

# Friona ★ Star

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## Doctor Appreciation Day Thurs. Mar 26

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary will host its annual Physician Appreciation Day Thursday, March 26, at 2 p.m. in the hospital's Sun Room.

The public is invited to attend and show their appreciation to Drs. Alexander, Dickson, Jubay, and Morales. Refreshments will be served. For additional information contact any hospital auxiliary member.

## One-act play public performance Sunday

The Friona high school one-act play, "In the Garden of Live Flowers", will be presented for the public Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## Get your senior steak dinner tickets

The Class of '09 senior steak dinner is Sunday, March 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the junior high cafeteria. Tickets in advance are \$10 and \$8. At the door they are \$1 more. Tickets are available from senior class members or at the high school office.

Senior parents are offering takeouts and home delivery. If you would like home delivery get your name on the list by contacting Jiselle Hand at 250-3575 or Karen Wyly at 295-6583.

## Women's Clubhouse fundraiser luncheon

A fundraiser luncheon is planned to benefit the historical Women's Clubhouse located on 9<sup>th</sup> St. behind the Methodist Church.

Ladies of the community will host a luncheon on Sunday, April 5, with serving beginning at 12 noon. The menu will be prime rib with salad, vegetables, rolls, and homemade deserts. The cost per plate will be \$40.

There is limited seating at the clubhouse and reservations need to be made in advance at the Friona Library. The library phone number is 250-3200.

## Health worker meeting Mar 26

The community is reminded that an informational meeting set by the Parmer County Healthy Baby Coalition for the Community Health Worker (Promotora) program is set for Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Friona State Bank.

Anyone interested in being trained to work in the community as a volunteer to educate, mentor, or act as a liaison for the new or expectant mothers is encouraged to attend. Call PCCH at 250-2754 and ask for Heidi Eichenauer for more information.

## Cancer corner Relay for Life

There will be a meeting March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Friona State Bank of all Relay for Life team captains. Anyone considering forming a team should attend the meeting for information. The 2009 Relay for Life will be held June 19 at Chieftain Field in Friona.

The Relay for Life organizers have established a website, [www.parmercountyrelay.com](http://www.parmercountyrelay.com) and an email address, [parmercountrrelay@yahoo.com](mailto:parmercountrrelay@yahoo.com).

## National Agriculture Week

# Ag commissioner honors farmers and ranchers

With the American agriculture industry more productive and efficient than ever before, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples salutes Texas' hardworking farmers and ranchers who contribute to the state's economy during National Agriculture Week, March 15-21. Today, each American farmer feeds

on average more than 144 people. In 1960, the average farmer fed 46 people.

"I am proud to honor our Texas farmers and ranchers," Commissioner Staples said. "Something we often overlook is the role agriculture producers play in our national and global economies. For example, in Texas the

economic impact of agriculture exceeds \$100 billion.

This industry is part of the foundation of our economy, and farmers and ranchers are working hard to stimulate the economy during these challenging times."

Today, more than 22 million people work in our nation's agriculture indus-

try. This includes careers in everything from food chemistry to banking to commodity trading. And the job descriptions of tomorrow's agriculture professionals may look quite different, due to advances in farming technology and the broad opportunities that extend far beyond the field.

"National Ag Week is an occasion to acknowledge the increasing importance of agriculture in today's world," Commissioner Staples said. "This is an industry that is a powerhouse of production, and I believe, the cornerstone of our economic success in this country."



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Parmer County Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley, right, and Farm Bureau board president Ricky Barnett, hand out ice cream sandwiches to 4<sup>th</sup> graders during the Ag in the Classroom Day at the community center. The kids got to see a live cow, climb on a tractor, learn about farm safety, and heard how milk is made. Farm Bureau provided a hamburger lunch to the students and teachers. Local FFA members assisted with the lunch and program.

## Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op meeting Tuesday

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will hold its 71<sup>st</sup> annual membership meeting Tuesday, March 24, at the Bull Barn in Hereford. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

On the agenda are a return of capital credits totaling \$1,500,000, a short business meeting, a meal of beef, fish, and chicken, plus door prizes valued at more than \$1,500

including two American Airlines tickets.

Entertainment will be by the Texas Crossroads Band. The musical entertainment this year will be as background during the meal and meeting, rather than as separate segments on the program.

The process for election of cooperative directors has

been revised this year. Cooperative members received ballots in the mail and had the opportunity to vote by mail-in and are able to vote without attending the meeting. In past years directors were elected by vote at the annual meeting.

Members that did not mail their ballots will be allowed to vote at the meeting. DSEC mar-

keting director Steve Horrell said about 500 ballots were returned by the deadline last week and a committee will count the mail ballots this week and prepare a list of those members that did not vote by mail.

At the meeting it will no longer be necessary for members to register by last name. Any registration line can be

used and if a member did not vote by mail, he or she will be given a ballot at that time.

Director candidates are: Position 1 Clark Andrews, incumbent and Steve Olson; Position 2 Floyd Reeve, incumbent and Ricky Barnett; and Position 3 Donald Wright, incumbent and Donny Carpenter.

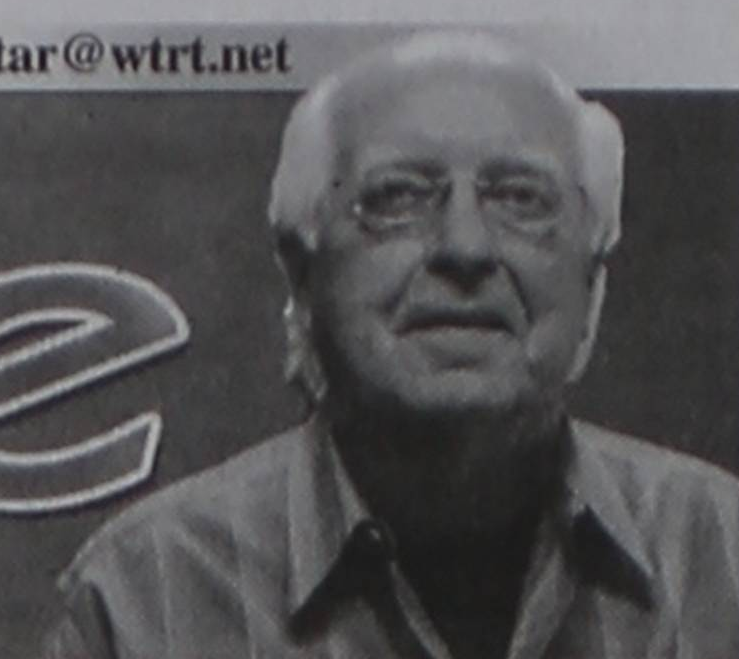


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From spring to winter and back. After several weeks of balmy spring weather, a winter snowfall came to town last Friday, March 13. Local weather guy John Gurley recorded 3" of snow equivalent to 0.28" of moisture. The bounty was shortlived as spring weather returned over the weekend. A possibility of rain is in the forecast for Friday.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## what happened to teddy bears

All of a sudden life is different. What do you call that point in time when kids stop asking permission and start making their own decisions? Parents know what I mean. Kids spend years asking permission. Then one day they start making decisions without you. That change takes us by surprise. From then on they might ask for advice but not permission. They might even come back and ask for help but the permission days are over.

My daughter Megan has two more months of high school. Because she is a senior she gets out of school around 1 p.m. every day. She got a job at Hastings in Wichita Falls and with her own money bought a laptop and a plane ticket to Chicago to visit a friend this summer. She didn't ask my permission (or help) to do either one.

That doesn't make me sad, it makes me proud. It makes me proud that she has matured (with my help maybe) and can step out on her own and make those decisions. It is a fact of life change. My baby girl is probably spending her final spring break in Friona. She has been here every March for the past 12 years but the time comes when they grow up and do other things. As parents we

don't always notice when that point in time arrives. My son Zac, who also spent most spring breaks here, is in Hawaii this week. He called to tell me while he was driving to DFW airport. He'll be 20 in May and has decided to spend part of the summer studying drama in Bulgaria and hopes to be accepted into a theater school in Moscow (yes, in Russia) for next semester.

When I was 18 my parents had a "cannipion fit" when I wanted to leave Hillsboro and find a job in Dallas. I went anyway. Spent the next 30 years there.

It is hard to let go isn't it? Maybe not as hard as I'm making it out to be. Like you, I'm proud of my kids. So far they have all grown and prospered and are fully capable of making decisions, not always the right ones but who has a perfect record in decision-making.

Megan arrived Monday. Tuesday morning when I left for work she was still asleep so I went in to "check on her" like I've always done. I couldn't help but smile. She was asleep, all cuddled up like she used to do with a family of teddy bears.

Except this time she was cuddled up with her laptop, cell phone, and iPod, with power cords and earphones

criss-crossing the bed. She was still wearing her glasses, meaning she fell asleep during the night in the midst of her electronic kingdom.

They'll be fine. I'll still worry. They've grown up now. Time to loosen up and let go. For the first time in a long time I don't have "little kids" anymore. That's a sudden harsh reality but a proud moment for parents. Don't rush me.

I'm hanging on to those teddy bear days for a while longer.

## Cucumber salad made simple

BY RON CARR

How much simpler can a recipe get. Most everybody has done a cucumber salad. This one has a small twist with some bell peppers. Barb Jones of Panama, Illinois submitted the recipe to American Profile magazine. She says, "To make this salad more colorful use 1/2 green bell pepper and 1/2 red bell pepper." Got celery seeds? You're gonna need them.

### Cucumber Salad

Serves 12.  
 3 lg cucumbers thinly sliced  
 1 lg green bell pepper thinly sliced  
 1 cup thinly sliced onions  
 1 tbsp celery seeds  
 1 tbsp salt  
 1/2 cup cider vinegar  
 3/4 cup sugar

1. Combine cucumbers, bell peppers, onions, celery seeds, and salt in a large bowl.
2. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand one hour at room temperature.
3. Drain cucumber mixture in a colander, shaking off excess liquid. Return mixture to bowl.
4. Add vinegar and sugar; toss gently. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 6 hours to overnight. The salad may be stored in the refrigerator up to three weeks.

Tip from the test kitchen: The longer you store this salad in the refrigerator the more reminiscent it is of crunchy, crisp bread-and-butter pickles.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enclosed, please find my check of \$35 for renewal of the Friona Star, 3/10/09 to 3/10/10. Please remove Bennah Pratt's name and address to Sonja Tucker.

Bennah Pratt is in a nursing home, and no longer is able to enjoy the paper. She is doing well, however. She and I both attended school in Friona; Bennah in the 1930s and myself in the 1950s.

I still enjoy keeping up with Friona friends and relatives.

Thanks,  
 Sonja Tucker

Come out and have some fun. All of us can help save our golf course for generations to come.

I'm not pro by any means but I am off work on Fridays and if there are any women or kids that would like to play give me a call and we'll go play. I can give some instruction but I'm mainly playing for the exercise and fun. So keep your head down and watch the ball.

Thanks,  
 Marlene Mueller

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask for your help in getting the word out about the Third Marine Division Association annual reunion. The Association is made up of anyone who is now, or ever has been, in the Third Marine Division or attached to the Third Marine Division. Our Marines have served bravely wherever and whenever asked, from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacetime.

The members of our Association gather once a year to celebrate old friendships, make new ones, and thank God we are alive. If your paper would insert the following note it would be very helpful to Marines who may not know about our organization.

THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING IT'S 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TX ON AUGUST 24-AUGUST 30. For more info, call Mike Sohn at 210-654-3310, or email to [jument2@hotmail.com](mailto:jument2@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,  
 Mike Sohn  
 14418 Boxer Bay  
 San Antonio, TX 78233

The Friona Country Club had their annual meeting Thursday, March 12, 2009, at the Friona State Bank meeting room. There was standing room only. A large group of members attended. There were no door prizes or refreshments, that's how bad the financial situation is. I'm writing this letter to the editor hoping the community of Friona will realize how valuable this so-called club is to all of us and also generations to come.

