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## Local leaders meet with Cargill

BY RON CARR

Cargill Meat Solutions is Friona's largest industry in terms of employees, production, and taxes paid. On Thursday, March 29, officials of Cargill hosted an informal luncheon with area leaders to discuss issues that affect both Cargill and the community. The luncheon was held at the Friona facility.

Cargill plant manager Steve Thompson told the gathering that Cargill-Friona has 1,980 employees with at least 1,800 of them working directly in the meat processing area. That population makes Cargill Meat Solutions the 2nd largest "city" in Parmer County. He said Cargill had recently reached a new agreement with the local union establishing the starting wage at Cargill at \$12.10 per hour.

After presenting an overview of the Cargill Company, the 3rd largest privately held food company in the world, Thompson gave an update on the current

operations in Friona. Plant officials have worked very hard to establish a positive work experience for Cargill employees. He said the plant has accumulated more than 5 million man hours without a lost time accident at the plant.

Years ago the plant approached a 100% annual employee turnover, Thompson said. Today that turnover rate is around 38-39% which he said is low for the packing industry. The Friona facility processes about 4,500 cattle per day. Thompson told the group he did not foresee the plant growing much larger than its present size and capacity.

Cargill attracts a younger group of management employees today, college graduates who become trainees at the plant to launch their meat industry careers. Thompson advised that housing and "lack of something to do" for the younger employees was a big drawback for attracting them to

the Friona facility. "There are few places in Friona or Bovina to rent, apprentice trainees and new employees do not want to purchase a home for the 1-3 years they might be assigned here, and affordable homes are often not available anyway," Thompson said.

"We had a focus group of 6-8 of these younger employees," Thompson said. "They all said they would like to have a gym or health club available and social activities with others their age." For now they travel to Clovis or Amarillo for those needs.

Thompson and his family could not find suitable housing in Friona when they moved here seven years ago and ended up purchasing a home in Hereford, he said.

The Cargill-Friona plant is active in all areas of the community. They have provided \$12,000 in donations to the local United Way, donated money a few years back to purchase an ambulance, and routinely donate or discount meat for various organization fundraisers. They cook and give away free hamburgers at the first home football games in Friona and Bovina each year, sponsor and provide a team for the Relay for Life, and participate in many other local events.

Thompson said the Friona plant pays about \$1.5 million in local taxes each year. The new \$25 million box storage warehouse was recently built and the plant continues to upgrade its equipment and facilities.

Attending the luncheon with Cargill officials were County Judge Bonnie Heald, city manager Terri Johnson, city finance officer Patricia Phipps, Precinct 1

commissioner Kirk Frye, Precinct 2 commissioner James Clayton, hospital administrator Lance Gatlin, hospital district board member Danny Kendrick, city

council members Martha Barker, Jim Atwell, and Mark Osborn, Friona Economic Development Corporation board members Ab

Chris Alexander, Friona EMS director Kelly Daniel, Fisd superintendent Jim Parker, fire chief Jim Taylor, and Friona Mayor John Hendley, Clarence Monroe, and Taylor.



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Cargill Meat Solutions Friona plant manager Steve Thompson, left, talks with Friona Mayor John Taylor during a luncheon at the Cargill-Friona plant Thursday, March 29. Cargill officials met with local leaders to discuss issues affecting Cargill and the community.

## One-act play farewell performance Monday

Blood Wedding, Friona High School's 2007 one-act play, was presented in district competition Friday March 30 at Tulia. The cast and crew were selected to advance to the next level, the area round held in Canyon at the WT Fine Arts Center Tuesday.

At the district competition Meghan Hendrickson, Chris Haile, and Deirdre Johnston were chosen as all-star cast. Jordan Jamerson and Aaron Hand were honorable mention all-star cast.

The troupe participated in the area competition in Canyon Tues-

day April 3 but were not selected to advance to regionals. In Canyon's area round, Meghan Hendrickson and Aaron Hand were selected to the all-star cast. Jordan Jamerson was honorable mention all-star cast. Congratulations to the one-act play cast and crew on a great year.

A farewell performance of the one-act play, Blood Wedding, will be presented to the public Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

## Clock winding down on centennial fete

By Don Spring

Members of the Parmer County Historical Commission are busily preparing for the centennial celebration slated for May 5, 2007 at the courthouse square in Farwell.

Brenda Wilson has reported a number of musical groups have agreed to take part in the festivities and also there will be interesting rides and games for the smaller set including exotic animal rides. Many particulars are awaiting the final decision by the commission.

Bonnie Howard says that a number of dignitaries including President and First Lady Bush were invited to attend the festivities. They were prompt in expressing their regrets at not being able to attend. Many of the other office holders and past public servants have not gotten back to Mrs. Howard.

The Parmer County Historical Marker is in the process of being tested for moving to the courthouse square. The present base is eleven and one-half

inches thick and six feet square. No machine that can do the job is readily available at this time. The prevailing plan now is to pour a new base at the courthouse and just move the marble marker when the concrete cures. If you see a whole bunch of really smart looking guys walking around scratching their heads, you'll know it's us that are in charge of that sticky situation.

The first order for bricks was sent off on April 4 and we just hope they get back in time to have at least a few laid at the monument site before the May 5 deadline. Sales of the living bricks have been brisk and many feel it is a really good idea for the county memorial. The longevity of the memorial and the pride we feel in our local families has made the project exciting for many of us.

The schedule of events for the celebration is now in the developing stage and we hope it can be published after the regular meeting on April 19.

## March was hot and cold

The official Friona weather guy, John Gurley, reports that the city received 3.72 inches of rain during the month of March plus two days with a trace of rain.

The month brought Daylight Saving Time three weeks early, fog on several mornings, and snow and sleet last Friday.

The high temperature in

March was 83 back on the 18th and 19th. The lowest temp was 14 early in the month on the 4th. The last day of the month, March 31, brought with it the lowest high temperature at 38 degrees complete with wet snow, sleet, and icy rain.

The average high for the month was 66 and the average low was 36.



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Spring is bursting out all over as evidenced by this purple blossomed tree at a residence on North Washington near the senior citizen center.

## Corn acreage increase, decline in cotton

By Blair Fannin, Texas A&M Extension

Fueled by ethanol demand and strong export sales, U.S. corn acreage is predicted to be the largest since 1944 with Texas plantings to increase by as much as a quarter of a million acres in 2007, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Friday. Cotton, the state's number one cash crop, is predicted to drop in acreage by 11 percent or more than 600,000 acres, according to the report.

Cotton producers across the state are expected to plant just over 5.73 million acres compared to 6.43 million acres in 2006. "The first thing to say about it is this sort of a benchmark on acreage and nobody should take it as a final deal," said Dr. John Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension cotton marketing economist. Weather so far has not been a determining factor for agriculture production in Texas, but lack of rain could alter the number of crop acres planted and yields. State agriculture producers are hoping there isn't a repeat of 2006 when crops across the state were ravaged by drought. "Things have already changed in the last 30 days (regarding weather)," Robinson said. "It's gotten drier in the mid-south. There's a whole lot of variables between now and the next (USDA acreage report) on June 30 when they go out

and survey actual acreage."

Prospective corn plantings statewide are predicted to be 2 million acres compared to 1.76 million acres in 2006, according to estimates. "If we get a good crop year, it could provide some good returns to producers," said Dr. Mark Waller, Extension economics program leader. "In terms of dryland production, we hope it gets the moisture it needs. The moisture situation has improved since last fall, but we don't have a lot of sub-soil reserves. It sounds like things are getting (planted) in the lower part of the state, but we still need good moisture."

Though Texas corn acreage is on the increase, Waller advises producers not to rest on their laurels if they're anticipating high returns on a large crop. "While it looks like we'll be planting more corn this year and we've got some good potential in prices, producers need to be thinking about what to do in terms of production and price insurance," he said. "If you've planted a lot more corn, don't just sit back and think (prices) will keep going up. Watch the market. When you get some decent pricing opportunities, take advantage of them."

Texas produced more than \$561 million worth of corn for grain in 2006, according to agricul-

ture department data. That figure could increase dramatically in 2007 with the potential for larger yields and record-high corn prices. "I expect to see a corn crop we haven't seen in a while," said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension program leader for soil and crop sciences. "There's rains in the Plains (region) today and the (Central Texas) Blacklands. If people have got it planted, that's perfect timing."

U.S. corn growers intend to plant 90.5 million acres of corn in 2007, up 15 percent from 2006 and 11 percent higher than 2005, the agriculture department reports. By comparison, it would mark the highest number of acres since 1944 when 95.5 million acres were planted. Expected acreage is up in nearly all states as high corn prices are encouraging farmers to plant more acres in corn. Nationally, Illinois farmers are predicted to plant a record-high 12.9 million acres of corn this spring, up 1.6 million acres from a year ago, while North Dakota (increased 910,000 acres) and Minnesota (increased 600,000 acres) as growers are expected to plant a record number of corn acres.

The drop in Texas cotton acres is in response to the change in corn acreage and the trickle effect on other planted commodities including

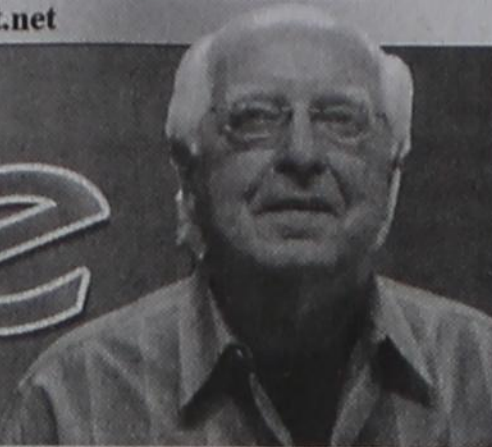
sorghum and soybeans, economists said. Some Texas farmers are shifting cotton acreage to corn acreage in the Central Texas Blacklands, Wharton and Lower Rio Grande Valley regions to take advantage of the prices, Robinson said. "But mainly, it's a question of shifting to grain sorghum or wheat," said Robinson, noting the demand for corn is altering the number of planted acres for other commodities, thus changing the supply-demand equation. Electronic cotton market contracts were trading above 60 cents early Friday.

"The market is still going to grind on and in the short term, there could be a price rally," Robinson said. "If someone were forward-pricing, they may be able to lock something in. To my way of thinking, we need a rally of up to three to four cents for it to be a meaningful opportunity." U.S. cotton plantings for 2007 are expected to total 12.1 million acres, 20 percent below 2006 levels and the lowest since 1989, the agriculture department reports. Growers intend to decrease planted area in all states with the largest acreage declines in Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Carolina, Mississippi and Texas.



# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## here we go now! sit and rip 4

There is nothing quite like high school sports.

Until I arrived out here in 1995 from the big city I had not attended a high school athletic event since my last day at Hillsboro High School (Go Eagles). I graduated in 1957 so it had been a lapse of almost 40-years. You can forget a lot in 40-years.

Our old high school gym in Hillsboro looks about half as big as it seemed when me and Bobby and Booger and Duck played our senior year there. Bobby and Duck have passed on now but with any luck me and Booger and our coach David "Dizzy" Dewitt will get together in October for our 50th class reunion.

I moved out here in May of 1995, went to work for the newspaper in June 1995, and by late August I underwent baptism by fire in high school football, followed by basketball, track, and baseball. During my 40-year ab-

sence all the rules and the language had changed. Each sport has a different set of challenges for taking action photos. I learned by trial and error.

Mostly I learned to stay out of the way on the football sidelines, where is the most strategic place to stand in the gym, and that baseball is the most difficult sport to get any really good photos without getting beamed by a line drive. Hurdlers and high jumpers always make the best track photos. I still don't know the difference between a split back and a wing-t in football. That is for the coaches to explain. Shucks, it took me a while to figure out the difference between track and field.

I think more kids would come out for basketball if they could spit. In every other high school sport you can spit. Especially baseball. Even the coaches join in the spitting during a baseball game. Spitting is contagious.

When one kid spits, pretty soon two or three more spit. But spitting in the gym? Well that is against the rules and really messy.

Last Saturday I was down at the ball park to watch the Chiefs play Tulia. Heck I even spit a couple of times myself. It is worth a trip to the ball park to listen to how players, coaches, and fans talk these days. Even the hooray chatter has changed.

In football and basketball the coaches and players call each other by name or nickname; way to go George, nice play Jose, etc. In baseball the coaches and players don't seem to know each other. They yell by numbers. Good thing the boys have a big number on the back of their uniforms. If you are #8 and up to bat you might hear "get a hit 8", "here we go 8", or "way to go 8".

If you have a two-digit number like 15 they don't shout "fifteen". That's not cool. You are known on the base path as one-five. Good eye one-five.

I was standing along the first base line Saturday trying to capture some runner or batter action. There is a gate in the fence just behind first base. I learned early on in shooting photos at high school baseball games that high school infielders often overthrow first base, or skip it past the first baseman

in the dirt. Because of that I normally open the gate slightly, poke my camera through, and get ready to duck if a ground ball is hit.

The first base and third base coaches keep up a constant chatter at the players. That's part of a coach's job description to shout and chatter. I've tried for years to figure out what a football coach means when he yells "here we go now" every 30-seconds during a Friday night game. Some coaches clap when they say "here we go now" but first they have to stuff the clipboard in their pants to get both hands free. One coach, who shall remain anonymous, likes to say "gosh dang it" a lot.

Anyway Saturday afternoon Coach Haddock was in the first base coaching box and Sean Lookingbill was at bat. Sean wears #4. The coach shouts to Sean, "sit and rip 4, sit and rip". I took that to mean be patient and hit the ball. I couldn't help but smile and join the fun. Before I stuck my Nikon back through the gate I did my part to help the team. I spit.

p.s. If you want to see baseball photos of the Tulia game go to our frionaonline.com website and click on the Tulia album. Here we go now.

### commentary

## Hugging with the enemy.....!

Easter is a time of newness of life. We observe and acknowledge the Resurrection of Jesus, which signifies cleansing and beginning anew.

Maybe that is what Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi had in mind when she took a couple of obscure congressmen and an entourage and flew to Syria this week. Syria is not a friend of the United States. They are a terrorist nation. They want to kill us all and they furnish support for terrorist organizations throughout the Middle East.

Mrs. Pelosi and the Democrats believe if we go talk to our enemies they will see we are all good guys over here and they will stop wanting to kill us. She also went on National TV last week and told President Bush to "calm down" with all the military rhetoric.

Mrs. Pelosi went to Syria in spite of the White House and others urging her not to. She is third in line to be president. She is the first female House Speaker and the Democrats are in power in the Congress. She apparently does not report to anyone for her actions. Except the American people which most politicians find to be a nuisance except during election years.

Mrs. Pelosi and the Democrats believe they have a mandate to bring the troops home, get out of Iraq, and start hugging those folks that want to blow us all up. Then they will realize we are lovable and we'll all sit down over platters of fried chicken and baked goat and agree to get along. We think the sudden power has made Mrs. Pelosi drunk and dizzy. She is from San Francisco. That should explain her actions.

President Bush has not exactly brought peace to the world. Maybe Nancy and the Democrats can. They think they can. For all our sake, we hope they are right.

## The Baskets are Back!

Friends Book Fiesta baskets are even more special and full of books and exceptional items! They have been displayed around town but all will be at the library after April 10th. Buy lots of \$1 tickets for more chances to win! Drawings for the 10 baskets will be April 29, 2007 at the FHS Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. at the Friends Book Fiesta.

A rare Parmer County Centennial basket full of county books plus many items unique to Parmer County plus cash donations will be auctioned valued at \$720. Proceeds will benefit the Friona Public Library.

A special thank you goes to those who sold tickets while baskets were on display at their place.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
7:00 AM AT THE  
CHIEFTAIN FOOTBALL FIELD



# Blackburn book on the millennium to be featured at library fund raiser

By Carol and Bill Ellis

Former Frionan, Hal Blackburn, now of Amarillo, has recently produced an interesting book "Musings For A New Millennium."

Hal has been invited by Friona Friends of the Library to give a talk about the process by which this book came about at the Friends Book Fiesta and Fund Raiser scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Hal is the son of Anna Jo Blackburn and the late Dean Blackburn of Friona. He graduated from Friona High School in 1976, having gone all 12 years here. While in school he participated in football and tennis.

Following high school, he earned his BA in Biblical Studies at LCU in Lubbock in 1980 and also a degree in Campus Ministry from the International Bible Institute, in Lubbock. From 1991 through 2005 Blackburn worked as Youth Minister and in Campus Ministry in churches and colleges in California, New Mexico and Texas. Individually, he walked the back streets, dark alleys and beaches of L.A. and San Francisco, California in an endeavor to reach hearts and offer hope to troubled, home-

less, at-risk teens living on the edge.

Hal and his wife, the former Marvina Smith of Santa Maria, California, are now employed as House Parents at the High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo, where they live, along with their nine year old daughter Jennifer Renae, while Hal continues to work with and inspire troubled and abused youth.

During his High School years in Friona, Hal got his start as a photojournalist while working as photographer for the Friona Star. He proved to have a talented and artistic eye for photography. Former Friona Star publisher, Bill Ellis tells that Blackburn got the best tornado photo we've ever seen in the Spring of 1976 while he was an FHS senior. The photo was of an elongated "rope style" funnel, which stretched for over a mile horizontally, before touching down just east of the city. It was published on the front page the full width of the paper. Some damage from this tornado was noted in the Noel Woods-Euler area.

Later Blackburn studied photography at Texas Tech in Lubbock, UCLA in Los Angeles,

and Brooks Institute of Photographic Arts, Science and Business in Santa Barbara, California. His artistic photographs have been exhibited in 12 one-man shows around the country. He has published a collection of his black and white images, "Meanings, Volume 1" and is the author of "Photography As A Ministry."

In his book "Millennium" he mentions many of his travels to spread the word of God and to photograph the magnificence of the natural world. In addition to his ministerial work, Hal has climbed mountains in New Zealand, Europe, Ensenada Mexico and Yucatan, Switzerland, the US National Parks, Hawaii, the Canadian Rockies and Mt. Whitney. Hal tells us that his inspiration for writing "Millennium" stems from a book by C.S. Lewis written in 1941 entitled "The Screwtape Letters." This book exhibits a rather unusual premise, as a series of letters written by a demon named Screwtape to his apprentice demon Wormwood offering instructions on how to tempt and deceive humans and lure them into sin.

Hal's undertaking is along similar lines, written as a se-

ries of essays fictionally written by Satan and his evil associates who are discussing their various strategies and schemes to turn the minds and hearts of earthlings away from God and toward the "dark side." In one instance he gives the example of our nation's love of sporting events and how television and other media, working as the Devil's tool, have provided humans an escape from dealing with family, friends, Godliness and a productive life in general. The games enjoyed in childhood are now idolized in adulthood. Satan states, "We have won a major war."

The book consists of 50 essays in all, with 31 of these being dedicated to social issues, and 19 essays on nature. The book can currently be viewed at the Friona Public Library and copies will be available at the Friends Fund Raiser event on April 29 and will be autographed by the author. In addition, Blackburn will bring a number of matted prints of his photography, including both black and white and color prints. He will be speaking at the Sixth Street Church of Christ on Sunday morning, April 26th.

## Mark Your Calendar

**April 7**  
Citywide Easter egg hunt in Friona city park at 9:30 a.m.

**April 8**  
Annual Bovina Lions Club Easter egg hunt in city park at 2 p.m.

**April 9**  
City council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers on Main Street.

**April 15**  
Senior Steak Lunch at the junior high cafeteria. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children age 10 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$11 and \$9.

**April 16**  
First United Methodist Church Senior class banquet at 6:30 p.m.

**April 19**  
FISD school board meeting at 7 p.m. in the administration building at 909 E. 11th.

**April 23**  
First Baptist Church & Calvary Baptist Church Senior class banquet at First Baptist at 7 p.m.

**April 29**  
Friends of the library fundraiser at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

**April 30**  
Sixth Street Church of Christ senior class banquet

**May 3**  
Living History Day activities at Parmer County Museum. Call Wendy Carthel for info at 265-5712.

**May 5**  
Parmer County Centennial Celebration at Farwell City Park

**May 8**  
All Sports Banquet, time & place TBA

**May 10**  
Friona cemetery clean-up day starts at 5 p.m.

**May 13**  
Mother's Day  
Kid-Fish at Reeve Lake 1-4 p.m.  
EMS safety day at Community Center  
Burger lunch for ambulance fund

**May 25**  
Friona high school graduation in the junior high auditorium at 8 p.m.

**June 22**  
Relay for Life cancer walk.  
For information contact Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or Jamie & Greg Lewellen at 250-3545.

