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County burn ban in effect

Parmer County commissioners last week approved a countywide burn ban due to drought conditions. The ban will be in effect from December 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008.

The burn ban has the same guidelines as last year. All burning is prohibited except burning of trash is allowed if a below ground incinerator that has a proper mesh covering is used and wind speed does not exceed 10 miles per hour.

Women's Club Christmas Tea

You are invited to a Christmas Tea at the Women's Clubhouse, 9th and Pierce, Sunday December 16 from 2-3 p.m. The tea is sponsored by the Parmer County Women's Foundation.

The Clubhouse is available for meetings, luncheons, parties and receptions. Proceeds from meeting rental go toward the upkeep of the historical clubhouse.

Please contact Britny Pope at 250-2900 for rental information.

Correction notice for college financial aid workshop Dec. 10

An important college financial aid workshop is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday December 10 at the Friona High School cafeteria. This is a correction in the time of the meeting. The December school calendar mistakenly listed the workshop time as 3:30 p.m.

Contact Stephanie Barrett at 250-3951 for additional information. Superintendent Jim Parker said, "This is a critical meeting. There are deadlines in order to qualify for aid for 2008-09."

Junior high bands Christmas concert

Band director Ron McWilliams announced that the Friona Junior High School bands will present their annual Christmas concert Thursday December 13 at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Along with a selection of holiday favorites such as Sleigh Ride, Jingle Bells, and I'll Be Home for Christmas, a special introduction of the students who recently made the ATSSB all-region junior high band is planned.

"The concert is free and the general public is encouraged to come out and enjoy an evening of music performed by our young people of Friona," McWilliams said.



Friona Community Fund commits 50K toward grant

Here is a press release received via email from the Amarillo Area Foundation last Friday. Friona Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president Chris Alexander said the \$50,000 committed will come from the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). Miss Alexander also serves as director of the FEDC.

The Amarillo Area Foundation is pleased to announce that the community of Friona has committed to raising the first \$50,000 to establish the Friona

Community Fund. This \$50,000 will be matched by the Amarillo Area Foundation-Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

A new challenge has been offered by the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation. All communities that open a fund and raise \$100,000 by December 31, 2007, will be matched an additional \$50,000 to equal the \$100,000 raised by the community.

The purpose of the program is to work with area communities to partner with the Amarillo Area Foundation for en-

dowed community funds or designated funds to benefit programs and meet needs in their community.

Reasons for establishing the Friona Community Fund and investing resources with the Amarillo Area Foundation (AAF) are: establish a legacy endowment fund for Friona; provide for more impact grant making; establish vehicle to accept gifts (endowments) of all types including real estate, stocks, bonds, insurance, and trusts; educate the community of Friona on the importance of

philanthropy and planning for the future; grow funds for Friona through investment management and fund oversight of the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The release states: "Think how fast this initial investment of \$50,000 matched with the gift of \$50,000 from the AAF will grow into a monetary resource that can make a real difference in Friona. Average annual return in 2006 was 10.53%.

Here's how it works: AAF will receive and hold funds for

Friona; you can designate your contribution to the Friona Community Fund; you can designate your contribution to a specific project such as the library, educational scholarships, community center, playground equipment, etc.; AAF manages 180 million dollars for multiple donors with average annual return at 10%.

Who benefits: senior citizens to improve facilities; school equipment, educational training, health programs, scholarships; fire department and EMS; library; multi activ-

ity community center for Friona; little league; city park improvements; support art and humanities programs.

For more information contact Chris Alexander at 250-3491. Send donations to Friona Community Fund, c/o Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, Tx 79101.

All donations are tax deductible according to the limit of the law. "Thank you for supporting your community, your fellow citizens, and the future of Friona."



ron carr photo

Having a tug on Santa's beard is 8-month-old Madison Tyler, daughter of Bobby and Paige Tyler. Santa visited Friona Monday evening at the Parmer County Museum as Christmas Season gets underway.

Filing period open for March primary election

Several county offices will be up for election in November '08 with the primary election set for Tuesday, March 4, 2008. The filing period opened December 3 and runs through January 2.

According to Parmer County Clerk Colleen Stover seven offices will be on the primary ballot. They include

those of Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles, District Attorney Johnny Actkinson, District Judge Gordon Green, County Attorney Kathryn Gurlley, Tax Assessor Bobbie Pearson, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Haseloff.

Of the above office hold-

ers only Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye has so far announced his intention to run for re-election. Filing fees range from \$750 to \$1500 depending on the office. Candidates can also file by petition. County chairman have the information about information required and number of signatures needed.

Candidates file with party chairmen. Mrs. Stover said that as of now there is no Republican County Chairman. Robert White continues as Democrat County Chairman. If you are interested in serving as Republican Chairman contact Mrs. Stover at 481-3691. If a chairman cannot be

found the Secretary of State will attempt to appoint one. If there is no party chairman Mrs. Stover said she was told the county cannot have a primary election which would mean Parmer County residents would not be able to vote in the national primaries.



ron carr photo

Gay Taylor is surrounded by her little stuffed Christmas friends at the Country Jubilee in Farwell last weekend.

Voter registration cards sent this week

Registered voters in Parmer County should have received new voter registration cards this week. The cards are valid for two years, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. The new cards are melon colored and have a fold back attachment that indicates the districts and precincts of your US and state representatives and commissioners, justice of the peace, and city and school districts.

You have also been issued a new voter identification number. Voters who have moved in the last two years and have not notified the tax assessor's office with a change of address did not receive a new card.

If you changed addresses and still live in the county and did not receive a new voter's registration please contact the office of Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson at 806-481-3845 or go by the office at the courthouse in Farwell.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



pro football is not a game any more

The Hillary Countdown: The conservative magazine National Review recently referred to our next president Hillary Clinton as a lugubrious robot. Her husband Bill, they said, is an oleaginous carnay who dissembles with breathless abandon.

It is a fancy political magazine that uses big words, which I have to look up in my College Dictionary. That is why I subscribe.

Lugubrious is defined as mournful or gloomy especially in an affected, exaggerated, or unrelieved manner. So Hill Rod is a sad, gloomy robot.

Oleaginous is defined as containing oil, having the qualities of oil, unctuous, fawning, and smarmy. (We all know someone that is just a little too smarmy.) Billy Jeff fits that definition. Oil, slick Willie, soon Billy Jeff will be back in the White House. God bless America.

Thanks to W. T. Services for hooking us up to the NFL Network channel. It is channel 70 on your W. T. Services cable lineup. They got it done just in time for the Cowboys vs. Packers game last Thursday night. Has anybody watched it since then?

I guess my question is do we really need a 24/7 channel de-

voted to professional football? Only the most avid fan needs that much exposure to the NFL. Probably good for sports bars with 20-30 big screen TVs scattered around. No doubt will give ESPN some competition in the sports bar market.

I switched over to the NFL channel a couple of times over the weekend. I was curious what they use to fill the hours when there are no games being played. There are the stories about players who pulled themselves up from the neighborhood, raised by their grandfather, caught a break in college, and are now millionaires.

There are stories about some of the Hall of Fame players and what they are doing nowadays. And of course there are enough statistics to keep you occupied for hours, assuming you are interested in pro football statistics.

They replay a lot of old NFL film footage of some of the more memorable games. Like the Ice Bowl game between the Cowboys and Packers on New Year's Eve 1967 when the temperature was 20-30 below zero. I remember watching that game on a black and white TV.

Pro football is big business. Nowhere is it as big a business as the new Cowboys Stadium being built in Arlington. In the Dallas/Ft. Worth area over Thanksgiving I picked up a Ft. Worth Star Telegram. I usually buy a newspaper(s) at every town or city I visit because I am a newspaper junkie. Besides, I can steal material from many of them.

The new home of Jerry Jones will be expensive, according to the Star Telegram. It will be a \$1 billion, 85,000-seat stadium expected to be ready for the 2009 season. The Super Bowl will be played there in 2011.

Let's talk about the "lower bowl" at the stadium, those seats closest to the field from end zone to end zone. There are 15,000 of them. They are called club seats and will have access to exclusive dining, lounge and bar areas, and will feature gourmet food and video walls for watching the game.

It will cost Dallas Cowboy season ticket holders from \$16,000 to \$50,000 just for a personal seat license, which gives them the option to buy a \$340 club seat ticket to see the game. There are 10 home games on the 2009 schedule. A fan will pay \$3,400 per ticket to watch.

That does not include parking which is \$750 for a premier season parking pass, plus hot dogs, beer, and bar tabs.

The current season ticket holders at Texas Stadium in the lower level are being contacted and given options to buy seats at the new ball field. The personal seat license gives a fan a 30-year option to buy season tickets. The \$16,000 to \$50,000 license depends on the seat location. The team is offering 30-year financing with interest at about 8%.

One person quoted, said he has had four seats on the 50-yard line about 40 rows up since the Cowboys were at the Cotton Bowl. In the new stadium those seats will cost \$50,000 for a personal seat license (\$200,000) plus \$1,360 per game for four tickets.

