2007 Parmer Farmer newsletter, if weeds become a problem in CRP penalties are assessed. I didn't know that.

The Parmer Farmer newsletter is published by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Curt Miller is the county executive director. The office is located in Farwell and is a division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

I like to read the Parmer Farmer, not because I understand it all but precisely the opposite. I don't understand 99% of it. Farming is a complicated occupation in today's equally complicated world.

The old-timer who hitched up his overalls and trudged out to the barn to hand-crank the popping-johnny before daylight would be shaking his head today as he looks down from above. I'm pretty sure my great-grandpa who farmed over near Wylie, Texas, didn't have the slightest notion what a DCP, DCP-CC, LDP, NAP, or EQIP was.

Here is another paragraph from the Parmer Farmer: Producers who intend to plant fruits or vegetables (FAV) on base acreage enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program should contact the county office staff to calculate their producer history if the following FAV double cropping or farm history exceptions do not apply.

Whew! The next paragraph went on to explain double-cropping regions and farm history as it applies. Here is just a piece of the explanation: "the DCP payment acres will be reduced by an acre for each acre of base acreage planted

to a FAV." Glad they cleared that up for me.

The payment eligibility and limitations explanation took the front and back of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper. There was a paragraph on important things to remember when selling CRP land, a lengthy treatise on conservation compliance, a chart of Parmer County's 2007 crop loan rates, and a gentle reminder that the FSA might spot check member information and payment eligibility.

I am definitely agriculturally challenged but it appears to me that farmers have to jump through more than a few hoops to qualify for the various government subsidy programs, if that is even the proper term for them.

The old-timers that stood in the barn door looking out across their fields probably didn't have the foggiest concern about anything except when to plow, what to plant, and what the weather was going to do tomorrow. About the closest thing they had to the Parmer Farmer was an old seed-

company catalog and the Sears-Roebuck book.

Regardless of rules, regulations, subsidies, and endless paperwork, when all is said and done the farmer still has to put the seed in the ground, hope it grows, harvest it, and get it to market. If none of that happened we would all be eating tree bark.

My hat is off to Curt Miller and the Farm Service Agency and the producers that suit up every day and play the farm game. It is a complicated occupation that is critical to our ultimate survival.

So if I poke a little fun at the Parmer Farmer it is for sure all in fun. I hope Curt and his staff will continue sending it to us.

I admire the men and women who understand it all and make it work. And especially those who keep on keeping on every year in spite of the good or the bad that nature brings. For all our sake just keep on keeping on.

One crop at a time.

commentary

Class of 2007 already.....!

This week we received a letter seeking donations for the Class of 2007's annual all-night drug free party. We'll be seeing "Class of 2007" used more and more during the next three months as graduation races ever closer.

As we say every year about this time, it seems like yesterday when we were looking forward to the first football game of the season. Spring break will be here in a couple of weeks and after that the school year really picks up speed.

This year the Class of 2007 will give diplomas to about 93 seniors. Graduation day is Friday May 25. The all-night drug free party is held each year at the FHS gym after graduation ceremonies. It is indeed an all-night bash as the volunteer parents will attest.

Donations are gathered, either cash or nice prizes. Games are played and prizes are given and a lot of pizza is consumed. The reason for the party is to give the graduates a safe and sane atmosphere to celebrate and keep them safe from some of the harm and temptation associated with graduation night.

The local community, both business and individual, has always been generous in support of the graduation night party. If you have received the letter seeking donations go ahead and respond, either by sending a check or gift card, or other appropriate prize.

If you haven't received a letter you can still participate. Send your donation to FJSD, 909 E. 11th, attn: Lanis Graham, or contact your nearest senior parent. On behalf of the Class of 2007, thank you!

Farming for our future

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds."

More than 200 years later, farmers and ranchers in Texas continue to be tied to their country and wedded to its liberty. The agriculture industry contributes \$73 billion to the Texas economy annually, and the work ethic and love of the land exhibited by Texas farm and ranch families embody many of our best values.

Texas is home to 230,000 farms covering almost 130 million acres, and we consistently rank as the nation's leader in agriculture production of cotton, corn, wheat and livestock. Texas deserves a sound national farm policy, and I remain committed to doing all I can in the United States Senate to protect the needs of Texas farmers and ranchers.

For the past five years our state has benefited from the farm bill of

2002. This legislation provided a carefully crafted balance of support for commodities, conservation and nutrition. It also provided a necessary and adequate safety net for farmers and ranchers who not only produce our domestic food supply but feed much of the world as well.

The farm bill I supported and Congress passed in 2002 was critical at the time because commodity prices were low, exports had declined for five consecutive years, and the average debt-to-asset ratio was nearly 15 percent. Since then, commodity prices have appreciated with exports increasing every year—reaching a record level of \$68.7 billion in 2006 and projected to climb even higher in 2007 to \$77 billion. In addition, the debt-to-asset ratio fell last year to 11 percent, the lowest ratio in recorded history, and renewable energy continues to boost rural economies. These achievements are the result of sound farm policy. However, the fundamentally sound policy has not fully protected our state's farmers and ranchers from natural disasters that have hurt our producers.

Drought and wildfires have negatively impacted many rural areas in Texas.

Since most farm bill programs are set to expire this year, I am working with my Senate colleagues on a proposal that extends the success of the current farm bill. The 2002 act worked for producers, and I believe we must continue to invest in farmers, ranchers and rural communities. One of my top priorities during the 110th Congress is ensuring the same predictable level of support for commodities, conservation and nutrition as provided by the successful 2002 farm bill, as well as addressing needs of rural areas.

The administration recently released a set of farm and rural support proposals for consideration. Texas would benefit significantly from \$1.6 billion in proposed loans to complete the rehabilitation of the 1,283 nationwide certified Rural Critical Access Hospitals, of which 76 are in Texas. These hospitals provide vital services to communities for whom larger hospitals are inaccessible. Modernizing these hospi-

als will provide better health care to Texans across the state. Also proposed is an additional \$500 million over 10 years in loans and grants to support the completion of rural infrastructure projects involving water supplies, waste disposal, distance learning and telemedicine.

I remain committed to developing and harvesting all available energy sources, including biofuels. While conventional ethanol is derived mainly from corn, there is vast potential in cellulosic ethanol, which can be made from switchgrass and sugarcane, both of which are economically feasible in Texas. The administration's proposal provides \$2.1 billion in loan guarantees to support cellulosic ethanol projects in rural areas and \$150 million for biomass research competitive grants, focusing on cellulosic ethanol.

Agriculture is the first industry of America—the industry that feeds us, clothes us, and increasingly satisfies our energy needs. When farmers and ranchers thrive, our future grows brighter.

Letters to the Editor

R. L. Bates was in the US Coast Guard in World War II, as were four of his brothers. One brother was in the US Army in WWII. His cousin, also named Robert Bates, from Black, Texas, was killed on the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

Yours,
Dwight L. Bates
(via email)



Dear Mr. Carr,
Equal Education Day was a great success. Thank you so much for being such a supportive force behind our Service Learning and FCCLA activities. Our combined efforts have made a lasting monument to the equality of education in Friona.

We hope students in the future will enjoy the inspiration of Ruby Bridges, early Friona educators and their contributions to the civil rights movement.

Thank you for printing all of our announcements and covering all of our activities. You and the Friona Star show your support for equal education every week. We listed you as one of our important partners on the shirts that the students will be wearing for months to come. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,
Friona FCCLA



Dear Ron,
Just a note to say thank you for the nice story and pictures on the marker dedication and Ruby Bridges' visit. It was unfortunate, due to her publisher's very strict guidelines, that more of our students and citizens did not get to hear her presentations. It was so nice to have members or representatives of the local families involved as very special guests. One correction: it was Cynthia Caffey Cotton, or C.A. as she is known to close family and friends, who was present along with her husband Eldon, son Miles, daughter Sarah, grandson Will, and son-in-law Scott Nelson. It was a very good day...

Members from the Senior Class of 2006 who worked with me on the marker dedication were Breann Barnett, Molly Carthel, and

Crystal Garcia. We had three very intensive days last April gathering information, interviewing people and preparing the application. Dan Utley of the Texas State Historical Commission was also very helpful and timely with review advice on the application so that it might be filed as quickly as possible. We owe a debt of gratitude to the State Senate for noting the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education on May 17, 2004, and including Friona's story in the official record and also to those newspapers who covered the event at the time in May 1955, including the *Amarillo Globe News*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and the *Los Angeles Mirror*.

Thank you for your excellent coverage of this historic event. I also really appreciated that picture of the marker so that everyone could read the text, whether or not they were able to attend. Note: Text of the marker is chosen by the State Historical Commission from the application.

