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1907 ★ 2007 *Texas at its Best* **PARMER COUNTY CENTENNIAL**



*Celebration begins at 10am
on May 5, 2007 at
the Courthouse Square
in Farwell Texas!!!*

The Parmer County Centennial poster is prominent around town reminding residents of the May 5, 100th anniversary celebration in Farwell. The poster was designed by Clint Mears, at Intheden Graphics and printed in Amarillo. The photo is by Eldon Reeb, manager of Veterinary Industries, and is titled "Driving the Herd." The photo was a 1st place winner in last year's Maize Days photography competition.

TAKS tests at FHS next week

Students at Friona High School will be taking the TAKS tests next week, according to FHS counselor Stephanie Barrett.

Students in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades will be testing Tuesday April 17 through Friday April 20. Parents are asked to encourage their children to get plenty of rest each night and to be at school at 7:45 a.m. each morning.

The high school cafeteria staff will be preparing and serving breakfast for the students beginning at 7:45. If you have questions or need further information please contact the high school at 250-3951.

Since the FHS seniors do not take the TAKS next week they are offering to use the free time from April 17-20 to help local citizens or businesses with odd jobs such as cleaning, repairing, etc. If you are interested in some senior class help call the school or check with them at Sunday's senior class steak dinner.

Rabies vaccination clinic set for Thursday Apr 19

The Friona City Code of Ordinances Section 2.104 requires annual animal registration and vaccination for dogs and cats.

The City of Friona and the Friona Veterinary Clinic will hold a rabies vaccination clinic at the Friona Community Center, 601 W. 15th, on Thursday April 19 from 3-5 p.m.

All dogs and cats in the city limits must have a city tag and rabies vaccination. Cost for the rabies shot and the city tag will be \$10. Also available are dog shots for Distemper/Parvo and cat shots for 4 Way Feline. Both shots are an additional \$10.

All animals brought to the Community Center vaccination clinic must be restrained by a leash. Guard dogs must be securely muzzled and leashed.

Chamber announces events schedule

The Friona Chamber of Commerce board of directors met Monday April 9 and mapped out the schedule of events for the coming year. Several adjustments were made. Below is the tentative schedule for several Chamber events.

4th of July Celebration: Wednesday July 4 booths in the park. Set-up time is 5 p.m. Booths are free. Deadline for vendor forms in 5 p.m. June 29. Chamber Executive Vice-President Chris Alexander said the board would have to decide as July 4 gets closer whether fireworks will be a part of the celebration. It depends on weather, burn bans, etc.

2nd Annual Cheeseburger Cook-Off & Festival: Saturday July 21. Booths in the park. Set-up time is 8:30 a.m. No other meat vendors

except cheeseburger cooks. Cost: Free to Chamber members, \$30 to non-members organizations and businesses, \$15 non-member individuals. Deadline for vendor forms and fees is 5 p.m. July 13.

51st Annual Maize Days Celebration: Saturday September 22. Booths in the park. Set-up time 8:30 a.m. New for 2007, the Chamber will not be serving BBQ this year. All food vendors are welcome. Cost \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Deadline for vendor forms and fees is September 3.

Vendors will need to furnish their own tables and chairs for all events. For more information contact the Chamber office, 806-250-3491.

In other Chamber business, the board voted to donate

\$500 to the Women's Study Club clubhouse project. The historical clubhouse at 9th and 3456. Donna Mears at 250-

Fire department offers weather radios for sale

Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor says that as a community service the Friona Volunteer Fire Department has official NOAA weather radios for sale. Chief Taylor says this is not a fundraiser for the department but a service that some folks have requested.

In view of recent tornado conditions and other severe weather around the area the demand for weather radios has increased. The fire department is selling the NOAA weather radios complete with batteries for \$33 each. They will program the radio and show you how it operates.

Chief Taylor says the radios are silent until an emergency weather broadcast is made. The weather service also tests the radios a couple of times a week so you should always know if yours is working properly. He said the weather radio transmitter tower is in Summerfield, which gives the area good reception.

The chief advises all area residents to consider getting a weather radio. All city offices and local schools are equipped with them. To get your radio go by and see Jim or John Taylor at 4-Way Pump Co, or give them a call at 250-2241.



ron carr photo

Jordan Jamerson and Hannah Stovall during a scene from the FHS one-act play production of "Blood Wedding". The troupe gave their farewell performance Monday evening. More photos of the one-act play can be viewed at our frionaonline.com website and prints can be ordered.

Let some government programs ride into sunset

By U.S. Senator John Cornyn

Congress recently passed a 5-year, \$15 trillion federal budget just as many Americans were looking up from calculating their federal income tax bills. Taxpayers probably didn't like what they saw, and I don't blame them. One trillion is one thousand billion. By any standard, \$15 trillion is an unimaginable amount of money.

What troubles me is that in this budget Congress is not proposing to eliminate a single program or government agency. Though the administration budget process includes an annual review of ongoing programs, Congress isn't doing its part. Many accounts are funded year after year because there are small—but vocal—interest groups backing them—and no effective Congressional oversight to determine when ideas have run their course.

In an effort to correct these problems, I'm introducing legislation that would create a federal "sunset" commission to identify federal agencies and programs that should be reviewed—and perhaps trimmed or even eliminated. Many of our best ideas for the federal government "bubble up" from individual states. That's the

case here. In Texas, the sunset process has led to elimination of dozens of agencies, and has saved Texas taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Most federal programs are authorized by Congress only for a certain number of years. My bill would establish a commission to scrutinize carefully all unauthorized (technically expired) programs that the federal government continues to fund.

There will be plenty of candidates. A recent 83-page report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found that Congress spent just under \$160 billion in 2006 on programs and activities—even though their authorization had expired. The list included hundreds of accounts, big and small, ranging from the Coast Guard (\$8 billion) to the Administration on Aging (\$1.5 billion) to Section 8 tenant-based housing (\$15.6 billion) to foreign relations programs (\$9.5 billion).

Many of these programs—perhaps most—deserve reauthorization. But Congress should aggressively determine whether they're working as

intended. The bipartisan sunset commission I am proposing would ask a question similar to one the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission asks: "Is an agency or program still needed?" It would then evaluate each unauthorized agency or program and recommend to Congress whether it should be abolished, streamlined, consolidated or reauthorized with recommendations for improvements. It would also require Congressional action on each report.

About half of our states now have a similar process. It's time the federal government provided equivalent oversight of our massive and growing federal bureaucracy. I'm also co-sponsoring the *Fair Tax Act* again, which would eliminate income, capital gains, payroll, estate, gift, corporate and self-employment taxes, and would replace them with a national retail sales tax. The move would have the net effect of "sunseting" a good part of the Internal Revenue Service as well.

The *Fair Tax Act* would apply only to the sale of new goods and services made to consumers. To eliminate hardship, it would provide every

household with a monthly rebate check to offset the tax imposed on essential goods and services. We now spend an estimated \$300 billion filling out forms in our 67,204-page tax code. The simplifications in the *Fair Tax Act* would eliminate much of that wasted time and reduce a significant drag on our national economy.

Unfortunately, inertia often becomes the rule in Washington, D.C. Inefficient agencies, outdated programs and increasingly complicated taxes can attain the status of immortality. And it's all augmented by a Congressional addiction to increased spending. From property taxes to income taxes, the overall tax burden continues to rise. This year, Texans will have to work from January 1, 2007, through April 19, 2007, just to pay their taxes for the year.

The U.S. remains a great place to innovate and do business. Our country has prospered because the Founding Fathers provided for limited government and maximum personal freedom. But keeping that legacy requires our constant vigilance.



Lions Club News

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday April 5 with 15 members and four guests present. Our club sweetheart Allison Jones presided over the meet-

ing as Boss Lion and was also part of the program.

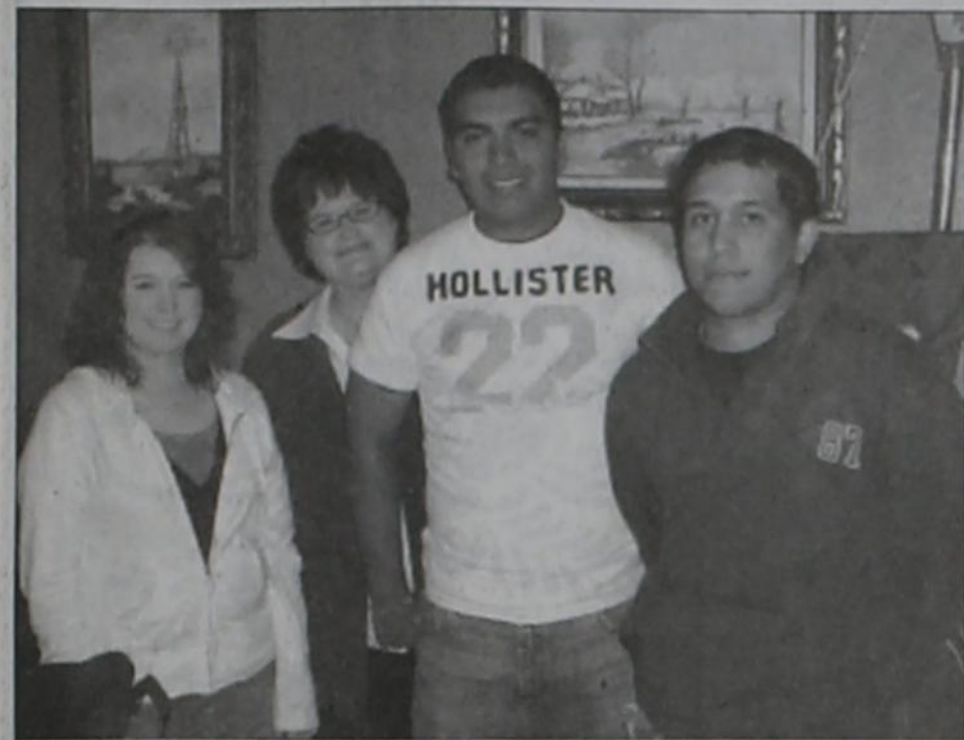
Also as guests were Friona High School students Hector Sanchez and Matt Martinez

along with teacher Patsy Allen. Mrs. Allen's students have produced a brief video for the Texas Plains Trails organization. Sanchez did the video and Martinez produced the music for the video. All the production was done in Mrs. Allen's classroom at Friona High.