In the really snooty section, there will be 200 private suites. They will start at \$100,000 annually for a 20-year lease, plus tickets. The team has already sold about half of them.

In 2004 Arlington citizens approved a half-cent sales tax to land the stadium. The City of Arlington's funding of the new stadium is capped at \$325 million. Jerry Jones does not have to get the city's approval for seat prices.

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck (that's his real name) thinks the personal seat license fees are "very expensive". "I hope when they release the prices for the other seats in the stadium, the prices will come down," he said.

They will Mr. Cluck but not by much I bet. The Star Telegram says starting in February the remaining 10,000 cheap seat season ticket holders that hold 40,000 tickets will get letters explaining how they can purchase comparable seats in the new stadium.

Most of the cheap seats will be sold online and over the telephone. Most will also require personal seat licenses but the cost has not been determined, nor have seat prices been determined.

I guess there will be seats that the common fan can afford but the cheapest seat in the house will still probably be more than \$100. It is more than that now at Texas Stadium.

Pro football is big business. Cowboy games at the new stadium will be the place to be seen for the "beautiful people" of the area. Thanks again to W.T. Services for providing the NFL Network. At least I'll be able to see inside the new stadium a few times.

A message from Jerry Jones to all Cowboy fans. Merry Christmas!

Cornbread salad and sweet potato smoothies

BY RON CARR

In keeping with our theme of livening up your holiday gatherings, here are a couple of interesting recipes from our email friends at Family Features.

I'm a salad guy and I like all the ingredients in the black-eyed pea and cornbread recipe. Never thought much about making a salad out of them all together. Never thought much about drinking a sweet potato either but the smoothie concoction is tempting. You'll need some soy milk and yogurt for this one so pick 'em up on your next trip to the store. If you try these out let me know how your folks liked them. Happy Holidays.

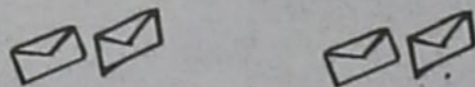
Black-Eyed Pea & Cornbread Salad

Prep time: 30 minutes
Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes
Cornbread
1 pouch (6.5 oz) Betty Crocker cornbread and muffin mix
Milk, butter, and egg called for on the pouch.
Salad
3 slices bacon
1 can (15-16 oz) black-eyed peas, drained, rinsed
2 cups chopped tomatoes (2 large)
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped red or sweet onion
1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/2 cup zesty Italian salad dressing
1. Heat oven to 400. Make cornbread as directed on pouch for cornbread baked in oven. Cool 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350. Cut cornbread in 1-inch cubes; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 6-8 minutes until crisp; set aside.
2. In 8-inch skillet cook bacon over low heat 8-10 minutes turning occasionally until crisp. Drain on paper towels and crumble.
3. In medium bowl mix bacon, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, bell peppers, onion, celery, and seasoned salt.
4. In large serving bowl, arrange half of the cornbread cubes. Spoon half of the tomato mixture over cornbread. Top with remaining cornbread and tomato mixture. Drizzle dressing over salad. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes before serving.
8 servings

Sweet Potato Pie Smoothie

Prep time: 5 minutes
1 1/4 cups 8th Continent vanilla soy milk
1/4 cup cooked sweet potato, cold
1 container (6 oz) Yoplait Original 99% Fat Free French vanilla yogurt
1 tbsp honey
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp vanilla
1. Place ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover; blend on high speed about one minute or until smooth.
2. Pour into two glasses and serve immediately.

Letter to the Editor



Dear Friona Star,

On Monday, December 3, we had the privilege of hosting a special speaker, Armando Jo, from Inhaminga, Mozambique. Mr. Jo spoke to several classes Monday morning in the auditorium. He showed pictures of his homeland and discussed Mozambiquen culture, languages, religion, history and government. Mr. Jo speaks six languages, provides humanitarian aid to his people, and has contact with government officials in Mozambique.

Our school has a special connection to Mr. Jo through our freshman class. Three years ago, our freshman (who were then sixth graders) voluntarily planned and implemented a fundraiser to send money to Mozambique to improve the education of children who did not even have a school building. They sent enough money to provide practice books, pencils, rulers, and other supplies for children in a village in an area outside of Inhaminga.

It also was enough to provide some food for them as well. Little did we know that the man through whom we sent the money would come here and even meet the students that helped the children of his country. Several of our students shook his hand and greeted him respectfully. One of those was Keeley Dummum, who was one of the leaders in the fundraising during sixth grade. What an opportunity to meet Mr. Armando Jo in person as well as learn of his culture and life in the Bush.

Mr. Jo spoke of helping others and encouraged our students to do the same. He shared some of his life stories and helped our students grasp the idea that you can become a world changer. He also helped us appreciate our education and the fact that we have plenty to eat. He encouraged our students not to take that for granted.

Teachers who shared in the experience were Mr. Arias, Mr. Graham, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Herbert, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Montana, and Mr. Ruleaux. Mr. Kirton would like to thank Mrs.

Montana for her technical support as well.

The students were well behaved and learned a lot. Our parents can be proud of our students who participated. Our students now have another international connection. So don't be surprised if some of our students want to go to Mozambique some day.

Ben Kirton
Assistant Principal
Friona High School



Mr. Armando Jo & family
courtesy photo

Mark Your Calendar

December 6
Blood Drive from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. Call 877-574-8800 for appointment.

December 12
Christmas open house at Friona State Bank from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

December 16
Christmas Tea at the Women's Clubhouse at 9th and Pierce from 2 to 3 p.m., all are invited.

December 18
Prairie Acres Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. Adopt-A-Resident gifts are due.

December 19
Christmas open house at 1st National Bank from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 21
Early dismissal for Friona schools for Christmas holidays.

January 7
Friona schools resume after holiday break.

January 16
High Plains Immigration Conference & Trade Show at the Amarillo Convention Center

March 6
Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center

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Town Talk II

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Merry Christmas. If you are looking for some alternate greeting you won't find it here. Merry Christmas is still just fine with us.

Wow! Aren't we older folks glad we don't have to buy kids toys this year. Toy warnings are flying around thicker than feyerd dust. Don't buy this, don't buy that, watch out for those small magnets, marbles, and little parts that come off and choke the tykes.

How hard is it to look at a toy and decide if it is dangerous for your kid? Are we to believe parents don't have good sense any more? Should we take tricycles off the list because they cause skinned knees? I don't think so.

Holy moly! Buy your kids some toys for Christmas and stop letting the nanny police make you live in fear. If you aren't a grownup you shouldn't have kids anyway.

Some local folks went over to Clovis Sunday evening for the Clovis Community Concert, a combination of the Clovis Community Band and a couple of choirs. Friona's Dave Thompson is a member of the band. He plays saxophone. A group of friends were in attendance. In addition to Dave and Norma Thompson were Robert Neelley, Percy Parsons, Bill and Carol Ellis, Judy Cummings, Patsy Riggins, Letha Gammon, Billy Joe &

Tommie Mercer, Lewis & Elizabeth Gore, Hugh Moseley and friend Rudene. Carol Ellis said there may have been others that they didn't see. She said they all enjoyed the music and had a good time.

I was looking for a phone number in the new West Texas Rural Telephone phone book this week and discovered among the Friona listings a bunch of numbers for Wolfforth, Tx. and Andrews, Tx. Called Jim Steiert at WTRT. He said the book is put together and printed by an outside contractor and they must have just messed up. It is not a big issue. I was just curious.

Talked with several folks that were out hunting pheasants last weekend. From all accounts there are plenty of pheasants to go around and most hunters scored a bird. One report mentioned that a hunter ended up at the PCCH emergency room when a shotgun pellet grazed his cheek. Don't know who it was but no he was not hunting with the Vice President Dick Cheney.

The aforementioned Jim Steiert, who is a certified pheasant hunting guide, says he is planning a bigger hunt this second weekend than the first weekend. Lance Gatlin reported the four hunters in his party got eight birds Saturday and five Sunday. Similar numbers seem to be common.

I visited the Country Jubilee in Farwell last Friday after lunching in Clovis with my friend and colleague Mike Pomper. The Farwell Community Center was a nice venue for the annual bazaar. Several Friona folks had booths and the organizers said they were pretty happy with the public attendance.

Speaking of Mike Pomper he will soon be a grandpa. Son Rob and wife Rebecca, who are now publishers of the Stateline Tribune, are expecting their first born in April I believe.

While I am handing out congratulations, how about best wishes to Tommy Hamilton and Shara Lookingbill. Tommy and Shara, both senior citizen widowers, tied the knot and got married last week. All the happiness to them. They are nice folks.

On the younger side, David Stephens and Diamond Aguirre are also now a happily married couple. Diamond's mom, Minnie, has been cleaning the Friona Star office on weekends for as long as I can remember and she passed on the good news.

Minnie also seems to be doing well in her continuing bout with cancer.

It was Mexican pile-on time at Monday's senior citizen lunch. Had a great crowd. Eva

Miller was present again. Also welcomed first time visitors Johnnie Walters and Lee Campbell. Come on back and be a regular.