Sincerely,
Darla Bracken
P.S. I hope Cynthia and others will write letters to the paper to share their feelings about this special day. Thanks again for your work.



Just a short note to let you know how much I appreciate reading your paper online. My daughter is Kim Thompson, who is married to Bobby Thompson, and they have two kids, Collin and Johnna, who are the apple of the eye to their Grandmother and me.

I was raised up and went to school in the oil rich town of Denver City, who had the money to do whatever they wanted to do, but I have grown to love your small town and how the people pull together to support the town and the school and one another. There is nothing like small town Texas. I enjoy your paper and look forward to reading it. Keep up the good work. "Go Chiefs and Squaws"

Sincerely,
Johnny Fulbright, Levelland, Texas
(via e-mail)

Mark Your Calendar

February 27

County spelling bee at 10 a.m. in the junior high auditorium.

March 2

World Day of Prayer at 12 noon at Calvary Baptist Church.

March 3

Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

March 4

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 6

Chamber of Commerce banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 at Chamber office, \$20 at door.

March 11

Daylight Savings Time begins.

March 20

West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op annual meeting at 6 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

March 24

Ladies spring luncheon. Time and place tba.

March 27

Deaf Smith Electric Co-op annual meeting at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

April 15

Senior Steak Lunch at the junior high cafeteria.

April 29

Friends of the library fundraiser at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

June 22

Relay for Life cancer walk.

July 21

2nd annual Friona Cheeseburger Festival.

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Classified ads are a minimum of \$5 or 25-cents per word for the first 20 words and 20-cents per additional word. Borders and special type are \$4 column inch with a \$5 minimum.

Card of Thanks are printed with border and are at the \$4 column inch rate with \$10 minimum.

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Friona Jr. High All A/AB honor roll

Friona Junior High School principal, Kevin Wiseman, has released the 4th six weeks honor roll.

All A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Maria Chacon, Emilio Degollado, Krystin Gonzales, Macy Herring, Magali Moralez, Kalley Preston, Linda Ramos, and Rowdee Rhodes.

Seventh grade: Gabriel Avalos, Karina Chihuahua, Ryan Dewit, Rachel Dickson, Tenna Montana, Jacob Pena, Amber Roberson, Matthew Teague, and Weston Wylly.

Eighth grade: Keeley Dunnam, Kirby Frye, Brittany Herbert, Juan Martinez, Miguel Reveles, Maria Silva, Kelsey White, and Julie Wiseman.

AB Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Adilene Adame, Christian Cruz, Maegan Davis, Eribaldo Delgado, Jake Dewit, Brenda Dominguez, Stephen Dominguez, Cotton Fleming, Cheyenne Harris, Darian Irons, Marissa Lozoya, Anna Ojeda, Sajal Patel, Adrian Prieto, Jessyca Rivas, Jose Rivera, Louis Rojas, Alexys Romero, Bianca Romero, Jesus Salinas, Fran-

cisco Sarabia, Samuel Silva, Daniel Soltero, Anthony Tapia, Angela Torres, Maria Torres, and Oscar Vazquez.

Seventh grade: Maegan Balli, Perla Bautista, Jason Berend, Harley Cox, Elysha Galaviz, Alan Gomez, Jessica Jamerson, Donovan Johnson, Abby Jones, Dillon Kelley, Edward Leon, Berenice Lopez, Abigail Martinez, Jonathan Molina, Donovan Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Katie Osborn, Teresa Parra, Luis Puga, Gabriela Reveles, Victor Reveles, Yurban Salinas, Graciela Sanchez, Miguel Soto, Alan Tafoya, Collin Thompson, Michael Villanueva, and Vanessa Vital.

Eighth grade: Raul Anchondo, Regan Anthony, Laci Austin, Marisol Benavides, Caitlin Bronniman, Maria Calvillo, Lisann Davila, Zack Fair, Thania Garcia, Alex Gonzales, J Gurley, Isabel Hernandez, Vannesa Herrera, John Hinton, Laura Lopez, Sergio Mendez, Ernesto Monreal, Mikey O'Brian, Ingrith Ojeda, Catalina Ortega, Juan Ortiz, Adrian Padilla, Adrian Quintana, Magali Salinas, Marissa Sanchez, Ester Sarabia, Skyla Stormes, Sheyla Torres, and Karina Trevino.



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



ron carr photo

Noon Lions Club president John Gurley, left, assists Jack Patterson with his program at the club meeting Thursday. Jack spoke about his experiences in World War II. Noon Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Headquarters Restaurant.

The Friona Noon Lions regular and one guest present. Boss Lion meeting Thursday had 12 members John Gurley reminded members that

Monday February 19 the club will put out flags in town. Also Saturday February 17 we will be cooking hamburgers for the Special Olympics basketball tournament.

The guest was World War II veteran Jack Patterson. He recounted his experiences at the Battle of the Bulge and his other combat experiences in Europe during the war. He received a Bronze Star medal for bravery along with other war medals. Jack said he was born in Hell's Hollow, Tennessee and was the 11th of 19 children.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday March 1 at the Headquarters Restaurant. New members are always needed and yes we do accept and encourage female membership. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to attend a meeting as our guest.

Happy Birthday

February 25, 2007-March 3, 2007

Feb. 25-Lyn Eldon Randolph, Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, Tommy Villalobos, David Stephens, Amelia Rose Sandoval, Elva Hernandez, Freddy Flores

Feb. 26-Amy Beth Rushing, Jerry London, Lesta Lee Neill, Trasa Randolph, Deuce Faires, Christopher Cappa, Kevin Taylor, Ulysses Cooper, Sholby Reeve

Feb. 27-Raye Jean London, Pat Randolph, Jesse Saiz

Feb. 28-Kathrina Smith, Cindy Alexander, Corbin Neill, Todd Drake, Baker Duggins, M'Lissa Hurst, Jim Rapp, Sam Mears, Priscilla Trevino, Catalina Garcia, Ruth Renner

Feb. 29-Lonnie Ellis, Doreen Duran Stone

Mar. 1-Clydie Black, Joe Osborn, Jean Terry, Lance Outland, Jesse Mendoza, Jr., Jeff Curtis

Mar. 2-John Burns, Baylee Duke, Beth Alexander, Billy Wayne Sisson, Rhonda Wilson Reber

Mar. 3-Melanie Bynum Burns, Christie Brinkman, Jay Reeve, Phillip Weatherly, Billy Seiver, Charles Mercer, Katie Osborn, Cassie Flores, Brenda Riddle, Peter Malouf

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Bob Hurst, 1982 Chamber of Commerce president presents 1981 chamber president Danny Kendrick with a past president's plaque at the Chamber's Diamond Jubilee banquet. (Friona Star Feb 14, 1982)

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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. New Mexico/Texas Peanut Production Workshop (Kakahuate Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

9 a.m. Expo and Exhibits open

10 a.m. Horse Demonstration, Orin Barnes, Barnes Training Stables (Show Arena)
Spanish program for Dairy Workers, "Proper Milking Techniques" (Tent)

11 a.m. Dr. Chris Allison, NMSU Extension Range Management Specialist
"Planning for the Next Drought" (Yucca Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chuck Wagon Lunch, Portales Rotary Club

1:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Games
Herbicide and Chemical Update, Denise McWilliams, NMSU Agronomist
1 CEU for Private Applicators (Yucca Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

2 p.m. Horse demonstration, Orin Barnes, Barnes Training Stables, (Show Arena)

2:30 p.m. Cooking Demo, Connie Moyers, Roosevelt Co. Extension Home Economist (Kakahuate Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

5 p.m. Expo closes for the day

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9 a.m. Expo and Exhibits open

10 a.m. Working Stock Dog Demonstration, Pat Howard and daughter (Show arena)
DFA Meeting for Dairy Owners and Managers, DFA will provide speaker and lunch (Tent)

Antique Tractor Games

11 a.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

noon DFA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. Air Quality Regulations Update, Dr. Robert Hagevoort, NMSU Extension Dairy Specialist (Cakahuate Room in the Jake Lopez Community Center)

Working Stock Dog Demonstration
Pat Howard and daughter (Show Arena)

2:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Parade (Midway)

3 p.m. Premium Grade and Registered Dairy Heifer Sale
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5 p.m. Expo closes