Even though it is supported by approximately 80 paying members, the club is open to the public. We do want to change the image of this club. Everyone and anyone is very welcome to come play any Tuesday through Sunday afternoon.

We had a big turnout last Sunday. Someone was on every hole. I haven't seen that much interest since we had regular tournaments. Please come out to play. Someone will be glad to show you the way. You only have to pay the green fee if you walk, or rent a cart for a small fee.

I am just one of the members and I love golf and as we all know one person can make a change in any situation.

### ACROSS

1 Dallas's "Energy Plaza" was originally the "Tower"  
 5 kids drink: "Aid"  
 6 TX VP Garner said his job "worth a bucket of warm spit"  
 7 new car with miles  
 8 TXism: "scarce as a wildcatter with"  
 17 San Angelo was named after a  
 18 Sul Ross was the TX gov.  
 21 bad military discharge (abbr.)  
 22 TXism: "not worth a red"  
 23 "boy" in Scotland  
 24 TXism: "wet hen"  
 29 these can be Roths  
 30 Plainview is seat of this county  
 31 TX singer Trini (init.)  
 32 TX heroes were inside the Alamo  
 34 too curious about somebody else  
 35 Lake El del Rey  
 36 TX Dobie book: "England"  
 37 orphan boy in TX Larry McMurry's "Lonesome Dove"  
 38 TX or NV town  
 39 teaching method you can find in TX  
 41 Cowboys planned to make Super Bowl '09

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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### DOWN

14 this Ed was a Spurs forward ('86-'88)  
 15 give up territory  
 16 tune by TX Roy Orbison group Traveling Wilburys: "of the Line"  
 19 TX "RO Ranch" founder Rowe died on this ship in 1912  
 20 Wichita Falls bicycle race: "Hotter N Hundred"  
 22 this TX Ben won The Masters twice  
 24 this Matthew was in film "WarGames" with TX Dabney (init.)  
 25 Mineola h.s. class

### Solution on page 4

30 TX Byron Nelson autobiography: "Played the Game"  
 33 TXism: "got in his pants" (fidgety)  
 34 socially inept  
 35 ornamental TX plant (2 wds.)  
 37 TXism for "worthless"  
 38 horseman  
 40 immunity provider  
 41 TX barbed wire king: "Million" Gates  
 44 judge's attire  
 47 harsh ruler  
 49 many TXns fought here ('50-'53)

## Mark Your Calendar

- March 19**  
 Blood drive 2-7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church
- March 22**  
 One-Act Play public performance at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium
- March 26**  
 Physician Appreciation Day - 2 p.m. in the Sun Room at PCCB
- March 29**  
 Senior Steak Dinner  
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria
- March 30**  
 St. Teresa's Senior Class Banquet at 6 p.m.
- April 5**  
 Fundraiser Luncheon at Women's Clubhouse  
 Tickets-\$40-available at the Friona Library  
 Seating is limited
- April 11**  
 Citywide Easter Egg Hunt - 10 a.m.  
 Friona City Park - Toddlers thru 6th grade
- April 13**  
 Senior Class Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
 at First Methodist Church
- April 13**  
 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
 in Council Chambers on Main Street
- April 20**  
 Senior Class Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
 at First Baptist Church
- April 23**  
 Annual Lions Club Broom Sale  
 at the City Park
- April 27**  
 Senior Class Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
 at Sixth St. Church of Christ
- May 9**  
 Local election day  
 for School Board & City Council
- May 29**  
 FHS Class of '09 graduation ceremonies  
 in the junior high auditorium
- June 19**  
 Relay for Life Cancer Walk
- July 18**  
 4th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off

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# Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

Yeah! Last Friday afternoon snow moved in and continued until late Friday night. All together Friona received about 3" of snow which melts down to 0.28" of moisture. It wasn't much but enough to put a few smiles on some faces around here. Temps this week back up in the 70s with maybe some rain Friday. Keep praying.

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), fondly referred to as the unemployment office, warns claimants to be aware of a unscrupulous businesses that may try to charge as much as 30 percent of unemployment benefits to process Unemployment Insurance claims. Filing through TWC is, and always has been, available at no cost to claimants.

Lianna Grissom of Lubbock is one of 12 Texas A&M students to receive blazers recognizing them as members of the Texas A&M Foundation's Maroon Coats. The students are ambassadors for the Foundation, a private nonprofit group that solicits and manages major gifts to Texas A&M academics and student leadership programs.

She is a sophomore communications major and a member of the Collegiate Panhellenic Council, Pre-Law Society, College Republicans, Fish Aides, and Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Lianna is the daughter of Shannon (Allen) Grissom, FHS Class of 1985, and great-granddaughter of Frances Baker of Friona.

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 Congratulations to V'Laura and Justin Sundlie. They welcomed a baby girl last week. Her birthday is 3-6-9 and her name is Aubrey Lee and she was born at BSA. She is the first grandbaby for Varla and Terry Wilcox. No doubt there will be an official announcement from the proud parents and grandparents soon.

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 More than 60 folks enjoyed BBQ at Monday's senior lunch. There were a couple of youngsters and teachers present since this is spring break week. One of those teachers, Carolyn Wiseman, who was visiting with her mother Gertie Murphree, led the group in singing happy birthday to Hugh Moseley (82), C.E. Trimble (80), Jack Patterson (88), and Tommy Jones (78).

Our gatekeeper and name taker Jo Ann Mills had cataract surgery this week and is recovering at her son's home in Amarillo. Hurry back Jo Ann. Pudge Kendrick is in PCCCH and not doing well we're told. Let's remember the Kendrick family in our thoughts and prayers, as well as all who are ill or grieving.

Bob Naylor told a joke but blamed it on Pat Martin. Something about a 4-year-old boy who observed that his grandmother's skin didn't fit anymore. All area seniors are invited to participate in this hilarity on Monday and Thursday at noon. Meals are still just \$3 and Bob's jokes are free as well they should be.

Carol Ellis says thanks to the ladies that called and vol-

unteered to bring desserts for the senior lunches. If you are still too young to be a senior but would bring a dessert to help out please call Carol at 250-3053. Thanks.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 I'm told there was a big crowd at the Friona Country Club meeting last Thursday. In an effort to keep the club operating, dues were increased to \$80 per month and ideas were discussed on how to get more rounds of golf played at the course to help with revenue.

It should be noted here that anyone can play golf at the course. Play is open to the public and you do not need to be a member, just pay green fees and/or cart rental. The country club number is 250-3125.

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 At last week's Chamber of Commerce banquet Brittany Berend was Student of the Year. There was not a Boy Student of the Year as in years past. The reason given was no one nominated a boy for the honor. Just a thought. If the information had been made known that a boy nomination had not been received I'll bet some folks could have rallied and come up with one. Just a thought for next year.

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 Sunday April 5, a fundraiser lunch for the historic Women's Clubhouse will be held. This year the ladies will be serving a prime rib dinner with salad, vegetables, rolls, and homemade desserts. The cost per plate will be \$40. Remember it is a fundraiser.

There will be limited seating and reservations need to be made in advance at the Friona Library. The library phone number is 250-3200. The Women's Clubhouse is located on 9<sup>th</sup> St. behind the First Methodist Church.

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 Former First Baptist Church pastor Mark Stovall was in town this week. He said his daughter Hannah is doing well at the University of Houston. She is studying writing and communication. Hannah is an FHS grad and a former Miss Friona.

First Baptist may be close to hiring a new pastor. On Sunday, March 29, Brett Hoyle, a Colorado City native, will preach in view of a call. This would be young Rev. Hoyle's first pastor assignment. He is married with two children and another due in September. Ask Randie Hamilton about her family ties to the Hoyle family.

Just a thought: someone should tell Rev. Hoyle that the senior class steak dinner is that same Sunday. He might want to just keep preaching until about 12:30 to give the other churches time to get through the steak line.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Another former First Baptist minister, Joe Hubb Collier, passed away this week in Oklahoma at the age of 87. Rev. Collier's family lived in Friona for a time and he served the church here as an interim pastor on several occasions. His obituary is included elsewhere in this week's Star.

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 Senior parents, here are a few dates for your calendar. The dates for the annual senior class dinners sponsored by our local churches are:

March 30 St. Teresa's; April 13 First Methodist; April 20 First Baptist; and April 27 6<sup>th</sup> St. Church of Christ. All start at 6:30 p.m. Hard to believe but graduation day (May 29) is a little over two months hence.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Have you checked the Bridal Registry on page 4? A few weeks ago we had maybe one couple listed. Now there are at least a dozen I think. You don't need a formal invitation to go by Ingram's, or Ivy Cottage, or Bi-Wize to add a gift for these newlyweds. Look at the list. You may know someone and can surprise them with a congratulatory gift.

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 25-years ago. From the March 1984 Friona Star files: 5<sup>th</sup> graders Richard Ellis,

Wade Procter, and David Barnett were science fair winners; Millard Warehouse held a groundbreaking; FFA members awarded Lone Star Farmer degrees at the banquet were Thomas Merritt, Shayne Woodard, Brent Loflin, Johnny McLellan, Doug Carthel, Wade Davenport, Shain Rhodes, Kemal Tongate, and Brian Jones.

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 The 400m relay team of Joe Garza, Charlie Morgan, Ricky Marquez, and Eloy Caballero won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Bovina track meet; and Welch Auto Supply, 904 W. 11<sup>th</sup>, celebrated 40 years in business.

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 Hope you all had a great spring break week. If you did something exciting let us know. Otherwise, get back to work. Until then!



## Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, Parmer County encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Changes are coming to your Fuel Club Card in March!

We are replacing your old **Fast Stop Fuel Club Cards** with new **KENDRICK OIL COMPANY FUEL CLUB** cards.

New cards will begin working March 24<sup>th</sup>!

Come by the Farm Store to get your new cards

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## Amarillo hotels offer rooms for cancer patients

The Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo is making cancer treatment possible for local patients traveling to Amarillo by supporting the American Cancer Society's Guestroom program. In 2007-2008, the Ambassador Hotel donated 97 rooms, totaling more than \$14,500, to the Society's Guestroom program.

Getting the most successful cancer treatment means a patient must sometimes leave home to be at the medical center where the most effective treatments are available. However, many patients forego this option because they cannot afford the costs associated with travel, all in addition to the already mounting burden of medical bills and interrupted employment.

The Society's Guestroom Program offers cancer patients traveling more than 50 miles to Amarillo a free or discounted hotel room. It's a cooperative effort between the Society and local hotels.

"The response of the hotel management has been heartwarming," said Terri Prescott, community manager in health initiatives for the American Cancer Society in Amarillo. "The Ambassador Hotel has gone out of their way to generously accommodate nearly every patient that we have referred. They

have even committed to providing housing during the entire course of treatment which is usually four to six weeks."

Additional hotels participating in the program include: Best Western, Days Inn Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Fifth Seasons Inn West, Holiday Inn, Kiva Inn East, Quality Inn East, and Travelodge West.

For more details on the Guestroom Program, call the Society, 1-800-ACS-2345.

### PARMER COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS CRIME OF THE WEEK REWARD up to \$1,000

March 16, 2009

On Sunday, March 7, 2009, a burglary of the Iglesias Bautista Hispania Church at 103 Ave. A in Bovina, Texas was reported. Between the hours of 3:00 p.m. on March 6, 2009 and 6:04 p.m. on March 7, 2009, unknown suspects entered the church and took one Peavy Amp, one Yamaha mixing console and one microphone.

If you have any information at all about this crime, please call Parmer County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

If you have information about this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers. **No one will ask your name.**

**Call Crime Stoppers at:  
800-744-TIPS (8477)  
(806) 481-9178**

### Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 06, 2009 to March 10, 2009:

Jeff W. Actkinson, Robbi Actkinson, Greg Actkinson, and Alyson Actkinson - Pamela M. Carpenter, L7-10 B14 FARWELL.

John Visser Family Trust and Grace Visser Family Trust - John Lyle Visser Revocable Family Trust and Grace A. Jean Visser Revocable Family Trust, NW/4 S17 BLK X WD AND FW JOHNSON; 160 AC NE/4 S17 BLK X WD AND FW JOHNSON; NW/4 S28 BLK X WD AND FW JOHNSON.

