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## Reeve is county Republican chairman

Parmer County District Clerk Colleen Stover has advised that Floyd Reeve of Friona has accepted the position of Parmer County Republican Party chairman. Robert White of Farwell is the Democratic Party chairman.

Candidates for county offices have until January 2 to file for the March primary. Sheriff Randy Geries, Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Haseloff have filed for reelection.

Offices of District Attorney, County Attorney, and County Judge are also up for election in the March primary. The general election is November 4, 2008.

## Ellis donates Parmerton painting to museum



courtesy photo

Hugh Moseley and museum curator Wendy Carthel, right, are shown accepting the Parmerton painting from artist Carol Ellis. The painting is on display at the Friona library.

Local artist and former Friona Star co-publisher Carol Ellis sent us the following information and photo.

"Earlier this year Parmer County historian Hugh Moseley asked me if I would paint a picture of the little town of Parmerton as it probably looked back 100 years ago in 1907. I had two other commissioned paintings to finish first so I told him I would try to get it done before the end of this year, which is, of course, the Centennial for Parmer County.

Yes, I barely made it but here it is; pretty much a reprise of the one painted by Billie Long Homer back in the early 1970s. That one is hanging in the Parmer County courthouse in Farwell."

Hugh Moseley and Wendy Carthel accepted the painting. It is currently on display in the Friona Public Library for a few weeks, then it will have a permanent home at the Historical Museum.

## FISD financial aid meeting set

Friona High School's financial aid night has been scheduled for Wednesday January 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the high school cafeteria and refreshments will be served.

Representatives from several establishments will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The meeting is to inform seniors and their parents on the options of financial aid to attend college.

All senior students and their parents are encouraged to attend the meeting. For more information contact high school counselor Stephanie Barrett at 250-3951.

## Nominations needed for gifted and talented

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten-12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented program offered by Friona ISD for the 2008-09 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2008. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission into the program.

## Necesitamos nombramientos para estudiantes

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD in K-12 tienen derecho a para nombramientos de padre o maestro al programa Talento y Talento ofrecido por Friona ISD para el 2008-09 año de escuela.

Los padres que desean de nombrar su niño para este programa puede avisar el consejero o a director en su edificio de niño para la forma apropiada.

Las formas necesitaran ser completado y para ser vuelto al director por el la de enero de 2007. Los nombramientos del estudiante se consideraran y el probar necesario para la colocacion en el programa sera dado por un maestro certificado, Talento y Talento.



courtesy photo

The little town of Parmerton in 1907, painted by artist Carol Ellis.

## Kay Bailey sends \$1.16 mil to WT to study stinky air

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee announced Senate passage (76-17) of the FY2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which includes \$1.16 million she secured for air quality and environmental research at West Texas A&M.

"I am pleased the Senate has passed this funding, which will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by supporting advanced research at West Texas A&M on the environmental impact of agricultural waste," Senator Hutchison said.

The funding was included in the

Fiscal Year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Bill, a broad, "omnibus" spending package, which passed the Senate today. The bill will next go to the House for concurrence, and then sent to the President to be signed into law.

The funding provided in the bill will support a collaborative research effort in cooperation with Texas A&M University and Kansas State University designed to address the environmental challenges and air quality concerns associated with open-lot concentrated animal feeding operations.

## Stop nets 10 lbs. of marijuana

A December 21 traffic stop in Friona resulted in confiscation of 10-pounds of marijuana and the arrest of a Clovis woman.

At about 11:08 p.m. Friday December 21, Friona police officer Rachel Cummings was running radar in the 300 block of

Highway 60 when she clocked a green van at 5-miles over the posted speed limit.

Officer Cummings stopped the van which was occupied by a single Hispanic female. The driver gave Officer Cummings consent to

search the vehicle. With the assistance of K-9 handler Officer Cassie Brawley and the K-9 drug dog Austin, Cummings found 10-pounds of marijuana in five one gallon baggies inside a folding lawn chair bag.

The suspect, Tabitha

Louise Martinez of Clovis, was booked into the Parmer County Detention Center in Farwell on the charge of possession of marijuana over 5 lbs. under 50 lbs. According to the police department the current street price on 10 lbs. of mari-

juana is \$4,210.

Martinez told the officers she picked up the marijuana in Amarillo and was transporting it back to Clovis. Friona police officers Shawn Waters and Lt. Andy Stormes also assisted in the arrest.

## The best and worst of 2007 farming

BY RON SMITH, Southwest Farm Press

Charles Dickens would have appreciated 2007. So would Clint Eastwood.

The year had some of "the best of times" and some of "the worst of times" as well as a fistful of good, bad and ugly.

West Texas cotton farmers are completing harvest of one of the best crops many have ever taken to the gin. Irrigated yields pushing, and in some cases exceeding, four bales per acre are far from rare. And more than a few farmers are making dryland yields averaging better than two bales per acre.

"That will work," said Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. Verett said grades have been exceptionally good from this crop.

Farmers in Central Texas and throughout the Rolling Plains also reported exceptional yields from the 2007 crop.

Oklahoma cotton made exceptionally good yields. Danny Davis, Elk City, said his crop was one of the best he'd seen in years.

On the flip side, however, much of the South Texas crop suffered from too much moisture from early on through harvest. Some growers said one of the most promising crops they had seen in years deteriorated in the fields in mid to late July as almost daily rains prevented timely harvest.

Wheat producers in the Texas Plains made decent yields. Farmers to the South and into Oklahoma did not fare as well. Central and Northeast Texas wheat producers waited to harvest as some of the best wheat many had seen in years while almost daily rain kept combines out of the fields. Producers were cutting well into July and at least one Northeast Texas grower said he left 1200 acres in the field and had to quit to start cutting corn. He said the wheat yield was exceptionally good but quality was just as exceptionally bad. His corn crop was good.

Milo producers throughout most of the region made good yields. The exception, again, was South Texas where

the same rainy conditions that ruined cotton prospects caught mature milo in the field. Growers scrambled to harvest during any dry spell and turned to four-wheel drive, extra large tires and even tracked vehicles to get the crop out of the field. Yield prospects for much of the area's grain sorghum was excellent but sprouting and high moisture content hurt grades.

Fall weather was near perfect for cotton harvest in West Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Dry conditions gave farmers plenty of opportunity to get the crop in.

That dry spell caused problems for fall wheat seeding, however. In late November, Rolling Plains farmers were seeding wheat into dust. Many pastures had begun to want for moisture and little wheat for grazing had survived in West Texas.

Folks made good hay in 2007.

John Fuston, Texas Farm Service Agency state director, said agriculture across the country did well in 2007,

with a \$79 billion export market, up \$11 billion from last year. "We had record sales for grain, oilseeds and cotton. Biofuels also helped improve our markets."

Fuston said Texas production also shows promise. "We'll make more than 7 million bales of cotton, up 20 percent from 2006. We'll harvest 266.9 million bushels of corn, up 52 percent from last year. That's a 144 bushel per acre average yield."

He said milo at 96.6 million hundredweight is a 176 percent increase over 2006. Soybean production is one-third better than in 2006 and wheat, at 3.8 million acres harvested is a 1.4 million acre improvement.

"The year 2007 was a good one for Texas farmers," Fuston said. "It's easy to see that the 2002 farm bill was effective."

Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture said agriculture will contribute more than \$100 billion to the state's economy this year. "That's a big economic im-

provement."

Staples also spoke at the Texas Commodity Symposium.