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New Arrival



Ava Lee Daigle

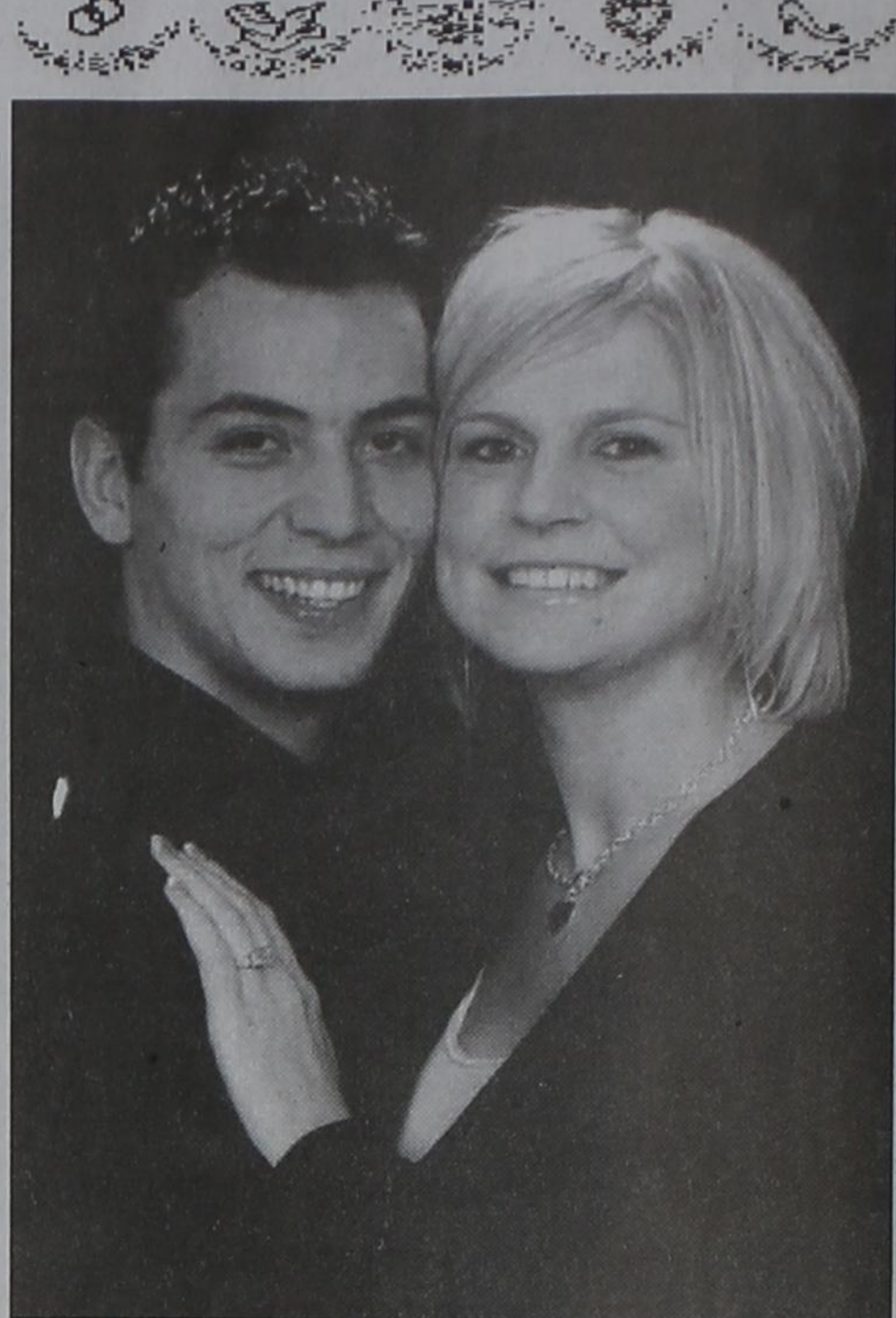
Chris and Angela Daigle, of Little Elm, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Lee Daigle. She was born on January 9, 2007, at 6:50 p.m., at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, Texas. She weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 17 inches long. Ava's grandparents are Wayne and Vickie Kube of Plano, and Larry and Rita Daigle of Little Elm. Her great-grandparents are Walter and Martha Schueler, and Francis Kube all of Farwell, Texas.



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Rachel Clark, of Friona, received her Bachelor of Science degree in English at ceremonies on December 8 from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. Mrs. Clark graduated with magna cum laude honors. She is pictured with her husband, James, at the Sheaffer Full Life Center on the university campus.

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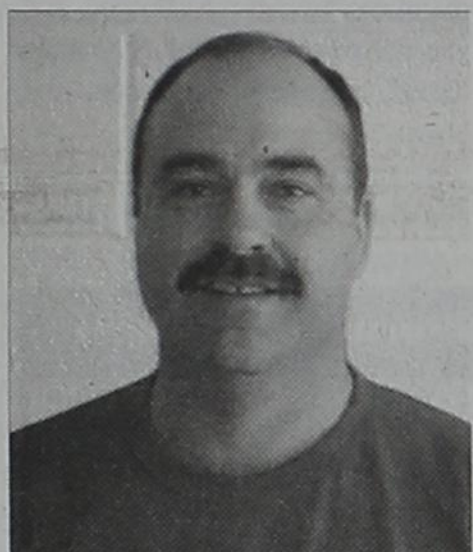
Jason Gutierrez & Ashley Smiley

Smiley/Gutierrez

Mitchell and Kim Smiley, of Friona, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley Arron Smiley, to Jason Gutierrez, son of the late Gregorio and Maria Elena Gutierrez. Ashley is a Friona High School graduate, as well as a graduate of the Toni & Guy Hair Academy in Phoenix, Arizona. Jason graduated from Friona High School and is also a graduate of Universal Technical Institute of Avondale, Arizona. He is currently employed with Texas Hot Rods. Ashley and Jason will exchange vows on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

Friona High School student & teacher of the month

The Friona High School's student and staff member of the month for January are Jordan Jamerson and Mike Herbert.

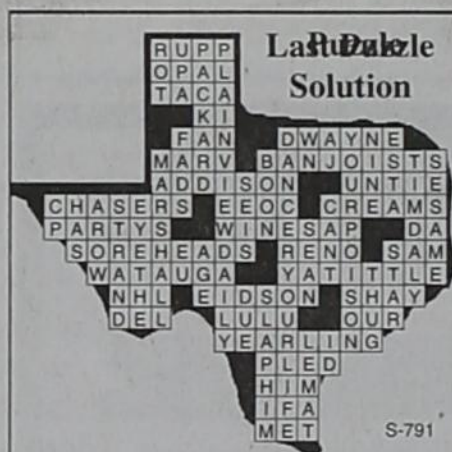


Mike Herbert



Jordan Jamerson

She is co-captain of the cheerleading squad, noted as the excellent role model for the squad as well as the student body. Assistant principal Ben Kirton said, "Jordan is very involved in school and values her education. She excels in all of her classes and participates in speech and one-act play." As teacher of the month, Coach Herbert is described as a "really great teacher." As the nominating student stated, "In all of my years of school, I have learned the most history from him. Partly because of him I made a 100 on my history TAKS test." Kirton says, "we agree with this student when she says he definitely deserves to be staff member of the month." Congratulations to Jordan and Coach Herbert for being such great assets to our school and community.

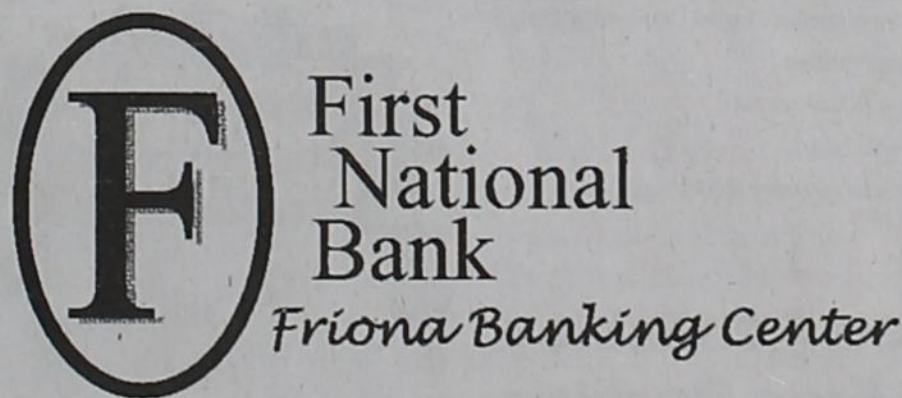


School Lunch Menu

February 26- February 28
 (All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)
Monday, February 26
 Pizza, fresh veggie dippers, frozen yogurt, peaches.
Tuesday, February 27
 Beef teriyaki bites, hot rolls, rice, mixed vegetables, pudding cup.
Wednesday, February 28
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Thursday, February 22, 2007

Practice for this year's Act Play production with great progress and passion.