Allen said the Texas Plains Trails group had ordered 2,500 of the DVDs to use in promoting tourism in the Texas Panhandle. Club members viewed the video at the meeting.

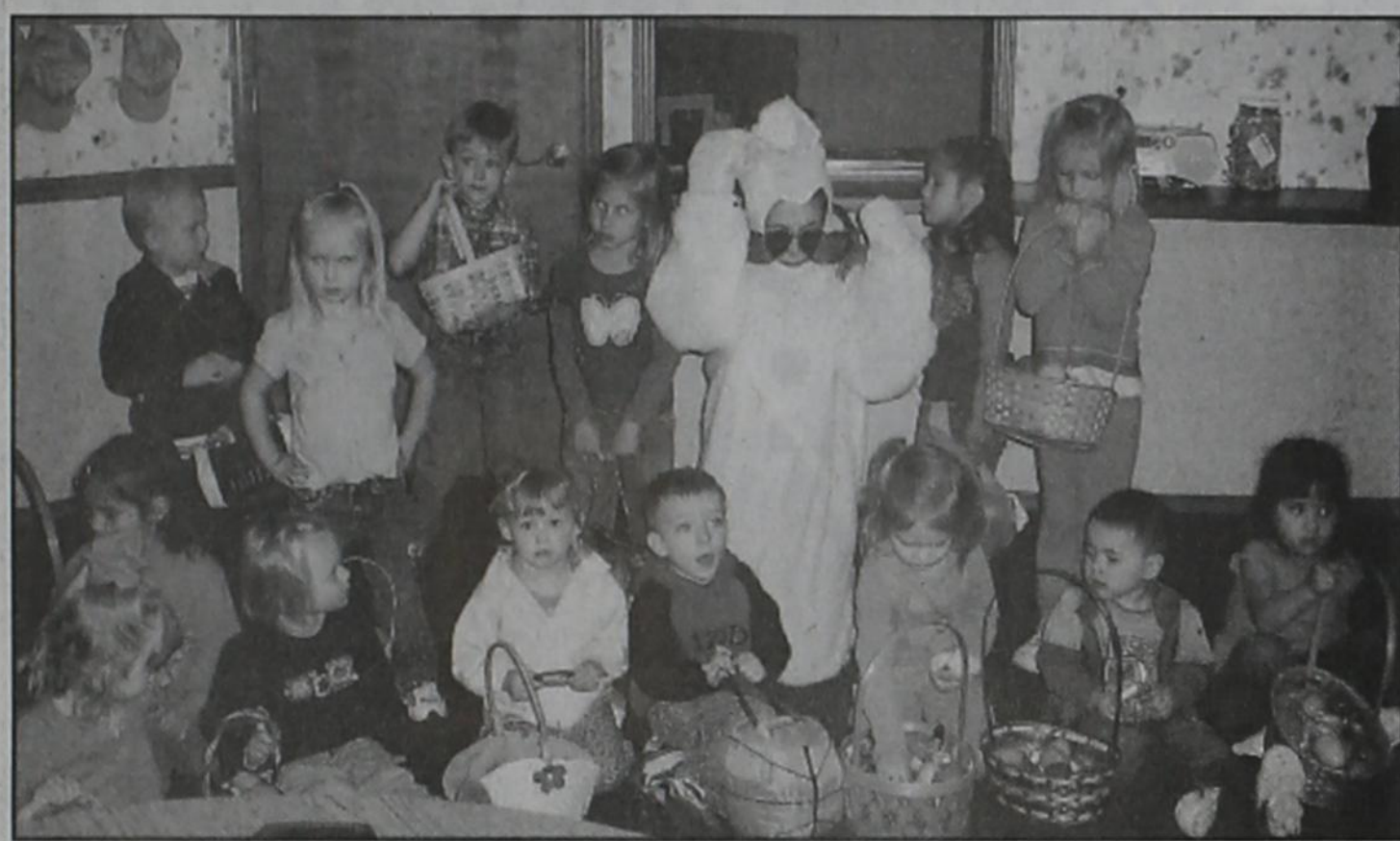
Boss Lion John Gurley reminded members of a Lions Convention in Hereford April 20-21 and that the club will cook fries and funnel cakes for the Parmer County Centennial May 5 in Farwell. May 17 is the date of our annual Lions Club broom sale in Friona City Park.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday April 19 at the Headquarters Restaurant. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to attend.



ron carr photo

On the program at the April 5 Noon Lions Club meeting were, l-r, club sweetheart Allison Jones, Patsy Allen, Hector Sanchez, and Matt Martinez. The students produced the video and sound for a Texas Plains Trails DVD to promote tourism in the Panhandle.

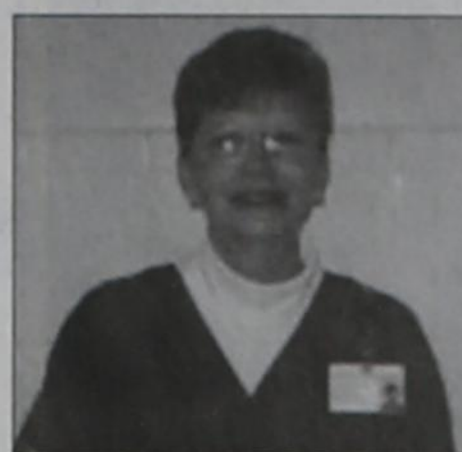


courtesy photo

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates was held last Thursday. The children hunted Easter eggs inside the nursing home this year due to cold winter weather.

Lynn Nelson: employee of the month at PCCH

BY AMBER BONDS, Director of Radiology



Lynn Nelson RN
PCCH Employee of the Month for March

"The most pleasurable part of being a nurse is helping people get well and watching them go home," Lynn Nelson said. She is a 28-year employee and current Director of Nursing, at Parmer County Community Hospital. Nelson has a long history with PCCH: she was the third baby born here.

One of her fondest memories is going to work with her mother, Gladys Wilson, who was the first nurse to ever work at PCCH. Nelson recalls her mother made her a nursing uniform of her own and her duty was to fill water bottles

for the patients.

Nelson learned well from her mother. She began her career here as an LVN, continuing her education until she became an RN. Nelson recalls her first day. "They (PCCH) called me in to work for one night and I've been here ever since."

Another reason Nelson is noteworthy is because she goes above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis. She is a representative of the Regional Advisor Council (RAC), which formulates and implements plans for disaster preparedness. "These meetings are mentally exhausting and often last into the evening hours", says Rhonda Wilkins, Assistant administrator at PCCH. "There are many times when our region is conducting disaster drills and Lynn is the only representative from our county in preparing for events we hope never becomes a reality."

Over the last 28 years Nelson has seen a lot of change. She has many stories about PCCH in the early days

and though she was a child, remembers the groundbreaking ceremony for the facility that exists now. She recalls there was a lot of excitement throughout the community about getting a new building, just as there is now.

Congratulations Lynn. You have been an asset to PCCH for many years and we look forward to having you as part of the PCCH family for many years to come.



Lynn Nelson
In her nurse's uniform at age 10

Santa Fe Opera to stop in Clovis

The Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour will stop in Clovis Saturday April 21. Performance is at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, Clovis Community College. This is a free community concert, seating is limited, please arrive early.

The concert will feature soprano Deborah Selig, mezzo soprano Lucia Cervoni, tenor Edwin Vega, and baritone John Boehr. The

quartet will perform arias and duets and favorite show tunes from The Fantasticks and Follies. Music collaborator and pianist Kirt Pavitt is a long time member of the Opera's music staff.

The Cultural Arts Series is made possible thanks to Clovis Community College, Plains Regional Medical Center, and many corporate and individual donors. For information please call 505-769-4956.

Ukrainian egg art class scheduled

Girls in grades 5-12, moms, teachers, retired teachers, and ladies from the senior citizen center are all invited to attend a Ukrainian egg art class Saturday April 28 from 1-4 p.m. at the Girl Scout House.

The cost is \$10, for adults and the girls are being sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Materials

and refreshments are included in the price. The class is limited to 20 people. The event is sponsored by the Friona Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council.