"It's a prosperous time for Texas agriculture but the work's not done. If we stop pushing forward we will fall behind." He said Texas agriculture stands to take a major role in decreasing the country's dependence on foreign energy. "We need to look at the feed versus food versus fuel dilemma," he said. "We can meet all those needs. We're not dependent on foreign food and we should not be dependent on foreign oil."

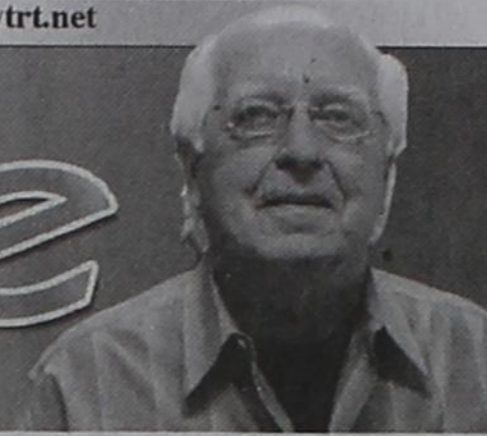
He said agriculture would tap into new technology, "as it has always done to do things better."

"Staples said a big challenge for agriculture is to "make our urban neighbors understand what agriculture does for them. We have to build alliances. We have to tell our story to people with different interests."

Many Southwest farmers would take a carbon copy of 2007 for next season.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## John McCain should be president

Are you as tired of hearing about Iowa as I am?

Why don't we just let the folks in Iowa pick the next president and save the time and money in the other 49. The Iowa caucuses, the Iowa caucuses. It has become more annoying than those HeadOn commercials.

No matter how many times the TV faces try to explain what an Iowa caucus is, I still don't get it. I'm really sick of all those smug Iowans sitting around in their diners drinking coffee and telling the rest of America how important they are.

When a politician skips an Iowa event the press seems terrified. The politicians themselves flop around all over Iowa sucking up to the smirky Iowans, begging and pleading for any morsel of support.

How about us down here in Texas? Or the swing state of Florida? How about all of us other Americans? Don't we count for something? I think so.

Before you finish your next Christmas shopping a new

president will be elected. The date is November 4, 2008. She will be inaugurated in January 2009.

Did I say she? Yes I am still convinced that voters in America will send Hill Rod and Billy Jeff back to the White House. This time she gets to use the Oval Office. It is fate, it is inevitable. Even the people who hate her like her. They haven't unleashed the full force and fury of a Clinton campaign against Obama and Oprah yet.

She does need to tone down that annoying, loud, cackling laugh of hers though. Remember Howard Dean and his "ychawwwwww?" A few more cackles and she could be done for.

I don't for one minute think there are enough serious voters in America to elect a black guy named Barack Hussein Obama as president of this nation in spite of Oprah's boost. He is young and smooth no doubt. He talks real good, he just doesn't say much of substance except that he can sit down and talk the

terrorists into being good guys. He could probably get Osama bin Laden to make a guest appearance on Oprah.

They say the Huckster, Mike Huckabee, yet another Arkansas governor looking for a better job, is leading now for the Republicans. That may be so. He didn't really overtake the other leaders like Romney and Giuliani (that's probably not the correct spelling but I don't care) they just slid backwards and passed Huckabee on the way down.

Since the Republicans do not have a prayer of beating Hill Rod, here is what I think they should do. For none other than patriotic reasons we should nominate John McCain as the Republican party candidate for President of the United States of America. He has earned the opportunity and I think we should let him have it for purely emotional reasons.

The man spent over five years being tortured in a North Vietnamese prison camp. When the opportunity finally came to come home he refused because others had been prison-

ers longer and he didn't want special treatment.

I'm old enough to remember watching TV as the Vietnam prisoners of war arrived in America after so long and were reunited with their families on the tarmac at Edwards Air Force Base in California. I watched as their names were called and every one of them came down the airplane stairs and ran, or hobbled, across the concrete to embrace loved ones.

Many Vietnam vets have suffered mentally and physically. Many are now poor and homeless. For whatever reasons they just were not able to get life back together. John McCain got his life back together.

He came back, entered public service, became a Senator from Arizona, and now wants to be president. I think he should have the opportunity. Yes he is 70+ and will be the oldest president. So what.

I don't know where he stands on all the issues. So what. He stands for America.

We sure don't know where the other candidates stand on a particular issue. Depends on the day of the week and the audience. As far as I know McCain does not waffle on topics and issues. He is neither a far right nut case nor a liberal lefty.

What he is, is a true American hero. He sacrificed through five-plus years of miserable days and nights in a dirt floored bamboo shack. He endured and sacrificed for America's freedom. That alone gets my vote.

So if you are having a hard time deciding on a Republican to support just pick John and don't worry about it any more. There is nothing any of the other guys can offer that is more important and compelling than McCain's accomplishments for America. John McCain deserves our respect and the opportunity to be president. I hope he gets it. It is the least we can do.

## Mark Your Calendar

- January 7**  
Friona schools resume after holiday break.
- January 8**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Dimmitt  
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- January 10**  
Friona Livestock Show at the Community Center
- January 12**  
FHS Powerlifting Meet begins at 9 a.m. at the high school gym; 12 schools, 200 lifters, concession stand available.
- January 16**  
FISD financial aid meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
in the high school cafeteria
- January 16**  
High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show at the Amarillo Convention Center
- January 17-19**  
Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona Community Center
- January 22**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. River Road  
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- January 29**  
Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Tulia  
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- March 6**  
Chamber of Commerce Banquet  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center



Friona city employees of yesteryear. This photo is one of many from the Friona Star archives now at the library. If you find photos of your friends and family take them with you. They are your memories.

# 2007 year in review

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Nearly a year ago, when I was sworn into Congress for my third term as U.S. Senator, I knew that 2007 would be a challenging year for passing positive legislation for Texas, and America. The shift in Congressional leadership meant that my goals for strengthening our country, both in terms of domestic policy and foreign policy, would face greater obstacles than ever. However, through perseverance and dedication, we were able to surmount many of these hurdles. We prevented tax increases, supported our military through funding, and achieved important victories for our families, our communities, and especially our brave service men and women overseas.

Our greatest accomplishment of this year was maintaining funding for the War on Terror, despite persistent opposition from some in Congress. The Senate leadership spent hundreds of hours of Congress' time and forced 40 votes over an 11-month period on an unsuccessful effort to cut off the funding our troops needed to complete their mission. Some continued to attempt to stop spending support to our troops, despite clear successes.

For example, last month, U.S. commanders and Iraqi government officials proclaimed that Al Qaeda had been routed in every neighborhood in Baghdad, citing an 80% drop in the murder rate since its

peak. In fact, the positive developments in Iraq have been so dramatic that General David Petraeus recently recommended a drawdown of troops because conditions on the ground merit such action. Because of our success, some troops are returning home in time to spend the holidays with their families. Our most staunch and determined efforts have been necessary to ensure the Iraq policy in Congress keeps pace with the progress our commanders are reporting from the battlefield.

Many of the decisions made by Congress directly affect the lives and well-being of average Americans, especially those concerning taxes. This year, the alternative minimum tax (AMT) was poised to raise taxes on 23 million middle-income taxpayers. A critical priority of this Congress was extending relief from the AMT to protect these Americans from \$65 billion in new taxes under the AMT. Congress passed relief from the AMT for another year - without the \$51 billion tax hike House Democrats proposed - and as a result, hundreds of thousands of Texas families will not be hit with the average \$2,000 per family tax hike that was expected without this relief.