Under the direction of Montana, this year's cast includes: Aaron Hand, Haile, Deirdre Johnston, Jamerson, Blair Smiley, Williams, Meghan Her, Ryan Geries, Kathleen, Parra, Perla Guerrero, Gurley, Paige Herbert, Stovall, Jon Torres, Alex, Alex Ferguson, Corinne Chance, Lewellen, Echevarria, Allison Jones, Jordan Monroe.

As the time for the dances and competition approaches, the entire cast has become greatly engaged in the plot of this play. Elements of love, loss, honor, respect, this play is packed. Although grace several sub-plots and stories, the main focus is on a mother and her son.

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Erica Davila (10) tak

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High School News

By Hannah Stovall

Practice for this year's One Act Play production continues with great progress and anticipation.

Under the direction of Erika Montana, this year's company includes: Aaron Hand, Chris Haile, Deirdre Johnston, Jordan Jamerson, Blair Smiley, Miranda Williams, Meghan Hendrickson, Ryan Geries, Kathleen Wyly, Victor Parra, Perla Guerrero, Hollis Gurley, Paige Herbert, Hannah Stovall, Jon Torres, Alex Gurley, Alex Ferguson, Corinne Hinton, Chance Lewellen, Julie Echevarria, Allison Jones, and Jordan Monroe.

As the time for the performances and competition quickly approaches, the entire company has become greatly engrossed in the plot of this play. Filled with elements of love, loss, honor, and respect, this play is passion-packed. Although graced with several sub-plots and underlying stories, the main focus is placed on a mother and her son.

Their family history and heritage is filled with pain, loss, and the desire to have the loved ones they have lost. This production follows the journey of this mother

and son, telling the tale of their struggle to live with, and learn from, and fight for their past.

Be sure to stay tuned for production dates. You won't want to miss the 2007 One Act Play production of Frederico Lorca Garcia's "Blood Wedding".

Squaws level Littlefield 53-28

The Friona Squaws put on a dazzling defensive performance to flummox the Littlefield Lady Wildcats in area playoff action at Levelland High School. Thanks to a hands-in-your-face effort, the Squaws held the Lady Cats to 2 points in the 1st quarter and only 6 in the first half. Score at halftime was 21-6.

Krista Graham scored the only Friona 3-point goal in the 1st quarter and Staci Murphree had 8 of her game high 26 points in the 1st half. Littlefield made a minor comeback in the 3rd quarter, outscoring the Squaws 13-10 but the game was never close. The Squaws came back in the 4th with a vengeance, outscoring L'Field 22-9 to coast to the 53-28 win and advance to the regional quarterfinals

JV Chiefs 44 Bushland 48

The junior varsity Chiefs and Coach Gonzales closed out the basketball season with a near-miss loss to Bushland. The boys traveled to Bushland for their season finale.

Matthew Stanberry led his teammates in scoring with 20-points. G. Garza had 6, J. Dominguez 5, J. Echevarria 5, R. Castanon 2, J. Dickson 2, S. Reed 2, and J. Alaniz 2.



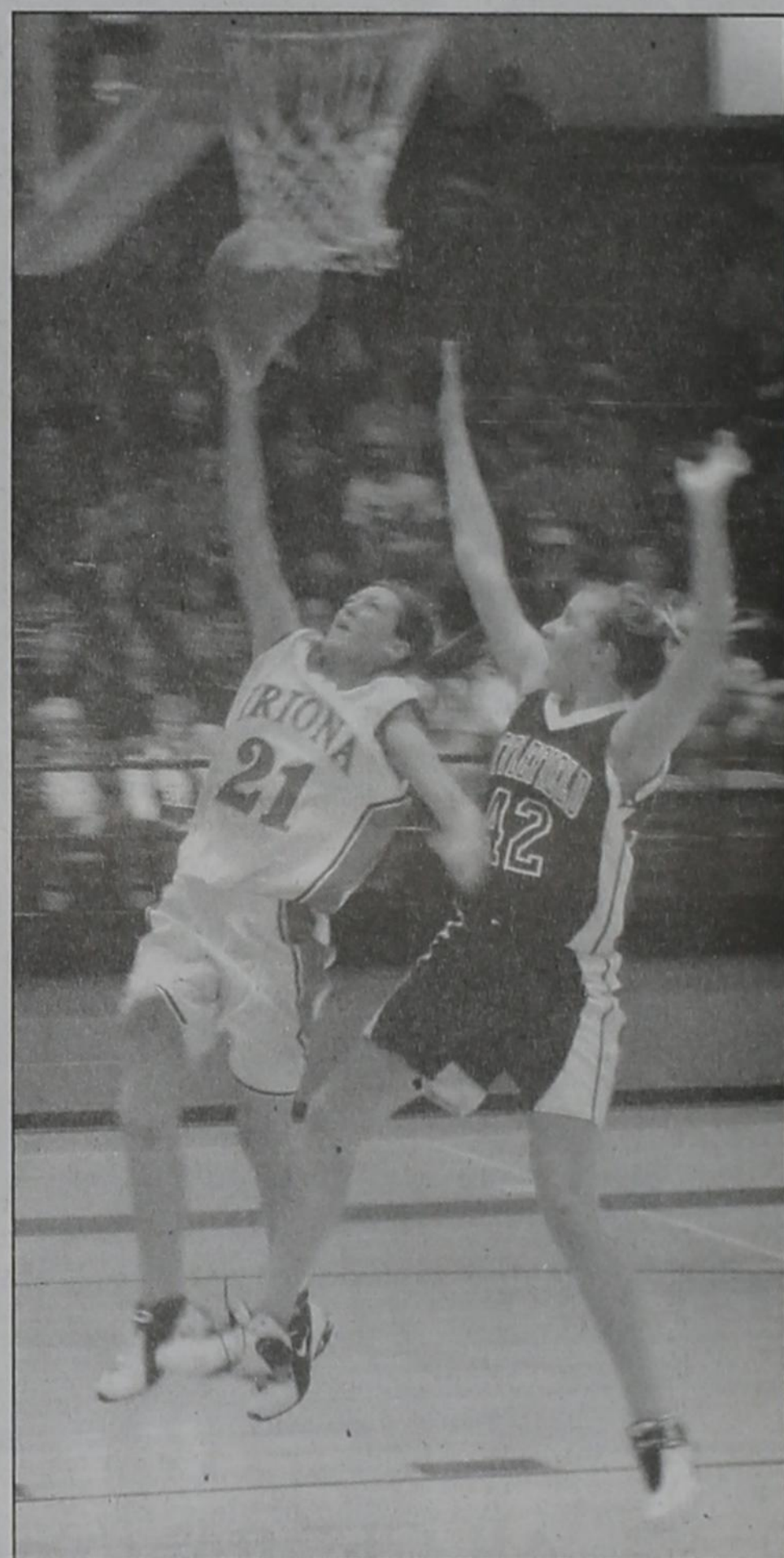
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The Squaw defense pestered the Lady Wildcats all night. Shayli Reed (25) battles for a loose ball as Staci Murphree (33) looks on.



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Erica Davila (10) takes a quick left to the basket as teammate Tiffany Vazquez (22) screens a Lady Cat.



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Miranda Frye (21) completes a layup off a fast break in the 4th quarter of last Friday's area playoff. The Squaws cruised past Littlefield's Lady Wildcats 53-28 to advance to the regional quarterfinals to face Panhandle.