Participants are asked to RSVP to Kathy Cockrum at 1-800-530-4823. Registration fee can be mailed to 501 Joliet, Plainview, Texas, 79072.

The PCCA Marketing Pool Sign-in, Sign-out Dates are

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Friona Star March 30, 1967

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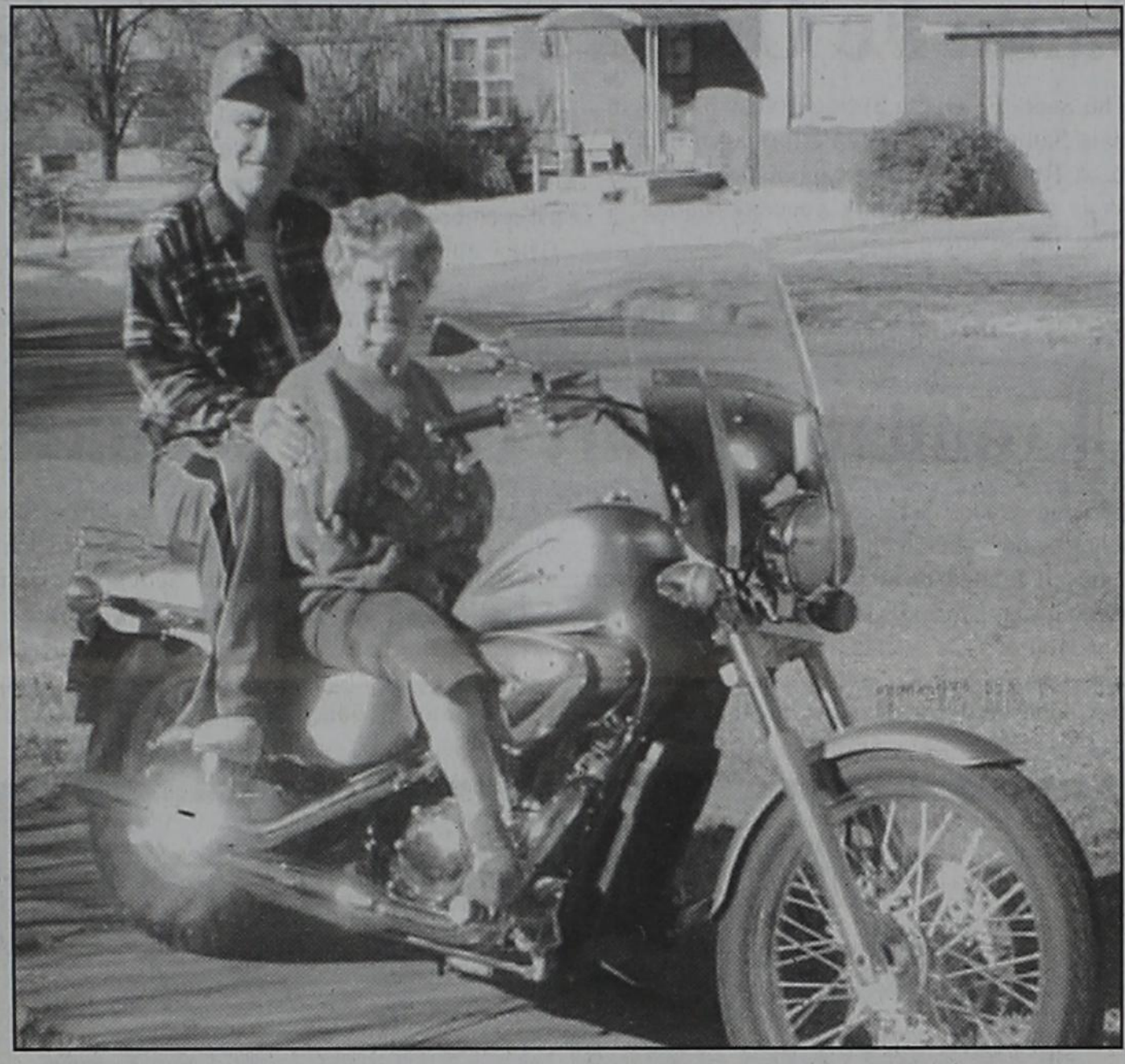
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On April 7, 1962, Valton Oscar Howard and Peggie Sue Taylor exchanged wedding vows and began their life together. On April 7, 2007, Valton and Peggie continue their journey of wedded bliss and celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Your children are very proud and blessed to have such wonderful parents and would like to say congratulations and many more years to come. Love you always, Davy, Joey and Julie.



A Wedding Shower

April (Pope) Guidry
and
Kenton Guidry

Saturday, April 28, 2007
10 ~ 11:30 AM
Friona State Bank
Community Room

Selections from - Ivy Cottage, Ingrams, Target.
Family and Friends are invited. Invitations will not be sent.



coy jameson photo

Senior Eddie Ortiz leads the pack in the 100m dash at the district track meet Tuesday in Tulia. More of Coy Jameson's track meet photos at our Friona Star website, frionaonline.com. Results of the district meet will be given next week.

Puzzle Solution

Sheriff's Report

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

April 2, 2007, Justin Rodrich, 25, of Portales, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, fine, court costs, restitution, and 120 days in jail probated two years.

April 4, 2007, Vernon Conner, Jr., 49, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pending County Court.

April 7, 2007, Steven Southern, 30, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deed from March 28, 2007 to April 04, 2007:

Erra Jamerson - W & W Rentals LLC, L3 B87 BOVINA.

Leroy W. Foerster Estate - Forrest Johnny Collins, NE 160 AC S6 WARREN.

Cory Horner - Harvey Horner and Elizabeth Horner, L26-29 B17 FARWELL.

Broadcast Entertainment Corp - Tallgrass Broadcasting LLC, 13.532 AC SW/4 S12 NW/4 S13 T16S R1E.

Jason Box and Ronda Box - Charles J. Smith and Marilyn L. Smith, SE/4 S5 T15S R2E.

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YOUR EYES

Low Vision

Did you know that, in the United States alone, more than two million people are considered legally blind? There is hope, however. Many optometrists today participate in an area of expertise called low vision. The aim of the low vision doctor is to improve the partially sighted person's vision. This is done through the use of special glasses, magnifiers, telescopes, specially printed materials, and unique optical accessories designed to help the individual function best in their environment.

An impairment of vision may be the result of eye injury, disease, or conditions of the eye associated with aging. Whatever the reason, these special visual aids can sometimes restore the ability to drive, read comfortably, and function productively at the office and around the house. Often, the optical aid is something as simple as a strong magnifier placed in a stand. It can also be as complex as a special "television," which greatly magnifies reading matter.

Remember, low vision patients can find hope and help with a visit to their eye doctor.

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Thursday, April 12, 2007

Chief/S

Both the Chieftain and tennis teams won district championships April 4-5. The district contest was held at Plain High School. Participating Friona, Dimmitt, Tulia, Highland Park, and Muleshoe.

Six boys and four girls participated for the regional meet held in Abilene April 25-27. Singles Sawyer Reed, Rolando Castanon placed 2nd and Alex Gurley placed 2nd. Geries placed 2nd in mixed doubles. In mixed doubles, Graham and Kaison Graham and Caleb Miller and Ingram were 2nd. Hollis and Erica Wylie won 1st in girls doubles. These 10ers advance to regional.

Others competing at district were Anna Murphree and Estrada 4th in girls doubles. Stephanie Aguirre 3rd and Jamerson 4th in singles. District point totals the boys were Friona Muleshoe 25, Dimmitt 10, 5, and Highland Park 0. point totals were Friona Muleshoe 30, Tulia 10, Dimmitt 10, and Highland Park 10.

The junior varsity district results were: boys singles

Chiefs

BY RON CARR

The Friona Chiefs hopped on a bus for a 30-mile journey to the Muleshoe Mule ball Monday. Game time was 6:00. Six innings later they hit the bus home, leaving behind a 14-4 Mule victory and a

Freshman catcher M... at Muleshoe.

Chieftain ace Sean Lo... Monday. The Chiefs h... continues. The Chiefs

Goodwin

Dr. Michael Meyers, president and head of the Department of Sports and Exercise Science (SES) at West Texas A&M University completed his term as president of the Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine at the chap...

Have your... FREE with... call for appointment Merle Norr 220N.M.

Chief/Squaw tennis qualify for regional

Both the Chieftain and Squaw tennis teams won district championships April 4-5. The district contest was held at Plainview High School. Participating were Friona, Dimmitt, Tulia, Highland Park, and Muleshoe.

Six boys and four girls qualified for the regional meet to be held in Abilene April 25-26. In singles Sawyer Reed and Rolando Castanon placed 1st and 2nd. Alex Gurley and Ryan Gerles placed 2nd in boys doubles. In mixed doubles Krista Graham and Kaison Graham won 1st and Caleb Miller and Ashley Ingram were 2nd. Hollis Gurley and Erica Wyly won 1st place in girls doubles. These 10 players advance to regional.

Others competing at district were Anna Murphree and Sasha Estrada 4th in girls doubles, and Stephanie Aguirre 3rd and Jordan Jamerson 4th in girls singles. District point totals for the boys were Friona 57.5, Muleshoe 25, Dimmitt 10, Tulia 5, and Highland Park 0. Girls point totals were Friona 32.5, Muleshoe 30, Tulia 10, Dimmitt 10, and Highland Park 10.