Debbie Ann Shober - Isidro Galvan and Christina Galvan, L7-8 B18 FARWELL.

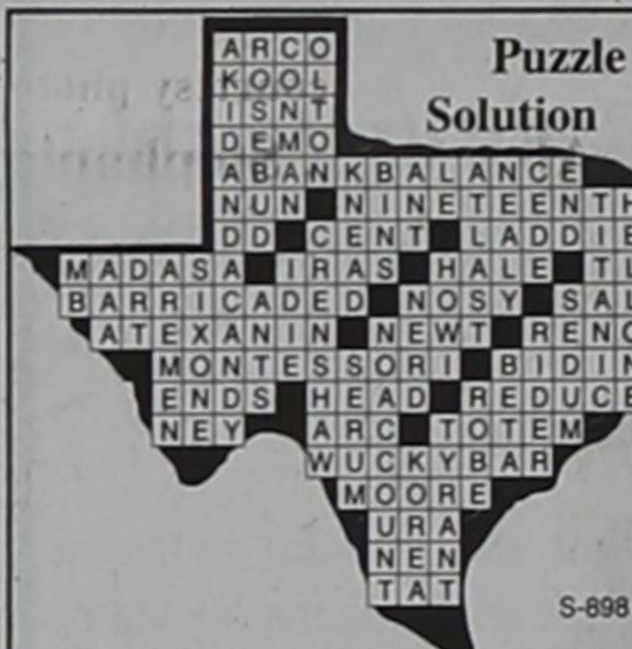
Old Word Tuscany Properties, Inc. - Jose Lopez, Sr. and Luisa Cruz Lopez, SE 19.0 L8 ALL L9-10 B33 BOVINA.

Oscar Mario Rodriguez and Efigenia Rodriguez - Marissa Marquez, L1-3 B10 BOVINA.

Oscar Mario Rodriguez and Efigenia Rodriguez - Briselda Rodriguez, SW/2 L3 B90 BOVINA.

Oscar Mario Rodriguez, Sr. and Efigenia Rodriguez - Oscar Mario Rodriguez, Jr., L4-5 B10 BOVINA; NE/4 S28 T7S R2E.

Stan S. Austin and Karen Austin - Carl Kirkland and Rhonda Kirkland, W/2 L29-32 B48 FARWELL.



## Sheriff's Report

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

March 15, 2009, Derek Bryant, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Lamb County warrant, pending transport.

March 16, 2009, Allen Bruce, 44, of Roswell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant.

On March 3, 2009, in 287<sup>th</sup> District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

- Luis Alberto Arguelles, 28, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervision (DWI), had his community supervision revoked and was given 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$454 court costs; and \$1,000 fine.

## Free air sniffs along I-40 nab marijuana

Wednesday March 11 was not a good day for the marijuana trade along I-40. DPS troopers made four arrests, all for marijuana trafficking, and one big cash haul.

At 1:36 p.m. troopers stopped a Chrysler for speeding. The driver, Arthur Hughes Shaw, 54, of Monarch Beach, California was on his way from Phoenix to North Carolina. Troopers were suspicious and asked for consent to search but Mr. Shaw refused so they called in the K-9 unit. The dog alerted on the vehicle and a subsequent search revealed 6 bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

In Potter County at 4:16 p.m. troopers stopped a 2008 Mercury. The driver, Thomas D. Roy of Round Lake, New York, was on his way from Las Vegas to New York. Troopers suspected him of criminal activity but he also denied consent to search. So the troopers called the K-9 and another free air sniff was conducted. A subsequent search found 261 pounds of marijuana valued at \$84,825 concealed in the trunk.

Another stop at 4:25 p.m. in Potter County was on a 2009 Cadillac. The driver, Andre Jones, 33, and passenger Ruben Wilkerson, 26, both of Akron, Ohio, were on the way to Phoenix. Troopers noted signs of criminal activity and smelled burnt marijuana (oops!).

A probable cause search of the Cadillac turned up \$67,990 in currency in the men's luggage, plus 22 grams of marijuana.

Again in Potter County, troopers stopped a Honda SUV for speeding. (Rule number one when hauling marijuana: don't speed). The driver, Nicholas Maiolo, 63, of Bayfield, Colorado, was traveling from Tucson to Fairfield, Ohio. He gave consent to search and troopers found 87 pounds of marijuana valued at \$28,275 in the cargo area.

All subjects in the stops were arrested and booked into jail in Carson or Potter County.

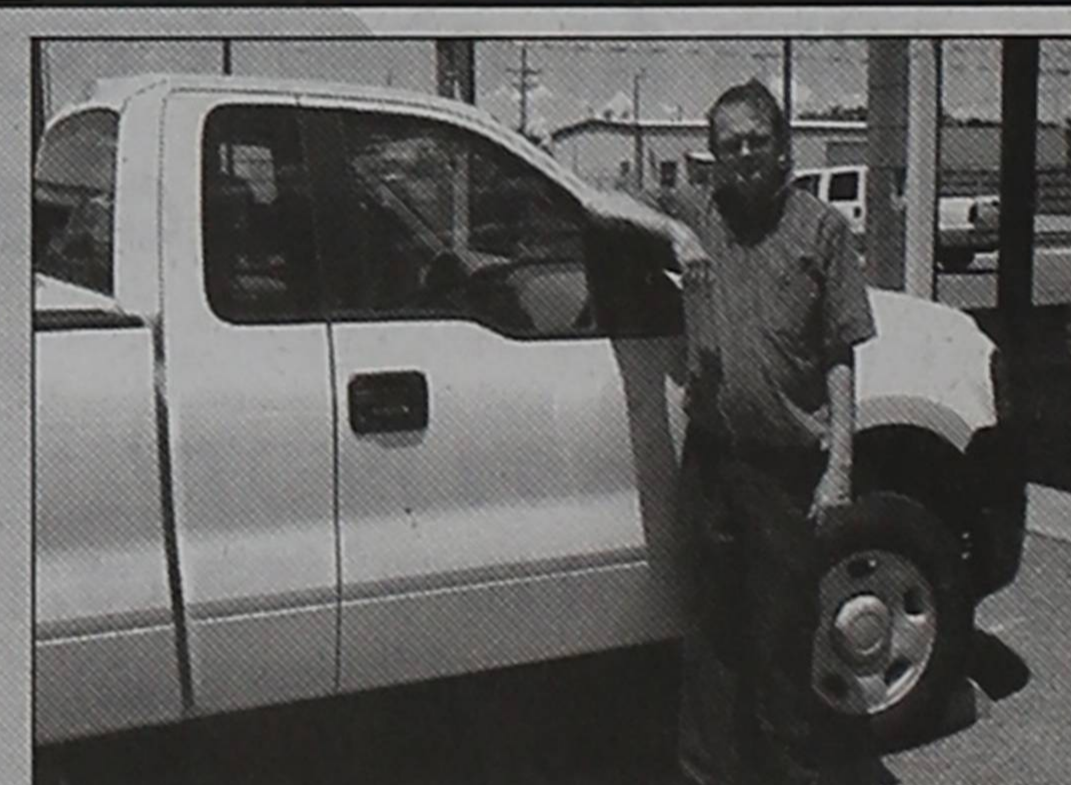
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In the State Life competition held March 2009 the Friona LifeSmarts Team won 1<sup>st</sup> place and will represent Texas at the National LifeSmarts Competition in St. Louis in April. The Red Team of Lucy Mendez, Alex Vega, Joey Stephanie Aguirre, Miller. The Friona team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. The White team consists of Brittany captain, Tenna Mor Lupita Garcia, Monica and Angelica Nicolas. Gayle Murdock is Coach for the LifeSmarts teams. Isly Vital, Je Salinas, and Juan Me served as co-coaches. ers and photographers. competitors are students the Family and Consumer Classes taught by G Murdock and Patsy All. LifeSmarts starts with



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# LifeSmarts Team qualifies for national

In the State LifeSmarts competition held March 9, 2009 the Friona Red LifeSmarts Team won first place and will represent Texas at the National LifeSmarts Competition held in St. Louis in April.

The Red Team consists of Lucy Mendez, captain, Alex Vega, Joey Mendoza, Stephanie Aguirre and Katie Miller. The Friona White team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. The White Team consists of Brittny Herbert, captain, Tenna Montana, Lupita Garcia, Monica Saenz and Angelica Nicolas.

Gayle Murdock is the Coach for the LifeSmarts teams. Ilsy Vital, Jessica Salinas, and Juan Mendez served as co-coaches, helpers and photographers. The competitors are students in the Family and Consumer Classes taught by Gayle Murdock and Patsy Allen.

LifeSmarts starts with an

on-line competition. Students answer questions on Consumer Rights and Responsibilities, Health and Safety, Environment, Personal Finance and Technology. The top eight teams in Texas advance to the Texas State Competition. The State Competition is a double elimination tournament with a game show style format. Other teams competing included two teams from John Horn High School, Redwater, Cisco, Granbury and Breckenridge.

Questions in the on-line portion of the competition are all multiple choice with three choices. The questions get progressively harder during the three rounds. On the state level, each game has four rounds. In the first round each person is asked one multiple choice question. In round two each team is asked four multiple choice questions

and they have 10 seconds to discuss them.

Team Plus is the third round competition and each player will play one person on the other team. The questions are open ended or short answer questions. The first person to buzz in with a correct answer wins the question and up to two add on questions on the same topic. The add on questions may be discussed by the team. In the final round anyone may buzz in and the round consists of 15 short answer challenge questions.

LifeSmarts—the ultimate consumer challenge—is an educational opportunity that develops the consumer and marketplace knowledge and skills of teenagers in a fun way and rewards them for this knowledge. The program complements the curriculum already in place in high schools and can be

used as an activity for LifeSmarts is sponsored by classes, groups, clubs, and the National Consumer community organizations. To find more information about LifeSmarts go to [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org).



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The FHS LifeSmarts students visited the capital in Austin during their state competition. They are, front row, l-r, Tenna Montana, Stephanie Aguirre, Brittny Herbert, Katie Miller; middle row, l-r, Jessica Salinas, Lucy Mendez, Angelica Nicolas, Monica Saenz; back row, l-r, Lupita Garcia, Joey Mendoza, Ilsy Vital, Alex Vega, and Juan Mendez.