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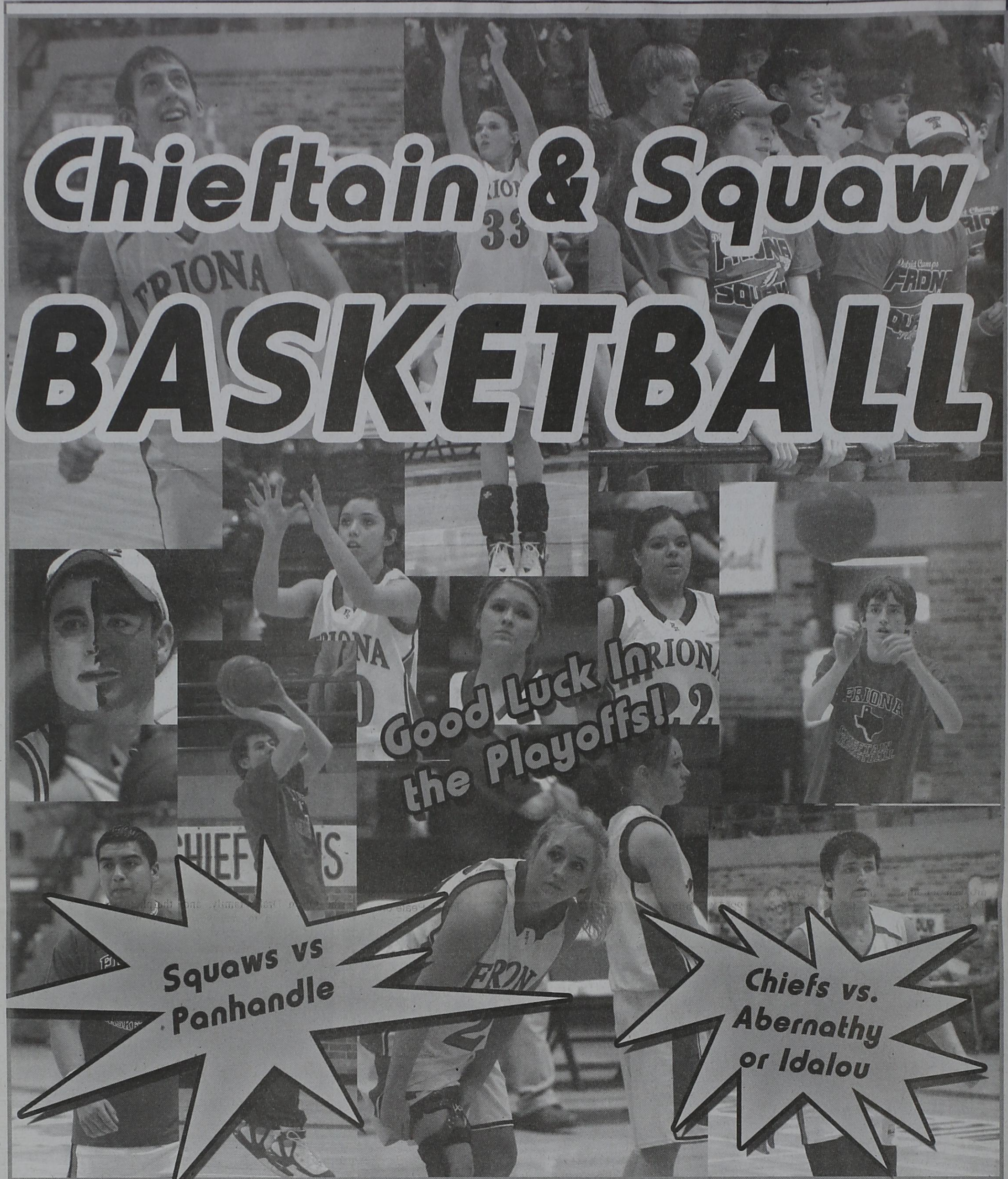
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TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

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Suzanne and Ryan Reese are the proud parents of a baby girl, Bonnie, born February 5 in Lubbock. Suzanne is the Parmer County Extension Agent for home economics and helps with 4-H. Bonnie weighed

8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21" long. She is the couple's first child.

We called on Mr. Dean the Handyman last week to fix a doorknob here at the office. He is Dean Eichenauer and advertises on cable as Mr. Dean the Handyman. Does nice work at reasonable rates. You can call him at 250-2455. He says he has been doing handyman work for many years. His wife Heidi is employed at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Saw former Frionan Benny Pryor at the Squaws playoff game in Levelland last Friday night. They have lived in Lubbock now for five years and have season tickets to the Texas Tech football and basketball games (both Raiders and Lady Raiders). He says he still enjoys reading the Friona Star and keeping up with the home folks.

Friona high school choir member Alli Jones told me the choir had about 200 singing

valentines this year. The choir uses the singing valentines as a fundraiser for their spring trip to South Padre. They had 11 different singing groups delivering the love songs around the area. At \$10 per it was a nice fundraiser for the kids. Thanks to all who participated.

Did you throw away your Peter Pan? I did. Several people around town had the bad p-butter with the 2111 serial number on top. Then ConAgra just recalled all of the Peter Pan peanut butter regardless

of the serial number. Lowe's cleaned all the bad p-butter off their shelves so I bought ShurFine crunchy Sunday. Man cannot live by bread alone, he must have peanut butter.

Tasty Cream Beef is patient. I spoke with Bill Hardin this week about progress in reopening the Friona landmark. He said they hoped to be back selling burgers and fries and many other menu items by the middle of March. There is a lot of remodeling going on including new floor and paint inside plus new cooking equipment. An outside makeover is also in progress.

Bill said some of his former employees will be back but wife Ruthie will remain helping Jeana and Jeremy at Hardin's Steakhouse. We will keep you posted on an opening date and will no doubt conduct our own taste test.

visitor then be a regular. We are always glad to see you.

Thanks were given to John Blackwell, John Mars, Glenn Reeve, and Joe Mann for cooking the fried fish and hush puppies for us. There was barely enough for seconds when every one got through the line. There was also a back-up pan of pork chops for those who don't like fish. Seniors are invited to come for lunch each Monday and Thursday at the Friendship House. The price is right at \$3.

Also at the Monday feast we learned that Henry Gauna and Royce Riggins were both in the hospital with pneumonia, and it was said that former Friona resident Ella Ree Jones had died. Hollis Horton also reported that Judge Bill Sheehan, another former Friona resident, was seriously ill in a critical care unit at a Dallas hospital.

A brand new Friona resident is Celia Weaver who has moved from San Angelo. Celia is the new volleyball coach at Friona high school. We will catch up with her for a picture and bio after she has had time to settle into the routine. Glad to have you Celia and your sister Casey too.

In our subscriber spotlight this week we will put Mrs. Jim Green of Kismet, Kansas, and Johnnie Coker of Youngsville, Louisiana. Thanks to you both and to all of our out-of-state subscribers for continuing to read the Friona Star. We always enjoy hearing from our out-of-town readers.

Keep us posted on any news of local interest or any concerns to share. Check out our website at frionaonline.com where we post parts, but not all, of the newspaper. Click on the photo albums to see many more photos than we are able to print every week. Thank you all for your support.

Kim and Mitchell Smiley were in Phoenix over the weekend for daughter Ashley's graduation from Toni & Guy's Hair Academy. Mitchell said she had to have 1,600 hours to graduate. Toni & Guy's is an upscale hair salon. When I lived in Dallas long ago and actually had hair I got it styled at a Toni and Guy's. There is one at Westgate Mall in Amarillo but I don't have the hair or the energy to be a customer now.

Ashley is back in Friona for a couple of months until her wedding in April. Her engagement announcement and photo of the happy couple is elsewhere in today's Star.

Big crowd for the Monday senior citizen lunch. Lots of visitors and regulars. Among them were Debra Baxter, Larry Johnston, several members of the Owen Drake family, and we were glad to see Wayne and Mary Stone, R. J. and Betty Renner and Clarence and Peggy Monroe join us. Be a