**July 21**  
2nd annual Friona Cheeseburger Festival.

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Top, l-r, hospital au members Mary Jo Donna Schueler, T Mercer, Linda R Betty Wiseman, E McLellan, and B Gatlin with one of the geri-chairs. Right Felipe Jubay, Dr Alexander, and C Hamman, FNP, were on Doctor Appreciatio

## Doctor

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# Fire Department gets grain rescue tube

BY JON DOUGLAS,  
Fire Dept. Reporter

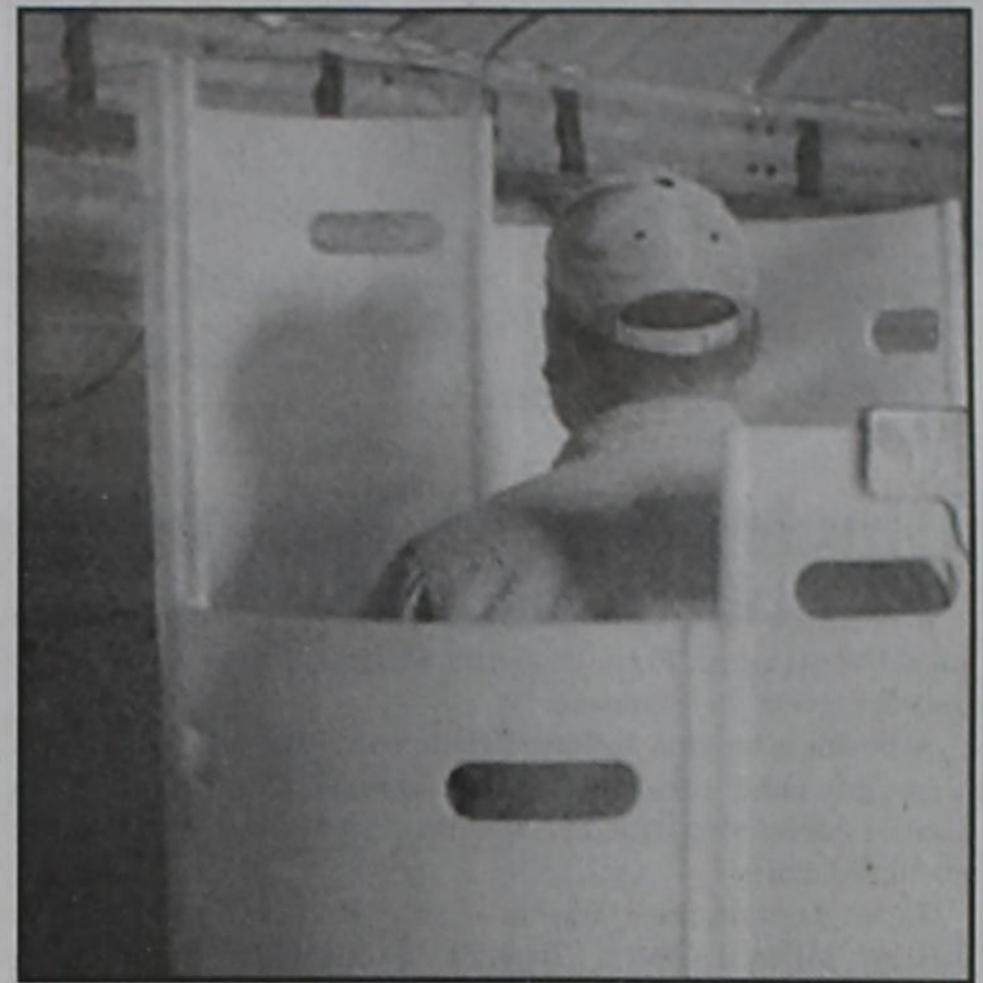
Over the past 40 years more than 600 individuals have been engulfed and suffocated in flowing grain. The incidents have occurred in grain and feed storage structures, grain storage piles, and grain transport vehicles.

Based on research conducted approximately 80-percent of the cases documented that involved a partially trapped victim, resulted in a fatality.

Thanks to several generous donations the Friona Volunteer Fire Department has acquired a new Liberty Rescue Tube that will assist them in extricating victims trapped in grain or feed and enhance the likelihood of survival.

Donations to purchase the Liberty Rescue Tube were made by J.D. Heiskell & Co., Hi Pro Feeds, CHS, Inc., Paco Feedyard, Ltd., TexZona Custom Cattle Feeders, Friona Feedyard, Friona Wheat Growers, and Hub Grain.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department appreciates the support of the entire community of Friona and surrounding area. We would not have such excellent equipment to aid us in our fire fighting and rescue duties without your generous support.



courtesy photo

A firefighter demonstrates the Liberty Rescue Tube used to extricate victims trapped in grain elevators or other grain piles or vehicles. The Friona FD recently acquired the new rescue tube.



courtesy photos

Top, l-r, hospital auxiliary members Mary Johnston, Donna Schueler, Tommie Mercer, Linda Rushing, Betty Wiseman, Elizabeth McLellan, and Belinda Gatlin with one of the new geri-chairs. Right, Dr. Felipe Jubay, Dr. Bob Alexander, and Cathey Hamman, FNP, were honored on Doctor Appreciation Day.



## Doctor Day observed at PCCH

Last Friday the staff of Palmer County Community Hospital gathered in the Sun Room for Physician Appreciation Day hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary.

The reception was to honor our doctors for the work they do for the community. "It takes real courage to be a doctor in a small town," said Mary Johnston, an auxiliary member and former nurse at PCCH. "You are out here alone without the kind of backup doctors in the city have."

The reception refreshments were provided by the auxiliary. Attending were Dr. Bob

Alexander, Dr. Felipe Jubay, and Cathey Hamman, FNP. Hospital board members Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley were also present.

During the reception the Hospital Auxiliary donated three "geri-chairs" to the hospital. The chairs look like a recliner but have a few extras. There are table trays on each side and the arms raise and lower.

"That is the thing that made us choose this chair, said Mary Lou Venhaus, a PCCH nurse since 1973. "The way the arms lower makes transfer to

and from the bed easier for both patients and nurses." Venhaus did the research for the auxiliary project. "The ladies knew what they wanted and I did the research and ordered the chairs for them," Venhaus said.

Assistant PCCH administrator Rhonda Wilkins said, "The support of the doctors in our community is integral to our quality of life here. "We extend our utmost thanks to the doctors who bring such great care to our community and the Ladies Auxiliary who support them."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Apr. 08-Julie Buchanan, Linda Conlee, Keaton Behrendson, Jenny Echevarria
- Apr. 09-Dale Williams, Stuart Walker, Shirley Donnelly, Fran Hawkins, Isabel Martinez
- Apr. 10-Mitchell Reeve, Brittany Reeve, Shannon Marie Brookfield, Louise Walker, Adam Rule, Tammy Ready, Juanita Baldwin, Nathan Shrode, Byron Boyd, Evan Rapp, Julie Echevarria, Victor Nathaniel Gonzales, Ann Flores, Haley Lascellas
- Apr. 11-Pudge Kendrick, Karen Head, Brandee Rule, Jared Boyd, Melissa Barnett, Audra King, Nora Rio, Mary Alice Merrill
- Apr. 12-Stormi, Terri Cox, Cass Perkins, Richie Herring, Galen Hromas, Kevin Hughes
- Apr. 13-Mike Neill, Sami White Dean, Christy Ann Cantu, Kyle Barnett, Minnie Aguirre, Andy VanCleave, Sharolyn Cline
- Apr. 14-Erin Anthony, Morgan Anthony, Charlie Pope, Greg Stowers, Patti Widner, Roger Nelson, Lacye Rolan, Emily Cranfill, Butch Barker, Sirina Ramirez

## White earns Texas Farm Bureau top agent award

At the 2006 statewide annual awards banquet for the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company, Veca White of Friona was honored as one of the top agents in Texas. The award is given to the top Farm Bureau agents for sales of life, home, auto, health, and long term care insurance. It also includes coverage for farms and dairies.

The awards banquet was held February 24, 2007, at the Westin Stonebriar Resort in Frisco, Texas. White is in her seventh year as a Texas Farm Bureau agent. She works out of the Palmer County office located in Friona but travels throughout the Panhandle when needed.



Veca White  
Farm Bureau Agent

## Sorority rush info meeting April 15

The Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association will host a Rush or Recruitment Information Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the library of Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 2525 Wimberly, in Amarillo. Guests should enter through the door located adjacent to the church's south parking lot.

All Panhandle-area high school senior women and college undergraduates who are interested in going through college recruitment for membership

in any national sorority should attend this meeting to receive information about rush packets and deadlines; Mothers of the senior women and college undergraduates are also invited to attend with their daughters. A short discussion about college recruitment, formerly known as "rush", will be part of the meeting.

The Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association is a community-based organization, affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference, whose

membership is composed of representative alumnae from 11 NPC member group sororities. The purpose of the Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic is to inform sorority women about current trends, to promote the fraternity system, to improve the Panhellenic image, and to stimulate a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs.

For more information, please call Janis Alexander Cross at 352-3767 or Cindy Kelleher at 358-4880.

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## Black Study Club meets

A luncheon meeting of the Black Study Club was held in the home of Aundrea Frye Thursday March 27. Seven members and one guest were present.

A business session followed the meal. Several club projects were discussed then voted on. Members present enjoyed a contest identifying Aundrea's collection of President's wives costumed dolls.

Those present were Wyona Clark, Martha Hamilton, Ann Kelley, Mildred Welch, Hannah Lookingbill, Ann Carthel, Aundrea Frye and special guest Ashley Smiley. The next meeting of the club will be April 26 with Martha Hamilton as hostess.

## Flu shots to be given Friday

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be giving flu shots at the WIC office, 616 Euclid, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

Officials say there has been a regional increase in flu cases

the last month. Flu vaccine is currently available and no one will be turned away for being unable to make the \$10 donation request. The flu shot takes about two weeks to become effective.

## Cinderella ballet at Globe-News Center

The Lone Star Ballet of Amarillo will present Cinderella Ballet performances at the Globe-News Performing Arts Center April 27 at 8 p.m. and April 28 at 3 p.m.

The Cinderella Ballet is drawn from the timeless fairy tale of enchanted love, with the evil Stepmother, the Fairy Godmother, pumpkins, mice, and, of course, the Prince and Cinderella.

Tickets may be purchased through Panhandle Tickets 378-3096, or Lone Star Ballet 372-2463. Join Lone Star Ballet for a Cinderella Tea. Call 372-2463 for more information.