Another effort to raise taxes was thwarted when we passed an energy bill without a \$21 billion tax increase levied

against energy producers that would have lowered domestic supply and burdened Americans with even higher gas prices. I am determined to keep the tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 that created jobs and allowed every taxpayer in America to keep more of their hard-earned money.

One of the most high-stakes debates in Congress this year was overall spending. The funding stalemates that have dogged this Congress have at last been responsibly and favorably resolved. The Congressional leaders pushed for spending bills containing \$22 billion more than President Bush budgeted, leading to a months-long standoff of veto threats and imperiled federal budgets. The flashpoint of this impasse came when the bipartisan bill to fund military operations and veterans care, which had been passed in both chambers of the House and the President had pledged to sign, was held up for political reasons. We were able to defeat this effort and every dollar intended for our troops and veterans will now be delivered to them unobstructed.

The President's goal, which I share, is to eliminate the budget deficit by 2011. We successfully cut the \$22 billion added by Congressional leaders and kept our goal of continuing to reduce the deficit. In addition, the major Texas priorities needed for transport-

ation, mass transit, ports, water conservation, and health care for poor children were fully funded.

As we work on the issues before us, we must also look to the future, preparing our young people for a changing global marketplace. An important achievement to that end was this year's passage of the America Competes Act. I co-sponsored this legislation, which was aimed at better positioning American students to compete with their international counterparts and to create a better-educated U.S. workforce. The bill increases research investment, improves education in math, science, engineering and other technical disciplines, and stimulates innovation to foster technological and scientific excellence. President Bush signed the bipartisan legislation into law in August. With an eye toward research, education, and innovation, we can prepare young Americans to compete with the brightest minds from around the world, and lead our country in economic security and prosperity into the future.

It has been a difficult year in Washington, yet I am prepared to work just as ardently in the next Congress - no matter the obstacles or obstructions - to ensure that the decisions we make and the policies we adopt will improve the lives of Americans, and protect our children's future.

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# Town Talk II

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Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard, Town Talk is bare this week. Folks have been out of town for the holidays or else getting ready for a house full of company coming for Christmas. Maybe by next week I can track some folks down to see where they spent the holidays. Other than the 80-car pile-up in Amarillo Saturday we dodged the nasty weather but are grateful for what moisture we did get.

Had a "dusting" of snow on the ground Wednesday morning, just enough to track in the house. Supposed to snow on and off the next several days so think ahead and be careful.

There are no senior citizen meals until next Thursday January 3 so my regular source for news is also on holiday. The seniors took a couple of weeks off but we look forward to starting them up again. Hope all of our seniors stayed well during the cold weather.

Construction on the new hospital is set to begin January 3. At least that is the date when the new parking area system will be in effect. We had a diagram of the temporary hospital parking and entrance in last week's Star and will repeat it next week. The clinic entrance will remain the same but the hospital entrance will move back near the emergency room entrance.

Parking for the clinic and hospital will be across on the east side of Cleveland Street. That parking lot is already open. Lance Gatlin said the construction of the hospital will take 18-22 months so let's all be patient with the parking. The result, a brand new hospital, will be worth the wait.

Rev. Steve and Sabra Patterson will be leaving us for Dalhart by next week. Steve has been pastor at Friona's Methodist Church for several years now and an

active part of our community. He will pastor the Methodist Church in Dalhart. Sabra hopes to remain associated with Prairie Acres and perhaps will commute from Dalhart. We offer our thanks to the Pattersons for their service and contributions to Friona. All the best.

Raymond and Cathy Spencer traveled to Tennessee last week. Raymond's dad passed away. He was 82 and lived in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, where he subscribed to the Friona Star for many years. Cathy said the funeral was last Friday. We send our thoughts and sympathies to the Spencers.

Checked up on Leon Talley. Church secretary Sherry Atwell said he is back home and his doctors told him to lay around for two to four weeks and don't lift anything. Leon had an operation last week and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Sherry also said John

Renner was still having a little problem with his knee surgery and Mary Ann Watson had a tough time with her last chemo treatment. She also said Derek Jones from West Virginia was in town and substituted for Leon Sunday at the 6th Street Church of Christ.

I went by the Prairie Acres Christmas party last week. We had photos from the party in last week's Star. The room was packed with family and friends of the residents. Elizabeth Romero and Patti Widner, Prairie Acres activities employees, sent thanks to everyone that participated in the nursing home's Adopt-a-Resident program. It was also good to see Jo Blackwell at the party. She looked well and continues to battle her cancer treatments. God bless all at Prairie Acres. We are fortunate to have such a nice, convenient, nursing home and staff.

You probably heard news over the weekend about the murder-suicide in Amarillo. A 30-year-old man named Beckworth shot and killed another 31-year-old man and then took his own life at an

Amarillo apartment complex. The man he killed was said to be the boyfriend of his estranged wife.

Local funeral director Dusty Hansard told me that Mr. Beckworth was from Memphis, Texas, which is also Dusty's home town. He said he had known Beckworth all his life. Mr. Beckworth's father is the Farm Bureau agent in Memphis and a friend of local insurance agent Bud Rainey. It is a tragedy any time but more so at Christmas. Beckworth leaves behind two young sons.

I'm expecting my youngest, Zac and Megan, to arrive from Wichita Falls this weekend for a few days visit during school break. Hope they can dodge the weather and get here safely. High school resumes January 7 and most college classes January 14. Hope you all have a Happy and Safe New Year's Eve celebration. Better remember to buy a couple of 2008 calendars before next Tuesday. Keep us posted on news of local interest. We look forward to a great 2008. Until then.

## TDH immunization January schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for January 2008 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Friona will be open Friday, December 4, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Friday, January 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, January 14, in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

## Farm Service Agency begins disaster payments

BY ROGER HALDENBY

Speaking on KFLP 900 AM's Agribusiness Report December 19th, John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency announced that USDA began issuing payments to tens of thousands of farmers and ranchers across the country who suffered losses because of natural disasters.

Fuston commented, USDA is currently processing about \$1 billion in payments under the Crop Disaster Program, Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program. Sign-up for these programs is ongoing. The programs provide payments to agricultural producers who suffered crop, livestock and feed losses in 2005, 2006, and before February 28, 2007. But, producers must choose one year for which to receive payments.

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that happened in 2005, 2006 and for 2007 crops if the crop was planted or prevented from being planted before February 28, 2007.

At this time, USDA is only compensating producers for quantity losses under this program. Payments for the quality losses will not be distributed until early 2008, after sign-up for quality loss.

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters that

occurred between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007.

Producers who suffered losses caused by blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into 2007 are eligible.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties that were declared secretarial disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are also eligible.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, that were caused by natural disasters, including blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into 2007.

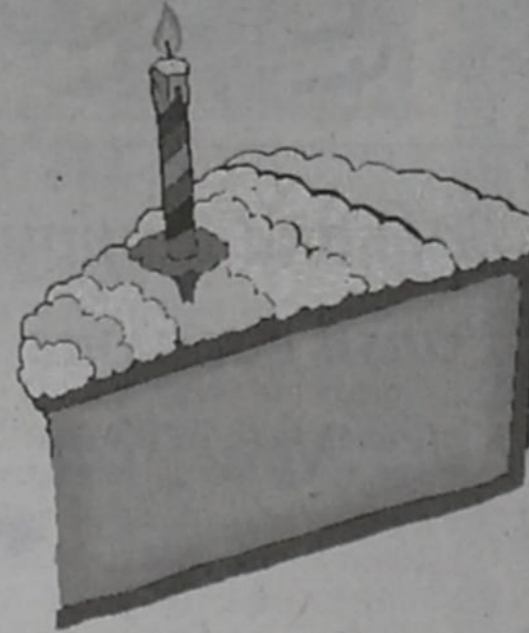
Producers in primary or contiguous counties that were declared secretarial disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are also eligible.