It was said that Everett Gee was having heart bypass surgery Monday. Friona Star office manager Marlene Mueller is Everett's sister-in-law. She visited Everett at the hospital Monday night and said he was doing well. Doctors are still checking though and there may be some other lung complications.

We wish Everett and Mayme and the family all the very best results. Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Nine-year-old Rosendo Tena sent us a drawing that said "Thanks W.T. for the NFL Channel 70-Go Cowboys." Rosendo's mother, Isabel Rios,

says he is a huge football and Cowboys fan. So have fun with the NFL Network Rosendo but don't forget to do your homework too.

I have another big batch of old photos from the Friona Star archives ready to take to the library. By next week they should be out for you to browse through. Getting reports of folks finding photos there for themselves and also finding and taking photos to friends. Looking through them can be habit forming and time consuming. Take a friend along with you so you will have someone to "ooh and aah" with over all the long ago memories.

Our sincere sympathies to the families of Clyde Fields and Irene Anthony on their

passing last week. They were both long time Friona residents and supporters. Please remember them.

The season is upon us. It is going to be a busy December for many people including us here at the Friona Star. We appreciate your continued support. Our Christmas issue will be published December 20. We will also publish on December 27 although it will no doubt be a smaller paper. Then again on January 3 we will begin another year of the news cycle. Hope you will join us. Until then.

P.S. Really like the pen we received from Friona State Bank along with their annual desk calendars. Stop by for their annual bank tea Wednesday December 12. See you there!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 9, 2007 – December 15

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

- Dec. 9-**Bill White, Robert Martinez, Jake Brozek, Robert Rocha
- Dec. 10-**Kelli Coffey, Jason Grant Berend, Ross Roden, Don Ready, Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson, Sharon Newton, Michael Johnston, Sabina Schilling
- Dec. 11-**Chris Hamil, Leigh Neelley Boatman, Libby Procter, M'Lynda Jarecki, Jeff Chaney, Lindsey Neill, Louise Bynum, Whitney Jo Dean, Darby Drummond
- Dec. 12-**Nelda Ellis, Mark Ready, Sheila Gresham, Linda Knowles, Chad Stevick, Paul J. Smith, Sheldon Burleson, Mark Taylor Wood, Lavern Black, Jim Bob Swafford
- Dec. 13-**Leroy Cox, Taylor Duran, Guadalupe Nieto.
- Dec. 14-**B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Trey Cozier, Dorothy Sorley, Victor Espinoza, Troy Benton
- Dec. 15-**Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Sylvia Ingram, Luke London, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Haden Smiley, Deven Black, Marion Carson, Linda Marshall, Carol Ortiz

Friona student earns WT broadcast honors

West Texas A&M University won regional honors for the 10th consecutive year at the National Broadcasting Society Region 4 Convention November 16-17 in Oklahoma City.

Region 4 includes colleges and universities from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The competition represents work on student-produced audio, video, script and web design projects. WT students earned 18 first-place, 19 second-place, 5 third-place, and 12 honorable mention awards.

In the video category, Rocio Lugo, a junior broadcasting major from Friona, was awarded honorable mention in news package for "Campus Beat-Concert".

PCCH Employee of the Month



Carmella Salinas
Employee of the Month

Carmella Salinas is the Employee of the Month for November. Carmella is a great asset to the PCCH Nursing Department.

During an extremely busy time Carmella took the initiative to discharge a patient and went out of her way to find out answers to questions that the patient had.

We are so fortunate to have employees like Carmella here at PCCH!

Sheriff's Report

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

November 21, 2007, Crystal Sandoval, 27, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with failure to appear (possession of marijuana), pending County Court.

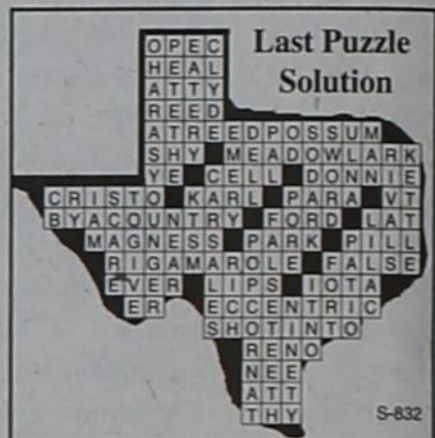
November 22, 2007, Eric Mireles, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with burglary of a building, pending Grand Jury; and failure to identify, pending County Court.

November 26, 2007, Anely Villegas, 25, of Hereford, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

November 27, 2007, John Cunningham, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

November 29, 2007, Miguel Baltazar, 34, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated and striking an unattended vehicle, pending County Court.

December 3, 2007, Jose Molina, 23, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.



Student and Staff Members for Nov.

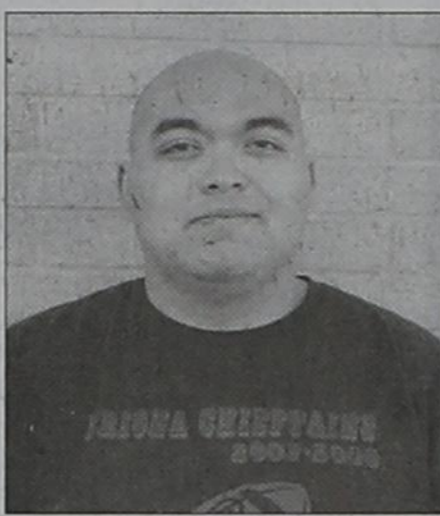
We at Friona High School are proud to announce the Student and Staff Members of the Month for November.

helped in other activities. They spent time after school, baking, making posters and selling tickets. They were ex-

helped in substituting in classes and does a great job of maintaining order. He also makes a contribution to Friona



Yvette Garcia, Stefanie Tirado & Julissa Saenz
Students of the Month



Ross Paiz
Staff Member of the Month

The Student of the Month is a group of three girls. They are Julissa Saenz, Yvette Garcia, and Stefanie Tirado. The Staff member of the Month is Mr. Ross Paiz.

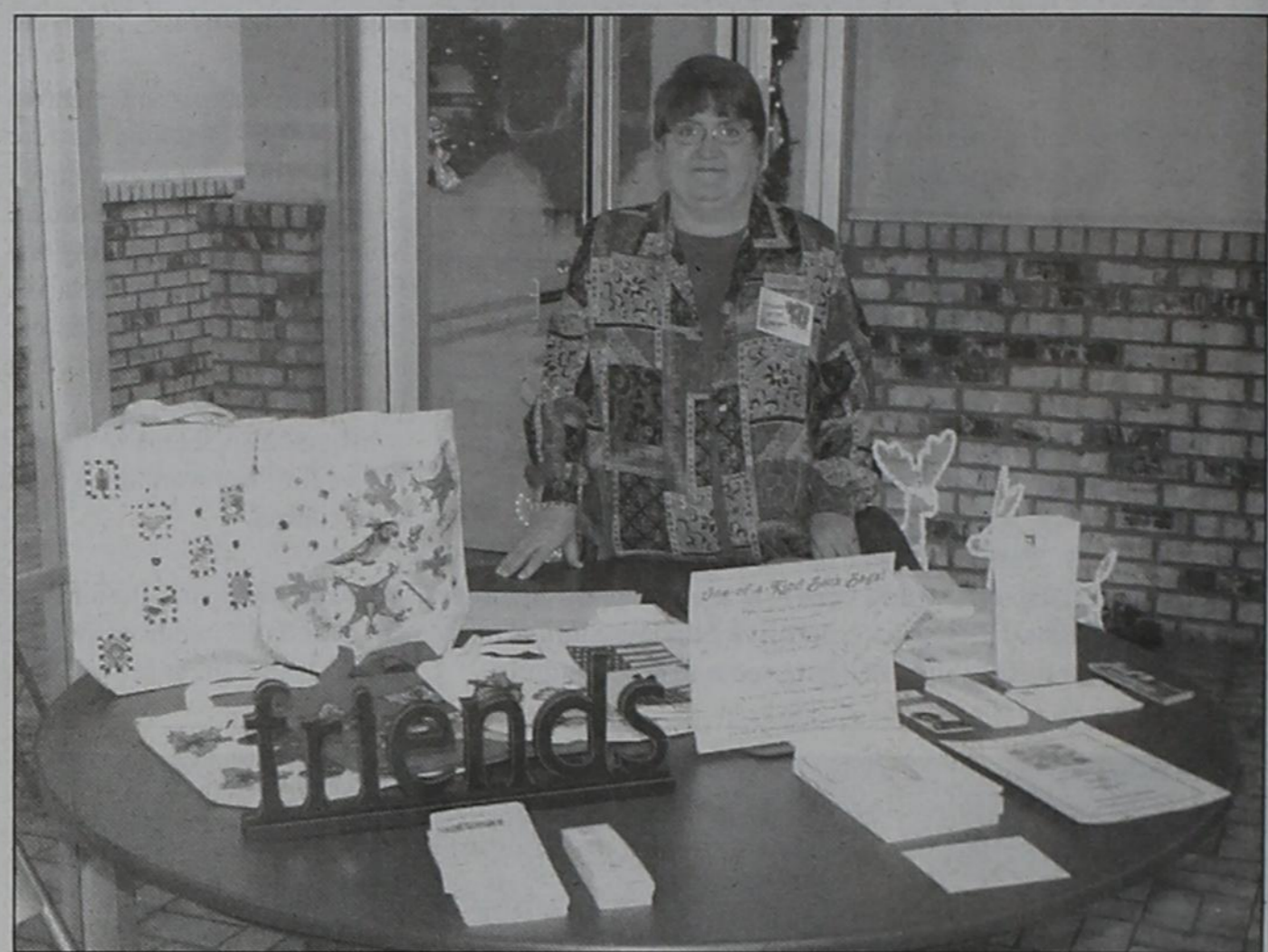
It was hard to pick just one student this month because Julissa, Yvette and Stefanie all worked together to lead a fundraiser for one of our former custodians. This was a voluntary work in which they raised \$175.00 and

emplary role models showing selfless acts to help others. All three have also been involved in service-learning projects. They have all received excellent comments from their supervising teachers at the Primary, and excel in the Child Development dual credit program.