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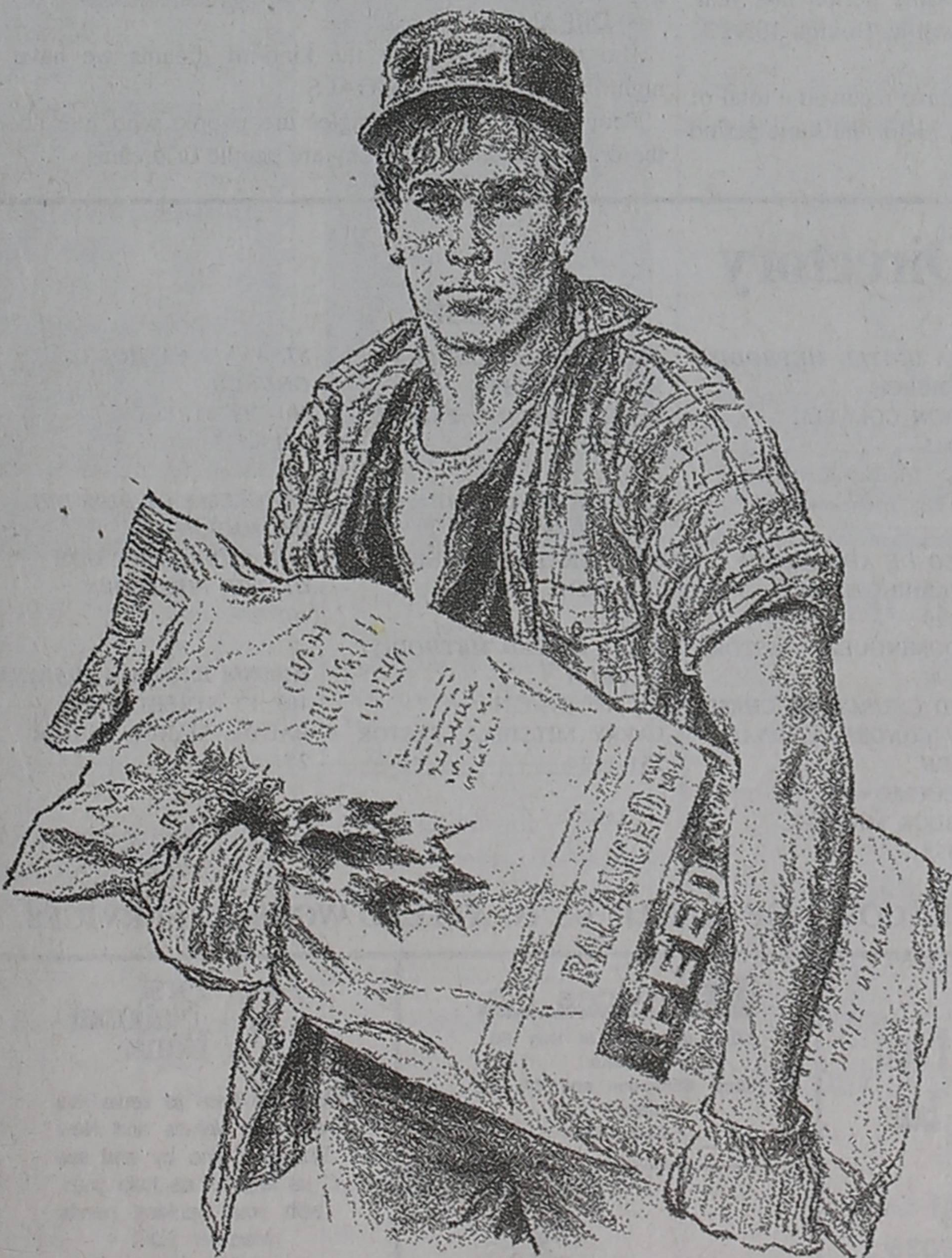
The FHS LifeSmarts red team is, l-r, Lucy Mendez, Alex Vega, Stephanie Aguirre, Joey Mendoza, Katie Miller.



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The FHS LifeSmarts white team is, l-r, Lupita Garcia, Brittny Herbert, Angelica Nicolas, Monica Saenz, Tenna Montana.

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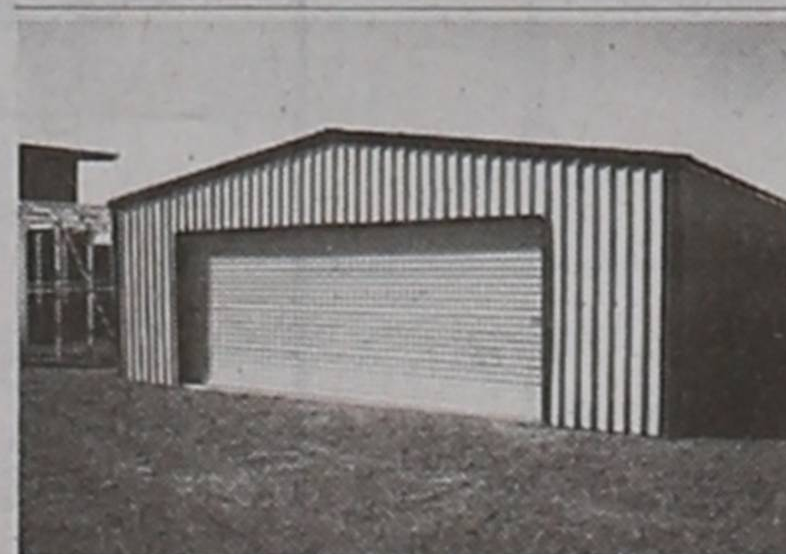
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## County wind developers go to Austin

Submitted by Jim Bob Swafford

For the past several weeks residents of Parmer County have been signing a petition to extend and upgrade the planned CREZ power grid into the Panhandle. The CREZ grid will be built in the next few years to export renewable energy out of the Panhandle to southern Texas where the energy is needed.

Wind farm development depends on the new power grid being available so developers can commit to build projects and have a delivery outlet. It appears this current power grid plan is understated and needs the legislators to be looking forward to a second power grid phase not only to supply Texas with power but the nation as well.

Premium Wind Coalition (PWC) has joined in a partnership with Havgul of Norway and

Alpha Wind Energy of Denmark to promote and develop large scale wind farms in the Texas Panhandle. Mike Prather, Jim Bob and Kay Swafford of PWC and Harald Dirdal with Havgul Clean Energy were in Austin last week and met with state legislators on future plans for wind farm development in the Panhandle.

A signed petition was presented to each legislator the group met with. As part of Parmer County's effort to support and promote wind energy, county commissioners James Clayton, Kirk Frye, and Ronald Byrd joined in the Austin meetings with legislators. The group met with representatives Warren Chisum, David Swinford, Joe Heflin, and state senator Kel Seliger.

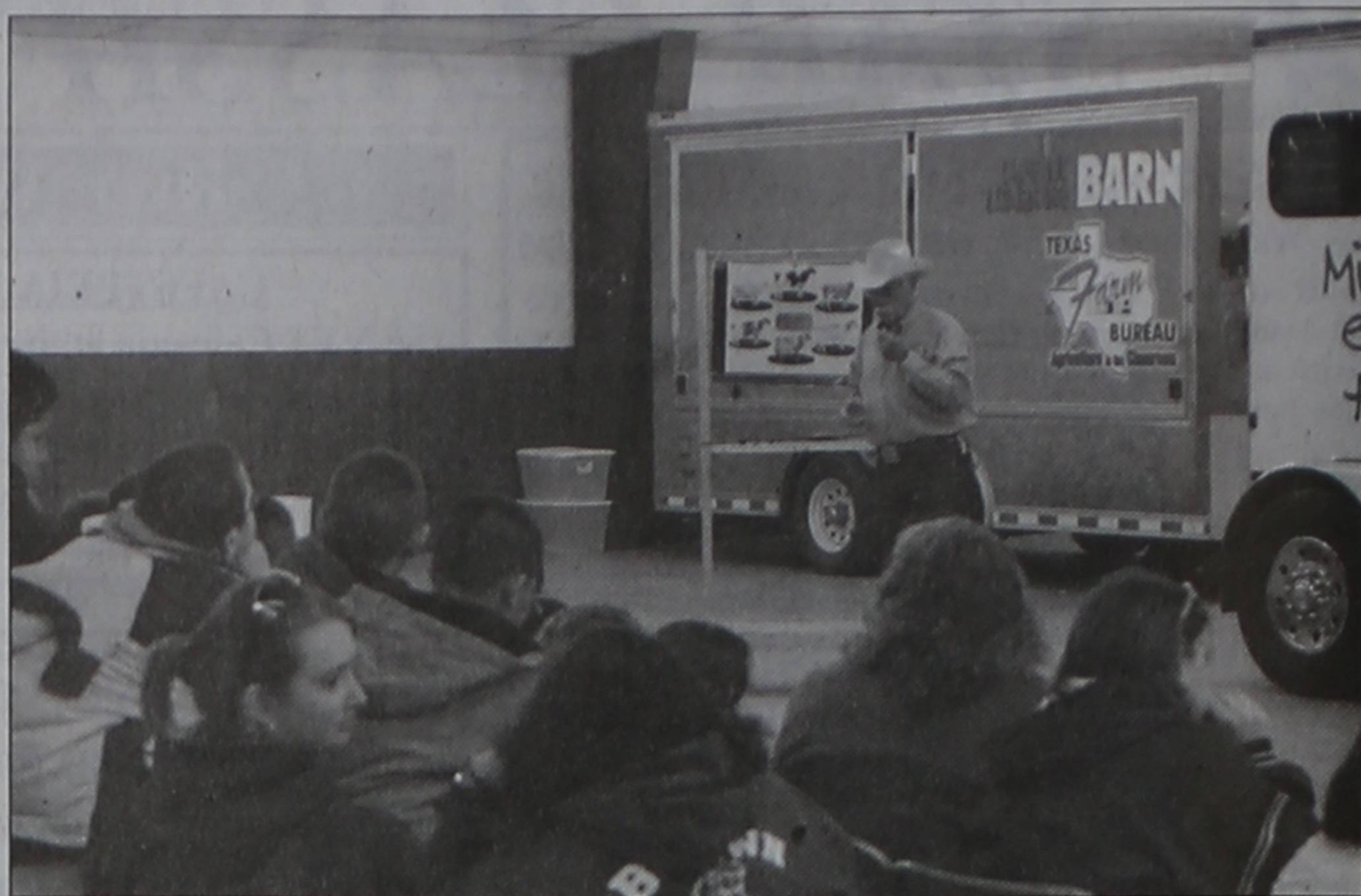


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A Parmer County delegation met with representatives in Austin regarding wind farm issues. Shown, l-r, are Harald Dirdal, Jim and Kay Swafford, representative David Swinford, and Mike Prather.



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Dennis Carr of Stephenville representing the Southwest Dairy Association, speaks to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students during the annual Ag in the Classroom Day last Thursday at the community center. The event is sponsored by Parmer County Farm Bureau.

## USDA now accepting funding applications

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the department is accepting funding applications from eligible entries for grants to conduct energy audits under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

"For the first time ever, USDA will make grant funding available this year through the Rural Energy for America Program to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses obtain audits to identify ways to improve energy efficiency," Vilsack. "The assistance provided by this program is in keeping with President Obama's energy conservation goals for our nation." The program is authorized in Section 9007 of the 2008 Farm Bill.

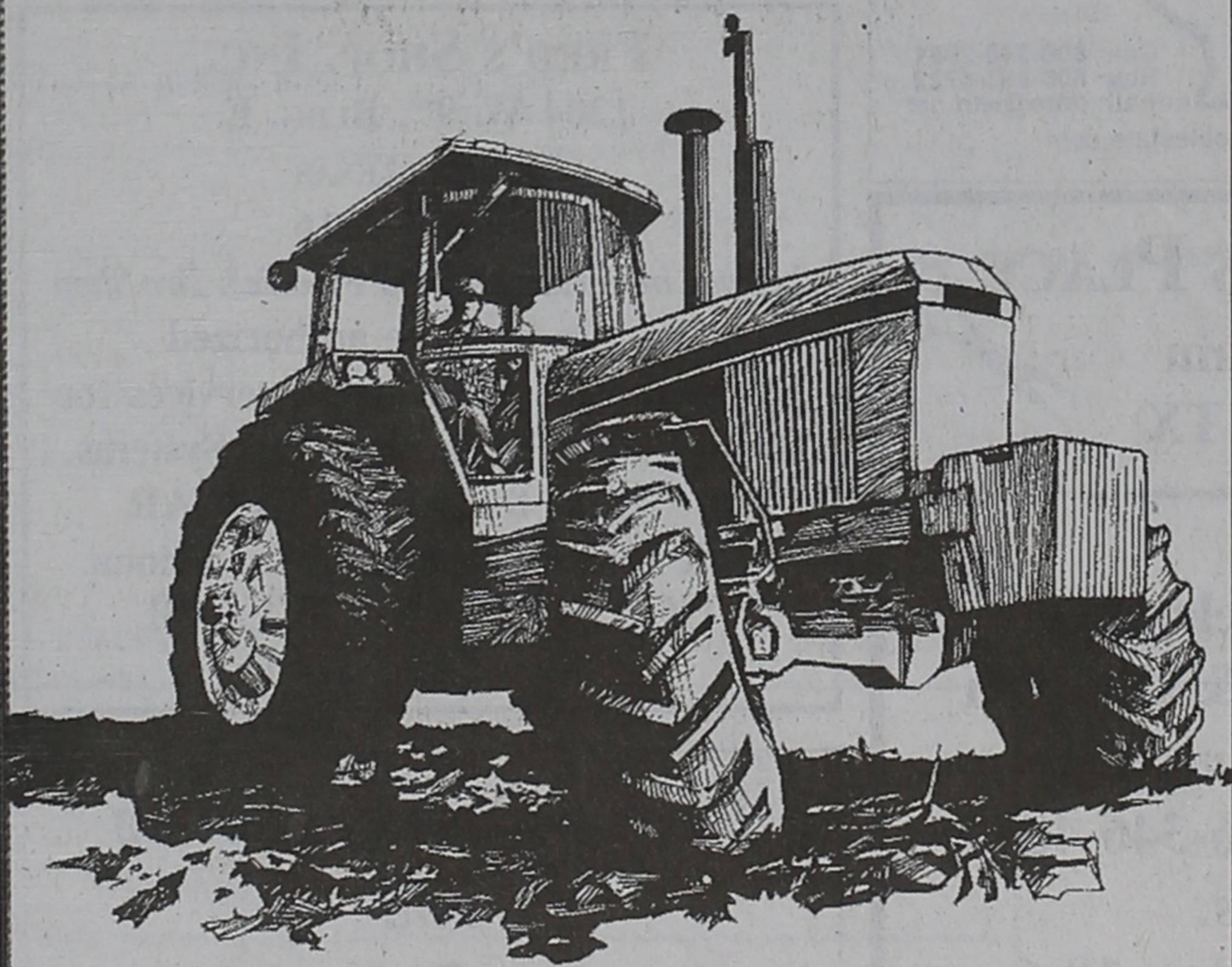
The audits are intended to help determine where to make changes in their operations to enable them to reduce energy consumption. Audits are required for energy efficiency projects funded through REAP that exceed \$50,000. States, tribal and local governments, land grant colleges or universities, other in-