According to Fuston there have been 1,392 applicants for the Livestock Indemnity Program (\$10.6 million dollars); 68,888 applicants for the Livestock Compensation Program (\$86.4 million dollars); and 493,312 applicants for the Crop Disaster Program (\$860 million dollars). Of these amounts, 50-percent of the Livestock and Crop Disaster payments will be made in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and California, with 75-percent of the LIP payments to be made in California.



Are those the Brockman girls back in the high school office with Hal Ratcliff and Joy Morton? Another Star photo now at the library. Better go look for yourself.

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December 30-January 5, 2007

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- Dec. 31-Bill Ellis, Glenda Ellis Kitten, Keith Martin, Staci Murphree, Oscar Torres, Michelle Stanberry, Frankie Lindeman, Emily Marie Epperson, Janice Richards, Tonya Rainey
- Jan. 1-Hack Corbell, Gary Stowers, Richard Wilson, Cordella Jeter, Loree Myers, Benny Pryor, Corbin Jay Potts
- Jan. 2-John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Veggeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke
- Jan. 3-Vicki Kube, Jennifer Brockman Baize, Marriott Horton, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate, Keylan Moore, Dale Mann, Jayden Merket
- Jan. 4-Wanda Wilhelm Gibson, Debbie Stowers, Mike Sunderlin, Judy Hromas, Brad Hromas, Peter Vanegas, Sandra Cockerham, Joe Black, Sr.
- Jan. 5-Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman, Keith Moore, Jalyn Scott, Destiny Sandoval, Sarah Zagorin, Nora Fuentes, Charlsie Eubanks, Ricky Jamerson, Jim Bob Scott

## Revised Texas franchise tax rules

The new rules affecting thousands of businesses that report Texas franchise tax have been filed with the *Texas Register* for adoption on December 28, 2007, and will be effective on January 1, 2008. A copy of the rules as filed is posted on Comptroller Susan Combs' Web site at [http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise/new\\_rules/](http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise/new_rules/).

"Some of the proposed rules published in September have been modified as a result of suggestions we received during the public comment period and during taxpayer seminars across the state," Combs said. "Taxpayers raised valid points and offered helpful suggestions. We made adjustments that are within our administrative authority."

During October and November, the Comptroller's office hosted ten seminars around the state to explain the franchise tax revisions and respond to questions about how the tax will affect specific businesses. By the end of January 2008, the Comptroller's office will offer online video presentations to inform taxpayers about the revised franchise tax. Viewers may choose a full-length video seminar or shorter videos covering specific sections of the law.

"We want to be certain that franchise taxpayers are well informed about the new law and understand how to calculate the tax," Combs said. "In addition to our seminars and online information, our franchise tax experts are available by phone at (800) 252-1381."

The Texas Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, business trusts, professional associations, business associations, joint ventures and most other legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will be required to file franchise tax reports for the first time.

For franchise tax reports originally due on or after January 1, 2008, taxable entities with \$10 million or less in total revenue may choose an E-Z filing option or choose to pay tax on their margin. All taxable entities with total revenue greater than \$10 million must pay tax on their margin. Margin is the least of three calculations: total revenue minus cost of goods sold, total revenue minus compensation or total revenue times 70 percent. Discounts ranging from 20 to 80 percent are available for taxable entities with less than \$900,000 in total revenue.

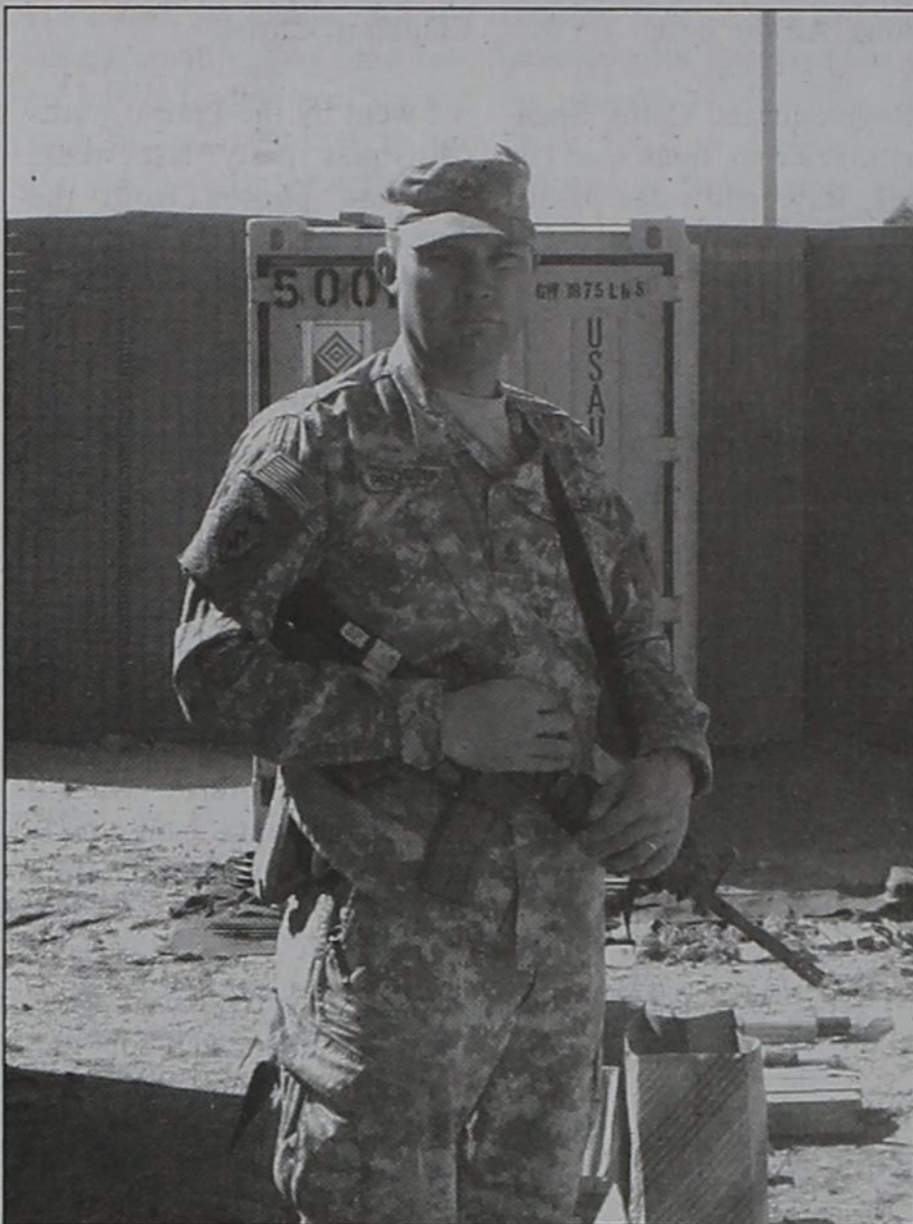
The new tax rate is 1 percent for most entities and 0.5 percent for qualifying wholesalers and retailers.