## Sheriff's Report

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

March 27, 2007, Jessie Arguijo, 35, of Hereford, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving with an invalid license, dismissed.

March 27, 2007, Joshua Shelby, 20, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with assault, court costs, six months deferred adjudication.

March 28, 2007, Randy Gonzalez, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with sexual assault on a child, pending District Court.

March 30, 2007, Hector Ramos, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court; and failure to identify, pending County Court.

March 31, 2007, Melissa Maloney, 22, of Hardesty, Oklahoma, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana, pending County Court.

March 31, 2007, Manuel Padilla, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury; engaging in organized crime, pending Grand Jury; and motion to revoke (assault), pending County Court.

March 31, 2007, Darlene Cherry, 34, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant (forgery), posted bond and released.

March 31, 2007, Sandra Carranza, 32, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age, pending Grand Jury; and accident involving damage to a vehicle, Pending County Court.

April 1, 2007, Lisa Villa, 44, of Roswell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

On March 21, 2007 in 287<sup>th</sup> District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

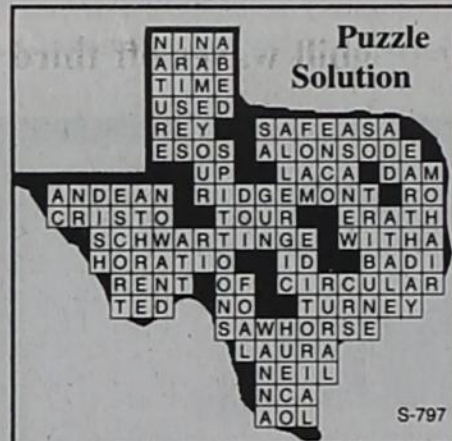
— Aureliano Zaragoza Gonzalez, 25, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for four years; ten days confinement in county jail; \$416 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and loss of driver's license for 18 months.

— Ricky Lynn London, 51, of Friona, charged with burglary of a building, was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility; \$291 court costs; \$750 fine; and \$350 attorney fees. On a second charge of burglary of a building, he was sentenced to four years in a state jail facility; \$291 court costs; \$2,500 fine; and \$350 attorney fees.

— Fernando Garcia Jr., 18, of Friona, charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for four years; \$316 court costs; \$1,500 fine; and \$150 restitution.

— Louis Joe Johnson Jr., 48, of Albuquerque, charged with theft, was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, probated for two years; 12 months substance abuse treatment facility; \$316 court costs; \$500 fine; \$350 for appointed attorney; and \$2,496 restitution.

— Richard Jeril Collier, 34, of Hereford, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, deferred for two years; \$316 court costs; \$750 fine; \$140 restitution; and to obtain substance abuse counseling.



## DPS says: don't pick the bluebonnets!

Each Texas springtime brings flowers to fields and roadsides and a question to the minds of nature lovers—is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

The answer is no—there is no law against picking our State Flower. However, there are laws against criminal trespass—so make sure you're not on private property when you stop to take your annual kids-in-the-bluebonnets photo.

There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property—so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them.

Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers. For the safety of yourself and others, as well as to limit your ticketability:

There are laws against impeding traffic—so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view.

Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.

Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.

Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on.

Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers.

Obeys signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway. And remember that in addition to a ticket, snakes and fire ants also could put more blue in your day than you bargained for.

### DID YOU KNOW?

As best as pioneers can recall, the first school in Bovina was held in the "section house" of the (Panhandle and Santa Fe) railroad, under a private tutor. All official files were burned in the fire last fall (September 17, 1953) which consumed the main Bovina school building.

Parmer County History c. 1974

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deed from March 24, 2007 to March 28, 2007:

- Alfredo Salinas – Rocio Salinas, L2 B52 FRIONA.
- Harry Sheets and Mina Sheets – Al E. Jennings and Virginia Jennings, 5.50 AC NE/CRNR NW/4 S36 DOUD & KEEFER.
- Jose E. Chavez and Sandra Chavez – Jeremy Grado and Mary-Belle Grado, L13 B2 WELCH ACRES.
- Frank Cody and Margaret Cody – Lazaro Velazquez and Maria Idalia Velazquez, SW/4 OF SE/4 S2 T10S R2E.
- Ray Rando and Frances Rando – Eileen A. Gomez and Pedro R. Gomez, 150' X 152' S6 T4S R4E; .037 AC S6 T4S R4E.
- Gabriel Venegas – Jose Inez Silva, L2 B101 BOVINA.
- Helton Oil Inc. – Roy Lovelady, L13-16 B7 FARWELL.

# A Time of Remembrance

Easter is a time to recall what is truly important to us.

We're glad to have this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated employees and valued customers for your service and dedication.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.



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# Reed, Murphree, Reed on top Panhandle basketball teams

Each year the Amarillo-Globe News and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal select the top basketball players in the Panhandle in 1A through 5A classifications. Both newspapers released their Class 2A picks last week and Friona was well represented.

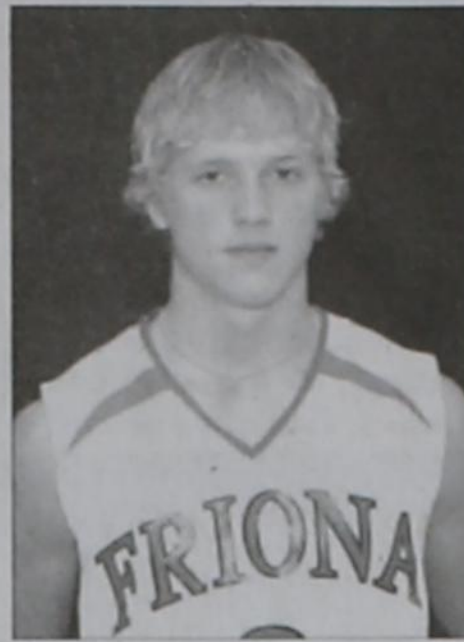
Friona Squaw senior guard Shayli Reed was chosen as the Player of the Year on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's Class

2A Girls All South Plains Team. Quoting from the March 28 AJ: "Despite its early exit from the playoffs in the area round, Friona was one of the better teams in the area in Class 2A, and Reed was the driving force behind the Squaws undefeated District 2-2A run. She averaged 12.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game and was District 2-2A Co-Most Valuable Player." Reed's teammate Staci

Murphree was named to the AJ's All South Plains second team.

The Amarillo Globe News named both Reed and Murphree to their Class 2A Golden Spread Team. They were joined on the GN's first team by Kara Looten of Panhandle, named Player of the Year, Morgan Saul of Canadian, and Alyssa Johnston of River Road.

Chieftain junior Sawyer Reed, Shayli's brother, was named to the Globe News Class 2A Golden Spread Boys Team. Reed averaged 13 points and led the Chiefs to the District 2-2A championship. Other boys on the first team were Jordan Ashmore of Spearman, Player of the Year, Daniel Subealdea of Tulia, Cody Weatherford of Bushland, and David Castellon of Panhandle.



Sawyer Reed  
Class 2A Golden Spread first team



Shayli Reed  
Player of the Year All South Plains and Golden Spread first team



Staci Murphree  
Class 2A Golden Spread first team and All South Plains second team.

# Weekend track results Reyes sweeps sprints

Coach Rex Cumpton and his track coaches were breathing a sigh of relief Monday. "Man, what a weekend," Cumpton said. "We got rained out in Farwell Friday and ended up in Hart and Ft. Sumner on Saturday."

Cumpton said under the circumstances the kids did a good job. "It was too wet at Hart for field events so we went to Ft. Sumner for the throws. It all worked out. Times improved in some areas and consistency is getting better."

Chieftain senior Juan Reyes, who qualified for state last year, swept the 100m, 200m, and 400m runs at Hart. Reyes place 1st in all three events with times of 11.15, 22.70, and 52.31. Erick Martinez was 5th in the 400m at 55.30 and Jesus Sarabia was 6th in the 1600m run with a 5:12.3.

For the JV boys: 400m relay 3rd 51.3 Oscar Reyes, Ricardo Monreal, Steven Mendoza, Michael Chico; 1600m relay 2nd 4:11.3 Reyes, Monreal, Alex Ferguson, Chico; 100m 1st 12.22 Michael Chico, 6th 13.10 Steven Mendoza; 200m 5th 26.2 Oscar Reyes; 300m hurdles 2nd 49.5 Alex Ferguson.

At Ft. Sumner in the field events Dillon Welch won 1st

place in the discus with a throw of 136'7". In the shot put Aaron Arcos 1st 43'8" and Eric Hansard 6th 38'.



Chieftain shortstop Sean Lookingbill waves off third baseman Hector Sanchez, and snags a fly-ball to short left field in the Saturday Tulia game. Chiefs won 8-6 and are 1-2 in district.

# Lazbuddie 3 on 3 basketball shootout

The annual Lazbuddie 3 on 3 basketball festival is scheduled for April 20-21 at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasium. Entry deadline is April 17.

Games begin at 5 p.m. Friday and resumes at 8 a.m. Sat-

urday. Prizes will be presented to first and second place teams in each division. Each team is guaranteed three games. Teams may consist of only four members.

Entry fee is \$50 per team if paid in advance, \$55 if paid at

registration. All entry fees must be paid before the first game is played. There are elementary, junior high, high school, and adult divisions for both male and female.

There will also be a 3-point and free throw competition for all ages. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each division.

For complete rules and information contact John Jones or Alicia Pacheco at LISD, 806-965-2152. You may also contact Debbie Weir at 965-2302 or Sarah Black at 265-3861. We also have a copy of the entry form and rules here at the Friona Star office.