stitutions of higher learning, and electric cooperatives and public power entities are eligible to receive funds to conduct the audits. Rural small businesses and agricultural producers seeking audits from the grantees must pay 25 percent of audit costs.

Applications for grants must be completed and submitted on paper or electronically no later than June 9, 2009. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see page 10533 of the March 11, 2009, Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. USDA Rural Development intends to publish and seek public comment on a proposed regulation for the REAP program later this year.

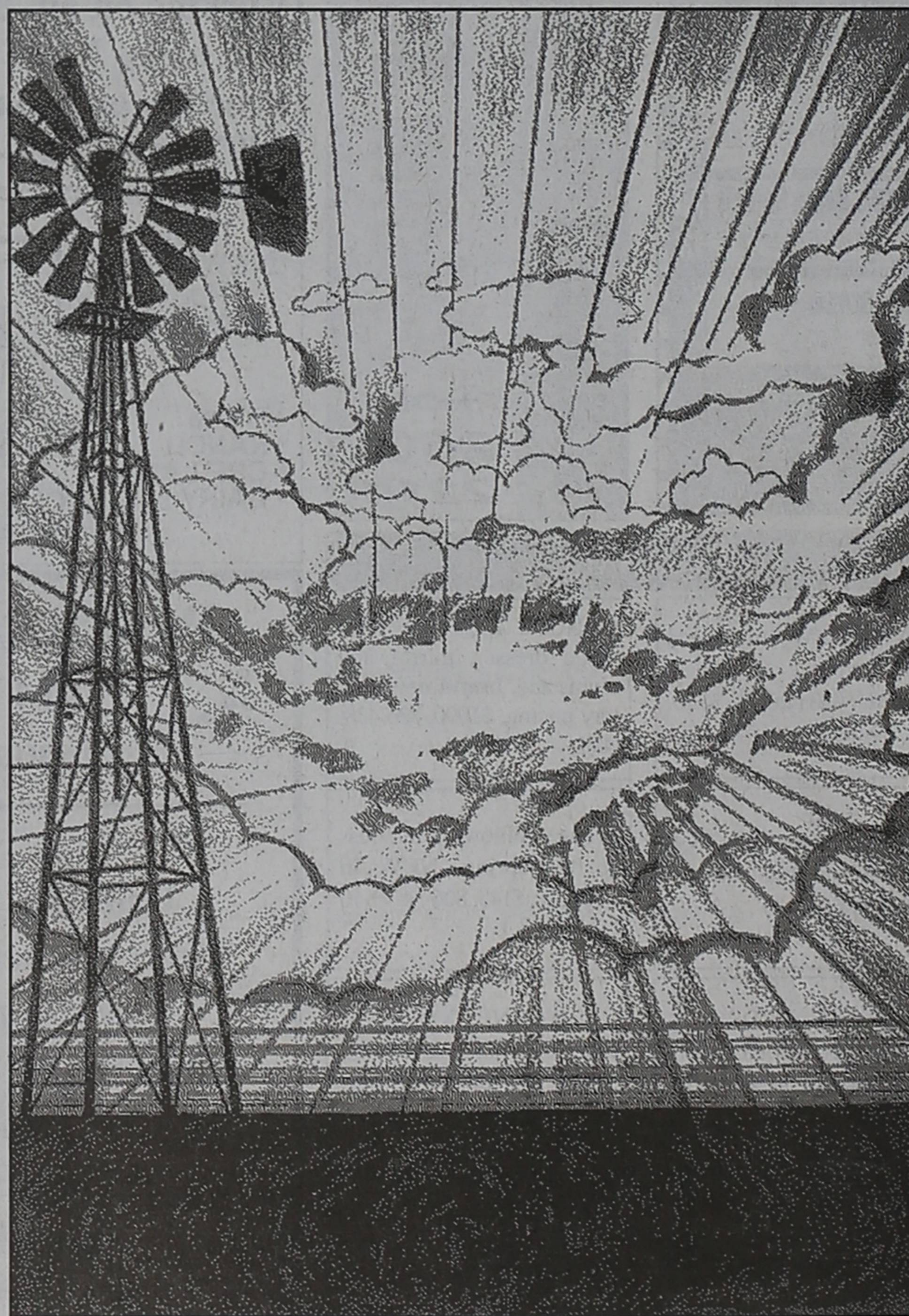
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Spring-like temperatures in late February and early March coupled with below normal rainfall, are just some of the challenges producers are facing as they prepare their fields for the 2009 growing season. However, there is one good news: soil moisture conditions are better than they were in 2008 within the county High Plains Groundwater Conservation District No. 1 service area. Those are the findings of a recent survey by the Friona Star.

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# Soil moisture condition better than 2008

Spring-like temperatures in late February and early March, coupled with below-normal rainfall, are just some of the challenges producers are facing as they prepare their fields for the 2009 growing season. However, there is one bit of good news: current soil moisture conditions are better than they were in 2008 within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area.

from the joint annual pre-plant soil moisture survey conducted by the High Plains Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Many areas of the Water District service area received above-average rainfall in 2008. Some significant rainfall amounts were received after crops matured in the fall. Because of this, most of the rain was not used by the plants and is available as deep moisture this season," said Gerald

Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS soil scientist.

Annual pre-plant soil moisture survey data were collected by Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel from January 19, to February 9, 2009.

The overall average 2009 pre-plant soil moisture deficit was 2.15 inches in the upper three feet of the soil and 3.38 inches in the upper five feet of the soil. This is the amount of water needed, either by irrigation or rainfall, to bring these respective portions of the soil profile to field capacity prior to planting.

In comparison, the average pre-plant soil moisture deficit was 2.54 inches in the upper three feet and 3.62 inches in the upper five feet at the start of the 2008 crop year. That's a difference of 0.39 of an inch and 0.24 of an inch, respectively.

A total of 198 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites were read this year. Each site is representative of the crops and farming practices in the area in which they are located. Moisture meters were used to gather readings for each six-inch interval in the upper five feet of soil.

Results of the 2009 survey are shown in soil moisture availability and deficit maps published in the March issue of *The Cross Section*, the district's monthly newsletter. The maps are also available for online viewing at [http://www.hpwd.com/news/cross\\_section.asp](http://www.hpwd.com/news/cross_section.asp). Printed copies of the newsletter are also available by contacting the High Plains Water District headquarters in Lubbock.

Since many areas within the High Plains Water District have had little or no rainfall in 2009, producers are encouraged to conserve existing soil moisture whenever possible.

"As we begin the year with little precipitation, it is very important to conserve the moisture currently present in the soil. Reducing the number of tillage operations will generally help conserve soil moisture. Shallow depth tillage practices that do not turn moist soil to the top of the ground will also prevent moisture loss," Crenwelge says.

Producers may also consider installation of furrow dikes to maximize benefits of irrigation and/or rainfall. Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil that are mechanically installed in the furrow to create a small basin in front of each dam. When rainfall

occurs in amounts exceeding the soil's infiltration rate, furrow dikes hold water in the small reservoir until it can soak into the soil.

Furrow dikes are also used in conjunction with LEPA center pivots to keep irrigation water on the field, which helps reduce water waste ("irrigation tailwater"). Both High Plains Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel recommend that producers check soil moisture conditions in their fields prior to planting.

"The availability and deficit maps show general soil moisture trends. They are another tool to help producers make management decisions prior to planting 2009 crops. However, there is no substitute for taking a core sample of soil in the fields prior to planting to determine if pre-plant irrigation

is needed," Crenwelge says.

An illustrated step-by-step procedure to determine soil moisture is found in the High Plains Water District's Water Management Note, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*. It may be downloaded at <http://www.hpwd.com/downloads/downloads.asp>. Printed copies are available by calling the district office at (806) 762-0181.

"There's an old West Texas saying that 'we're just one day closer to rain'. We certainly hope so...but until then, we encourage producers in the district to conserve the residual moisture stored in the soil and to use their groundwater wisely without waste during pre-plant irrigation season," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright.

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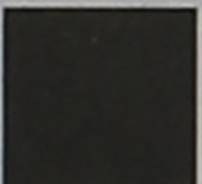
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### PROCLAMATION

By Executive Order of the Honorable Bonnie Heald, County Judge of Parmer County, it is proclaimed:

**WHEREAS**, July 2008 marks the fortieth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to acquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Bonnie Heald, County Judge of Parmer County, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as:

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN PARMER COUNTY

and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Friona, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Manager until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday April 1, 2009, for the 2009 Re-roofing projects.

- Bid 1: Friona Heritage Estates  
201 E. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friona, Texas 79035
- Bid 2: Prairie Acres Nursing Home  
201 E. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friona, Texas 79035
- Bid 3: Redeemer Center and Shed  
1304 Virginia  
Friona, Texas 79035

Copy of the bid specifications can be obtained at City Hall, 623 Main, Friona, Texas 79035, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The buildings can be inspected at 201 E. 15<sup>th</sup> (Friona Heritage Estates and Prairie Acres Nursing Home) and 1304 Virginia (Redeemer Center) in Friona, Texas 79035.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked in the lower left hand corner and must be received and acknowledged by the City Manager's office, before the above stated time.