## Procter home from Iraq

SSG Darran Procter recently returned home after being stationed in Iraq for 14 months. He was stationed at the Forward Operating Base in Q-West while serving with C Company 57th SIG BN/3rd SIG Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas.

He had previously served 13 months in Bagram, Afghanistan while serving with C Company 125th SIG BN out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

SSG Procter is a 1990 Friona High School graduate and attended Lubbock Christian University. He is married to Tania and they have two daughters, Sfrona and Reagan. He is the son of Dewayne and Cheryl Procter of Friona. Grandparents are Darlene Ramage and the late Gerald Ramage of Carthage and James and Sue Procter of Friona.



SSG Darran Procter

## Sheriff's Report

Due to the holidays, we do not have a sheriff's report this week.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 13, 2007 to December 19, 2007:

Garry Beauchamp - Raider Farms Inc., SE/4 S33 T6S R3E.  
Charles W. Hartman and Bettie Mae Hartman - Kelly McMillin and Laura McMillin, N/2 S8 BLK C RHEA BROTHERS.

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Hemink Farms Ltd. - Diamant Und Dreck Ltd., L7-10 B14 MCMILLEN & FERGUS.

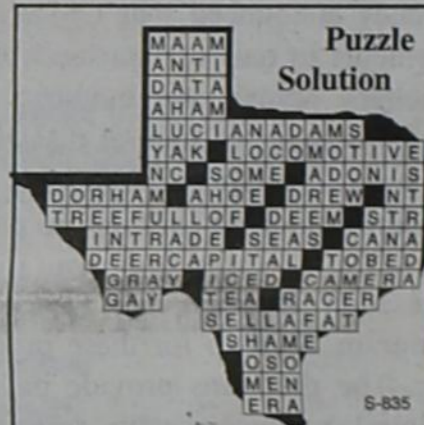
## Annual water well depth measurements start in Jan.

Starting January 2, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will be making annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of 2007 pumpage on groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

"We want producers and residents of the district to be aware that our staff will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this task," said Technical Group Supervisor Don McReynolds, P. G. The annual water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned water wells spaced at a density of about one well per nine square miles throughout the district.

District personnel make the measurement by lowering a measurement tape to an appropriate depth in each well. The tape is coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it contacts water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well. The current depth-to-water level measurement is recorded on a blue vinyl sticker, which is affixed to equipment at the well site.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the High Plains Water District are published in the April issue of *The Cross Section*. This special water level issue also contains tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and ten-year intervals.



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# Basketball Roundup

## 2008 BASKETBALL Junior Varsity & Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	J.V. Girls	J.V. Boys	V. Girls	V. Boys
Jan. 4	@ Tulia*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Dimmitt*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	@ Muleshoe*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	@ Bushland*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Texico	4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	River Road*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ Highland Park*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Tulia*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	@ Dimmitt*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Muleshoe*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Bushland*	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.



ron carr photo  
The sign behind Squaw coach Michael Hurley sums up how he felt about a referee's call during the Highland Park game. Assistant coach V'Laura Sundlie is at right.

### FHS-TV Chieftain/Squaw Boosters Basketball TV Schedule

January 5.....	Highland Park
January 12.....	Dimmitt
January 19.....	Texico
January 26.....	River Road
February 2.....	Tulia
February 9.....	Muleshoe
TBA.....	Playoffs

All games start at 10 a.m. each Saturday on WT Services Channel 76



ron carr photo  
Michelle Martin (11) heads for a fast break lay-up past a Highland Park Lady Hornet. Check out all the photos on this page and more at frionaonline.com.

## Caprock Tournament format has changed

According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal the Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament finally got too big for its britches.

After years of putting schools of all classifications, 1A thru 5A, in the same draw, this year's tournament will be divided into large school, small school divisions, classified as the Green Division (large) and Red Division (small).

This year there are 81 teams entered, the most ever. Tournament officials plan to expand next year to 96 teams for what will be the tournament's 50th anniversary. The tournament is held at high schools all around Lubbock and the four championship games on Saturday will be held at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

The tournament is December 27 thru December 29. Today (December 27) the Squaws open play at 9 a.m. vs. Seagraves. Play was at Frenship gym. If they win they will play the Lamesa-Abernathy winner at 6 p.m. at Monterey New Box. If they lose they will play the Claude-New Home loser at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Monterey New Box.

The Chiefs first tournament

game was today at 12 noon vs. Perryton at the Lubbock High gym. If they win they will play the Borden County-Abernathy winner at 7:30 p.m. at Rip Griffin. If they lose they will play the Clint-Panhandle loser at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Coronado HS gym.

For tournament results check out the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal newspaper or log on to their website, [www.lubbockonline.com](http://www.lubbockonline.com).



ron carr photo  
Alex Gurley powers his way around a Hornet defender. More Chieftain/Squaw action available at frionaonline.com.



ron carr photo  
Waiting for the buzzer to get back in the game are, l-r, Squaws Hollis Gurley, Diana Bolivar, Regan Anthony, and Miranda Frye.



ron carr photo  
Hollis Gurley (30) looks for a pass in the Highland Park game. More photos in our website albums at frionaonline.com.

## Chiefs, Squaws beat Highland Park

In their final district contest until 2008, the Squaws notched their first district win with a 40-23 victory over Highland Park Friday December 21. Miranda Frye led all scoring with 13 points and Sasha

Estrada added 7. The girls are now 6-9 season and 1-2 district.

The Chieftains handled the HP Hornets 57-45 to remain undefeated at 2-0 in district play. Sawyer Reed led with 19 points and Ryan Gerles netted 10. The Chiefs season record is 11-3.

We will have complete stats of JV and varsity games after school resumes January 7. The basketball schedule for the rest of the season is in today's Star.



ron carr photo  
Chieftain post Chris Haile (43) takes a whack to the head from a Hornet during action under the basket during Friday's district win over Highland Park. More action photos available at frionaonline.com.



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# My 4-H trip to Washington D.C.

BY CALLIE HEFNER

My name is Callie Hefner and I am an eleventh grade home school student. I recently returned from the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. I spent five days with 27 4-H kids from all over Texas. I was able to go on this trip because I won First Place at State with my 4-H Veterinary Science Recordbook.

We were able to tour all of D.C. Some of the most spectacular sights were the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol building, the Botanic Gardens and the National Archives. I was amazed at the size of all the memorials. I had seen pictures of the Iwo Jima Memorial, but pictures did not prepare me for the immense size.

I also visited the National Air and Space museum as well as the Holocaust museum. The Holocaust museum was informative, but it was also very sad. The museum had a remembrance room made of marble. There were several arches in the room with Bible verses written across the tops of each. The center arch, however, had an everlasting flame to honor all the victims of the Holocaust. I thought it was a touching way to honor those people.

During the tour of the Capitol building, I learned that each state has two statues in the Capitol building. Texas has a statue of Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin.

What struck me as the most spectacular, though, was the fact that God was mentioned on almost every memorial we saw. Andrew Jackson said that the Bible is "the rock on which our republic rests." Our founding fathers were very clear in the Declaration of Independence that our country was to be based on Biblical beliefs. I have no doubt in my mind as to our Christian Heritage.

It was an honor to go on this wonderful trip and I certainly have a greater appreciation for our country and all that was involved in founding it. I hope I have a chance to go back so I can see even more of our country's history.