The junior varsity district results were: boys singles Omar

Hernandez 1st, Joey Mendoza 2nd, and Matthew Stanberry 3rd; boys doubles Raul Licerio

and Gilberto Torres 1st and Gerardo Torres and Gerardo Garza 2nd. Maria Kvulsik was

3rd in girls singles for the JV and Lilliana Robles and Jamie Garza were 2nd in girls doubles.



coach ky graham photo

The Friona varsity tennis boys and girls are shown with their district championship trophies. Back row, l-r, Joey Dickson, Hollis Gurley, Ryan Gerles, Sawyer Reed, Kaison Graham, Alex Gurley; front, l-r, Ashley Ingram, Erica Wyly, Stetson Reed, Krista Graham, Anna Murphree, Sasha Estrada, and Stephanie Aguirre. Not pictured are varsity players Caleb Miller, Rolando Castanon, and Jordan Jamerson.



courtesy photo

Friona sophomore Alex Dunnam recently attended the Schuman's Underclassmen Combine in the D/FW area. The combine is for freshmen and sophomore football players. Dunnam received the Offensive Lineman MVP award at the camp. Coach Schuman said "when he begins to fill out his frame, he has the potential to be a very impressive and athletic offensive guard."



marlene mueller photo

Ryan Schwab was 2 for 3 with a triple and single, an RBI and a run scored in Friona's game with Muleshoe Monday.

Chiefs lose to Mules in six 14-4

BY RON CARR

The Friona Chiefs hopped the bus for a 30-mile journey south to the Muleshoe Mule ball park Monday. Game time was 5 p.m. Six innings later they hopped the bus home, leaving behind a 14-4 Mule victory and a must-

win game with Dimmitt here Thursday (April 12). Game time is 4:30 p.m.

The Chiefs are tied with Dimmitt for the 3rd playoff spot. "We need another big loud crowd," coach Greg Hazelwood

said. "Fan support has been great this year."

Hazelwood and assistant coach Styler Haddock are looking for a bit of big run production from someone in the Chief lineup. "We need to convert some big 2-run hits from our players," Hazelwood said.

Monday three Chiefs did most of the production. Ryan Schwab was 2 for 3 with a single and a triple, an RBI and a run scored. Matt Martinez was also 2 for 3, had a single and a double, an RBI and scored a run. Sean Lookingbill did his part. He was also 2 for 3, had a single and a triple, an RBI and scored a run.

Hazelwood pointed out that there were no hits from the 4th to 9th batters in the lineup. On the other hand, Muleshoe had two, two-out 3-run doubles, one in the first inning and one in the second to go up 8-1 after two innings. Final score was Mules 14, Chiefs 4. The JV Chiefs lost 11-6. Hazelwood said, "The JV competed well but just like the varsity we need the big

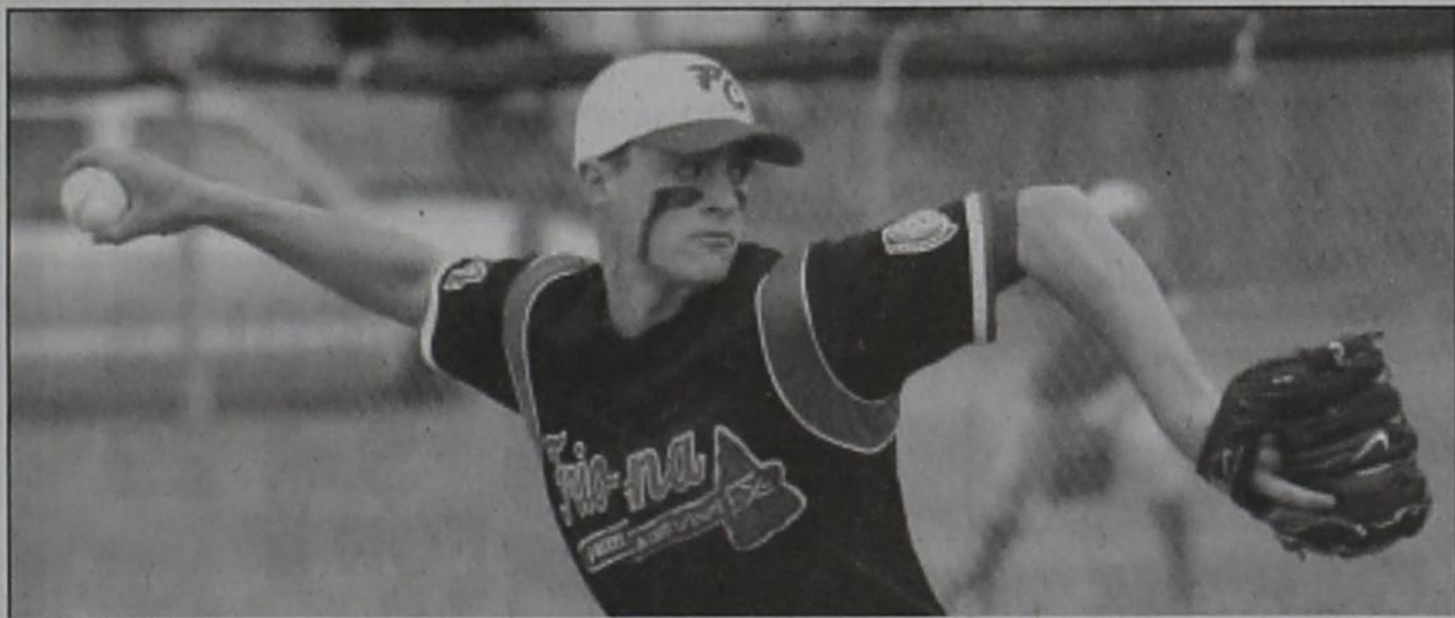
2-out hit instead of giving it up."

The Chiefs host the Mules here Saturday as they begin the final three district games. Varsity game time is 1:30 p.m. Because of TAKS tests, the next game is Saturday April 21 at Dimmitt at 1:30 p.m. then the district wrapup April 24 here vs. Tulia. Varsity game time is shown as 7 p.m. but may be moved earlier since Coach Hazelwood said they probably would not play a JV game.



marlene mueller photo

Freshman catcher Matthew Stanberry blocks a pitch at Muleshoe.



marlene mueller photo

Chieftain ace Sean Lookingbill fires a fastball during the district game at Muleshoe Monday. The Chiefs host Dimmitt Thursday and Muleshoe Saturday as district play continues. The Chiefs are 1-4 in district.

Goodwin attends annual conference

Dr. Michael Meyers, professor and head of the Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences (SES) at West Texas A&M University completed his term as president of the Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine at the chapter's

annual conference February 23-24 in Fort Worth.

Meyers accompanied two WTAMU students to the event at Texas Christian University, where each presented graduate-level papers.

Gabe Goodwin, a graduate stu-

dent from Friona, presented "Pain Coping Styles and Hardiness of Professional Ice Hockey Athletes".

West Texas A&M University's SES Program is housed in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

1984 All-Stars



courtesy photo

Lowe's Supermarket assistant manager Pat Upton is #10 in this photo of the 1984 Kids Inc. All-Stars. His grandmother found the old photo and passed it on. He said he was 11-years-old at the time. You will no doubt recognize some of the other youngsters. Back row, l-r, Coaches Terry and Vickie Copley, Rafael Torres, Shannon Cochran, Harvey Sanchez, Andre Duran, Hector Perez, Bryce McMurtry, and Coach Tony Duran; front, l-r, Mike Mata, Robert Sandoval, Chad Rhodes, Gary Stowers, Pat Upton, Jesse Silva, Michael Davila, John Ed Duke, and Steven Smith.



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OBITUARIES

Nellie Shelton Ray

Funeral services for Nellie Shelton Ray, 94, of Friona, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Reverend Rick Burton, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Ray died Monday, April 9, 2007 in Friona. She was born January 31, 1913 in Hunt County, Texas to John W. and Estella Clapp Shelton.

She married John L. Ray on December 16, 1933 in Farmersville, Texas. He died November 14, 1981 in Amarillo. She moved from

Greenville, Texas to Friona in December 1953. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist



Nellie Shelton Ray

Church in Friona.

Survivors include one daughter, Evelyn McDowell and husband Glen of Fairview, Texas; two sons, Connie Ray and wife Kay of Amarillo and Charles Ray and wife Rose Ann of Friona; one sister, Erma Ruth Hudson and husband Reed of Yucaipa, California; seven grandchildren, Rhonda, Gordon, Dee Anne, Robin, Brandy, Chesley, and Canna; seven great grandchildren, Jacob, Jaci, Coby, Cayla, Rayley, Jack, and Brooklyn.

The family suggests memorials be to the Calvary Baptist Church building fund or Prairie Acres Nursing Home of Friona.



High School News

By Hannah Stovall

Monday, April 9, marked the final performance of the 2007 One Act Play cast. Joining us on stage that night was a twinge of disappointment, but also an air of accomplishment and a confidence in the lessons we have learned along the way.

The one act play company competed at the area level, hosted by West Texas A&M University on Friday, April 6. We entered into that round of competition excited and anxious to do our best. We had many community supporters there to cheer us on as we took the stage. Thanks go out to all who have supported our endeavors this year. We never could have done any of it without you.