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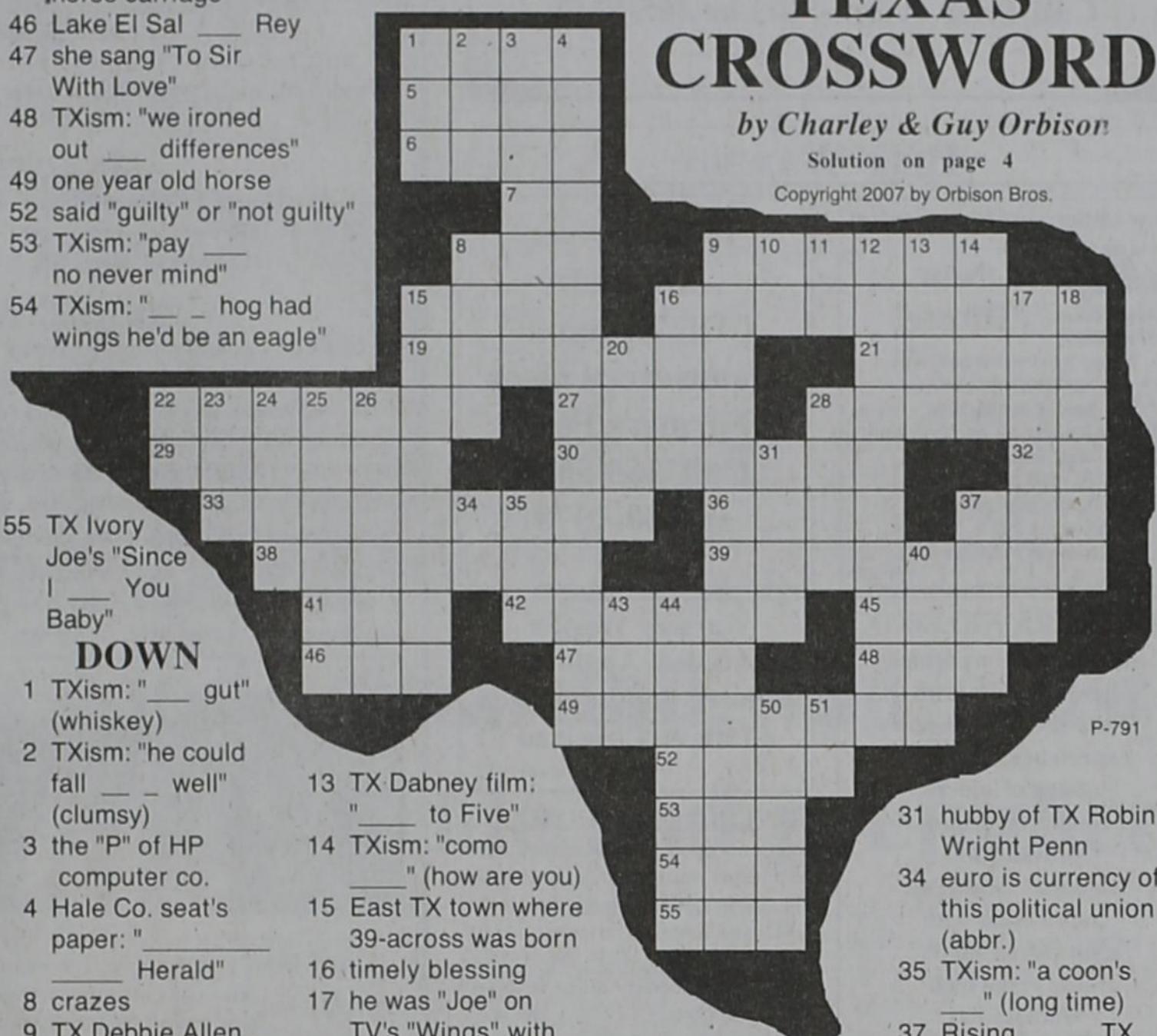
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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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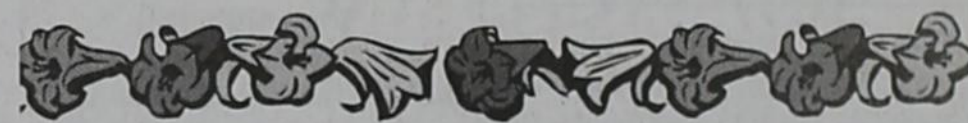
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Jim Parker, Superintendent
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21103 FM 179
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Fax: (806) 863-3350
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M., local time, Thursday February 22, 2007. All interested parties should meet at Friona High School, 7th & Etna, Friona, TX 79035.

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities. 2tc-2.15-2.22

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Edith Mongolia Johnson** Deceased, were issued on February 6, 2007, in Cause No. 2706, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: **Joe Bob Johnson**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Kathryn H. Gurley**
Attorney at Law
701 Main Street
P.O. Box 729
Friona, Texas 79035

DATED the 7th day of February 2007.
Kathryn H. Gurley
Attorney for Joe Bob Johnson
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Donald Keith Huckabee**, Deceased, were issued on February 12, 2007, in Cause No. 2707, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: **Katherine Hill Huckabee**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Johnny Atkinson**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 286
Farwell, Texas 79325

DATED the 12th day of February 2007.
Johnny Atkinson
Attorney for Katherine Hill Huckabee
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Thank You

The Lawrence Martin family would like to thank all who kept us in their thoughts and prayers during Lawrence's illness. We appreciate those who called, visited, brought food so generously, and sent flowers. We feel so blessed to live in a community where people are so willing to help. Also thanks to the staff of Prairie Acres and Doctors who took such good care of him for the past two years and especially the last two weeks of his life. We could not have asked for any better care and love. God bless you all, Pat & Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Martin & Family
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Tierra Blanca Camp of the XIT was so called because of the outcropping of white caliche knolls or small hills. Bill Derrick told his story to Harvey LaFon about working there in the spring of 1904. He was one of the roundup crew hired when the train stopped in Bovina.

Parmer County History c. 1974 (pg. 30)

World day of prayer service March 2

World day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women and men in 170 countries and regions of the world in "informed prayers and prayerful action".

The women of Paraguay developed this year's theme, "United under God's Tent". The theme is a way of imagining how God acts. For Abraham and Sarah, God was like a tent, protecting them in their call. "United under God's Tent" is also God's promise to us, and a call to work and pray together for people in need all over the world.

Our local World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, at 12 p.m. noon, on Friday, March 2. One of the activities during the service will be a prayerful reading of the names of our local men and women serving in the armed forces. Lunch will be served following the service.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Think about this

Coming to grips with your mortality

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

A Christian should have an eternal perspective concerning death. II Corinthians 5:1 tells us that "we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands". (NIV)

The words "we know" are filled with meaning for the one who is "in Christ". Guessing affords no power in facing death. Philosophical speculation of men supplies no strength. This knowledge that Paul is writing about is enjoyed by those who walk by faith, not by sight.

Notice, Paul talks about two bodies in this verse. The one the Christian has now and the one they will have then. One is "earthly" the other is "eternal". The present body is called a "tent", the future body is called a "house".

A tent is a temporary habitat of a traveler. A building is the permanent home of a resident. The tent is the body the Christian now occupies. The building is the glorious body we are destined to occupy, so long as we walk by faith. But for now we are tent bound.

Can you just sense Paul's excitement in this verse?

A good question you need to consider: How much time do you spend thinking about heaven?

Thank You

We thank the nursing staff, Dr. Jubay, Dr. Dickson and Cathey Hammon for the excellent care, kindness, and comfort you gave our mother, Dorothy Bea Ethington, at the end of her life. Our mother was so happy to be in Friona and Prairie Acres. We thank all from Prairie Acres. We also want to thank all who sent flowers, food, and cards. Your calls and words of comfort were appreciated. A special thanks to Steve Patterson for the prayers, words of comfort and being at the service in Plainview. We appreciate the community of Friona and thank you. Gene & Karon Zachary
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OBITUARY

Jazmin & Hope Garcia

Jazmin and Hope Garcia, infant daughters of Fernando Garcia, Jr. and Hillary Denise Rando, both of Friona, died on February 20, 2007, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, February 23, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at the Friona Cemetery, with Reverend Roy Dominguez, of Friona, officiating. Burial will follow in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Survivors also include one brother, Jaden Josiah Garcia, and grandmothers, Sandra Samarron and Jadira Delia Garcia, all of Friona.

To be a good samaritan, you must first get rid of pride and prejudice

Written from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb.

In high school and college, I was fascinated by literature. I especially liked the classics like *Catcher in the Rye* (about a Jewish baseball player), *A Farewell to Arms* (about an Italian chef and a bizarre cooking accident), *Archie Comics*, and *Cliffs Notes*. Lessons learned from literature have stayed with me. *Animal Farm* taught me how to be a youth minister. *War and Peace* helped prepare me for church business meetings.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, prepared me for dealing with the many mood swings of my own teenagers. *Moby Dick* has helped over

the years whenever I have tried to harpoon a whale, and Homer's *Iliad* comes to mind every time I have to deal with a slow-witted Greek named Ajax. Finally, who could forget Satan's associate, Beelzebubba, from John Milton's *Paradise Lost in Alabama*?

To fully appreciate great literature, we must understand certain terms. *Baroque* is a literary style that is without flaw, as in the statement, "If it ain't baroque, don't fix it." The *Baconian theory* is a theory that someone other than Shakespeare wrote his works while eating pork. *Carpe diem* is a phrase coined in Arkansas that means, "That carp is dead." *Coda* is a brief addition in the middle of a biblical passage, as in the phrase

"Joseph and his coda many colors."

Bucolic describes a quiet, pastoral story about sick babies, and a *closed couplet* is a husband and wife with no friends. A *signifier* is a concrete sign that evokes an abstract idea, as in the statement, "Remember, only you can prevent signifiers." A *canto*, in a literary argument using incorrect grammar, is the opposite of *cannot*. The *setting* is the natural background of a story set in any Southern state, as in the sentence "They was setting over there by that possum."

Another masterful piece of literature is the parable of the good samaritan. It has a melodrama, plot, characters, and a narrator. To fully appreciate its meaning, we must

come to terms with its intent. The main question in this parable is not "Who is my neighbor?" but "To whom can I be a neighbor?" That's the trouble with parables. They were meant to be verbs, not nouns.

For some of us, being kind to a hurting friend would be like entering a brave new world. It is always easier to pass by on the other side, even if it is a hallway at church. We are supposed to have a heart like Christ, not a heart of darkness. We all have hurts and needs that can be helped by the outstretched hand of a Christian brother or sister.