Ross Paiz "functions at the school in many capacities." You could call him the king of versatility. Mr. Paiz has

High School through the Athletic Training and also organizes the staff functions. Add to that his position noted that he works tirelessly for Special Olympics".

Congratulations to our Julissa, Yvette, and Stefanie for being our Students of the Month and to Mr. Paiz, our Staff Member of the Month. Thank you for your hard work and example.



Friona Librarian Darla Bracken at the Friends of the Library table during last weekend's Country Jubilee in Farwell. Call the library, 250-3200, about the one-of-a-kind book bags.



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- Saturday, January 12, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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Terry Burk Estate - Owner
Located: Estelline, Texas - Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment
- Thursday, February 7, 2008 - Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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Basketball Roundup

Friona sweeps four from Floydada

BY RON CARR

The highly touted Floydada Whirlwinds basketball teams rolled into town Tuesday and left with four losses in four games. The JV girls and boys and the varsity girls and boys notched victories for a clean sweep for Friona.

The Floydada varsity boys were said to be ranked 5th in the state. Trailing 20-19 at the end of the 1st quarter, the Chiefs put together an impressive 21-5 point run in the 2nd quarter to lead 40-25 at the half.

The Whirlwinds fast-paced attack never came closer than 10 points in the 2nd half as the Chiefs continued the onslaught and went on to record a strong 64-51 win. Sawyer Reed and Alex Gurley shared high-point honors with 16 points each. Reed had four 3s and Gurley one. Ryan Geries and Matthew Stanberry had 8 points each, Kaison Graham 5, Ryan Schwab 4, Trent Hudson 4, Chris Haile 2, and Jared Boyd 1. The Chiefs were 8 of 18 from the free throw line with Gurley

a perfect 5 for 5 at the stripe. It was a solid win for Coach Graham's Chieftains and sends a message to the District 2-2A opponents that the district title is definitely up for grabs.

The varsity Squaws gave Coach Michael Hurley win number three as they thumped the aggressive Lady Winds 42-29. Led by senior Miranda Frye's 13 points including two 3s, the Squaws battled the rough and tumble Lady Winds, attempting 21 foul shots, making 13. Michelle Martin had 8 points including a 3, freshman Regan Anthony who was in the starting lineup for this game put up 8 points, all in the 4th quarter. Briar Barnett had 6, Hollis Gurley 3, Erin Anthony 2, and Ashley Ingram 2.

The JV Squaws started the victory run with their 4 p.m. tip-off. They led handily 19-12 at the half but allowed the JV Lady Winds to sneak up and take a one-point lead in the 3rd quarter before recovering for a 31-27 win.

Heather Sandoval had 8 points to lead the scoring, followed by Taryn Jamerson 7, Anna Murphree 6, Stephanie Aguirre 3, Britny Herbert 3, Elizabeth Trevino 2, and Kami Kerby 2. The JV Chiefs scored 27 points in each half. At the end of the first half they were behind 31-27. But they outscored the JV Winds 27-15 in the second half to earn a 54-46 victory. The team attempted 23 free throws and made 8.

Joey Dixon was top scorer with 15 points including three 3s, Zack Fair tossed in 10 points with a trey. Irving Huerta had 7, Justin Dominguez 6, Kirby Frye 6, David Schwab 4, Rolando Castanon 3, and Clayton Smiley 3.

The four wins should give the teams momentum going into the weekend. The JV teams participate in the Tulia tournament December 6-8 and the varsity squads will be in Farwell for the Farwell toumey also December 6-8.



ron carr photo

JV Squaw Heather Sandoval drives the lane past the Floydada JV Tuesday at Friona gym. The JV girls won 31-27. They play in the Tulia tournament this weekend. More JV Squaw photos at frionaonline.com.



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The Squaw stampede flattens a Lady Wind. After the ball are, l-r, Erin Anthony, Regan Anthony, Miranda Frye, and Hollis Gurley. The Squaws won 42-29. They are entered in the Farwell tournament this weekend. More Squaw-Floydada photos available at frionaonline.com.

Chieftains lose to Happy at Vega

The Friona Chieftains were entered in the Vega tournament where they beat Boys Ranch 63-49 and San Jacinto Academy 69-37, but lost in the final round to the Happy Cowboys 69-63.

The Chiefs had little trouble with Boys Ranch as they led from the opening tip. The Chiefs drained ten 3s in the game, 5 from Sawyer Reed, 2 by Jared Boyd, 2 by Alex Gurley, and one by Kaison Graham. Reed led scoring with 21 points, Gurley had 12, Ryan Geries 9, Boyd 8, Ryan Schwab 6, Graham 3, Trent Hudson 2, and Matthew Stanberry 2. Friona made 3 of 12 free throws.

Game two saw the Chiefs once again easily handle San Jacinto 69-37, including putting up 28 points in the 2nd quarter. Reed and Gurley each had two 3s. Reed popped in 16 points, Geries 14, Gurley 12, Stanberry 10, Boyd 4, Graham 4, and Chris Haile 2.

The Chiefs did well against the Happy Cowboys who are always a 1A powerhouse. Friona led by one, 28-27, at the half but the Cowboys out-gunned the Chiefs 40-35 in the 2nd half for the 69-63 win. Jared Boyd had three 3s and 12 points, Reed was top scorer with 18 including a three, Gurley had 14 including a three, Geries had 7, Graham 6, Hudson 4, and Haile 2.

The Chiefs met Floydada on Tuesday this week and will participate in the Farwell tournament December 6-8.

Squaws win two at Vega tourney

The Friona Squaws opened the Vega tournament last weekend with a 44-21 win over Boys Ranch. It was the first victory of the season for Coach Michael Hurley's girls.

Miranda Frye, with two 3s in the first quarter, led scoring with 10 points. Hollis Gurley had 9, Regan Anthony 6, Ashley Ingram 4, Diana Bolivar 4, Sasha Estrada 3, Erin Anthony 3, Michelle Martin 3, and Briar Barnett 2.

Ingram and Martin also had one 3-point goal each. The team was 14 of 22 in free throws.

The second tournament game was against San Jacinto Christian Academy of Amarillo. San Jacinto is always tough competition. The Squaws had a slim one-point 26-25 lead after three quarters but went on to lose 36-33.

Gurley led scoring in this one with 12 points, followed by Frye with 8, Bolivar 6, R. Anthony 3, E. Anthony 2, and Barnett 2. R. Anthony (1) and Frye (2) had 3s. They were 6 of 11 from the foul line.

The Squaws second season victory came at the expense of Happy as Friona took third place in the tournament with a 39-33 win over the Cowgirls. The Squaws had a solid 35-25 lead after 3 quarters. They needed it as Happy outscored them in the 4th quarter 8-4 but it wasn't enough.

Sasha Estrada had two treys and Frye one. The team was 10 of 19 in free throws. Estrada and Frye were leading scorers with 8 points each. R. Anthony and Gurley each had 7, Barnett 5, Martin 3, and Jordan Monroe 1.

After hosting Floydada this week (Tuesday) the Squaws will participate in the Farwell tournament December 6-8.

JV Squaws second at Muleshoe

The junior varsity Squaws were entered in the Muleshoe tournament last weekend and advanced to lose in the championship game and come home with the 2nd place trophy.

The JV girls trounced Tulia 56-29 led by a great 17-point effort from Heather Sandoval. Elizabeth Trevino contributed 12, Stephanie Aguirre 6, Britny Herbert 6, Anna Murphree 6, Taryn Jamerson 5, Kami Kerby 2, and Paige Herbert 2. The girls were 9 of 16 from the line. Trevino, Jamerson, and Aguirre each had a three-pointer.

No doubt Coach V'Laura Sundlie will have the JV Squaws working on free throws during this week's practice. In the championship game with Muleshoe the Squaws missed 16 out of 23 attempts and could have easily handled the JV Lady Mules.