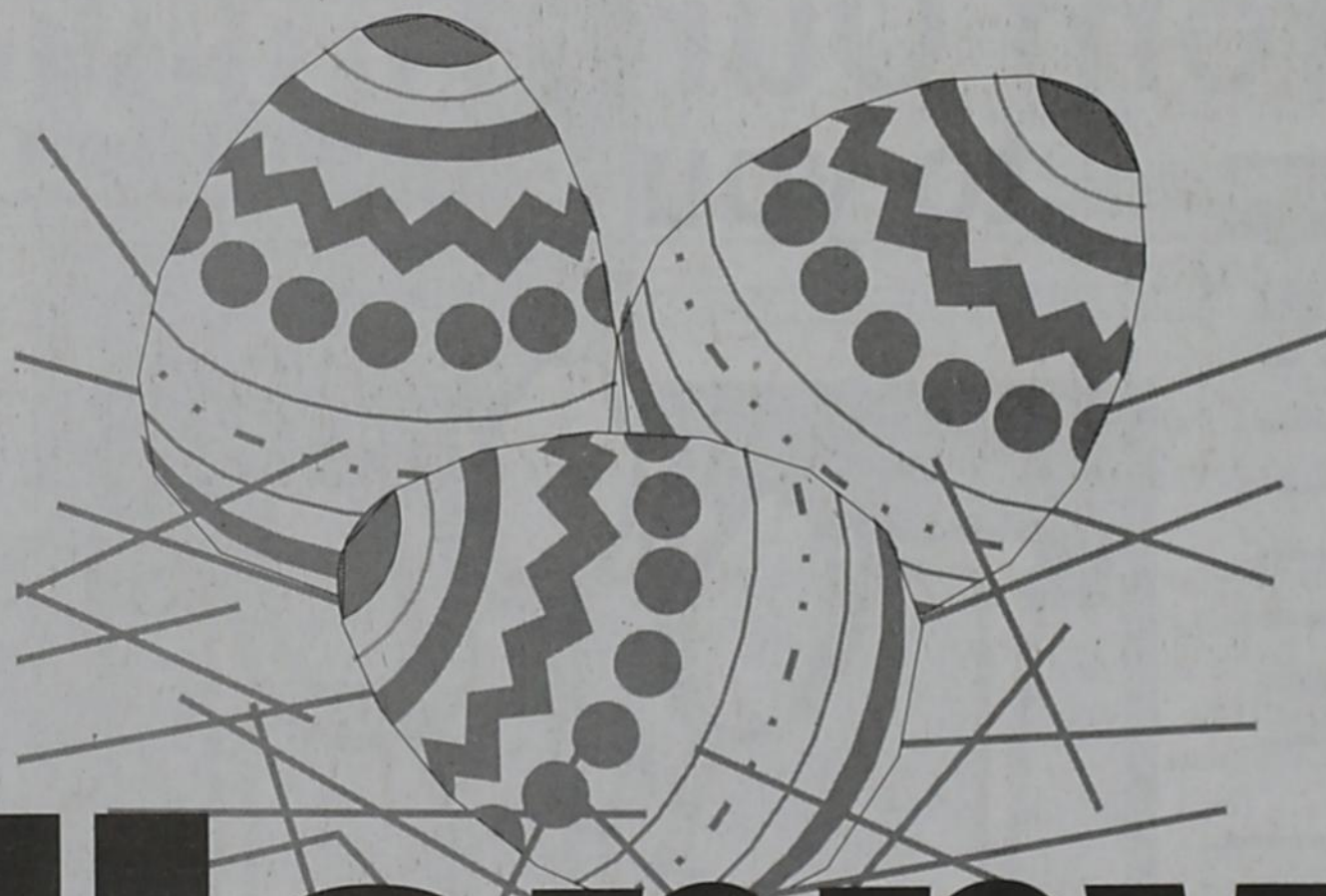
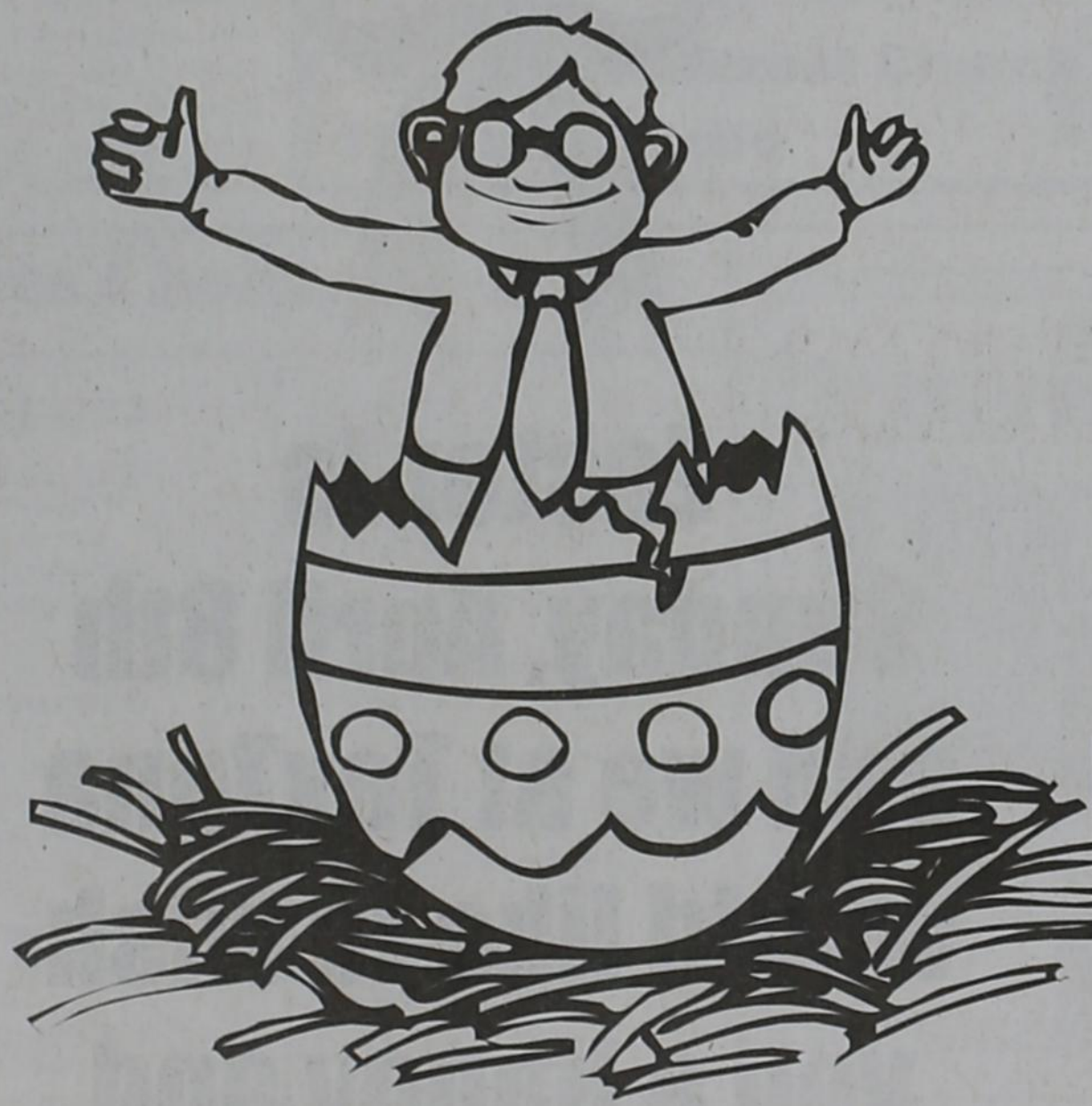
# FHS golf results from Sundown

The Friona Chief/Squaw golf teams played at Sundown last week.

The boys placed 4th with a 376. Scores were Sean Lookingbill 93, Chance Lewellen 92, Jared Boyd 105, Eric North 94, and Alex Vega 97.

The girls won 2nd place with a 404. Scores were Lauren Hughs 82, Briana Wright 103, Allison Jones 105, and Hannah Stovall 114.

Lauren Hughs' 82 earned her 2nd place individual medalist.



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## Chiefs first district win 8-6 over Tulia

The Friona Chieftains and Tulia Hornets finally called "batter up" at 4 p.m. Saturday. The game at the Friona field was supposed to start at 1:30 p.m. but was delayed to dry out because of Friday's snow and icy rain. It was a great day for baseball with temperatures in the 60s, sun shining, and no Panhandle winds blowing in from the outfield.

Chieftain starting pitcher Trent Hudson worked five innings and was credited with the win. He was relieved by Sean Lookingbill in the 6th inning. Both Lookingbill and Hudson hit doubles in the game and Hudson also ripped a 2-run home run in the first inning to give Friona a 3-0 lead after Matt Martinez sent Valente Casas to third on a bunt single. Lookingbill drove in Casas and advanced Martinez to 3rd before Hudson's homer.

In the 3rd inning Hudson's double drove in Lookingbill who was on base on a fielder's choice. In the 4th Phillip Saiz got to 1st base on a passed ball after striking out. Garrett Clark drilled a liner to right field that got past the Hornet right

fielder. Saiz advanced to 3rd and Clark to 2nd. Freshman catcher Matt Stanberry hit a hot liner through the shortstop, scoring both Saiz and Clark. After Andy Bentley came in to run for Friona 8, Tulia 6.