After area, our one act play season came to an end, and honestly, that is a difficult thing to deal with. The entire cast and crew, as well as our director and fearless leader, Erika Montana, spent many a night away from our families preparing this play. We put endless amounts of time, energy, and emotion into this play. Together, we all built this beautiful play from the ground up. We started with an amazing script, and from there we-director, cast, and crew alike-erected a masterpiece, brick by brick.

Our production of "Blood Wedding," possessed a piece of each of us. We each contributed to the final product in our own way, adding to the beauty of the performance with our own unique touches. This created a deep emotional attachment to the play, one that makes the end

even harder to bear.

We can, however, walk away from this experience with our heads held high, being assured of the fact that we were not defeated, but rather walked away the victors in the end. No, we didn't advance past area. No, we don't get the chance to show everyone what we've created. No, didn't get the satisfaction of a medal around our neck and a hotel reservation in Abilene for regionals. No, we don't have any of that, but what we did receive is of far more worth.

On that stage, portraying the characters of "Blood Wedding," we entered into another world. We became completely different people. We learned to feel what another person felt, taking their grief and struggles as our own. In doing so, we not only communicated truths of life, love, family, responsibility, and honor to our audiences, but we learned these truths for ourselves. We have learned so much. We have grown so much. Yes, we put endless amounts of time, energy, and emotion into this play, and we will never be the same, but instead better because of it.

We did walk onto that stage Monday night with a twinge of disappointment, but we do not walk away empty handed. With us go valuable lessons learned, lives changed...and we hope, that by being a part of our audience, by traveling to another place and time, experiencing the loss, love, and grief of others, you too can say the same.

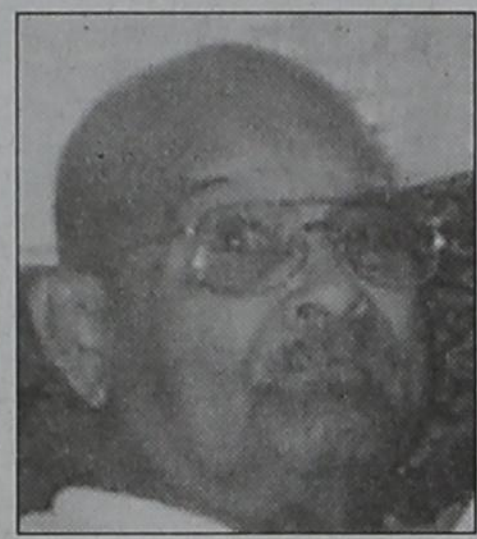
Porfirio "Pilo" Castillo

A rosary service for Porfirio "Pilo" Castillo, 77, of Portales, New Mexico was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona. A funeral mass will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at St. Teresa's Church with Reverend Johnson Vadakumchery, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Castillo died Saturday evening, April 7, 2007 in Lubbock. He was born February 26, 1930 in San Saba, TX to Lulo and Guadalupe Vela Castillo.

He married Manuela Rodriguez on November 16, 1949 in Paducah, Texas. He moved from

Friona to Portales in 1984. He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Helen's Catholic



Porfirio "Pilo" Castillo

church in Portales.

Survivors include five daughters, Anna Gomez and husband

Alvaro, Sr. of Portales, New Mexico, Ophelia Tavera of Lubbock, Texas, Corina Roman of Wichita, Kansas, Lucinda Ramirez of Otoma, Iowa, and Velma Moreno of Levelland, Texas; two sons, Jose A. Ramirez of Dumas, Texas and Jose M. Ramirez of Lubbock, Texas; one brother, Matilde Castillo of Friona; five sisters, Maria Flores of Rocksprings, Texas, Feliz Crutchfield of Friona, Ignacia Sanchez of Clovis, New Mexico, Victoria Hollis of Friona, and Sara Armijo of Clovis; one granddaughter, Melissa Ortiz and one grandson, Alvaro Gomez, Jr., both of Portales; one great-granddaughter, Destynea Martinez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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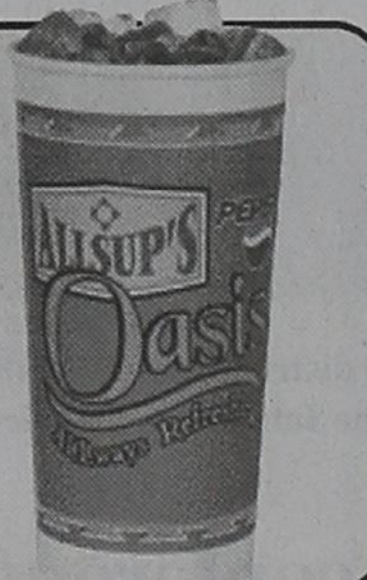
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Does the command to love include things that slurp in the night?

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

I do not like confrontation. I even cringe when one of my Chihuahuas talks back to me or when my wife challenges my particular hairstyle of the day. There is a subject that Oprah's producers refuse to discuss, and it is more volatile than the squeezing-the-tooth-paste-from-the-middle-of-the-tube controversy. But I must take a stand, because it is a subject that is on everyone's breath: eating crawdads.

These creatures were not mentioned in a television movie about Noah's Ark, which was so careful about details that it included the story of David and Goliath sharing a life raft. I believe it was the same movie that showed Louis Armstrong blowing his trumpet and bringing down the malls of Jericho.

Eating crawdads is something that should be attempted

by mature adults who have no class and no access to sharp objects. I am a trained professional. As a parent I have pulled thousands of disgusting objects out of jean pockets and have had the good sense not to eat half of them.

For you who are crustaceously challenged, let me update you on a few facts. Crawdads have five pair of legs, two pairs of feelers, stalked eyes, and gills. Many of them came to earth in the 1990s as disgruntled friends on Jerry Springer.

The first step in crawdad dining is to pull off the head. Then you extract the meat with your mouth through a series of intensely severe sucking sounds that exude atmosphere and spark romantic conversation in restaurants, such as the following:

Wife: "Honey, did you hear that noise? It sounded like five thousand people walking through deep mud while trying to stuff Jell-O into a con-

cerned goose."

Husband: "Ha! Ha! It's just that large man in the next booth eating crawdads."

Personally, I have a simple digestive rule whereby I never eat anything that squishes or has the potential to become the subject of another Peter Benchley novel.

My usual reaction to disgusting food is to flee. Crawdads easily qualify, and I have never even tasted one. There is a parallel here to life because we often approach certain groups of people (fill in your own blank) with the same kind of love, respect, and compassion we usually reserve for crawdads. We make assumptions on outward appearance and never take the time to get to know them.

Did you know crawdads are mostly found in shallow water? It is almost like they want to be caught, like they want somebody to find them. Jesus had a way with unlovely or unwanted people. He could cut through their hard outer shells and get right to their hearts, without biting off their heads.

Being fishers of men is not so difficult...it's the crawdads of life that take extra effort.



Cold wet weather drove the Easter Sunrise Service indoors to the high school auditorium on Easter Sunday morning.

Easter and Good Friday gatherings

Reports from the Friona Christian Ministries are that a good crowd turned out for the Easter Sunrise services in spite of cold temperatures that caused the service to move indoors to the high school auditorium.

Mark Stovall offered the welcome, Ruben Rivera gave the invocation, Julia Alexander read the scripture, Wes Bryant led the music, and Steve Patterson gave the message. "A good crowd of Friona folks sang and worshipped together and even enjoyed a little fellowship in spite of the early hour," Mrs. Alexander said.

A Good Friday luncheon was held at the Union Congregational Church with an even

bigger crowd. Attendees shared a meatless meal of soups, salads, and breads, sang together with Wes Bryant leading the way on guitar, and listened to an inspiring message by Mark Stovall. Those in attendance also were invited to share their impressions of what the cross meant to them and brought to mind on Good Friday.

Mrs. Alexander, minister of the Union Congregational Church said, "Those involved with Friona Christian Ministries would like to thank everyone who came out for these services and would especially like to thank all who pitched in to make these community gatherings possible."

Think about this

Trying to acquit God

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Since we are reluctant to believe that God is not always good, we are tempted to limit His power. We do that sometimes by magnifying the work of Satan. But we must realize that scripture tells us that Satan only does what he is permitted to do. Remember Job? God told Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger" (Job 1:12). God is limiting Satan only by allowing what He wanted. (Note: Job 2:6)

The sovereignty of God is more a matter of faith than sight. We confess His sovereignty but we don't comprehend it.

Two beautiful texts that tell us where our faith should be when it comes to the sovereignty of God are Habakkuk 3:17-19 and Romans 11:33-36.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The first class to graduate in Friona (10 grades) was in 1916 and had five members: Clyde Goodwine, Fred White, Dempsey Winn, Elwin Gischler, and Ethel Sutton. The only graduate in 1917 was Mabelle Schlenker Hartwell.