The game was tied at the end of regulation. Friona was ahead by 12 points 29-17 at the end of the 3rd quarter but Muleshoe put up 19 fourth quarter points to 8 for Friona to tie the game. In overtime the Lady Mules edged Friona 7-6 to take a 44-43 victory.

Anna Murphree stepped up with a couple of treys to lead scoring. Anna had 16 points. Sandoval put in 11, Jamerson 7, Herbert 3, Trevino 2, Kerby 1, and Aguirre 1.

In an earlier game on November 27, the JV Squaws pounded Farwell JV 41-12. Aguirre, Murphree (2), and Herbert had 3s. Sandoval was top scorer with 9, Trevino 8, Herbert 7, Murphree 6, Aguirre 4, Herbert 3, Britney Berend 2, Kerby 2.



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Sophomore Chief Matthew Stanberry leads a fast break charge against the Floydada Whirlwinds. The Chiefs beat state-ranked Floydada 64-51 in a strong showing. They are in the Farwell tournament this weekend. More Chief-Winds photos at frionaonline.com.

Freshman Chiefs 1-2 at Muleshoe

Coach David Towner's freshman boys participated in the Muleshoe tournament last weekend. "The boys played extremely hard the entire tournament," Towner said. "We beat Olton JV with a last second shot by Brenner Barnett then played Muleshoe JV very tough and had another last second shot rim out that would have forced overtime. I am very proud of these boys for their hustle and heart they played with in this tourney."

The boys beat Olton 27-26. Nick Ortiz had a team high 17 points, Barnett had 4, Jeremy Alaniz 2, Duncan Welch 2, and Zack Fair 2. The boys were only 2 of 12 from the free throw stripe.

Muleshoe edged the Chiefs 36-34. Zack Fair had two 3s and Ortiz one. The team was again 3 of 10 from the free throw line. Fair was high with 12 points, Ortiz 9, Welch 6, Alaniz 5, and Clayton Smiley 2.

The young Chieftains ran into some stiff competition in their third tournament game as the Farwell JV Steers rolled over them 61-38. The game was fairly close at the end of 3 quarters as Farwell led 37-29. But then the Steers went on a 24-9 run in the 4th quarter to finish with the win. Ortiz put in 12 points, Alaniz 11, Smiley 7, Fair 6, and Welch 2.

JV Chiefs 2-1 at Muleshoe tourney

The JV Chiefs, coached by Elliott Ruleaux, played well in last weekend's Muleshoe tournament. They lost a close contest to Muleshoe JV but beat the Farwell JV and the Farwell freshmen.

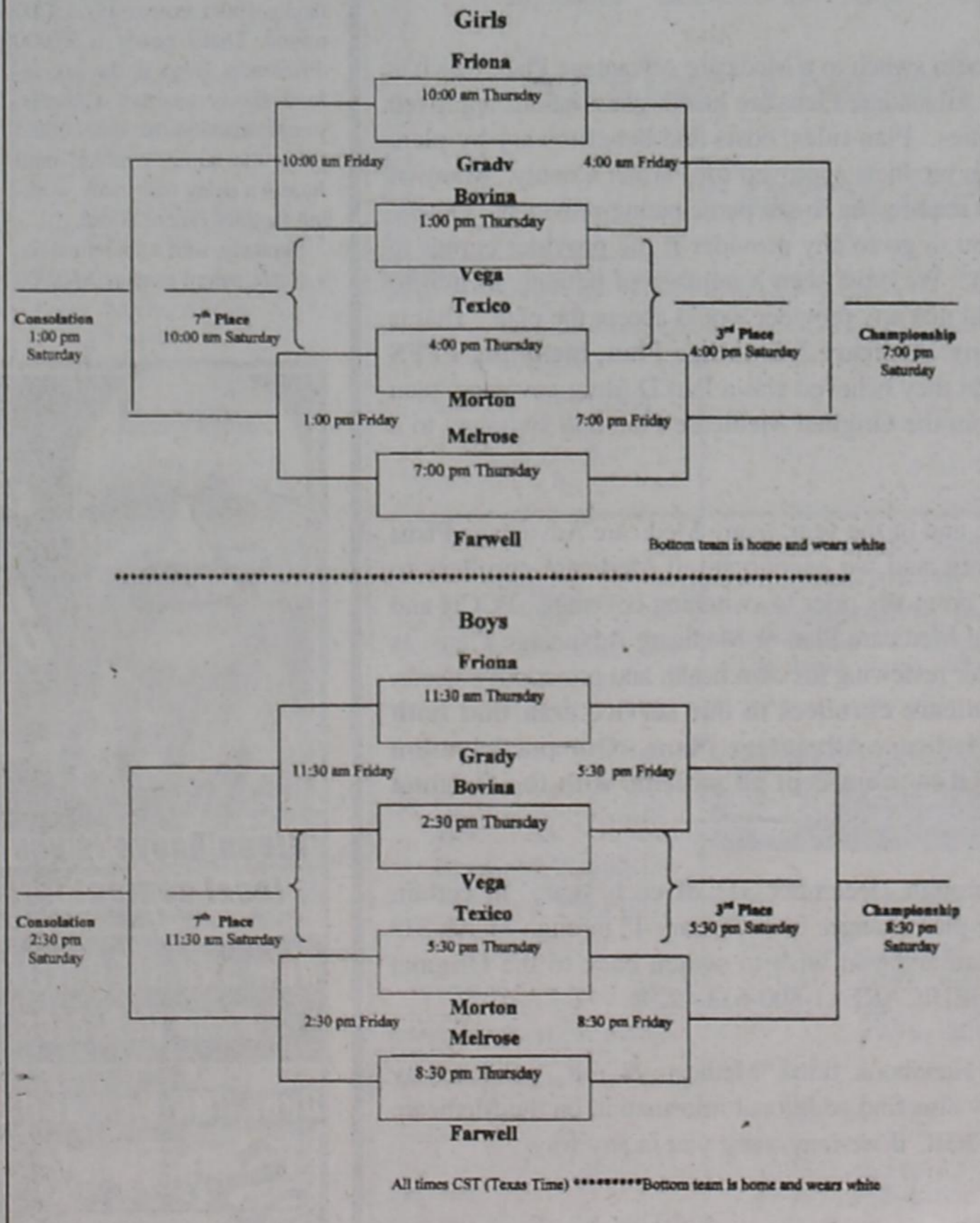
Against the Muleshoe JV the score was tied at 33- after four quarters but Muleshoe won by five in overtime, 45-40. Irving Huerta was score leader with 10, Kirby Frye 8, Stetson Reed 6, Justin Dominguez 6, Joey Dixon 5, David Schwab 3, and Rolando Castanon 2.

In a 34-29 win over the Farwell JV Dominguez had 9, Frye 8, Schwab 6, Reed 5, Castanon 4, Dixon 2.

Then came the Farwell freshmen. The JV Chiefs destroyed the Farwell frosh 94-32, led by Stetson Reed's 25 points and 23 from Dominguez. Frye poured in 19, Huerta 11, Dixon 10, Castanon 4, and Schwab 2. The 94 points by a Friona JV team might be a school record if junior varsity records were kept.

Security State Bank Invitational Tournament

Farwell, Texas
December 6, 7, 8, 2007



7th Braves 21 7th Tulia 36

The 7th grade Braves A team scored only 5 points in the first half and couldn't catch up as they lost to Tulia. O.P. Vazquez had 8 points, Sawyer Osborn 5, Ty Stephens 4, Andres Silva 3, and Brady Hansard 1.

The 7th grade red team also lost 28-16. Coach Hazelwood's team went scoreless in the third quarter. The top scorer was Victor Reveles with 6 points, Donovan Ortiz 4, Giovanni Gonzales, Ben Anthony, and Matt Teague all had 2 points each.

8th Braves 38 8th Tulia 21

The Friona 8th grade Braves whipped Tulia Monday. They were ahead 16-15 at the half, had a 15-6 point run in the 3rd quarter and held Tulia scoreless in the 4th quarter for a handy win. Their record is now 2-1.

Ryan DeWit got hot and led the scoring with 12 points. Ismael Rocha had 8, Donavon Johnson 4, Dillon Kelley 4, Caleb Monroe 3, Gabriel Avalos 3, Michael Ortiz 2, and Weston Wylly 2.

OBITUARIES

Clyde Fields

Funeral services for Clyde Fields, 85, of Friona were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Reverend Steve Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Fields died on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He was born August 7, 1922 in Beckham County, Oklahoma to Ira Clyde and Addie Virginia Martin Fields, Sr. He married Georgia Mae Kothe on July 19, 1941 in Sweetwater, Oklahoma and moved to the Friona area in 1942.

Clyde was retired from the City of Friona where he served as the Director of Public Works. He was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church. He was a volunteer fireman for the Friona Fire Department for over 30 years and served as Fire Marshall for 28 years. He was a past President of the Panhandle Water Works Association and active in the Boy Scouts for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; three sons, Charles Lee Fields of Del Rio, Texas, David Gary Fields of Cedar Creek, Texas, and Roger Mac Fields of Lubbock, Texas; one daughter, Donna Mae Randolph of Hawley, Texas; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.