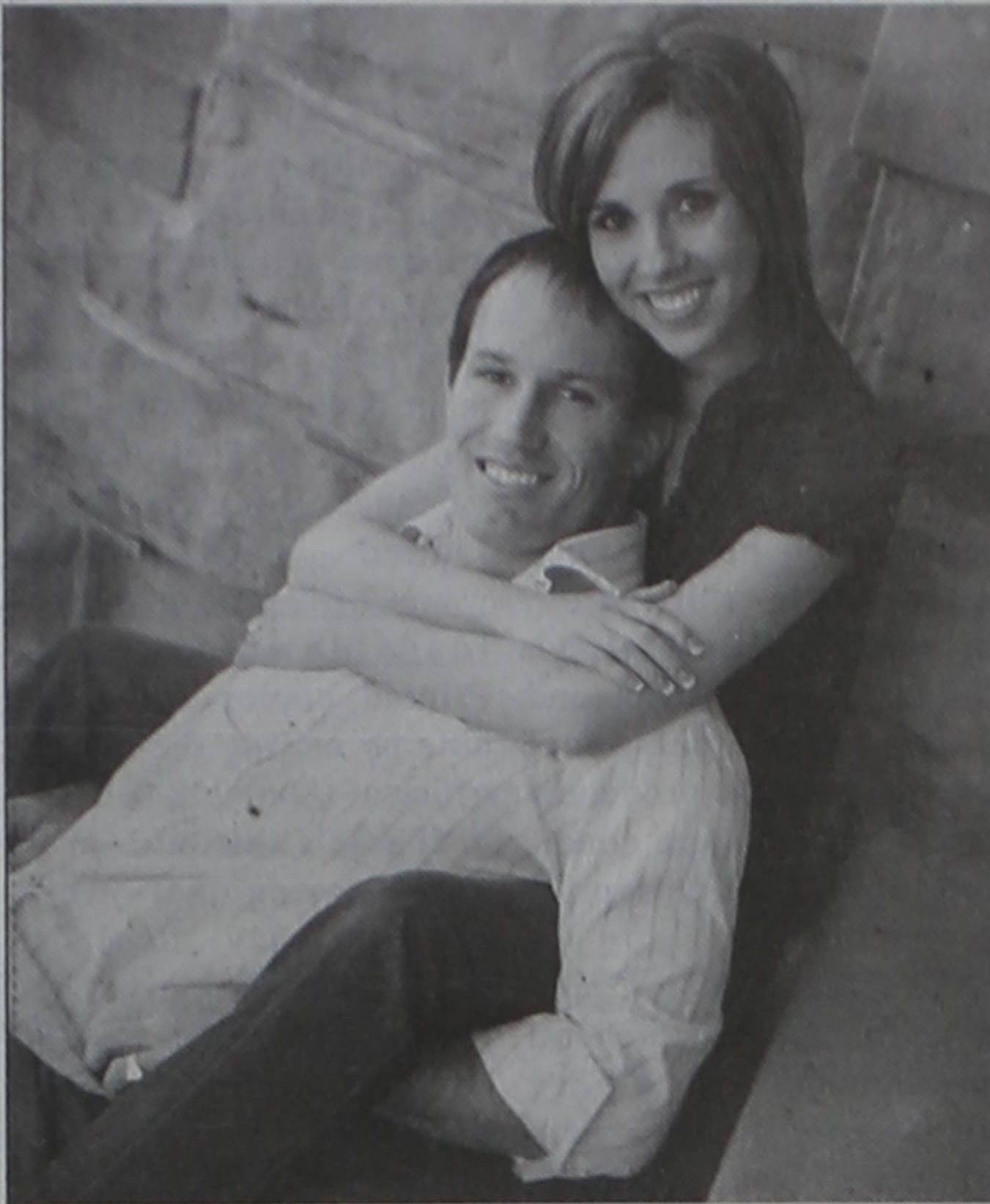
Bids will be awarded at the City Council meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

By: Patricia Phipps  
City Manager

**ENGAGEMENT**



**Nathan Haile & April Dorman**

**Haile & Dorman**

Allan & Patty Haile of Friona, and Johnny and Julie Dorman of Lockney, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Nathan Haile and April Dorman.

Nathan and April will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at West Amarillo Christian Church.

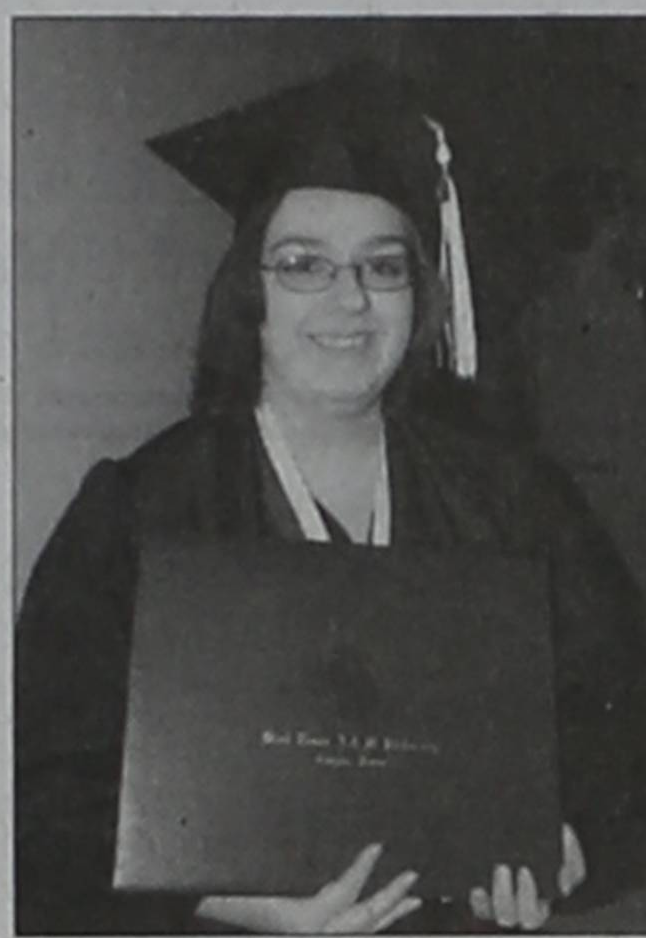
The bride-elect graduated from West Texas A&M in 2007. She is currently employed by Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M at College Station in 2007. He is currently employed by Arbor Christian Academy in Amarillo.

**Thompson graduates at West Texas A&M**

Katherine Thompson, a 2002 graduate of Friona High School, received her degree in Theatre Arts Education from West Texas A&M University at ceremonies December 13, 2008. She graduated magna cum laude.

She has been accepted into the Savannah College of Art and Design where she received a \$20,000 two-year academic scholarship. Her parents are James and Kristina Anthony.



**Katherine Thompson**



**Jane and Delvin Langford**

**Langfords to celebrate 50 years**

Delvin and Jane Parker Langford will celebrate their 50th anniversary March 28, 2009. They were married on March 28, 1959 at First United Methodist church in Friona, Texas.

They have made their home in Austin, Texas since 1972. Delvin retired from his cabinet business in 1992, and now does mission work in Europe and Africa. Janie is a homemaker and avid quilter.

They have two children, Lesa Taylor and husband Keith of Buda, Texas, and Paul Langford of Austin; and two grandsons, Clayton and Christopher Taylor.

They plan to continue celebrating, with a trip to Europe, later in the Spring.



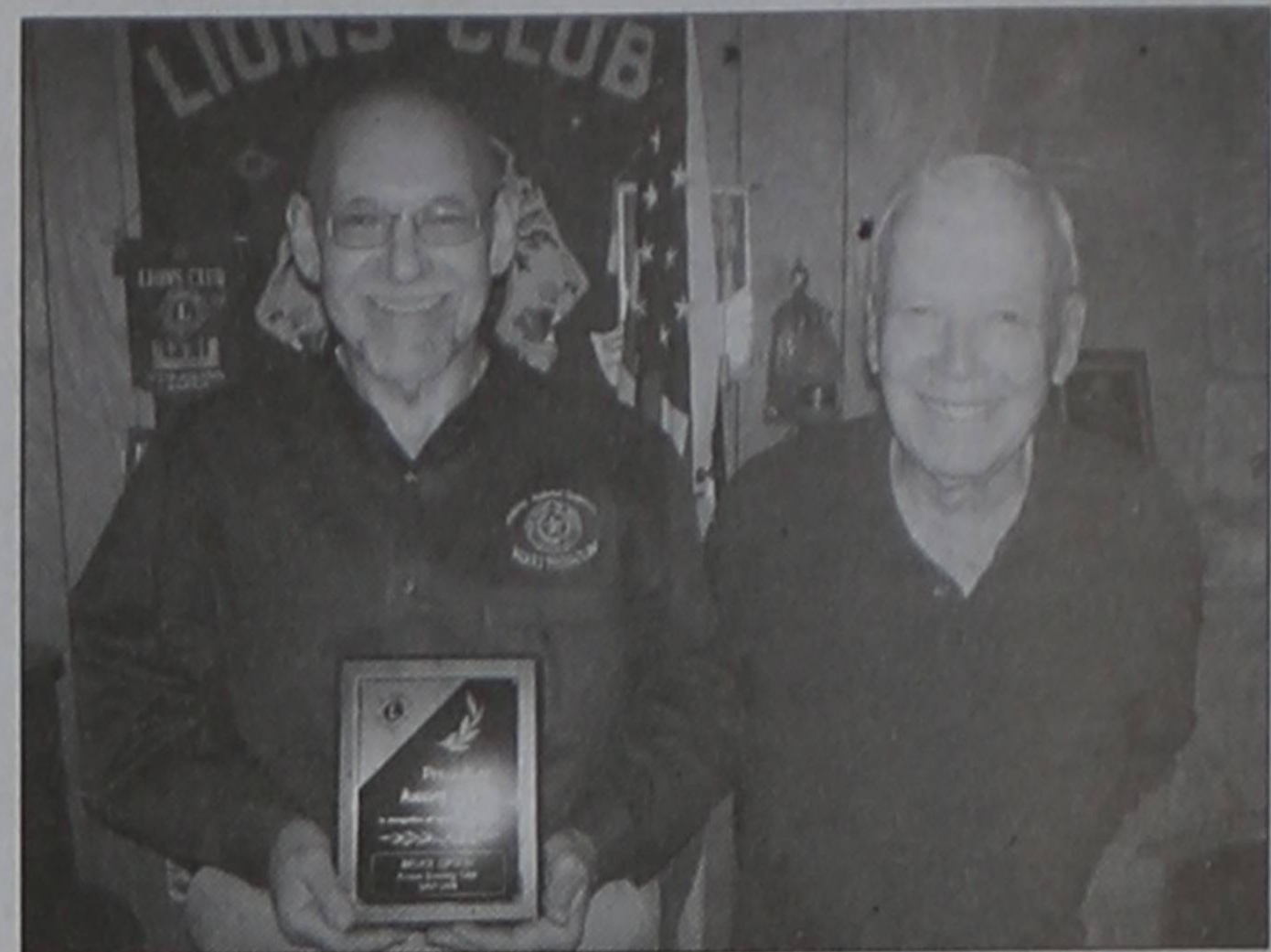
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U. S. Army Spc. Juan Santiago led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Friona elementary open house last Thursday. Carolyn Wiseman, right, led the singing of the national anthem. Spc. Santiago's daughters, Caitlin, left, and Syria, are with their dad. He was scheduled to return to duty in Iraq the next day. Students presented him with books they had made wishing a safe return from Iraq.



**Lions Club News**

By RON CARR



**courtesy photo**

The Friona Evening Lions met Thursday March 12. Lion Bruce Gipson, left, is the county probation officer. He gave a program on the probation system in Parmer and Bailey counties. At right is Lion Dave Thompson.



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Evening Lion Dean Eichenauer introduced his wife Heidi as the program at a recent Lions Club meeting. Heidi is the business development director at Parmer County Hospital.