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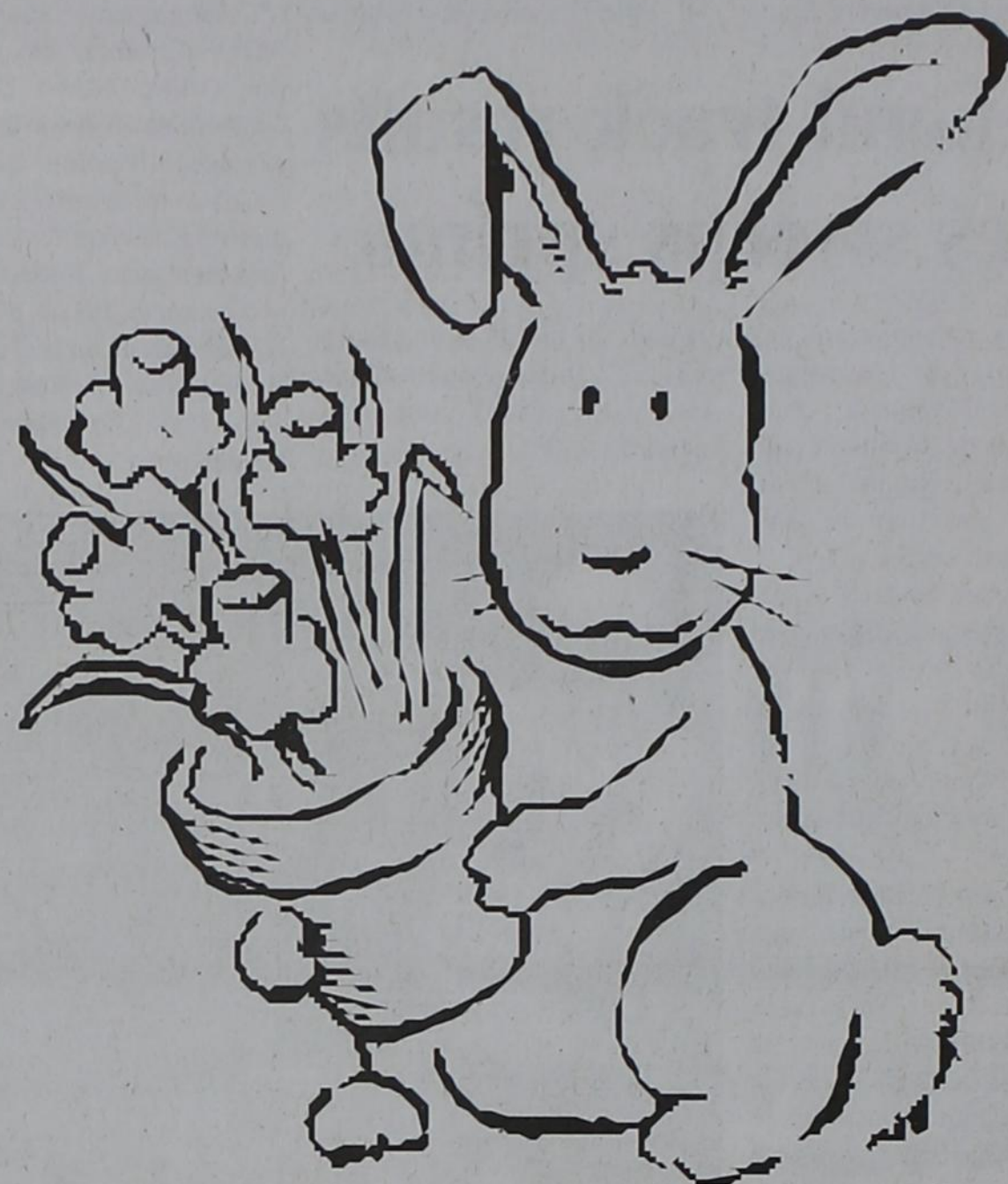
**It took a big stretch but Chieftain first baseman Stephen Campbell gets the out on the Hornet runner. More game photos at frionaonline.com. Click on the Tulia album.**



ron carr photo

Teammates call him T-Hud. Chieftain junior Trent Hudson pitched 5 innings against Tulia Saturday and was the winning pitcher as the Chiefs won 8-6. T-Hud also had a double and a 2-run home run in the game. The Chiefs lost a return match at Tulia Tuesday 12-2.

# A Healthy Easter To All!



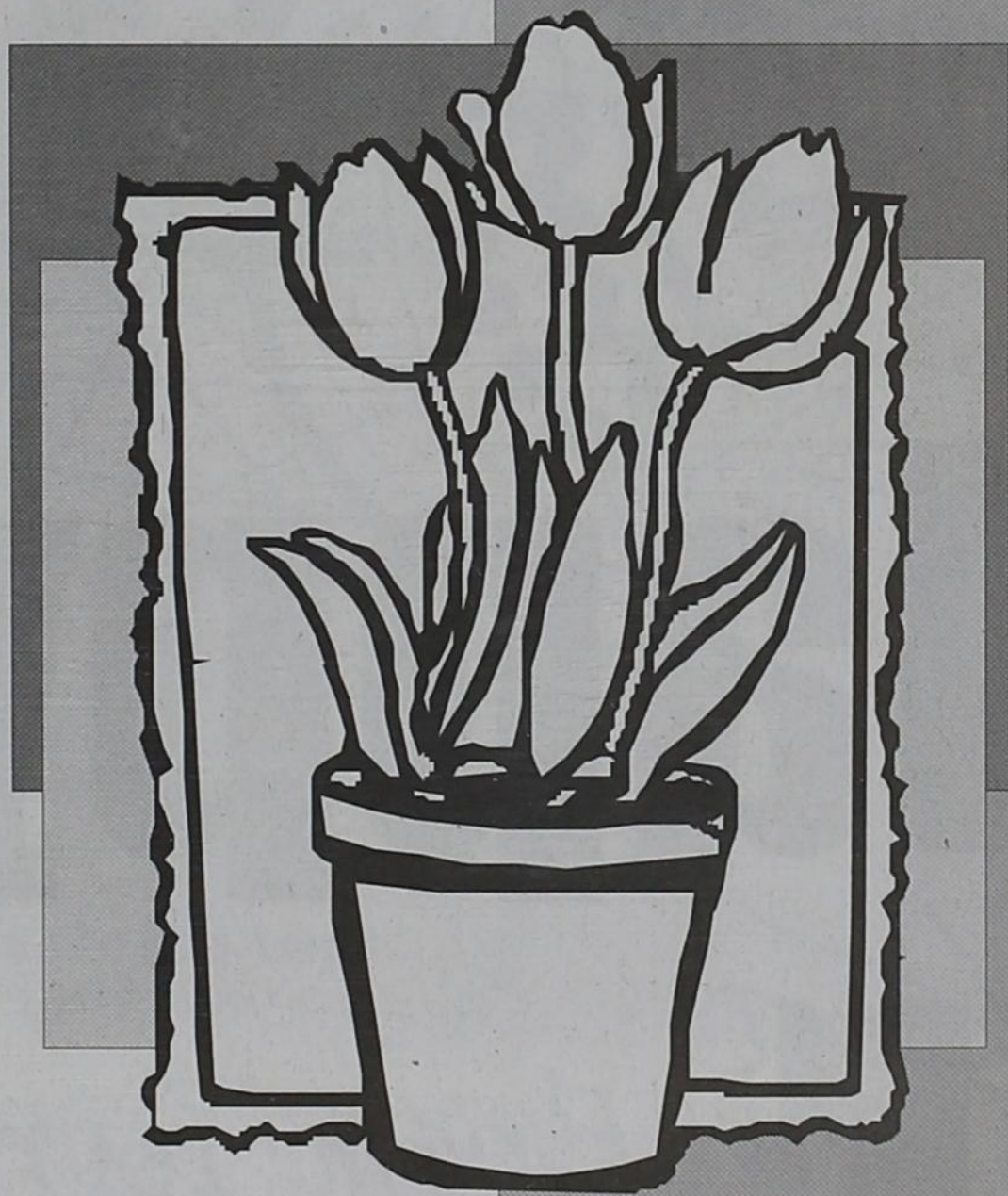
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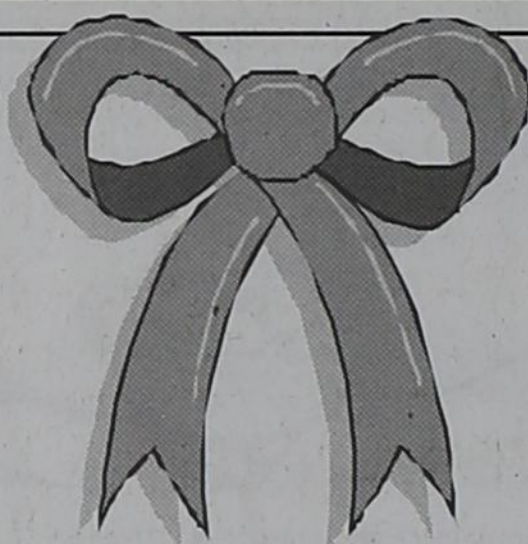
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However, we must know judgment to give an ac (Romans 14:10-12)

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The sovereign God cho cross of Christ. God truly

If anyone would come me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" Matthew 16:24.

When you think about cross of Christ you have that it is the most revolutionary thing ever to appear among The cross of old Roman knew no compromise. The of Christianity is about Christ, who hung on that for six hours, died on that Then was buried and on third day arose from the g

After the Ascension of the apostles hit the preaching His message what they preached was cross. And wherever they they carried the cross, a same revolutionary power with them.

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Area Church Directory

Table with church listings for Friona, Bovina, and other areas. Includes names of churches, addresses, and pastors.

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# Parmer County Centennial Moments

By Darla Bracken fridarla19@yahoo.com

## World's Largest Cattle Shipping Point...Bovina, Texas

In 1882 when the XIT Ranch was first organized, they established the Hay Hook Line Camp in Parmer County and later built the headquarters for Division 8 there—the bull pen and shipping point for the XIT Ranch cattle. At first the cattle were driven in herds to points north for slaughter. Both cowboys and cattle had free range in the unfenced area when the Pecos and Northern Texas Railroad came through in 1898 in the process of establishing a track line from Amarillo to Roswell. After the railroad was built, cottonseed was shipped in to supplement the range feed and inevitably some cottonseed was spilled near the tracks. The bulls in 'Bull Town' nibbled on the feed and became quite unafraid of the trains which traveled through the area. When the post office was established on January 31, 1899 'Bull Town' became a more dignified Bovina. William M. Guy was named the first postmaster.

Later the railroad merged with Sante Fe Railroad and they built stockyard holding pens for the huge droves of cattle waiting to be shipped. As many as 10,000 head at a time were shipped from tiny Bovina—an amount which would rival some of our modern day feedyards shipping to the area packing plants via semi-tractor/trailer rigs. Many cattle were from other ranches in the area besides the XIT cattle. Cattle today still outnumber people in Parmer County just as they did in the days of the XIT Ranch.

When the division of the 50,000 acre area around Bovina

was made, John R. Armstrong was sent as foreman and manager for the land disposal. People who came to live in the

1902. Mrs. Abbott was their teacher. St. Ann's Catholic Church was organized in 1907; the first baptism was Simon

Bovina Independent School District was created in 1927 from Parmer County School District # 5. At one time,

ISD. In the 30s and 40s when gasoline, rubber and money were rationed or in short sup-

and made it back in time for the game! We do love our sports in this county. They also used the gym as a roller skating rink and to show cliffhanger serials and movies to provide recreation for their residents. And they didn't even mind the extra work it took to keep the gym floor in shape for basketball games.

The Bovina Blade newspaper brought news to the town for 50 years from 1955-2005 as the weekly news source. Bovina community news is now covered in both the Farwell State Line Tribune and the Friona Star. Bull Town Days was the Bovina's Celebration began in 1963 and was usually held in August. The state historical marker honoring 'Bull Town', the oldest town in Parmer County, was placed in 1969.

Bovina's population in 2000 was 1,874. Bovina received one of the prestigious Community Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund [TIF] grants in 2000 and operated their own community computer lab in the old Rhea school building which had been moved to Bovina. Talk about a 'then and now'. Residents had several points in their town for high speed Internet access. The grant also furnished laptop computers for every student in Bovina High School. Awesome! Bovina folks have seized the opportunities when they knocked and are currently working to bring a new technology to Bovina and Parmer County—wind turbines.