Information from Nola Vestal
(Reunion Committee Chairperson)

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Parmer County Centennial Moments

By Darla Bracken fridarla19@yahoo.com

Border Boom Town & County Seat...Farwell, Texas

It started in Texico. New Mexico, then, was still just a territory—it became a state in 1912. As a wide open and often lawless area, Texico, the boom town, had five saloons, three stores and one church near the beginning of the 20th Century. In 1898 when the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas Railroad was expanding their line from Amarillo through to Elida and eventually on to Albuquerque, rumor had it that the Railroad Company might locate their terminal or 'round house' for the Belen cutoff at Texico. That was certainly the hope of James D. Hamlin, agent for the Capitol syndicate and F.W. Wilsey, the land commissioner. The XIT had built a fence along the state line to try to help keep the cattle in and the thieves out. This area was patrolled by six Texas Rangers! Eventually, people began to mosey on over to the Texas side including Mr. Hamlin who established his offices there. [The last 39 acres of the XIT Ranchlands were sold here in 1963 by Hamlin Overstreet, James Hamlin's nephew, although most of the land had been liquidated by December 31, 1950.]

The site was surveyed in 1905 and the 586 acres set aside for a town site was named for

John V. and Charles B. Farwell, brothers from Chicago and major partners in the Capitol Syndicate which built the Texas State Capitol building in exchange for just over three million acres of land in the Panhandle of Texas. Thus a 'twin' boom town also developed on the Texas side. It was said by surveyor W.D. Howren of Amarillo that 'it was necessary to burn off grass which was about 4 feet high so that the town site could be surveyed' in 1905 and that there were antelope and blue quail present. The surveyors were camped at a place called 'Little Joe', a mill site just east of Farwell.

Alas, the Railroad boom never materialized for Farwell and Texico because the Pecos Valley and Northern Texas railroad, now the Sante Fe Railway Company, had done some bird dogging of their own and had purchased land near Riley's Switch west of the area and had mapped their own town site of Clovis, New Mexico where the terminal was then located and still is there today. The twin cities, however, did continue to spring 'up from the sod' and soon Farwell had a three story hotel—the Farwell Inn, and several businesses including a lumber yard, a bank and a post

office. The Hamlin Bricks were a series of buildings housing the land offices plus other area businesses. The R.H. Kemp Lumber Yard was one of the oldest businesses established in Farwell in 1904 according to the *Farwell Times* which was established in 1907. The post office was first established in Farwell December 26, 1906. Postal service was interrupted in November 1907 when the bank failed and then was reestablished January 3, 1908. O. R. Oliver's Livery, Feed and Transfer Barn, the Farwell Ice Plant, Farwell Drug Store and the Farwell First National Bank were just some of the businesses in early Farwell. We are fortunate that there was also a photography studio in Texico—Lloyd's. Our valuable pictorial records are the work of these early photographers.

Richard C. "Coke" Hopping was elected sheriff in 1910 and in his autobiography "A Sheriff-Ranger in Chuckwagon Days" c. 1952, he mentions that his biggest problem was cattle rustling. Seems it was just too close to the border and too handy to slip over into New Mexico away from the authorities in Texas. He chased them first on horseback and later by automobile. He and his partner

Roberson had operated a grocery store, Hopping-Roberson Mercantile Company before he became sheriff. He served Parmer County in this capacity for eight years. After leaving Parmer County in 1918, he was later elected judge in Lamb County and served eight years there. James D. Hamlin, *The Flamboyant Judge* c. 1972, was elected Parmer County Judge in 1912, an office he held until 1924. Hamlin continued to be an influential citizen until his death in 1950; he is buried in Olivet Cemetery south of Farwell.

After the vote to move the county seat to Farwell in 1907, Hamlin made haste to see that a courthouse was established. The courthouse was first housed in the Hamlin Block on 3rd Street near where the courthouse is today. After a disastrous fire in 1913, the county voted in 1916 to build a courthouse for a budgeted cost of not more than \$50,000. W.M. Rice Construction of Amarillo was awarded the contract. Our courthouse was built at a cost of \$43,243.65 and was completed in 1917. Judge Hamlin served as the first county judge in the new courthouse; the first commissioners were F. W. Reeve, Frank L. Reed, F.L. Spring and

F.W. McElroy. B.N. Grahams was the county clerk, Coke Hopping was the county sheriff and J.C. Temple was the justice of the peace.

Farwell's first school was held in the old rock Congregational Church building beginning in 1907. Following that year in 1908 several portable buildings were constructed on the public school property and school was held there until 1910 when more permanent structures were built. Besides the Congregational Church, the Christian Church was also organized in 1907. Farwell had the only independent school district in the county in 1908. The State Line Tribune supplanted the *Texico-Farwell Times* when B. H. Fears began publishing a newspaper in 1910.

Though a challenge by Friona in 1927 failed to have the county seat relocated to Friona, then experiencing its own 'boom' and population growth, Parmer County continued to grow and prosper until

the Dust Bowl Days as described in "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan c. 2005. With irrigation and improved management of our second most precious resource—soil, our county has continued to produce cattle and crops in generous proportions. Our dedicated farmers and ranchers have helped to manage our land and water well.

In 2000 the population of Farwell was 1,364 (Texico's population 1,065). Border Town Days is celebrated jointly with Texico each year in July. Farwell incorporated in 1950 and built a medical clinic in 1955. They shared a fire department with Texico until 1956 when the Farwell volunteer fire department was established. The Parmer County Detention Center was completed in 2005. Today, the Parmer County Courthouse has an elevator and also houses an excellent law library open to the public during regular business hours.

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Town Talk II

The big Scheduler in the Sky needs to do a better job of coordinating holy holidays and the weather. Just in time for Good Friday, the Saturday morning Easter egg hunt and Easter Sunrise Services, cold rain, wind, snow flurries and a plunging thermometer blew in. Friday's baseball game with Dimmitt was rescheduled to Thursday this week, the sunrise service moved inside, and the Easter egg hunt in city park had a light turnout.

It was still cold Monday but forecasts were for warming temps the rest of the week with maybe some snow and colder stuff toward the weekend. Pan-handle weather. Can't beat it.

Kudos and big thanks to the Friona Chamber of Commerce. At a board meeting Monday the Chamber voted to donate \$500 to the Women's Study Club clubhouse project. The historical clubhouse at 9th and Pierce is in need of donations for upkeep and maintenance and to repair the stone work that has fallen off the outside the building. Thanks to the Chamber for the donation. Donations are still needed. If you can help contact Donna Mears at 250-3456.

Susan Renner stopped in last week to put a moving sale ad in the paper. She and Conrad will soon be moving to Amarillo to pursue some new interests. They have bought a house there and are in the process of moving.

FISD food director Roxanne Hurst had a bout of diverticulitis (hope I spelled that right) and spent about three days in the Parmer County Hospital week before last. She had nothing but good words and praise for the PCCH staff. She said they looked after her and were all very attentive and caring. She said we are fortunate to have a facility and staff like PCCH. Amen to that. Roxanne

is well and back serving nutritious meals to the school kids.

On Wednesday this week, Friona high school family and consumer science teachers Gayle Murdock and Patsy Allen left town with 27 FCCLA students headed for the state FCCLA competition in Austin. This group has always shown well at state and have advanced to the nationals several times. We wish them all good luck.

Speaking of advancing, the Wichita Falls Hirschi high school one-act play advanced from the area round to regionals last week. Out of seven entries, Hirschi and Vernon high school advanced. Regional competition will be in Odessa Friday April 13 where the troupe will be competing with seven other schools for the right to advance to the state one-act play contest in Austin. No one at Hirschi can remember a one-act play ever advancing to regionals before.

My son Zachary has the lead role in the production and earned Best Actor honors at both the district and the area competition. He will be staying over in Odessa until Saturday to compete in regional UIL journalism. He advanced in both feature and editorial writing. Am I still bragging? Yep.

Last Friday Farwell Stateline Tribune editor Mike Pomper and I journeyed to Clovis to have lunch with Velma. Mike and I are friendly competitors and get together on occasion to cuss and discuss the newspaper business and any other topic of relative unimportance.

He kept telling me we needed to eat at Velma's in Clovis so Friday was the day. Velma is an African-American lady who serves soul food. That's the simplest definition I can give. It is home-cooked and she's only open for lunch. She is an institution in Clovis so I'm told. A

few years back Velma closed her restaurant after getting mad when she was burglarized. She took a cooking job at Kripple Creek but soon reopened Velma's by popular demand.

She serves up ribs, chicken, fish, pork chops, and whatever else she decides to cook that day. I had a pork chop, collard greens, sweet potatoes, and peach cobbler supported by iced tea and salad. It is mini-buffet style and Velma fills your plate while you point at stuff. She is all business so you need to point and be quick about it. Drive to Clovis, stay on Mabry past downtown to Thornton, turn right on Thornton and left on 7th St. Velma's is a couple of blocks on your right. It is a plain brown building and an old-fashioned atmosphere. Don't expect much out of Velma's except just good food.

Another good crowd at the Monday senior citizen's lunch. German sausage, veggies, cucumber salad, and dessert. \$3. Such a deal. We learned of the passing of Nellie Ray, mother of Charles Ray of Summerfield. Our sympathies to everyone in the Ray family.

It was also said that Christeene Mann was in a rehab facility in Amarillo recovering from hip replacement surgery. We miss you and Joe at seniors Christeene and hope you have a fast painless recovery. Nita and Eddie Joe Hall were visiting again. Always glad to have them.