Clyde Fields

Irene Anthony

Funeral services for Irene Anthony, 87, of Friona were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Reverend Steve Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home.

Irene was born on November 14, 1920 in Hiawatha, Kansas to Theodore and Carrol Whaley Torkelson. She married Alvis W. "Dub" Anthony on January 1, 1940 in Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

Mrs. Anthony moved to the Friona area in 1945 from Rocky, Oklahoma. She was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school for a number of years. She was presently a member of the Crusaders Sunday school class and had been a long time member of the Friona Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Anthony and wife Rebecca of Arlington, Texas and Dennis Anthony and wife Loraine of Friona, Texas; one daughter, Linda Surratt and husband Clint of Aledo, Texas; one sister, Ruth Drake of Kansas City, Missouri; a special friend and caregiver, Linda Rice of Friona; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Friona United Methodist Church or the Parmer County Community Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

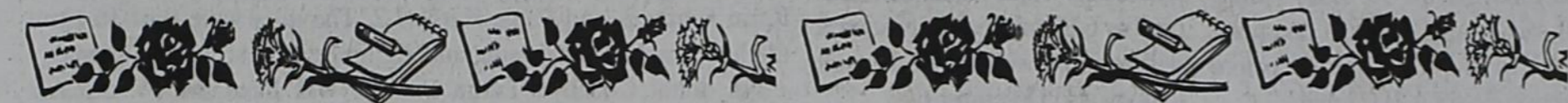


Irene Anthony



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The Christmas tree at Prairie Acres Nursing Home greets residents and visitors. Call 250-3922 and ask about the Adopt-A-Resident program.



Tammy Knoll

Funeral arrangements for Tammy Knoll, 42, of Bovina were pending at press time.

Mrs. Knoll died on Wednesday, December 5.

Arrangements are by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Girl scouts need leaders/volunteers

Daisy and junior girl scout volunteers and/or troop leaders are needed in the Friona area. Please call Alba Austin, membership specialist, at 806-356-0096 or toll free at 1-800-546-2478 for more information.

What the "Alternative Minimum Tax" really means for Texas families

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Albert Einstein once remarked, "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." Since Einstein's admission, our tax code has only grown more complicated and now it is poised to force 20 million middle class Americans to pay an extra \$65 billion in taxes over the next four years. And if the tax cuts of 2003 expire, a staggering 115 million taxpayers will be hit with a \$1700 tax increase. One of the most pressing domestic priorities facing this ex-

tended Congress is passing legislation to address the alternative minimum tax (AMT) that will slap millions of Americans — including 732,000 Texas families — with new taxes.

Although many Americans may not be focused on tax day just yet, the ears of most taxpayers perk up at the words "alternative" and "minimum" used along with "tax." By its name, many taxpayers might assume the AMT is a good thing. A simpler "alternative" to the

complicated and overly burdensome tax code would be welcome news. The idea of paying a lesser or "minimum" amount of taxes sounds good, too. But the AMT is not simpler and it does not allow taxpayers to pay lower taxes.

To the contrary, the AMT denies taxpayers many important deductions, so that middle class families subject to AMT actually pay higher taxes. To make matters worse, Congress failed to index the AMT for inflation. So the AMT has not been adjusted to keep pace with the rise in income and cost of living. As a result, a tax that affected less than 369,000 taxpayers in 1994 could impact an additional 20 million taxpayers who will be burdened with an unexpected tax increase next April unless Congress enacts a refund fix this year.

If Congress does pass a tax refund fix, a Texas family earning an income of \$75,000, and paying \$6,000 for day care for their four children, would itemize their child care deductions and receive a \$6,189 refund. Without this fix, however, the family would receive only a \$700 refund. That's nearly a \$6,000 difference. Even if the tax refund fix is enacted, Congressional inaction to date could delay the family's refund until June — a delay that many working families cannot afford.

Similarly, with a tax refund fix, a single parent earning \$50,000

a year, paying \$6,000 annually for day care, and using standard deductions on her tax return, would receive a refund of nearly \$1,000. But if Congress continues to ignore the AMT problem, she would actually owe the IRS an additional \$225 in taxes. A tax refund fix would save her and her family a total of \$1,189.

Unfortunately, even if Congress passes a bill, we can expect problems. Months ago, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson warned that any bill to fix the AMT would need to be sent to the President by November 16, allowing the IRS sufficient time to prepare and distribute instructions and update their computers to process tax returns next April. Many families' tax refunds may be delayed up to two to three months because the tax forms will not be ready in time for tax season. This will affect Texas families who take popular deductions and credits — including the child care credit, the adoption credit and the dependent care credit.

If Congress fails to act altogether, the AMT impact will be significant. Without a tax refund fix, the AMT will dig deep into the pockets of hundreds of thousands of families in Texas, who stand to lose \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, or more. Congress must act responsibly, and correct the AMT, which now threatens to encroach on the earnings of millions of middle class taxpayers.

A message from Lance Gatlin, Parmer County Hospital MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS NOT COVERED BY LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH) and Friona Rural Health Clinic (FRHC) are seeing a significant amount of misinformation circulating in Parmer County regarding Medicare plan coverage, specifically pertaining to Medicare Advantage Plans. In an effort to ensure that all individuals in our service area are armed with sufficient information to make a well-informed decision regarding Medicare plan coverage, we wish to provide a brief explanation of Medicare enrollees' rights and our current participation status.

Most Medicare participants are on the Original Medicare Plan, including Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (Medical insurance), which is often supplemented with a MediGap or supplemental insurance policy to cover co-payments and deductibles. In addition, drug coverage (Part D) is typically obtained through a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. **Both PCCH and FRHC are enrolled as providers and accept all patients with the Original Medicare Plan.**

In lieu of the Original Medicare Plan, individuals may elect to switch to a Medicare Advantage Plan, which is sometimes referred to as Part C or MA Plan. Medicare Advantage Plans are health plan options approved by Medicare but operated by private insurance companies. Plan rules, costs and benefits vary by plan. There are currently 39 different Medicare Advantage Plan products approved for Parmer County. Many of these plans, like HMOs, have provider networks and may require you to see participating providers. Others, such as Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Plans, allow you to go to any provider if the provider agrees to accept the plan's terms of payment before treating you. We have seen a number of patients switch to Medicare Advantage Plans, and in doing so they were told that any provider would accept the plan. That is simply not true. **Neither PCCH nor FRHC accept any Medicare Advantage Plan, including PFFS plans.** In other instances, patients have signed up for what they believed was a Part D (drug coverage) plan only, but they later realized that they were removed from the Original Medicare Plan and switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan.

As we are in the Medicare enrollment period through the end of the year, many Medicare Advantage Plans are aggressively selling their products in Parmer County, and we encourage all Medicare enrollees to thoroughly understand the plan benefits and participating providers prior to switching coverage. PCCH and FRHC are not advocating or opposing either the Original Medicare Plan or Medicare Advantage Plans, as that is a decision each individual must personally make after reviewing his own health and prescription needs. **However, we do wish to make it clear to those Medicare enrollees in our service area that both PCCH and FRHC have elected not to accept any Medicare Advantage Plans. Our participation status in the Original Medicare Plan has not changed — we accept all patients with the Original Medicare Plan.**

You may make plan changes from November 15th through December 31st of each year. In certain circumstances with some restrictions, you may also make plan changes from January 1st through March 31st of each year. If you are on a Medicare Advantage Plan and you wish to switch back to the Original Medicare Plan, contact your current plan or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

For additional information, please reference the Medicare Handbook, titled "Medicare & You", published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. You may also find additional information on the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. Please contact PCCH or FRHC if we may assist you in any way.

Reference: "Medicare & You" Government Handbook

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Words cannot express our deepest appreciation for every act of love shown during the loss of our loved one,

Elsie Allen

Your prayers, calls, cards, memorials, food, visits & other acts of sympathy are cherished.

The love & care from Home Health & all of the Doctors & Nurses was exceptional.

Thank you & may

God truly bless each of you.

Sincerely,

John Allen Family



courtesy photo

Mr. and Mrs. Donn Tims...."Love is alive and well! In this day when people fall in and out of love, oh so easily, it is wonderful to know Love Can Be Forever! Charlotte Bails Tims and Donn Tims are still in love after 50 years." The children and family of the couple wish to invite their friends to a reception in their honor at the Tenth Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Friona, Texas on Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 2-3:30 p.m. to help celebrate this joyous occasion. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Thank You
The family of Bob Clark wishes to thank all of our friends and neighbors for your outpouring of love, prayers, and support during Bob's passing. Your presence in person and spirit blessed us immensely. Every act of kindness and concern brought a measure of peace to our family. God's love for us shone brightly through each of you. We appreciate all you have done to make this time easier for us. God Bless You, Bobbie Lou Clark, Alan & Nita Clark Family, Deborah & John Snyder Family, Steve Clark, Henry & Paula Clark Family, Bob Ellis Clark Family, James & Rachel Clark Family

I Hope You Dance

The following was written by an 83-year-old woman to a friend. It is reprinted from the West Texas Parkinsonism Society Newsletter, The Tulip Messenger.