Please don't miss the Parmer County Celebration May 5, 2007 in Farwell around the courthouse! Be there or be square.



Bovina Historic Townsen Hotel

area began moving there in 1905. Bovina had two churches and a school. The first school in Parmer County was in Bovina above one of the mercantile stores—a one-room, one teacher affair in 1899. The first school built in Bovina was an adobe structure in 1905. Due to the fact that there were many Mexican workers who came to help build the railroad, there were also many Mexican children in the area and they had their own school established in

Morales in December 1911.

Early Bovina also had a general store, a livery stable, a barbershop and a section house that could accommodate up to 35 boarders who were served 3 meals a day. They mostly furnished their own beds, however. As soon as the excursion trains began coming to the area, Bovina residents would 'dress up' in their finest and go to meet and visit with the people coming in on the trains to hear their news from other places. What a treat that must have been for the early residents!

Parmer County had 16 School Districts! In 1927 a bond issue passed in a close and heated election: 67 men for and 60 men against. The school was built in 1928 and all children of school age attended the new school. The land for the school was sold to Bovina ISD by the Capitol Freehold Land and Trust Company with the stipulation that it must be for a school or there was 'no deal'. School 'trucks' or buses were also added in 1928. In later years other Parmer County districts consolidated with Bovina

ply, natives came up with an innovative way to furnish basketball shoes for their students. They, the school district, bought the shoes and then rented them to the students to wear elsewhere and managed to make it work. In 1945 the basketball team was really good but they had no money for gasoline to travel to a playoff game at Dimmitt. They pooled resources and took the team only to realize that in their haste, they had forgotten the uniforms! Maude Trimble drove back to Bovina, picked up the uniforms,

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# Town Talk II

By Ron Carr

Monday I blinked and gas went up another 10-cents a gallon. It's up about 30-cents a gallon from a week ago here in the Panhandle. Some places in California it is over \$3 a gallon. Gonna' be a long hot and expensive summer.

Yes it snowed last Friday then turned into cold icy rain. Luckily it didn't stick anywhere. The temperature was a balmy 38 degrees for a high Friday. Monday it was pushing 80 again. The Chiefs baseball game was delayed from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Went by Soapy Springs Car Wash Monday afternoon to take advantage of their \$3 off Monday washes but Ray White said so many people had come through he ran out of tokens. Over 50 cars had been through the wash by 4 p.m.

Joined a group of local business people and officials last Thursday for a discussion luncheon at Cargill Meat Solutions. Cargill training manager Rick White cooked a beef loin with green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, and salad plus the biggest slice of chocolate I have seen in a while. A report on the meeting is on the front page this week.

Cargill works hard to support and be a part of the community. We are fortunate to have this major employer here in Friona. Thanks Rick and the gang for the hospitality.

PCCH administrator Lance Gatlin was at the Cargill lun-

cheon. He mentioned that the hospital had to open up a couple of extra rooms the last few weeks. The hospital has been full several times recently. Lot of flu and virus going around.

The Friona State Bank Hawaii cruise group is back home safe and sound. I spoke to several of the participants and nobody will admit to doing the hula. I'm sure some incriminating photos will show up sooner or later. Next up is a trip to the National Parks in September. If interested call Marca Herring at the bank, 250-5000.

Big group at the Monday senior citizen lunch. It was Mexican pile-on day since it was the first Monday of a new month. And the seniors are not shy about piling on. Some of the plates needed side-boards. Anna Mae Thomas played the piano before lunch began. Always nice to have Anna Mae serenade. You might ask her why she was wearing two wrist watches Monday.

Good to see Jack Turner back for lunch. He has been undergoing chemo treatments in Amarillo and has another series next week. Said he was feeling good though. Jamie Martin was visiting with her grandmother Pat. Good to see the big crowd. Senior lunches are each Monday and Thursday at the Friendship House. Cost is only \$3. All area seniors are invited to join the group.

Allow me to brag. My son Zac's one-act play thespian group from Wichita Falls Hirschi high school has advanced to area competition. It is the first time in over 20-years a Hirschi one-act play has advanced to area. Their play is entitled "Tall Tales From the Kentucky Cycle." Zac has the lead in the play and won Best Actor at the district competition.

They compete against schools from Iowa Park, Vernon, Burkburnett, Graham, and Denton. He continues to make me proud. Thanks for letting me brag. They will be participating in the area round Saturday in Graham.

Hello to subscribers Louise Mangold in Greeley Colorado, and Renee King out in Garden Grove, California. Thanks to you both for being a Friona Star subscriber. Here is how our subscription system works: all subscriptions expire the last issue of the month in which you subscribed. If your subscription started April 5 it is good until the end of April one year later.

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offering an email subscription for the entire paper but we aren't there yet. Any questions let us know.

Sunday is Easter. We are all blessed in many ways. These

are troubled times around the world. Remember to keep our military in your thoughts and prayers as you observe Good Friday and Easter this weekend. Pray for peace. God Bless America.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 JH Cheerleader Fittings @ 3:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade LAT Math TAKS Tests HS Spring Pictures HS Dist. Golf Boys @ Tulia Girls @ Dimmitt	3 JH Track @ Muleshoe 3:45 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math UIL Reg. Sight Reading Concert At Boys Ranch Area OAP @ WTAMU Var. Baseball @ Tulia Var. plays @ 4:30	4 UIL Reg. Sight Reading Concert at Boys Ranch District Tennis @ Plainview	5 End of 5 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks JV & Var. Track @ Muleshoe Early Dismissal ECE - 1 <sup>st</sup> - 1:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> - 2:00	6 Holiday Baseball vs. Dimmitt - H JV @ 11:00 Var. @ 1:30	7
9 Head Start & Migrant Parent Meeting @ 5:30 Junior High Cafeteria 6 <sup>th</sup> 6 wks. Begins Herff Jones Jr. Rings and Sr. Invitations Delivered 9:00 - 1:00 Baseball @ Muleshoe JV @ 4:30 / Var. @ 7:00	10 UIL Choir Sight Reading Contest @ WTAMU District Track @ Tulia	11 Report Cards Go Home UIL Choir Sight Reading Contest @ WTAMU District Golf Girls @ Friona Boys @ Muleshoe	12 State FCCLA	13 JH Cheerleader Auditions at 3:00 p.m. UIL & One Act Play @ Regionals Tennis Regional Qualifiers TBA State FCCLA	14 ACT High School Cafeteria JH District Track at Tulia UIL & One Act Play @ Regionals State FCCLA FFA Area Judging Contest at Texas Tech University Baseball @ Muleshoe JV @ 11:00 Var. @ 1:30
16 LAT TAKS 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades JH LAT Math 10 <sup>th</sup> TAKS LAT & Math Methodist Senior Banquet	17 Pre Enrollment for 2007-2008 Headstart & Pre-K TAKS Math 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> TAKS Math 6-7-8 TAKS 10 <sup>th</sup> LAT/ELA/Math	18 Pre Enrollment for 2007-2008 Headstart & Pre-K TAKS Reading 4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> TAKS Reading Retest TAKS Reading 6-7-8 TAKS 10 <sup>th</sup> LAT/ELA TAKS 11 <sup>th</sup> Math	19 Pre Enrollment for 2007-2008 Headstart & Pre-K 5 <sup>th</sup> TAKS Science 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Science Test TAKS 9 <sup>th</sup> Math 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Science	20 Pre Enrollment for 2007-2008 Headstart & Pre-K HS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Training for Playa Lakes Festival 9:00-3:00 Track Reg. Qualifying Meet TAKS 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> SS Regional Tennis Qualifiers Meet	21 Baseball @ Dimmitt JV @ 11:00 Var. @ 1:30 Track Reg. Qualifying Meet
23 Regional Golf Abilene First Baptist and Calvary Baptist Church Senior Banquet	24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip Regional Golf Abilene Baseball vs. Tulia - H Var. @ 4:30 JV @ 7:00	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Plays 10:00-11:00 Gym ARDS - 8 <sup>th</sup> Regional Tennis @ Abilene	26 Primary Music Program @ 12:45 - Jr. High Aud. 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Plays Gym TSA Regional @ WTAMU Regional Tennis @ Abilene	27 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip John Randall's Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. Regional Track @ Abilene	28 Regional Track @ Abilene
30 First Day of Kindergarten enrollment for next year. April 30 <sup>th</sup> thru May 4 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip JH Progress Reports Sixth Street Sr. Banquet @ 7:00 p.m.		Sunday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> Senior Steak Dinner @ JH Cafeteria  Sunday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> National Honor Society Induction HS Auditorium @ 2:00 p.m.			

Thursday, April 5, 2007

My

Every month, a resident Heritage Estates, writes home's newsletter, "The Month we feature"

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I came to live at Prain myself for four years after Acres at the time of her de

My oldest grandson Ch Texas. He graduated from senior at Friona High Sc Nebraska with my daughter

I am in pretty good heal in, but for the most part I hear off the radio in my ro line but I try to be funny!