Even the scarlet letter fades into oblivion against the backdrop of the blood of Christ.

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Shayli Reed (25) outruns the Littlefield defense. Teammates Krista Graham (23), Staci Murphree (33), and Erica Davila (10) follow the fast break.

Swafford forms wind farm coalition

"Over my life time I can't tell you how many times I have complained and heard others complain about the wind in West Texas. Not anymore," said Bovina's Jim 'Bob' Swafford.

Swafford became interested in the wind farm industry several years ago while visiting in Central Texas. He met a man from California who was working on several wind farm projects with GE. The gentleman told Swafford he could not believe the lack of pursuit in developing wind energy in West Texas and encouraged Swafford to develop a company to support and promote wind farming in the Texas Panhandle. A year later he formed Premium Wind Coalition, a subsidiary of XIT Options, Inc.

Premium Wind Coalition is made up of area landowners that have made available their land to be considered for potential

wind farm development, Swafford said. "My company, Premium Wind Coalition, provides the service to promote and contact potential wind farm developers to our area," he said.

Right now, according to Swafford, PWC has land in Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. There is no fee to landowners to join PWC. "We prefer to have landowners that have 1,500 to 3,000 acres and larger," Swafford said, "but everyone is welcome to join our coalition."

Swafford says, "The potential for the long-stranded wind power in the Panhandle is big. The potential for individual landowners, cities, and counties to share in future revenues generated by renewable clean energy wind farms is good future economic growth for our region." If interested in learning more about

the Premium Wind Coalition, contact Jim Bob Swafford, Executive Director of PWC at 806-251-1015 or write to P.O. Box 783, Bovina, Texas, 79009.

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Floyd Scott Reeve, Sharon Loise Reeve, David Reeve, and Carol Ann Reeve - Michael J. Greer and Betty L. Greer, L33 B1 WESTERN.

Frances Field - Vernon L. Strange and Veronica J. Strange, L4 B7 STALEY.

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Sheriff's Report

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

February 15, 2007, Jose Zamudio, 41, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 3rd or more and an open container, pending Grand Jury; purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

February 16, 2007 David Garcia, 18, of Houston, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with aggravated assault with a weapon, pending District Court; engaging in organized criminal activity, pending District Court.

February 16, 2007, Martin Barrios, 37, of Wichita, Kansas, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear, assault, pending County Court.

February 17, 2007, Joaquin Rodriguez, 22, of Hereford, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

February 17, 2007, Luis Morales, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with racing on the highway, pending County Court.

February 18, 2007, Sergio Morales, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with not having a driver's license, paid fine and released.

February 18, 2007, Claudio Rivero, 52, of Dumas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

February 18, 2007, Oliver Loya, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, pending County Court.

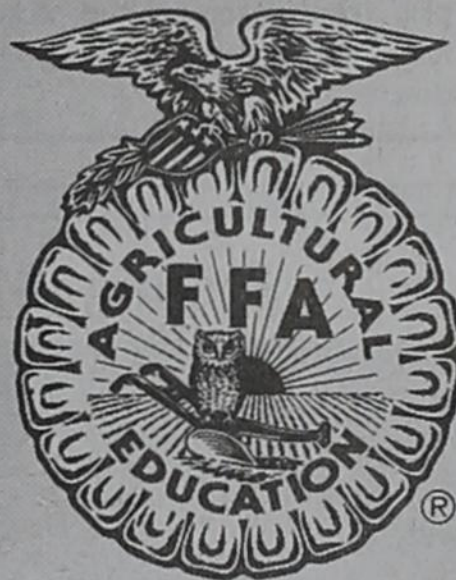
On February 8, 2007, in the 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Alexander Morgan, 44, of Clovis, charged with theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000, was sentenced to six months in a state jail facility, probated for two years; \$316 court costs; \$500 fine; \$350 attorney fees; and \$2,367 restitution.

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Elementary pizza fun



Mrs. Lane's 3rd graders earned a pizza and ice cream lunch by collecting food items for the needy, the Parmer County Farm Bureau sponsored. Above, l-r, Andy Montana, Kevin Welch, Mrs. Carolyn Lane, and Floyd Reeve serve pizza. Right, Ricky Barnett and Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley hand out ice cream sandwiches to the winning students.



Farm Bureau hosts a pizza lunch for food drive winners

Each year the Parmer County Farm Bureau sponsors a food drive at the elementary school. Food collected is made available to the needy through the local food bank.

and board members in their classroom. The pizza is cooked by the school cafeteria ladies.

This year the contest was open to 3rd grade classes and the students in Mrs. Carolyn Lane's class won. The students collected 185 items of food, mostly canned goods. Their pizza and ice cream party was

held Thursday, February 15, in Mrs. Lane's classroom.

Hosting the party were Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley, Farm Bureau agent Andy Montana, board president Ricky Barnett, and board members Kevin Welch and Floyd Reeve.

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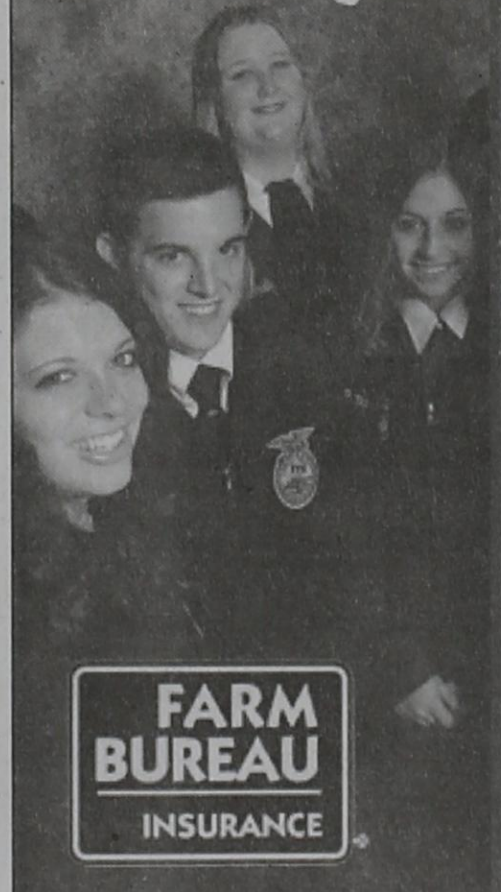
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OBITUARIES

Ella Ree Jones

Funeral services for Ella Ree Jones, 84, a former resident of Friona, will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 24, 2007, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Wes Roach, assistant pastor, and Derrick and Errick Jones, sons, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Jones died on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at Mi Casita Care Center in Lubbock. She was born on September 17, 1922, in Corsicana, Texas to Albert and Lettie (Henderson) Richardson. She married Marvin Jones on



Ella Ree Jones

September 16, 1959 in McGregor, Texas. He died on July 19, 1998. They moved to Friona in 1965, from Matador.

Ella was a cook and a long time member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ. Her hobbies included knitting, fishing, and cooking. She moved to Lubbock in October of 2006.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Ray Jones of Austin, Derrick Jones of Lubbock, and Errick Jones of Clovis; two daughters, Vickie Jones and Leslie Bean, both of Clovis; two sisters, Octavia Hudson of Long Beach, California and Ruthie Mae Cleburne of Lubbock; two brothers, Earl Richardson of Willingboro, New Jersey and Albert Richardson of Odessa, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Waide Messer

Waide Messer, 50, of Memphis, Tennessee, went home to be with the Lord on February 20, 2007, in Wimberley, Texas. He had just moved to Wimberley to be the Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church there. His first day "on the job" was February 19 and he passed away in his sleep that night.

He was born on November 19, 1956, in Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Canyon, Texas. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Home of Canyon. A memorial service will be held on March 3, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at Ridgeway Baptist Church in Memphis. Mr. Messer has pastored at



Waide Messer

First Baptist Church in Santa Anna, Texas, First Baptist Church in Friona, Texas, Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert

Lee, Texas, and had been Associate Pastor at Cherry Road Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife Pamela; two sons, Matthew and Timothy both of Memphis; his parents, Buddy and Rose Messer of Canyon; three brothers, Jeff Messer and Doug Messer of Amarillo and Randy Messer of Oak Grove, Missouri; one sister, Janice Hughes of Canyon; and a loving host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Condolences can be sent to the Messer family at 2544 Chumley Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, 38119. An online guest registry is available at brooksfuneral.com.