Dear Bertha,

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I'm not "saving" anything: we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped or the first Amaryllis blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now.

I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.

I'm guessing: I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much I truly love them.

I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special.

Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

Think about this 'Tis the season

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

As we move into the month of December, we enter into a time of the year, which is very special to many people. From the Bible, we know that there is nothing unique about one month over another. From the world we live in, we know that at this time of the year special things occur. Perhaps we can concentrate on some of the positives of the season:

'TIS THE SEASON... To be a giver. Consider the real needs of those around you. Of course, our attitude should always be "How can I serve you?". Remember, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

'TIS THE SEASON... To be thankful. There is so much to be thankful for. Life, health, family, precious moments encased in memory, and for a Savior who came to redeem. We need, indeed, "be thankful" (Col. 3:15).

'TIS THE SEASON... To consider family. There should be such joy in our families. Families are special. They are given to us by God.

'TIS THE SEASON... To remember. While we don't actually know the date that Jesus was born, we need to be thankful that many people do remember the special event of Jesus coming into the world. Perhaps, we can find ways to remind ourselves and others that the birth of Jesus, whenever it was, along with His death and resurrection, requires from us the gift of ourselves to His cause.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

First Baptist to present Mary's Christmas Story

Bible Alive Theater presents Mary's Christmas Story, a new musical by drama/music missionary, gospel singer, and Bible teacher Myra Green.

The performance will be Sunday, December 9 at 10:40 a.m. at the Friona First Baptist Church, 404 W. 5th St. Everyone is welcome to this special presentation.

CDs and tapes will be available at the performance for free. Admission is free but limited seating is available. The presentation will also be given at Bovina's First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

In Mary's Christmas Story Myra portrays the mother of Jesus telling the events as she saw them and experienced them, using songs and monologue. She is an accomplished portrait artist, was a home school mom for 11 years, and taught home school enrichment drama classes and directed student plays several years. She lives in Glorieta, New Mexico, with husband, manager, preacher Cliff Green.

Seeds from the Sower

BY MICHAELA A. GUIDO

A mother asked, "Marilyn, were you a good girl in church today?"

"Yes, ma'am," she answered. "A man offered me a plate of money. I wanted it, but I said, 'No, thanks!'"

Isn't it just like us to be more concerned about getting than giving?

But it's the generous heart that's made glad, not the greedy heart.

It's the one who shoulders his responsibilities that's satisfied, not the one who shuns them.

It's the one who shares his talents that's made happy, not the one who stores them.

The Living Bible says, "If you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure."

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LIBRARY CORNER

by Darla Bracken

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"The Library is the Best Place in the Whole World!!"

is what three-year-old Dakota Prather of Bovina said when he was told he was coming to visit the library. As one of our youngest regular patrons, his sheer joy and enthusiasm always really warms my heart.

While watching "Kid Nation" on ABC the other night, I was crushed when the Bonanza city of 40 kids ranging in age from 8 to 14 and trying to build their town, chose an arcade over a library as their reward. There was one little 12 year old girl, however, who took all of her hard-earned money and bought all the books their fledgling frontier town's general store had to offer and promptly set up a library for the town in a tent-like structure. Library supporters are

like that always thinking of others. The kids soon discovered that the arcade turned out to be a poor choice because none of the kids wanted to do their chores anymore—no cooking, no cleaning, no commerce—nothing. Our times are kind of like that: few of us realize sometimes the value of something like a library until it is no longer available.

The relationship between libraries and people is a very valuable one. There is great trust and confidence involved. It is very personal, private and frankly, quite awesome. It is a unique, sharing experience, which can last for many years. Often we continue the relationship even when the patron is no longer able to come to the library on his own. And it is

always sad when one of our faithful patrons passes away as did Clyde Fields this past week. It is this relationship that we wish to preserve for generations to come.

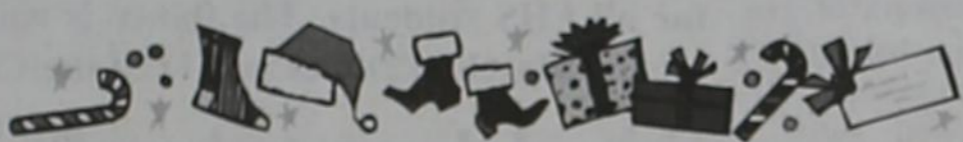
According to the December 3 cover of Newsweek, "Books are not dead, they are just going digital". We may have to offer library services in different ways (and cyberspace is here to stay). Although it can be so impersonal and sometimes inaccurate, for information instantly at your fingertips, the Internet is unbeatable. And cyber-anything greatly magnifies and multiplies all types of issues and problems but, as responsible people, we have to make it safe for everyone to use just as good people have had to do for generations before us. Happy Holidays!!

Generations of giving



courtesy photo

A family tradition continues as Kendrick Oil Company made a \$5,000 contribution in August 2007 to the Friends of the Friona Public Library Centennial Endowment Fund. Shown here representing Kendrick Oil Company are Deke and Pudge Kendrick and Danny and Pam Kendrick. Joining them for the picture are far left, Darla Bracken, Library Director, and far right, Bryan Johnston of the Centennial Endowment Committee. Deke Kendrick, a member of the Modern Study Club's Library Committee, remembers typing countless catalog cards for the library when it was first organized in 1963.



Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride would like to thank the following businesses for contributing to the Fall Auction this year. Longhorn Pride is a program which promotes pride in students and the school. It seeks to promote attendance, exemplary citizenship, and academic success. Thank you for your support and encouragement for students at Lazbuddie Schools.

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Empty Stocking Fund

Benefits needy children by purchasing coats, shoes, caps, and clothing. Donations at Friona State Bank or c/o of Jo Blackwell at Prairie Acres. This is a year-round project that is especially important at Christmas.

Prairie Acres Adopt-a-Resident

Adopt an elderly resident for Christmas. Contact Elizabeth Romero at 250-3922 to select a resident and receive a list of basic needs. Some no longer have family in the area and are often forgotten at Christmas. Purchase the gifts (s), wrap, and deliver to Prairie acres by their December 18 Christmas party.

Friona United Way

The annual United Way campaign has been underway for several weeks but there is still time to contribute. Your donation benefits many local organizations. Donations accepted at Friona State Bank.

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The 2007 Friona United Way campaign is underway.

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Patsy Widner is the Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates 'Resident of the Month' and Mario Carrasco (not pictured) is the 'Employee of the Month' for December.

My Life Story

By Helen Syble Smith Hewitt



Helen Syble Smith Hewitt

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 Helen Syble Smith Hewitt.

I was born March 7, 1919 in the Progressive Community, north of Hereford, Texas, to Lewis Allen and Mary Elizabeth Smith. The family soon moved to the Dawn Community. My childhood was spent milking cows, swimming in the horse tanks, attending Public School, Sunday school, church and Sunday night singing at the Dawn schoolhouse.

I graduated high school from the W.T. Training School and attended West Texas Teacher's college. When I received my Teacher's Certificate, my first job was at the Plemons, a small one-room school near Borger. I was the teacher and the janitor. I had to fill the coal stove every morning and remove the ashes at night.

It was there I met Oscar Hewitt, who was pasturing cattle nearby. After getting

married we lived at South Plains, where I taught school and drove the school bus. Later we built a beautiful home near Tulia. I was very active in the Garden Club. I drove tractors and irrigated the field with tubes, besides the usual housework of gardening, canning, baking and selling Angel food cakes. After Oscar passed away, I moved to Friona and operated the Splatter Shack and taught art lessons.

The move to Friona was interesting. All the brother-in-law and nephews who had pickups and trucks helped me move. There was quite a procession parked on the street in front of the house. I had also rented a u-haul truck. When it came time to unload, there was a problem about getting furniture up the steps! All the men stood there aghast when I located some boards, grabbed a saw and cut them up to make a ramp where they could roll the piano and buffet, etc., into the house. After I sold the Splatter Shack, I continued to give art lessons in my little studio out in my back yard for a year or so.

I was plagued with arthritis and in July of 1998, I had my first surgery. In a few years time I had two knees and one hip replaced.

In March of 2002 I fell, and after a months stay in the local hospital, moved to Prairie Acres. I stayed there until 2005, when I went home with round the clock nursing care. I fell again in December of that year and returned to stay at Prairie Acres.



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FCCLA members (top to bottom) Perla Guerrero, Stephanie Barber, Vanessa Hernandez, and Ivan Tafoya get ready for the Winter Wonderland Dance for all FHS students. The dance is raising money for the March of Dimes and Feed the Children.

School dance to benefit March of Dimes, Feed the Children

Every Friona High School student has received an invitation for an all high school semi-formal dance sponsored by Friona FCCLA. It will be held on December 15 from 8:00-11:30 p.m. at the Friona High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 each. The price includes a photo CD from the dance. Students can buy tickets at school or at the dance. The proceeds of the dance will go to the March of Dimes and Feed the Children.