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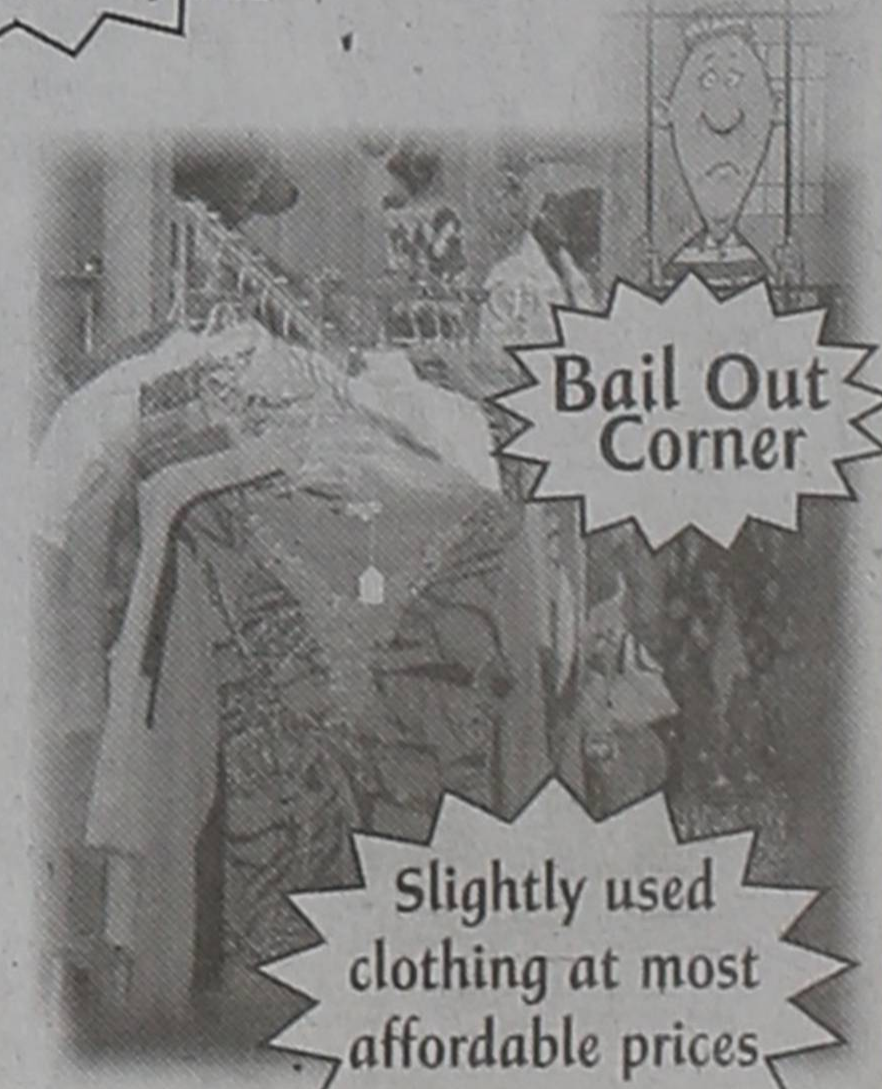
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### 8th grade boys track results

Friona junior high boys and girls participated in a track meet in Tulia Thursday, March 12. The varsity meet the following day was canceled due to a winter snow.

Because of spring break we do not have results from all the junior high coaches. Coach Greg Hazelwood turned in results for the 8th grade boys. They won 1st place in the meet with 152 points.

Discus: 4th Diego Licerio 86'10"; 6th Stephen Albarado 82'11". Shot put: 2nd Diego Licerio 33'3.5", 4th Andres Silva 30'11", 5th Daniel Meza 30'2". High jump: 3rd Sawyer Osborn 5'2".

Long jump, 3rd Stephen Dominguez 15' 9.5". Triple jump, 1st Stephen Dominguez 32'6", 6th Sawyer Osborn 30'1". Pole vault, 2nd Nathaniel Gonzales 6'6".

3200m run, 4th Francisco Sarabia 10.02.01; 400m relay 2nd Richard Rodriguez, Stephen Dominguez, Jose Rivera, Sawyer Osborn 49.59. 800m run, 2nd Jesse Cumpion 2.43.8, 4th Nathaniel Gonzales 2.50.4, 5th Jesus Mendoza 2.55.1.

800m relay, 2nd Diego Licerio, Richard Rodriguez, Jose Rivera, Stephen Dominguez 1.8.29. 400m run 3rd Jesse Cumpion 1:07.83, 5th Leobardo Delgadillo 1:11.57. 300m hurdles 1st Sawyer Osborn 46.9.

200m run 3rd Leobardo Delgadillo 29.30. 1600m run 2nd Francisco Sarabia 6:26. 1600m relay, 1st Stephen Dominguez, Jose Rivera, Richard Rodriguez, Sawyer Osborn 4:07.

Schools competing at the meet were Dimmitt, Fritch, Highland Park, Memphis, and Tulia.

## Powerlifters win regional team title, Arias is coach of the year

Coach Jimmy Arias was honored as Region 1 Powerlifting Coach of the Year during the recent regional competition held at Levelland High School.

Friona powerlifters captured first place in overall team points and senior lifter Victor Guerrero qualified for his second trip to the state powerlift meet which will be in Abilene March 28.

To qualify for state a lifter has to be in the top two at regional. Third place lifters qualify as alternates. Guerrero placed 1st in his weight class. Finishing third were lifters Alex Dunnam, Hilario Hernandez, and Jesus Sanchez. The three will accompany Arias and Guerrero to the state meet as alternates.



Friona power lifters won 1st place team at the regional meet in Levelland. Coach Jimmy Arias was named Coach of the Year for Region 1. The team, l-r, Hilario Hernandez, Lalo Castanedo, Coach Arias, Sergio Mendez, Alex Dunnam, Victor Guerrero, Noe Saenz, Clayton Smiley, and Jesus Sanchez. Guerrero won 1st place in his weight class and will advance to the state meet March 28 in Abilene.