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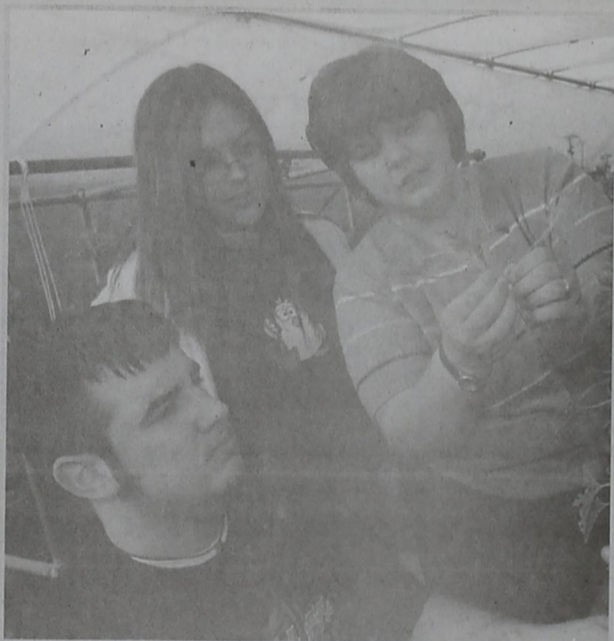
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Vandiver honored at TPMA meeting

Three Texas Cooperative Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agents from West Texas were honored during the Texas Pest Management Association's annual meeting in Round Rock earlier this month.

The TPMA is a statewide multi-commodity grower association made up of crop producers and commodity group representatives dedicated to enhancing the economic benefits of agriculture while protecting the quality of the environment.

Parmer and Bailey County Extension Agent-IPM Monti Vandiver was awarded the Outstanding Extension Agent-IPM

Award. His recognized areas of expertise are cotton, corn, and



Monti Vandiver
IPM Extension Agent

vegetable integrated pest management.

Vandiver was also cited as being a leader in using the Cotman expert system for cotton and for use of computer technology in delivering integrated pest management information to growers.

Todd Lockaby, the association's president and a cotton producer from Lynn County, announced the winners for the three annual awards presented to pest management agents for their work in transferring new technology to agricultural producers.

The other two winners were Dr. Ed Bynum, agent in Nolan, Scurry, Mitchell, and Jones counties, and Brant Baugh, agent in Lubbock County. Both received an Excellence in IPM Programming award.

Amarillo College scholarship information available online

The Amarillo College Foundation offers over 400 different scholarships to students attending Amarillo College.

Scholarship applications are available on line at actx.edu or at any of the five AC campuses located in Amarillo, Hereford, or Dumas. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2007 at 5 p.m. in the Amarillo College Foundation offices located on the Washington Street campus.

For more information call 806-371-5106.

Glenn Miller Orchestra at Clovis Civic Center

Clovis Community College and Plains Regional Medical Center will present the Glenn Miller Orchestra Saturday March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Clovis Civic Center.

All tickets are \$25 and in-

Night of opera at ENMU

The Department of Music at Eastern New Mexico University is presenting, "Fairy Tales and Flights of Fancy", a production of opera scenes, on March 9 at 7:30 p.m., and on March 10 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The program consists of scenes from Mozart's Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute, and Menotti's The Medium. All scenes are in English.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and free for students with ID (both ENMU and non-ENMU). For more information, call Roberto Mancusi at 505-562-2371.

Cotton conference in Hereford Mar 5

Helping farmers stay up on the latest trends in crop production, marketing, and management ideas is the number one goal of High Plains crop production conferences. Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, the conferences offer production information for producers entering the 2007 growing season.

By attending the conferences producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to maintain private and commercial applicator licenses. A cotton conference is scheduled for March 5 in Hereford. For more information contact Rick Auckerman, Deaf Smith CEA-AG at 806-364-3573.

Mustangs & Gruver in bi-district playoff

The Bovina Mustangs will launch their playoff run in a bi-district game vs. the Gruver Greyhounds. The game is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, at 6 p.m. at Amarillo High School.

Bovina is the 3rd seed in District 5-1A and Gruver is the 2nd seed out of 6-1A. Bovina's record is 12-11 and Gruver is 10-13. The winner will advance to play White Deer, 7-1A winner, at a time and date to be advised. White Deer is 16-5.

In a practice game Saturday, the Mustangs lost to Whitharral 60-57 in spite of 26 points by Jesus Rocha and 21 by Jeremy Vasquez to account for 47 of the team's 57 points. Knoll had 4, Reyna 2, Rodriguez 2, and Solis 2. The Mustangs led 39-34 after three quarters but the Whitharral Panthers turned it up in the 4th quarter with a 25-18 run to edge the Mustangs by two.



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Frona elementary 3rd grade students in Mrs. Lane's class enjoy a special pizza lunch last week, courtesy of Parmer County Farm Bureau.

Boll weevil program ok'ed

Ballots cast in the referendum to continue the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Program were canvassed Tuesday in Austin.

Results released by the Texas Department of Agriculture are as follows: Votes FOR continuation of the Program-1,021; Votes AGAINST continuation of the Program-239; Voting FOR continuation of the Program-81.03%.

John Saylor was re-elected to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board to represent the zone.

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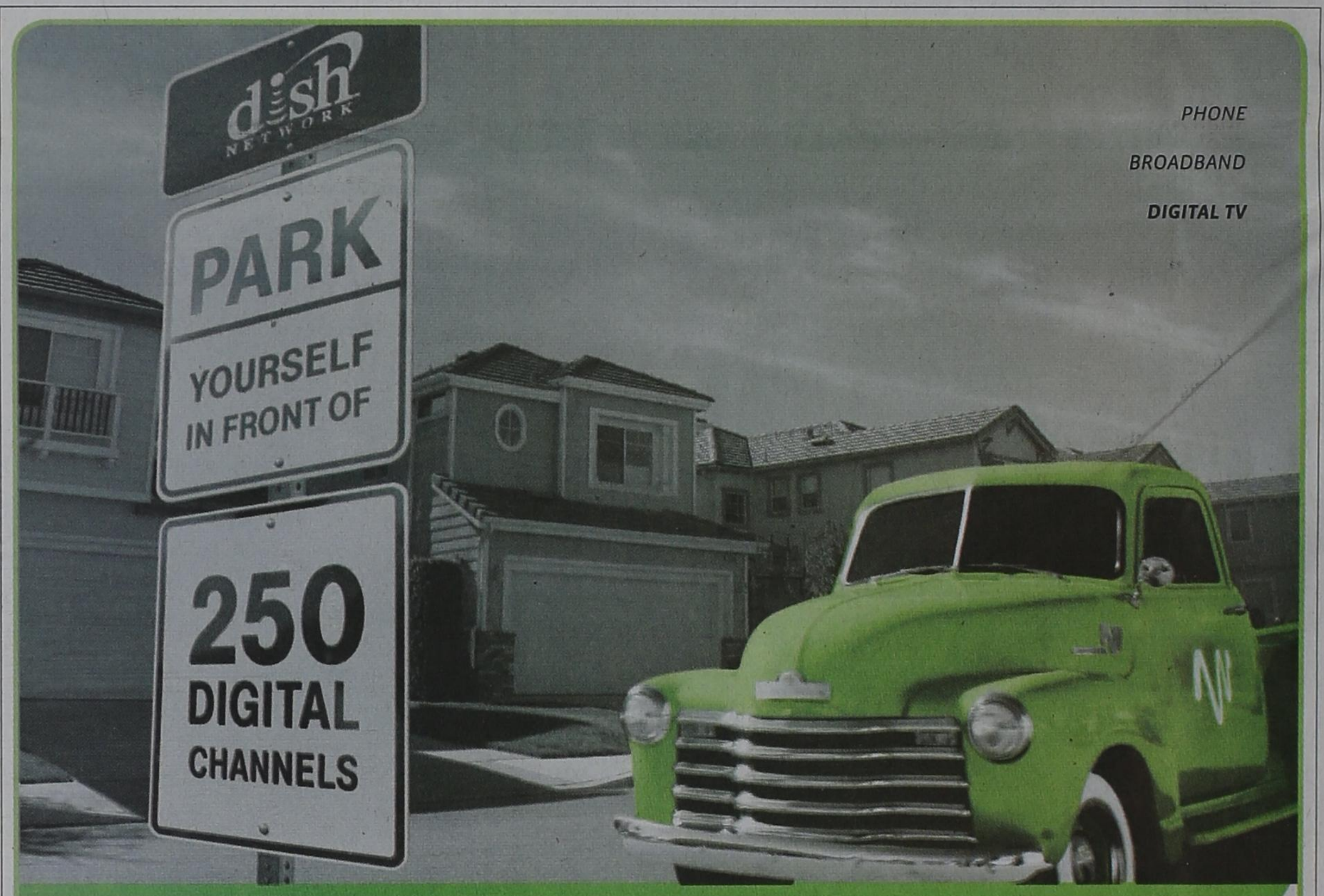
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