Callie Hefner in Washington



courtesy photo

The Panhandle Singing Men will be in concert at the First Baptist Church in Friona on Thursday evening, January 17, at 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

## How did Christmas cards come to be?

Henry Cole, an Englishman, was too busy to write personal greetings for Christmas 1843. Cole hired artist John Calcott Horsley to design a ready-to-be-sent card. The hand-colored card Horsley designed was lithographed on stiff, dark cardboard and featured adults and children raising wine glasses in a toast.

The first Christmas card also had various religious symbols. Sprigs of holly symbolized chastity, while ivy symbolized places God had walked. Feeding and clothing the poor were also encouraged on the card's

cover. Under the picture was written "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Printed in an edition of 1,000, Horsley's card was sold in London stores. Only one of those cards exists today. Two reasons for the initial popularity of Christmas cards are given: The custom may have caught on because greetings could be mailed for a penny each in 1843, London. The other reason is attributed to a scandal with Horsley's design. A family, surrounded with religious symbols, holding glasses

of wine, offended some. The controversy is thought to have helped promote Cole's idea. (Source: WISR 680AM News Sheet, December 24, 2002.) \*\*\*\*\*

Louis Prang created the first American Christmas cards at his Boston factory in 1874.

American families sent and received an average of 28 Christmas cards each.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an industry trade group based in Washington, D.C., an estimated 2.1 billion paper Christmas cards crisscrossed the country (United States) in 2002.

## Think about this Twelve New Year's resolutions we all need to make

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

1. Tell your parents, "I love you".
2. Give your children more time.
3. Listen to someone who needs a listener.
4. Help someone who is less strong than yourself.
5. Write an old friend an unexpected letter or make an unexpected visit.
6. Call someone who is lonely.
7. Give a kind word to a weary sales clerk or waitress.
8. Pray for someone who is having a tough time in life.
9. Pray for preachers, elders and deacons.
10. Give an anonymous gift to someone in need.
11. Take time to study and meditate on God's Word.
12. Thank God for giving His Son for your salvation.

(Adapted)

## Seeds from the Sower

BY MICHAEL A. GUIDO

A couple called a neighbor to extend birthday greetings. They dialed the number and sang "Happy Birthday" into the telephone.

When they finished their off-key song, they discovered they had the wrong number. "That's okay," said the stranger. "You need the practice."

Life has given everyone a staff and scale of notes. The song you sing is of your own fashioning.

The world will listen if it's sweet. They won't if it's bitter.

If your song is of the Lord, it will lift others. The Psalmist said, "He has put a new song in my mouth...Many shall see it, and shall trust in the Lord."

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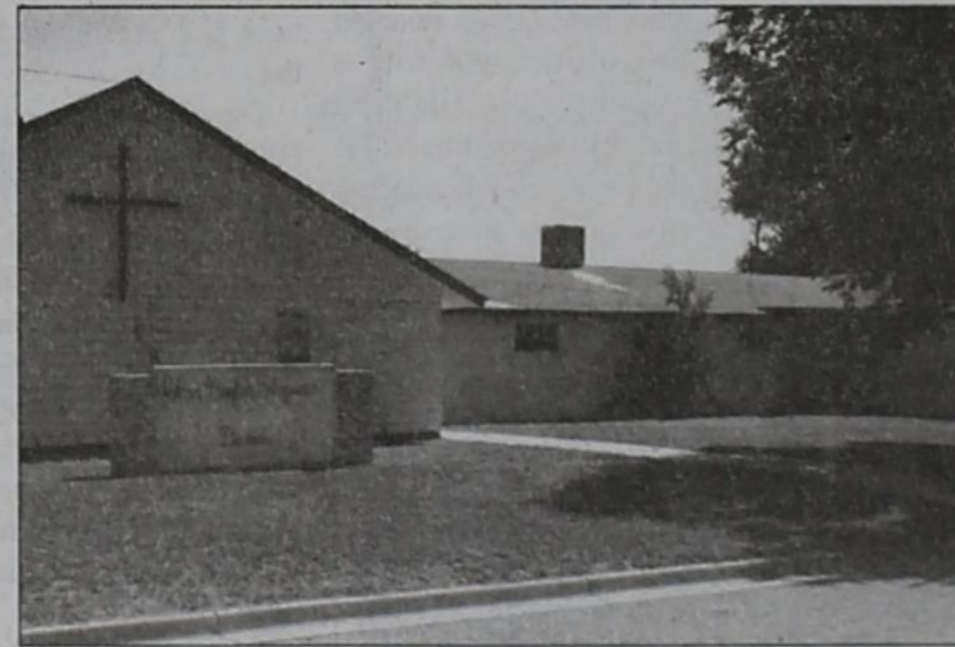
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# OBITUARY

## Artie Faye O'Hair

Artie Faye O'Hair, 92, of Bovina, died on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 in Amarillo. Funeral services for Mrs. O'Hair were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Reverend Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. O'Hair was born on December 23, 1914, in Endee, New Mexico to Claude Thomas and Mamie Small Painter.

She married Fred W. O'Hair on December 23, 1935 in Mangum, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker, a member of the Bovina Women's Study Club, loved God and was very active in her church, First Baptist Church of Bovina, where she was a member and enjoyed singing in the choir. She also dearly loved her hobbies of painting and working with her shrubs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1995; one daughter, Claudia Reed in 1998; and two sons, Michael in 2005, and George Harold O'Hair in 1947.

Survivors include one son, Fred O'Hair of Longview, Texas; one daughter, Sonja Perkins of Bovina; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.



Artie Faye O'Hair

## TxDOT launches memorial sign program to reduce DWI crashes

To help inform the public of the dangers of drinking and driving, a new program is being implemented by the Texas Department of Transportation that will allow friends and family members of DWI victims to purchase memorial signs to be placed near the location of fatal crashes.

The program is the result of legislation aimed at reducing the more than 1,670 traffic fatalities in 2006 that involved drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The 80th Texas Legislature created the program at the request of Julie Blasingame. A drunk driver was involved in the death of Mrs. Blasingame's daughter, Rachel. Ms. Blasingame will be the first participant in the program.

"I would love to see these memorial signs all over Texas as constant reminders for our drivers to not drink and drive," said Blasingame. "So many grieving families will want to honor their loved one's memory in this way because they know that good will come from it. They know their loved one won't be forgotten and it will cause many drivers to think about how their actions affect others. Nearly every family in Texas knows someone who has been affected by a drunk driver."

The legislation creating the program required TxDOT to develop administrative rules governing the operation of the program. Those rules became effective on December 6 and the department has published a new web page that contains all the information a person needs to participate in the program. ([http://www.txdot.gov/services/traffic\\_operations/memorial\\_sign.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/services/traffic_operations/memorial_sign.htm))

"I am pleased that TxDOT has taken this important step to help raise public awareness on the dangers of DWI," said State Representative Betty Brown. "Drunk driving continues to be one of our state's most serious traffic safety issues and represents a real and serious danger to innocent law-abiding members of our communities. If this program deters even a single impaired driver from venturing out onto streets and highways, it will have served its purpose."

The cost to obtain a memorial sign is \$300, which will help TxDOT defray the cost of the sign. The sign will identify the victim (or family name), date of the crash, the phrase "Please Don't Drink and Drive", and the phrase "In Memory of..."

The program requires that fatal crashes must have occurred on a state highway and bans memorializing impaired drivers killed in a traffic crash. An erected memorial sign will remain in place for one year, after which it will be offered to the person(s) who made the original application for participation in the program.

# Four-in-a-row for junior high UIL

For the fourth consecutive year, Friona Junior High has won the 2007 District 2-AA UIL Contest Championship. This year the event was held on December 8 at River Road.