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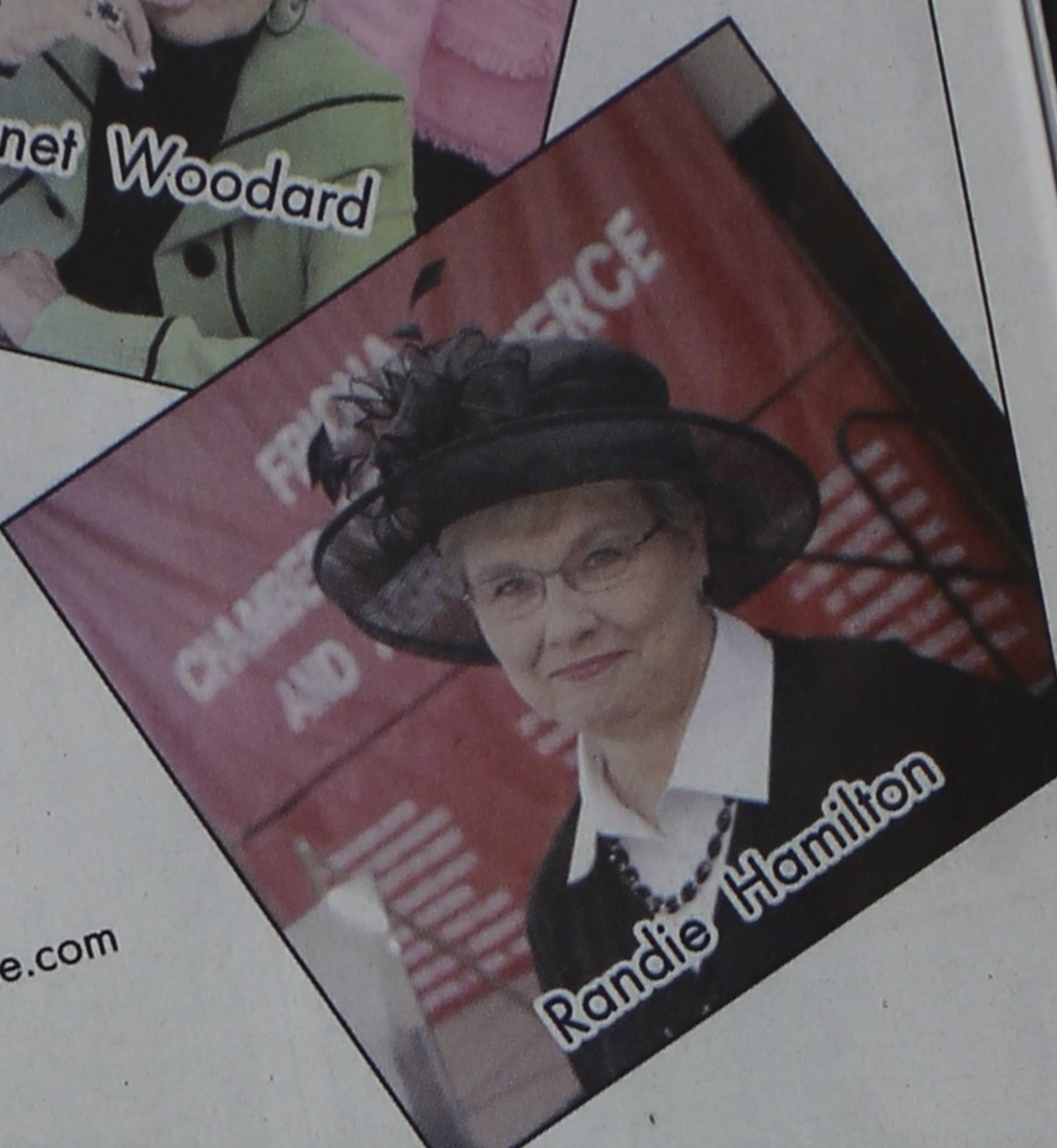
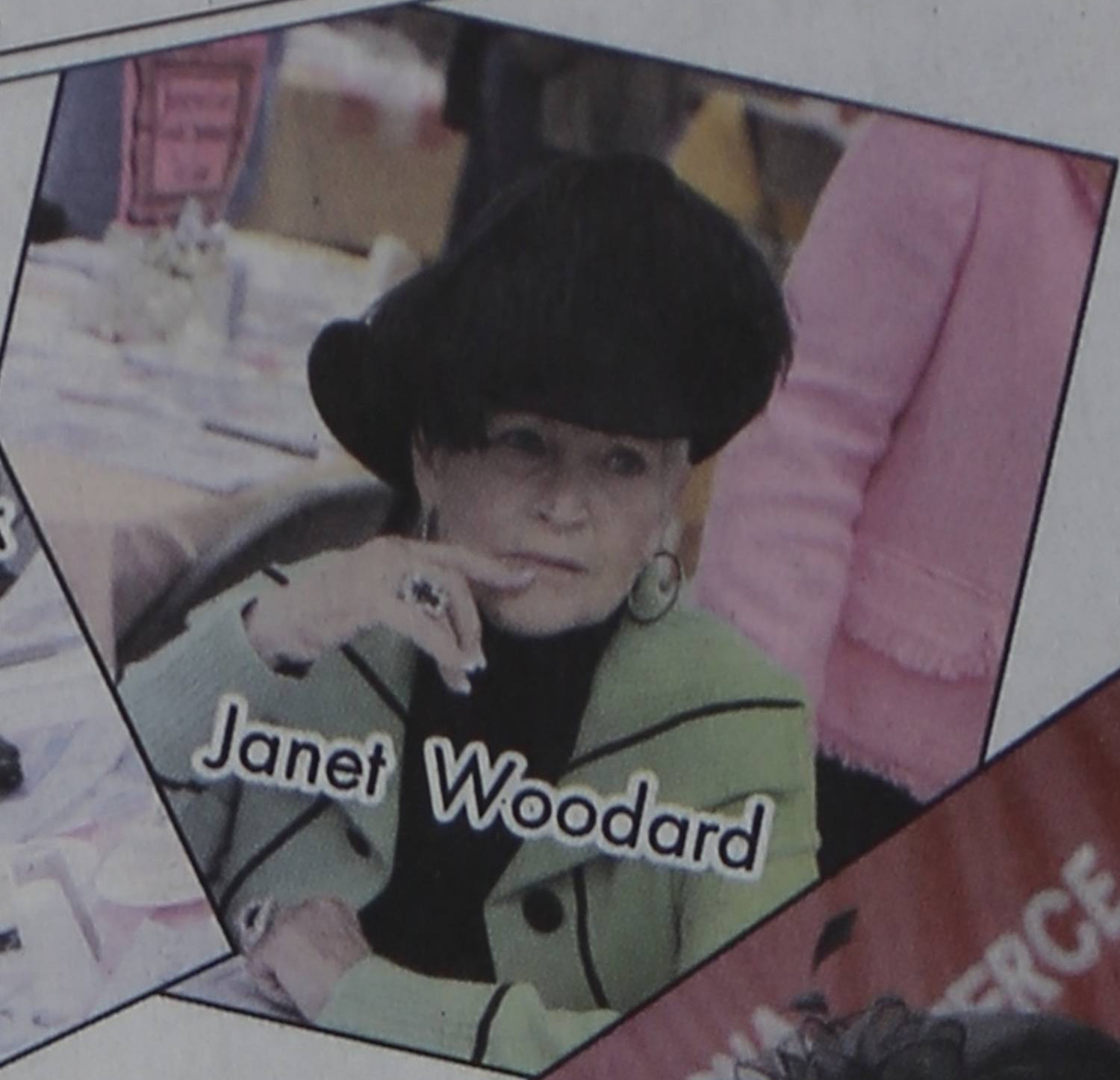
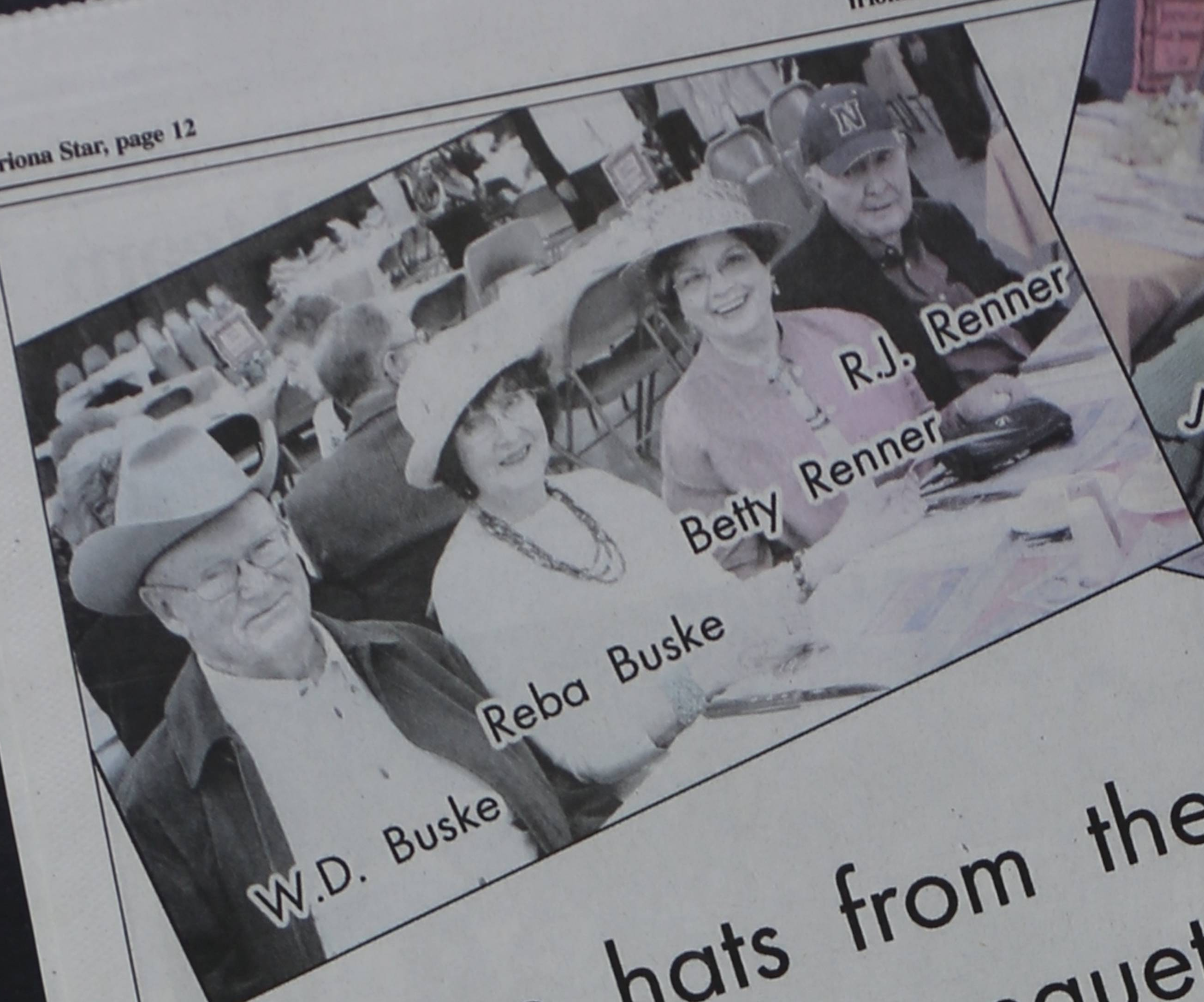
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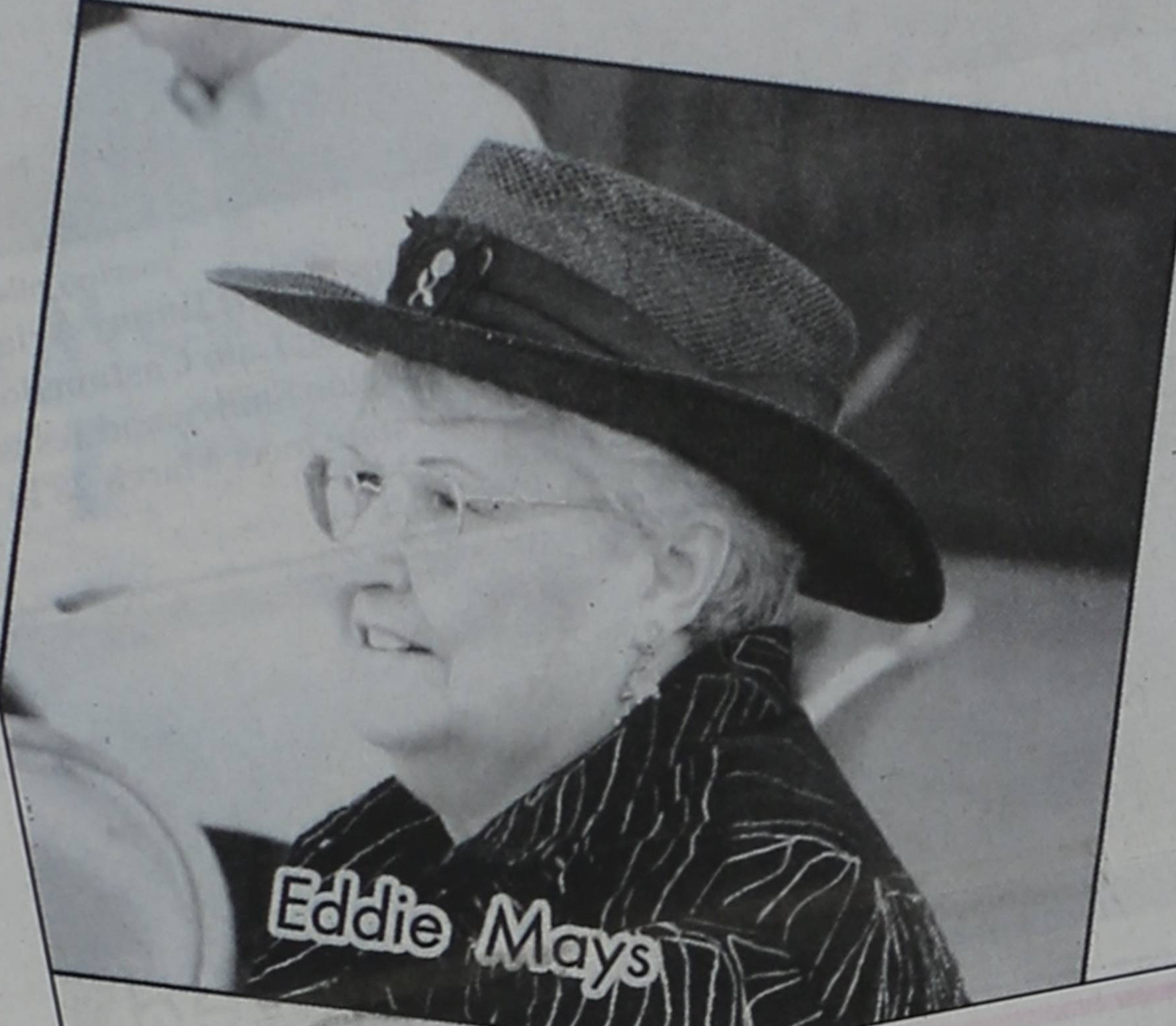
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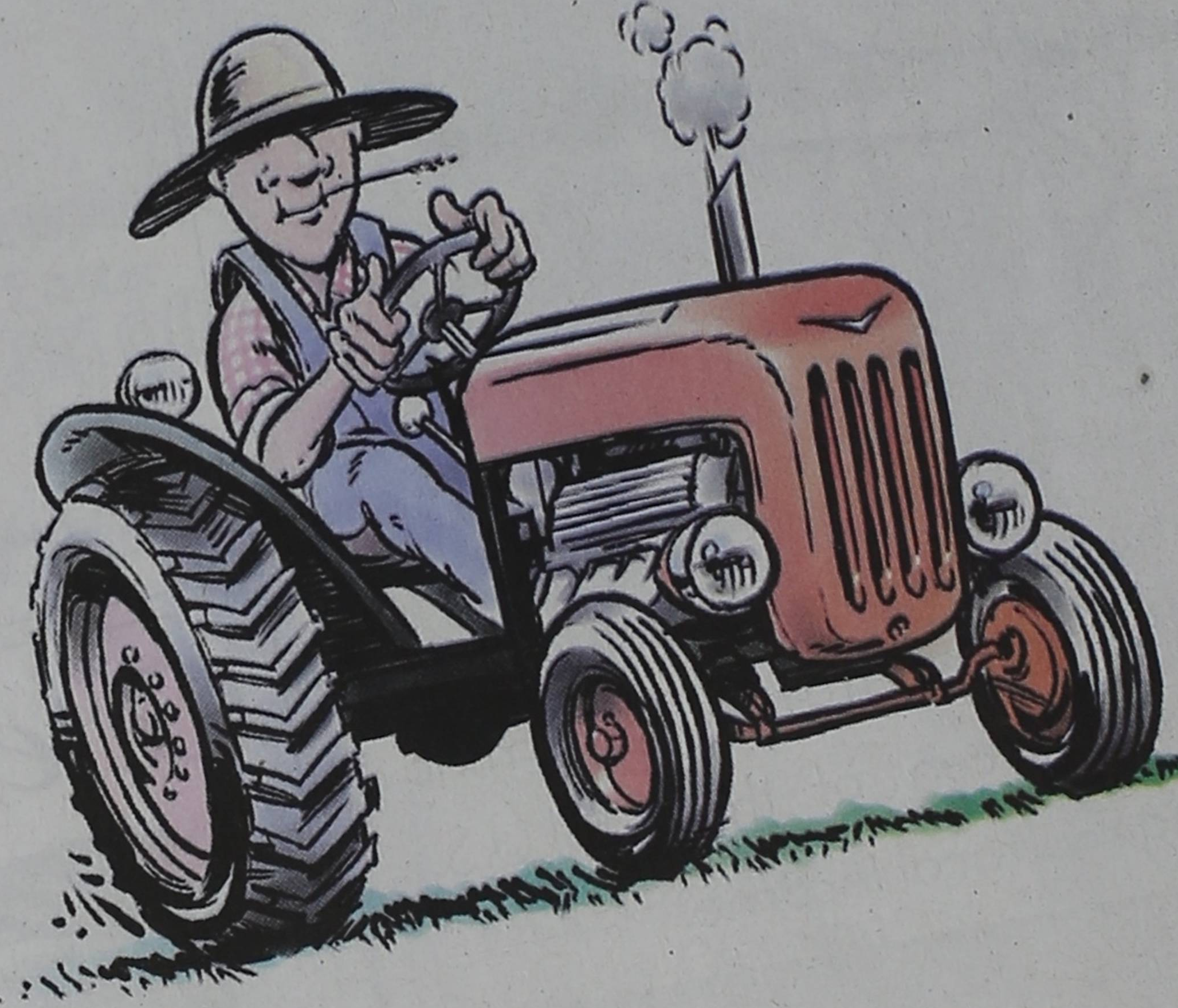
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