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1 a replica of this Columbus ship sailed to TX in '92

5 oil source: United Emirates

6 TXism: "spends his looking for shade" (lazy)

7 pre-owned pickup

8 TX George Strait's "Marina Del

9 TXism: "squirrel up a tree"

16 TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "Hombres"

18 Spaniard who mapped much of TX

20 TXism: "gets with the chickens"

21 Valley pheasant: chacha

22 Buchanan

24 Fort Worth Zoo has huge condor vulture

30 Cowboy Casillas horse racing bus: Farms

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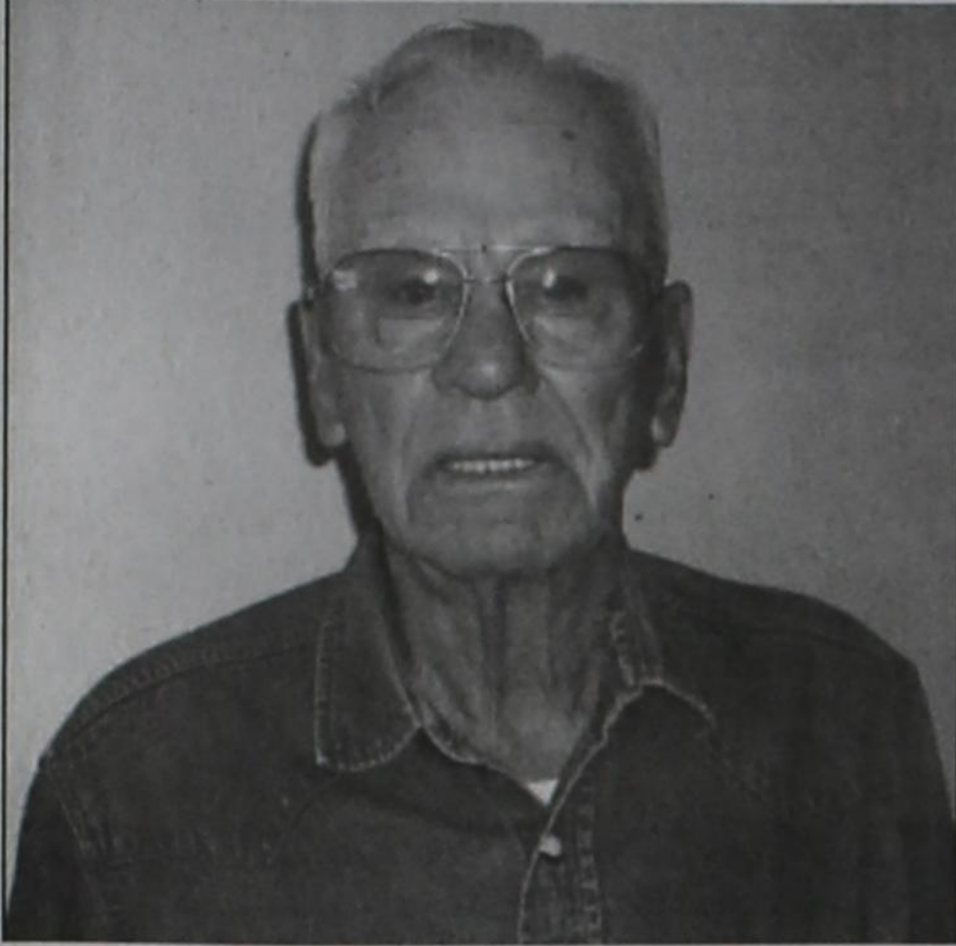
36 performance trip by TX singers

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## My Life Story

By Charley Morrison

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

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I was born February 3, 1923, in Tolbert, Texas, Wheelbarger County. Wilson A. Morrison was my Dad. He had two boys and a girl. He married Jessie Mae Lee; she had two girls and a boy. Then they had five children together. Anyway there were eleven of us kids!

Dad had been a butcher and then became a farmer. He went into the military and retired from there after 23 years.

As kids there was a creek about a block from the school where we liked to go fishing, we ran races and of course with that big family we had our share of fights. Our school was at Jackson Springs, a country school made up of three or four families. The boys, girls and teachers all played baseball together.

On September 21, 1942, I went into the Army Air Corps. After three months of training I was out in the ocean on a ship, that was in WWII. I got out on November 5, 1945. On July 21, 1951 I went into the Marine Corps and was in Korea for a year, came back and then went to Japan. I got out July 20, 1954.

After the service, I was working for a man who had some daughters and they had a friend Louella Hall. Lou and I knew each other for three or four years before going together. We were married March 30, 1957, in Amarillo, Texas by Dr. Baker.

We had two daughters, Rose Marie born on September 24, 1958 and Peggy Jean born on January 29, 1962.

Lou worked at Millers Printing and I was working in Dumas at American Zinc Co. I drove back and forth until August, when Lou had her vacation and quit her job. We moved to Dumas and lived there for 23 years.

On May 26, 1971 I started a job at Missouri Beef in Friona, Texas. Lou and the girls stayed in Dumas until school was out. I worked at Missouri Beef (now called Cargill) for 18 years in the engine room.

After retiring I enjoyed working in my yard, gardening, walking, going to church and going to watch my grandsons play sports. We have three grandsons, Charley and Phillip Saiz and A.J. Schmidt.

We were a military family! My Dad, his brothers, myself, Lou and my daughter, Marie, have all been in the military. My son-in-law, Robert Saiz, was also in the military.

After retiring from Excel, I was the school crossing guard for about 10 years. I also helped my son-in-law Robert, mow the baseball parks here in town.

I came to live at Prairie Acres on January 15, 2007. I lived by myself for four years after my wife passed away. She lived at Prairie Acres at the time of her death on October 10, 2003.

My oldest grandson Charley is a teacher and a coach in Denton, Texas. He graduated from the University of North Texas. Philip is a senior at Friona High School. A.J. is ten years old and lives in Nebraska with my daughter Peggy.

I am in pretty good health for an 84 year old man. Arthritis has set in, but for the most part I'm pretty healthy. I like to tell jokes that I hear off the radio in my room. I may not always remember the punch line but I try to be funny!

## Artificial turf for batting cage donated

It is not always easy to allot money for the Friona high school baseball program. Head Coach Greg Hazelwood relies on baseball schedule advertising and volunteer help and donations to supplement his budget for equipment and field maintenance.

Coach Hazelwood's sister Debbie Needham recently retired after 38 years as a teacher and administrator in the Amarillo School District. After retirement she signed on for a six-year term running a school for orphans in Malawi, Africa.

Recently Greg and Debbie's mother passed away in Amarillo. The siblings decided to help the baseball program. With a donation from the estate and a joint project with Friona ISD, Coach Hazelwood was able to purchase artificial turf for the batting cage, dugout areas, and to use as hitting pads for the baseball program.



Chieftain seniors are enjoying the new artificial turf in the batting cage. Shown after the Tulia game are, standing, l-r, Matt Martinez, Coach Styler Haddock, Hector Sanchez, Phillip Saiz, Coach Greg Hazelwood; front, l-r, Sean Lookingbill, Valente Casas, and Stephen Campbell.

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### Prairie Acres & Heritage Estates April Birthdays

Residents/Clients  
Alice Brandon—April 13  
Willie Talley—April 22  
Tootsie White—April 27  
LoRee Pruitt—April 29

Employees  
Jessica Perez—April 10  
Patti Widner—April 14  
Rachel Martinez—April 27

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1 a replica of this Columbus ship sailed to TX in '92

5 oil source: United Emirates

6 TXism: "spends his looking for shade" (lazy)

7 pre-owned pickup

8 TX George Strait's "Marina Del"

9 TXism: "squirrel up a tree"

16 TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "Hombres"

18 Spaniard who mapped much of TX: Leon

20 TXism: "gets with the chickens"

21 Valley pheasant: chacha

22 Buchanan

24 Fort Worth Zoo has huge condor vulture

30 Cowboy Casillas' horse racing bus.: Farms

34 TX singer Roy (init.)

35 El Paso mountain: Sierra de Rey

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1 Mother

2 TX perennials

3 TXism: "own poison"

4 TXism: "hot as of mesquite coals"

9 Alamo City letters

10 pollen causes this type of reaction in some Texans

11 TXism: "he's all beer and no"

12 Exxon forerunner

13 TXism: "quick York minute"

14 TXism: "tight he squeaks when he walks"

15 TXism: "it don't up"

17 saloon receptacles

19 yearly event for environmentalists

23 Sonora is a leading wool & ctr.

24 car cooling (abbr.)

25 TX pro strike-out king (init.)

26 chili is state

27 social companion

28 TXism: "loop roper" (bad)

29 TXism: "every then"

31 TX Charley Pride's "Where Put Her Memory?"

32 TXism: "can't hunt with an empty"

33 Quitaque newspaper "Valley"

38 TX story (2 wds.)

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52 Gov. (1942-46) Stevenson (init.)

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## Cargill cooks for tornado volunteers

Cargill Meat Solutions employees traveled to Clovis, New Mexico, Wednesday March 28 to cook hamburgers and serve water for all of the volunteers helping to clean up tornado damage and for people who had lost their homes.

Rick White, Cargill training manager, said they served 750 hamburgers and water bottles during lunch held at the Clovis fairgrounds. "Cargill wanted to say thank you to all the volunteers who were helping the Clovis community get cleaned up," White said.



courtesy photos

These Cargill employees cooked hamburgers in Clovis for tornado victims and volunteers. Above, l-r, Ronnie Bonney, Anthony Stevenson, Rick White, Mark Neill, Harold Harrison, and Robbie Garcia. Below, l-r, Mary Madrigal, Diamond Perez, Jesenia Rodriguez, Beverly Colvin, Apolonia Murillo, and Lupe Pena.



## Funny Bunny Cookies

Why not create these hilarious Easter bunnies with your little ones — and make up a story about them, too!

Makes 18 bunnies  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Baking time: 12 to 15 minutes  
Decoration time: 30 minutes  
Difficulty: Moderate

- 1 bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
- 1 bag Starburst Fun Size Fruit Chews for Easter, unwrapped
- 1 tube or bag M&M'S Minis (optional for the bunny's basket)
- Yellow and orange food coloring
- 1 18-ounce package refrigerated cookie dough
- 1 16-ounce container white frosting

1. Thinly roll cookie dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Press out two sizes of cookies: 3-inch cookies for bunnies' bodies, and 1-inch cookies for bunnies' heads.
2. Arrange cookies on baking sheet, placing smaller cookies next to larger cookies. Press edges of two sets of cookies together. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 12 to 15 minutes, then cool.
3. Divide icing into 3 small bowls. Tint one bowl with a few drops of orange food coloring and one with yellow. Frost 1/3 of cookies orange, 1/3 yellow and 1/3 white.
4. Soften the Fruit Chews for Easter in microwave for 10 seconds. Mold candy into bunny ears and feet, then press into iced cookies to attach. Dot bunnies' faces with Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter for eyes, noses and mouths.

**For the bunny's basket:** Soften one unwrapped Fruit Chews for Easter piece in your hand (or for 5 seconds in the microwave) and divide into two equal parts. Shape half into 1 1/2 inch handle. Shape other half into semi-circle for basket body. Make diagonal marks across semi-circle with tip of knife. Press rope into two outside edges of semi-circle, making a basket. Place basket on frosted cookie and fill with several M&M'S Minis.

**For the bunny's carrot:** Soften one unwrapped, orange Fruit Chews for Easter piece in your hand (or for 5 seconds in the microwave) and shape into 1-inch-long cone to resemble a carrot. For carrot top, soften one green Fruit Chews piece for Easter in same way, then flatten and cut into spiky fronds. Press to attach them to carrot and put carrot on cookie.



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