"We are very proud of the students and staff for an outstanding showing," said principal Kevin Wiseman.

Friona earned 981.8 points; Muleshoe 721; Tulia 692; River Road 351.8; Bushland 129.5; Highland Park 107; and Dimmitt 27.6.

**One Act Play Winners:**  
Holly Johnston, All Star Cast-Honorable Mention; Megan Sharrock, All Star Cast-Honorable Mention; and Tenna Montana, All Star Cast-Honorable Mention; Weston Wyly, All Star Cast; and Sawyer Osborn, All Star Cast.

**Art Smart - 6th Grade:**  
Kelsey Davis 1st place; Samantha Cruz 2nd place; Autumn Captain 3rd place; 1st Place Team: Kelsey Davis, Samantha Cruz, Autumn Captain, Marcella Mendoza.

**Mathematics - 6th Grade:**  
Mark Schwab 4th place; 3rd Place Team: Mark Schwab, Brad Stowers, Melissa Hernandez, Autumn Captain.

**Music Memory - 6th Grade:**  
Kendall Kimbrough 2nd place; Shayle Swink 3rd place; Alejandra Garcia 5th place; 1st Place Team: Kendall Kimbrough, Shayle Swink, Alejandra Garcia, Holly Johnston.

**Dictionary - 7th Grade:**  
Andres Silva 4th place; 3rd Place Team: Andres Silva, Jessica Salinas, Louis Rojas, Isela Fernandez.

**Mathematics - 7th Grade:**  
Alexys Romero 5th place; Macy Herring 5th place; 1st Place Team: Alexys Romero, Macy Herring, Maria Chacon, Christian Cruz.

**Modern Oratory - 7th Grade:**  
Jose Rivera 1st place; Jessica Moreno; Magali Morales.

**Impromptu - 7th Grade:**  
Kalley Preston 1st place; Meagan Davis 2nd place; Sawyer Osborn 3rd place.

**Oral Reading - 7th Grade:**  
Citlali Ojeda 5th place.

**Science - 7th Grade:**  
Cotton Fleming 2nd place; 2nd Place Team: Cotton Fleming, Krystin Gonzales, Kalley Preston, Jake DeWit.

**Spelling - 7th Grade:**  
Denise Juarez 1st place; Sajel Patel 2nd place; Jose Rivera 5th place; 1st Place Team: Denise Juarez, Sajel Patel, Jose Rivera, Gaby Quintana.

**Maps, Graphs, Charts-7th Grade:**  
Sawyer Osborn 2nd place; Alexys Romero 4th place; Stephen Dominguez 5th place; 1st Place Team: Sawyer Osborn, Alexys Romero, Stephen Dominguez.

**Listening Skills - 7th Grade:**  
Meagan Davis 2nd place; Benjamin Anthony 6th place; Marcus Vargas; Jake DeWit.

**Social Studies - 7th Grade:**  
Eduardo Rojas 4th place; 3rd Place Team: Eduardo Rojas, Jessica Rivas, Sajel Patel, Citlali Ojeda.

**Ready Writing - 7th Grade:**  
Maddie Murphree 2nd place; Krystin Gonzales 6th place.

**Editorial Writing - 7th Grade:**  
Jessyca Rivas 6th place.

**Calculator - 7th Grade:**  
OP Vasquez 1st place; Goretty Torres 2nd place; Linda Ramos 3rd place; 1st Place Team: OP Vasquez, Goretty Torres, Linda Ramos, Shantelle Pruitt.

**Number Sense - 8th Grade:**  
Rachel Dickson 1st place; 1st Place Team: Rachel Dickson, Ryan DeWit, Gabriel Avalos.

**Art Smart - 8th Grade:**  
Meagan Balli 1st place; Teresa Parra 2nd place.

**Dictionary - 8th Grade:**  
Alan Tafoya 1st place; Miguel Soto 3rd place; Gaby Reveles 5th place; 1st Place Team: Alan Tafoya, Miguel Soto, Gaby Reveles.

**Mathematics - 8th Grade:**  
Rachel Dickson 1st place; Leon 4th place; 1st Place Team: Rachel Dickson, Michael Ortiz, Caleb Monroe, Adriana Soltero.

**Modern Oratory - 8th Grade:**  
Tenna Montana 3rd place; Donavan Ortiz 4th place; Michael Ortiz 5th place.

**Impromptu - 8th Grade:**  
Miguel Soto 3rd place; Ryan DeWit 6th place.

**Oral Reading - 8th Grade:**  
Jessica Jamerson 6th place.

**Science - 8th Grade:**  
Weston Wyly 3rd place; 2nd Place Team: Weston Wyly, Katie Osborn, Alex Torres, Michael Ortiz.

**Spelling - 8th Grade:**  
Rachel Dickson 1st place; Amber Roberson 4th place; 1st Place Team: Rachel Dickson, Amber Roberson, April Henriquez, Abby Jones.

**Maps, Graphs, Charts-8th Grade:**  
Gabriel Avalos 2nd place; Caleb Monroe 3rd place; Alan Tafoya 5th place; 1st Place Team: Gabriel Avalos, Caleb Monroe, Alan Tafoya, Jacob Pena.

**Listening Skills - 8th Grade:**  
Weston Wyly 1st place; 2nd Place Team: Weston Wyly, Yurban Salinas, Taryn Abeyta.

**Social Studies - 8th Grade:**  
Tenna Montana 3rd place; Katie Osborn 6th place; 3rd Place Team: Tenna Montana, Katie Osborn, Teresa Parra, Gaby Reveles.

**Ready Writing - 8th Grade:**  
Rachel Dickson 3rd place; Editorial Writing - 8th Grade: Katie Osborn 2nd place; April Henriquez 6th place.

**Calculator - 8th Grade:**  
Victor Reveles 1st place; Emily Ramos 2nd place; Edward Leon 4th place; 1st Place Team: Victor Reveles, Emily Ramos, Edward Leon, Karina Oviedo.

**Individual Gold Medals:**  
Rachel Dickson, Gaby Quintana, Victor Reveles, Meagan Balli, Weston Wyly, Nicole Anchondo, Alan Tafoya, Rebecca White, OP Vasquez, LynDe Collins, Denise Juarez, Kalley Preston, Jose Rivera, Kelsey Davis, and Kendall Kimbrough.

**Point Leaders - 6th Grade:**  
Kendall Kimbrough 27; Kelsey Davis 25; Shaylee Swink 20; Esdras Rodriguez 18; Nicole Anchondo 15; LynDe Collins 15.

**Point Leaders - 7th Grade:**  
Sawyer Osborn 26; Meagan Davis 24; Cotton Fleming 24; Jose Rivera 21.

**Point Leaders - 8th Grade:**  
Rachel Dickson 55; Weston Wyly 29; Tenna Montana 22; Alan Tafoya 21; Miguel Soto 19.

## College-bound students should register for ACT exam by January 4

The next ACT exam will be administered on February 9, 2008, in all states except New York. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam on this date must register by January 4, which is the deadline for having their registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark of January 18; an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or registration forms can be picked up at high school counseling offices.

The cost is \$30 for the traditional ACT and \$44.50 for the ACT Plus Writing. Some colleges require ACT's optional Writing Test score, but many don't, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the United States.