Next Tuesday, April 17, Wendy Carthel will open her seasonal Farm House Designs location next door to Ivy Cottage. Geraniums, hanging baskets, potting soil, and planters. Wendy says bring in your old pots or planters and let her give them a new look. Don't forget hanging baskets or potted plants for Secretary's Day and Mother's Day at Farm House

Designs, Ivy Cottage, or Wyona's Flowers and Gifts. We are fortunate to have some neat flower ladies in Friona.

Pick up your tickets for Sunday's senior steak dinner from any Class of 2007 senior or more likely from their parents. Tickets are \$10 each or \$11 at the door. Serving will start about 11:30 a.m. A takeout line will be available and they will even deliver I think. It is a big fundraiser for the all-night drug free graduation party. Great steaks, baked potatoes, and those scrumptious cafeteria rolls. It is the place to be Sunday.

Took mother to the FHS one-act play farewell performance

Monday evening. We sat on the second row and I fired my Nikon about 100 times during the 40-minute production. Mom didn't gripe but I'm sure she wished she had sat somewhere else so she could enjoy the play without a camera flash every few seconds.

Chris Haile, who had one of the lead parts, is my mother's across the street neighbor and mows her lawn so she had a special interest in the play. We have some really talented actors and actresses in Friona high school. Chris Haile and Jordan Jamerson have been lead couple in several productions the past three years but Chris will have to find a new thespian love interest next year. Jordan gradu-

ates this year and Chris is just a junior.

My kudo in this year's one-act goes to Deirdre Johnston. Wow! I think a few times she forgot she was acting. Great passion and performance. They are all great and my congratulations to director Erika Montana and the cast and crew.

The subscriber spotlight this week shines on Mark Montoya in Glendale, Arizona, and Lynn Welch in Pecos, New Mexico. Thanks for reading the Friona Star. Keep us posted on news bits and concerns of interest. frionastar@wrtt.net. See you next time.



Deirdre Johnston and Chris Haile in the FHS one-act play "Blood Wedding". ron carr photo

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Thursday, April 12, 2007

Friona A and A

Friona Junior High principal, Kevin Wiseman, released the 5th six week roll.

All A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Dominguez, Cheyenne; Macy Herring, Marissa; Kalley Preston, Linda; Rowdee Rhodes, Rivas, and Oscar Vasquez.

Seventh grade: Avalos, Karina; Ryan Dewit, Rachel; Elysha Galaviz, Hortensiana, Michael Ortiz; Osborn, Jacob Pena, Leslee Roberson, Teague, and Weston.

Eighth grade: Reithony, J Gurley, and Reveles.

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Friona Junior High All A and AB Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School principal, Kevin Wiseman, has released the 5th six weeks honor roll.

All A Honor Roll:

Sixth grade: Stephen Dominguez, Cheyenne Harris, Macy Herring, Marissa Lozoya, Kalley Preston, Linda Ramos, Rowdee Rhodes, Jessyca Rivas, and Oscar Vazquez.

Seventh grade: Gabriel Avalos, Karina Chihuahua, Ryan Dewit, Rachel Dickson, Elysha Galaviz, Hortencia Montana, Michael Ortiz, Katie Osborn, Jacob Pena, Luis Puga, Leslee Roberson, Matthew Teague, and Weston Wylly.

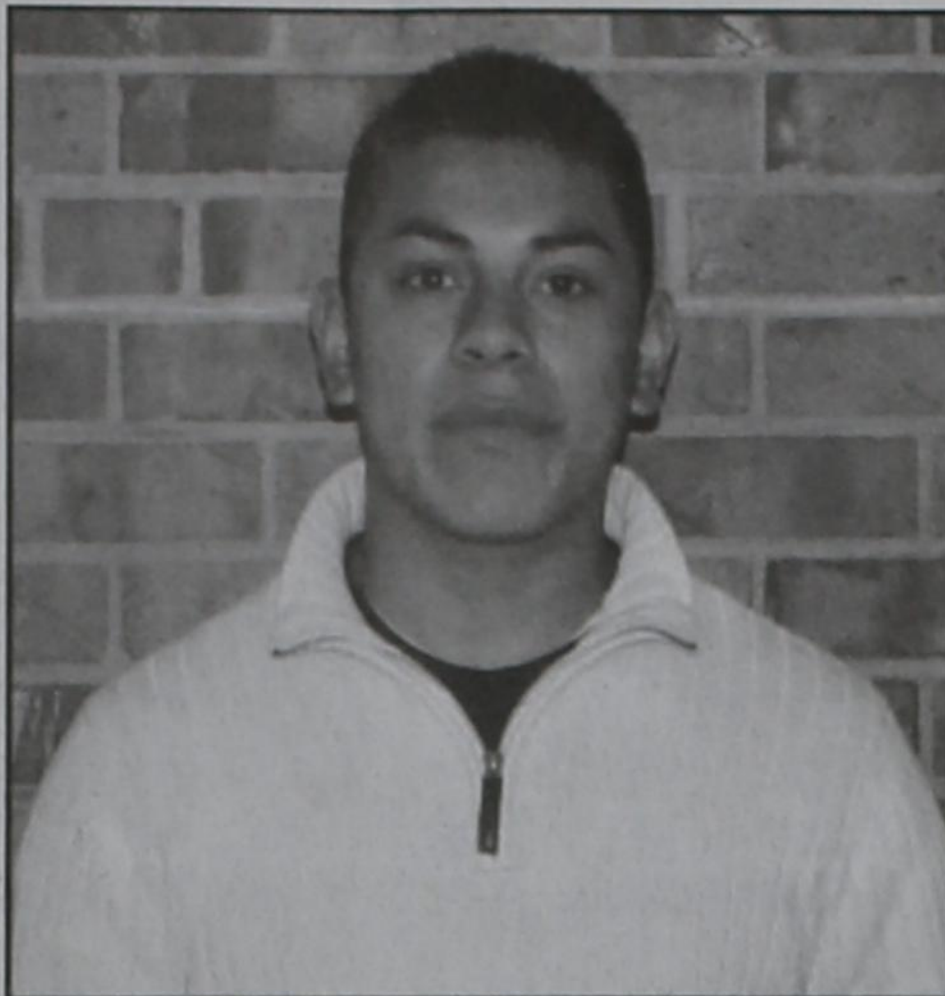
Eighth grade: Regan Anthony, J Gurley, and Miguel Reveles.

AB Honor Roll:

Sixth grade: Benjamin Anthony, Cesia Boyzo, Maria Chacon, Maegan Davis, Emilio Degollado, Jake Dewit, Cotton Fleming, Krystin Gonzales, Darian Irons, Sawyer Lytal, Magali Morales, Sajal Patel, Adnan Prieto, Shantelle Pruitt, Gabriela Quintana, Jose Rivera, Louis Rojas, Jesus Salinas, Samuel Silva, Anthony Tapia, and Angela Torres.

Seventh grade: Maegan Balli, Perla Bautista, Lorenzo Garcia, April Henriquez, Paden Henry, Jessica Jamerson, Abby Jones, Dillon Kelley, Berenice Lopez, Abigail Martinez, Jonathan Molina, Caleb Monroe, Teresa Parra, Gabriela Reveles, Victor Reveles, Charly Schupp, Megan Sharrock, Adriana Soltero, Alan Tafoya, Collin Thompson, Jorge Torres, Michael Villanueva, and Vanessa Vital.

Eighth grade: Laci Austin, Kourtney Boardley, Caitlin Bronniman, Keeley Dunnam, Zack Fair, Kirby Frye, Alex Gonzales, Brittny Herbert, Isabel Hernandez, Vanessa Herrera, John Hinton, Kami Kerby, Laura Lopez, Sergio Mendez, Catalina Ortega, Juan Ortiz, Adrian Quintana, Maria Silva, Karina Trevino, Christian Vega, Kelsey White, and Julie Wiseman.



Carlos Avalos



Judy Potts

FHS student and teacher of the month

Friona High School is proud to announce the Student and Staff Member for the month of March.

Our Student of the Month is Carlos Avalos. He is noted for a positive attitude and displaying initiative. An example is the fact that he moved to Texas from Mexico three years ago and has learned English. He is passing his classes and has passed the TAKS. In class, he is always eager to help others. He worked many

hours on the Texas Plains Trail video applying exceptional skills with video technology.

Our Staff Member of the Month is Judy Potts. Her nominator had this to say of her, "No matter how busy Mrs. Potts is with her work, she stops what she's doing to help me out with any request I have." Mrs. Potts has "always been helpful and polite about it". She helped get roll cards printed and out to a substitute when a teacher

was absent unexpectedly. We are glad to have Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Potts for their ser-

Congratulations to Carlos and Mrs. Potts for their ser-nominated as our Staff Mem-vice to our school district, ber of the Month.