FCCLA members researched various causes and chose March of Dimes and Feed the Children because they focused on issues affecting teenagers and children. When President Roosevelt began the March of Dimes, teenagers helped to raise enough money to stop poliô with research and awareness about immunizations. Friona FCCLA wants to continue this legacy of teens making a difference. There are more premature babies in Texas than in any other state.

The mission of March of Dimes is to educate, do research and advocate in order to help babies with prematurity, birth defects, and low birth weight. Feed the Children is an organization that "delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty, or natural disaster."

The students are recycling decorations from prom so there will be more money to help children here and around the world. One way that anyone can help is to sponsor a large star, heart or dime. They will become decorations for the dance and will feature students' names and pictures: They are \$3 with names and \$4 with a picture. If you would like to Sponsor a Star for the dance, call Mrs. Allen at (806) 265-5189.

Several students are volunteering as guest DJ's, so that all profits from ticket sales will go directly to these charities. Students are making requests to guarantee that there will be a variety of music. There will also be dance contests.

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Darrell Buske—Dec. 11
Johnnie Boothe—Dec. 19
Victoria Hollis—Dec. 23
Wana Brewer—Dec. 24

Employees

Mario Carrasco—Dec. 11
Veronica Aguilon—Dec. 20
Phil Martinez—Dec. 26
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DISHES: Bauer red riding hood cookie jar, stem ware, coring ware, Cake plate w/ glass cover, water pitchers, cookie jar, water pitchers, coca cola glasses,

1970 C10 Chevy Pickup. 1998 Nissan Coop. 1996 Cadillac. **These were confiscated by the palmer county sheriff's department.**

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FURNITURE: king bedroom suit bed, dresser, chest 2 night stands, writing desk, w chair, k box springs mattress set like new games table. Square table, chairs high back, wood school desk, 2 full beds complete, end table, roll top Childs desk, 2 chest, round table metal legs marble top, bookcases, recliner, right stand, headboard, 1 king bedding set, server, entertainment center, couch with 2 recliners, and dining tables 6 chairs with buffet,

MISC: wood rocking horse, nice prints of children, books, gone with the wind lamp, Christmas decor. High chair, Childs table and 2 chairs, roasting pans, high chair, Gold leaf framed picture of child, antique Aldin lamp, decoration for every season, large metal sled, AMF PLAY MASTER POOL TABLE (never played on), Christmas decorations, card games puzzles, tennis rackets, western hard back books, Baby buggy, army cots, horse tack, hand tools, ext. ladder step ladder, sleeping bags, and air compressor.

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1 Middle East oil org.
5 TXism: "saddle sores eventually ____"
6 abbr. for TXism: "legal eagle"
7 TX critic Rex
8 TXism: "trapped like ____"
17 TXism: "he's a few bricks ____ of a load"
18 TX Globetrotter Lemon
21 Boerne historic landmark: ____ Kendall Inn
22 modern telephone
23 TX bullrider champ Gay
24 El Paso religious mountain: Sierra de ____ Rey
29 TX Farr of "Sons of the Pioneers"
30 ____ medic
31 TX "Alley Oop" creator: ____ Hamlin
32 TXism: "missed ____ mile"
34 Ranger pickup
35 dead language (abbr.)
36 this B. Don is former director of Miss TX pageant
37 Eisenhower State ____ is near Denison
38 TXism: "it's a hard ____ to swallow"
39 TXism for nonsense
41 TXism: "____-alarm chili (mild chili)"
42 TXism: "beats anything I ____ saw"
43 TX Bush said: "Read My ____!"

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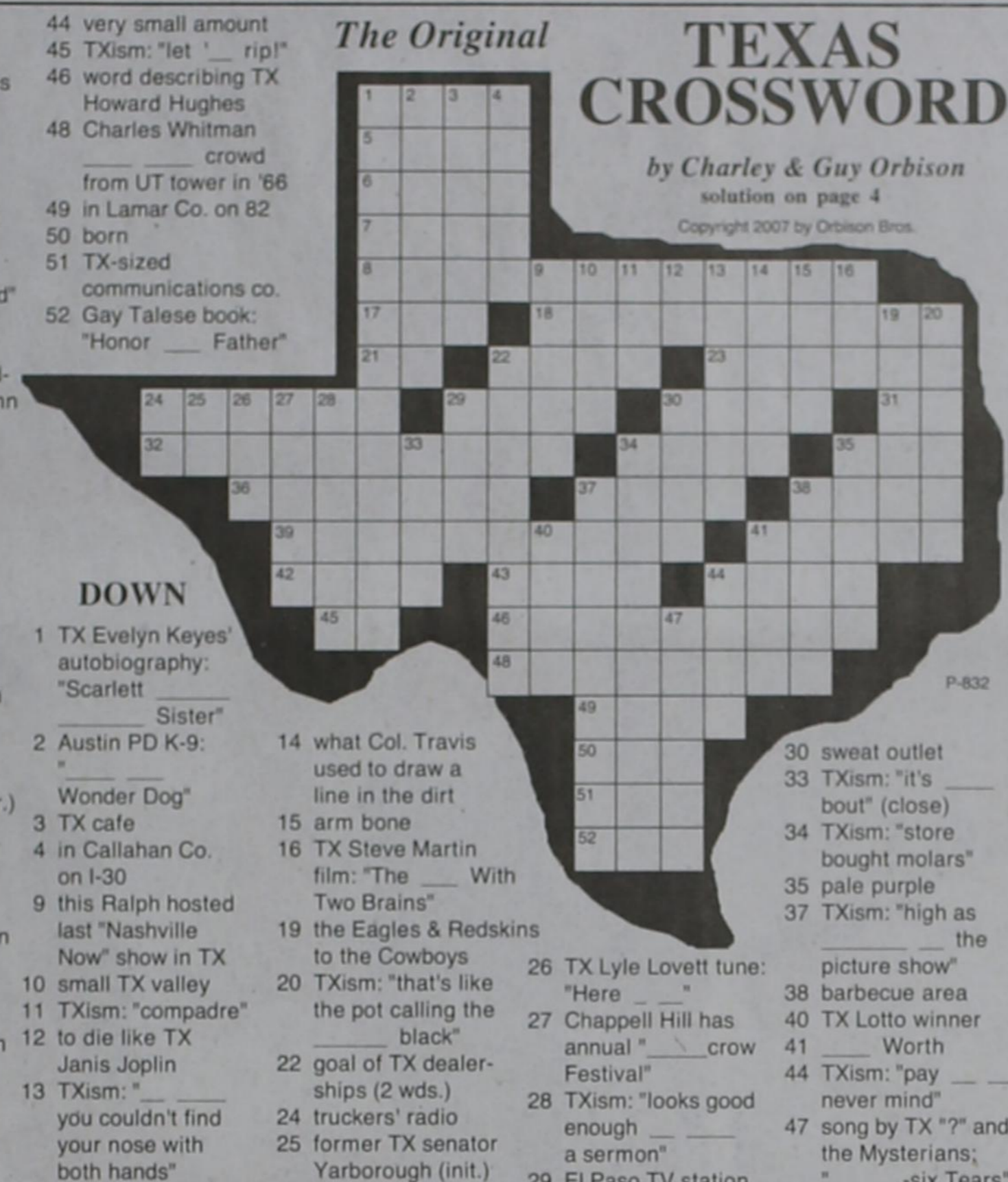
1 TX Evelyn Keyes' autobiography: "Scarlett ____ Sister"
2 Austin PD K-9: ____
3 TX cafe
4 in Callahan Co. on I-30
9 this Ralph hosted last "Nashville Now" show in TX
10 small TX valley
11 TXism: "compadre"
12 to die like TX Janis Joplin
13 TXism: "____ you couldn't find your nose with both hands"
14 what Col. Travis used to draw a line in the dirt
15 arm bone
16 TX Steve Martin film: "The ____ With Two Brains"
19 the Eagles & Redskins to the Cowboys
20 TXism: "that's like the pot calling the ____ black"
22 goal of TX dealerships (2 wds.)
24 truckers' radio
25 former TX senator Yarborough (init.)
26 TX Lyle Lovett tune: "Here ____"
27 Chappell Hill has annual "____ crow Festival"
28 TXism: "looks good enough ____ a sermon"
29 El Paso TV station

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44 very small amount
45 TXism: "let '____ rip!"
46 word describing TX Howard Hughes
48 Charles Whitman ____ crowd from UT tower in '66
49 in Lamar Co. on 82 50 born
51 TX-sized communications co.
52 Gay Talese book: "Honor ____ Father"

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25 former TX senator Yarborough (init.)
30 sweat outlet
33 TXism: "it's ____ bout" (close)
34 TXism: "store bought molars"
35 pale purple
37 TXism: "high as ____ the ____ picture show"
38 barbecue area
40 TX Lotto winner
41 ____ Worth
44 TXism: "pay ____ never mind"
47 song by TX "?" and the Mysterians; "____-six Tears"



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