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- courteous TX address
- against prefix
- "D" of TX Perot's old co. EDS
- Christmas meat (2 wds.)
- TX Medal of Honor recipient in WWII
- talk a lot
- train puller
- wife of Gov. John Connally (init.)
- TXism: "gonna drown worms" (fish)
- attractive young male?
- TX jazz trumpet player Kenny weed chopper (2 wds.)
- Cowboy WR Pearson (73-'83)
- Bible's 2nd half (abbr.)
- TXism: "smart as a \_\_\_\_\_ owls"
- to believe or judge
- TX "Mr. Sam" (init.)
- TXism: "stock \_\_\_\_\_" (specialty)
- Gulf of Mexico, and others
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ donkey fly?" (no)
- Llano: "\_\_\_\_\_ of Texas"
- TXism: "go \_\_\_\_\_ with the chickens"
- this Linda was Sue Ellen on "Dallas"
- how TXns drink tea

**DOWN**

- TX Rather book: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Never Blinks"
- former champ bull rider, TX Donnie
- oil: "Texas \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX A.J. Foyt
- TX Bo Pilgrim wouldn't "\_\_\_\_\_," yellow chicken
- "Fats" sang "Ain't That a \_\_\_\_\_"
- "bear" so. of the border
- TXism: "hombres"
- Astro Roy Oswalt stat
- TX atheist O'Hair
- national wildlife refuge on the TX coast
- \_\_\_\_\_ dog
- Roberts Co. seat
- TXism: "high headed"
- in Jefferson Co. on hwy. 326
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ in the hole" (reserve)
- early TX Mandrell group: "\_\_\_\_\_Rites"
- TXism: "strong as \_\_\_\_\_ breath"
- connects computer to a phone line
- put away on a boat
- Gov. Jester was the only one to die \_\_\_\_\_ office
- TX winemaker
- Erik of "Border Blues" with TX Gary Busey
- horse \_\_\_\_\_ should be laid out north and south
- position of Cowboy "Tank" (abbr.)
- Alamo's Travis: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_\_\_ retreat"
- TX Nolan Ryan's pitcher son
- Brewster Co. summit: "\_\_\_\_\_ Mountain"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ solid perfect"
- cavalry sword
- rare and bold baseball move (2 wds.)
- "Haley's \_\_\_\_\_"
- forerunners of TX Slurpees
- performing arts org. in Dallas
- TXism: "hot as a \_\_\_\_\_ griddle"
- TX Edwin Carewe directed this '28 silent film
- \_\_\_\_\_ beam

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# Wind farm proponents visit Snyder wind project

Jim Bob Swafford of Bovina, executive director of Premium Wind Coalition (PWC), and several PWC members were invited to tour the wind farm project in Snyder, Texas. The invitation was given by Florian Zerhusen, CEO of Windkraft Nord (WKN) USA La Jolla, San Diego, California.

WKN USA is the US subsidiary of Germany's renowned developer WKN Windkraft Nord AG. The company has successfully developed and constructed more than 50 wind farm projects. WKN has grown to be a leading turnkey developer with offices in several countries and is currently constructing its first international project in Italy which includes 72 towers.

The twenty-one V90 turbines at WKN's Snyder wind farm are the tallest in the United States, according to Swafford. The V90 turbines are 3 megawatts with hub height of 344 feet and a blade height of 464 feet. The Snyder wind farm is scheduled to be featured on the History Channel.

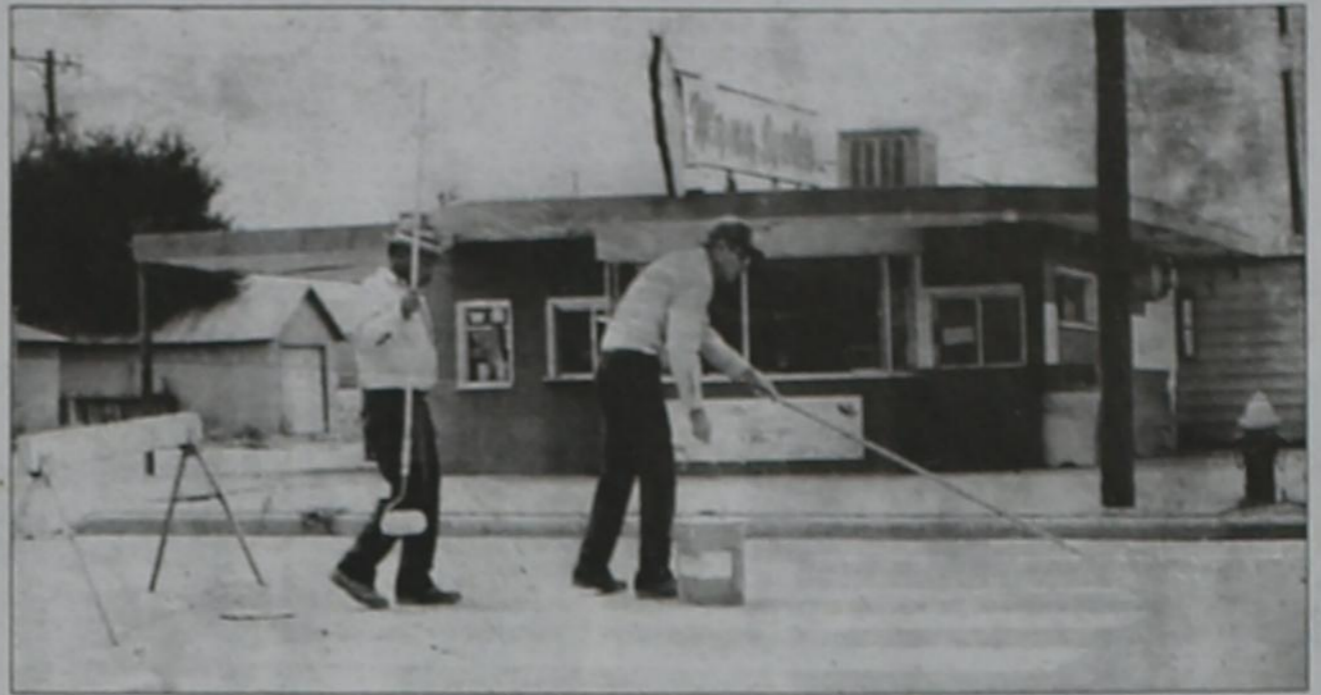
Accompanying Swafford on the Snyder tour were Kay Swafford, Dan Ray, Gregg and Brenda Wilson, and Mike Prather, president of XIT Options, Inc.

Swafford says that WKN has visited Parmer County twice. "They have surveyed several sites for possible wind farm development similar to the one in Snyder," Swafford said.

Zerhusen visited Parmer County and toured sites with Swafford earlier this year. During that visit Zerhusen expressed interest in working toward a wind farm project. Swafford's company, Premium Wind Coalition, has been involved with landowners in Parmer County working as a coalition to support wind farm projects.

"What is most encouraging about the possibilities for a wind farm development in this area," Swafford said, "is the great wind that we have in Parmer County. Zerhusen expressed to us that even though the wind was good in Snyder, it is even better and stronger in Parmer County."

## Mama Seale's Drive-In



Remember When? This old photo from the Friona Star files shows Mama Seale's hamburger drive-in at Main and 9th as a couple of guys paint the crosswalk. It is just one of many photos available for browsing at the Friona library. They are free to take with you! Happy Scrapbooking.



courtesy photo

An up close view of the V90 wind turbines. Left to right are Brent Debonis, Snyder project manager, Dan Ray, Florian Zerhusen, Jim Bob Swafford, Gregg and Brenda Wilson, and Mike Prather.

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