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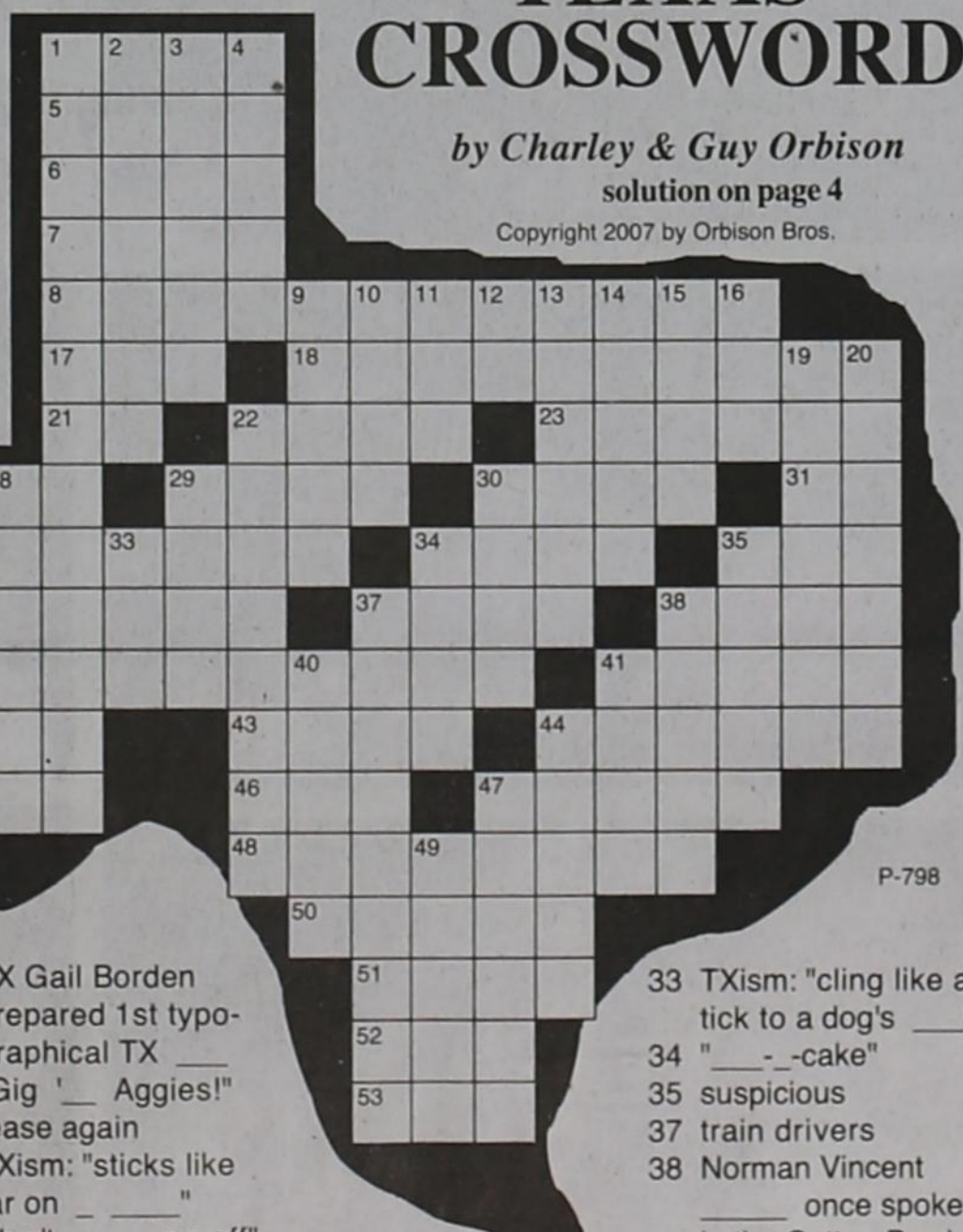
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- 42 film: "The ___ From the Alamo"
- 43 TX Kathy Whitworth is in this Hall of Fame
- 44 TX Orbison's last CD: "King of ___"
- 45 TXism: "slim ___ none"
- 46 tire air abbr.
- 47 in '91 Fort Bliss' Melissa ___ was 1st female POW since WWII
- 48 TXism: "active as a fox in a ___"
- 50 flirtatious woman
- 51 TXism: "beats anything I ___ saw"
- 52 band "___ Speedwagon"
- 53 ___ Angelo, TX

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- 1 in 1869 the King Ranch registered the "Running W" as this (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "a sight ___ eyes"
- 3 in Parmer Co. on hwy. 60
- 4 noted Fort Worth publisher ___ Carter
- 9 TXism: "there's more of them than ___ in Texas"
- 10 "I'll treat" (2 wds.)

- DOWN**
- 11 TX Gail Borden prepared 1st typographical TX ___
 - 12 "Gig ' ___ Aggies!"
 - 13 lease again
 - 14 TXism: "sticks like tar on ___"
 - 15 "don't ___ me off"
 - 16 noted TX fiddler Robertson
 - 19 TXism: "older than dirt"
 - 20 sewing sticks
 - 22 Scott of film "Fort Worth" (51)
 - 24 Gable of TX-based "Boom Town" (init.)

- 25 in Smith Co. on 135
- 26 rod and ___
- 27 TX horse racing site: "___ Park"
- 28 TX "Red" Barry film: "The ___ Jury"
- 29 TX Supreme Ct.
- 30 a nosegay
- 33 TXism: "cling like a tick to a dog's ___"
- 34 "___-cake"
- 35 suspicious
- 37 train drivers
- 38 Norman Vincent ___ once spoke in the Cotton Bowl
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- 41 Eastland AM station
- 42 TX air stunt team of the '90s TAG-___
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Rhea Hollene auction to benefit community center

The Rhea Hollene Community Center Association will have an auction to benefit the upkeep and maintenance of the Community Center building. The auction is Saturday April 14 at 6 p.m. (CST) at the Rhea Hollene Community Center.

There will be a brisket meal provided by Cargill with the auction following. Anyone interested in donating items to the auction or needing information can call Rachel Clark at 806-295-6811 or 806-265-7732.



coy jameson photo

Miranda Frye is focused on the rest of the hurdles during Tuesday's district meet in Tulia. Results from the district meet will be available next week.

Reyes signs with Wayland Baptist



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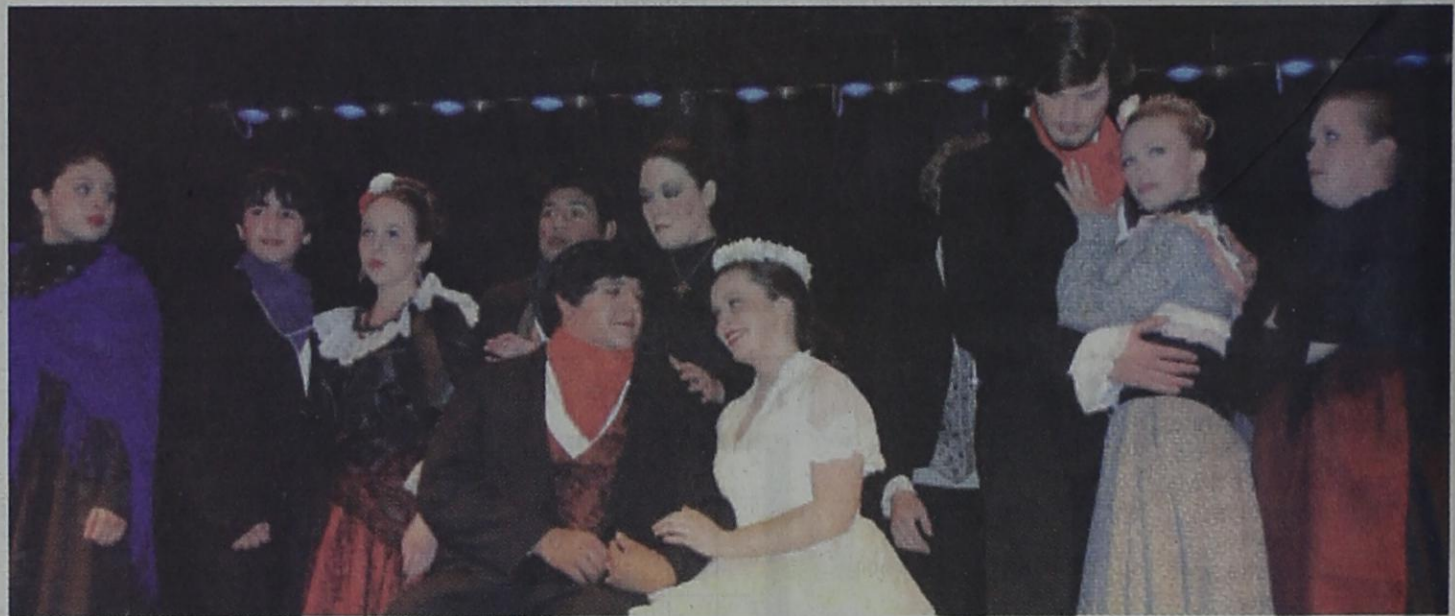
Chieftain senior speedster Juan Reyes signs a scholarship letter to run track at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Seated, l-r, is Wayland track coach Brian Whitlock, Reyes, and his parents Ricardo and Eva Monreal. In back, l-r are Friona coach David Towner, grandmother Mary Mejia, sister Brittany Rubio, Roxy Cruz, and brother Ricardo Monreal.



coy jameson photo

Juan Reyes blasts out of the blocks during the 2-2A district track meet at Tulia Tuesday. Reyes won the 400m and will advance to the regional meet. Wayland Baptist track coach Brian Whitlock said he plans to run Reyes in the 400m, 200m and maybe the long jump and 4X100 relay at the Plainview university.

One Act Play "Blood Wedding"



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