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Jan. weather report

Local official weather guy John Gurley reports Friona received 1.42" of moisture in January. Most of that came last week with 1.14" received Thursday January 29 in the form of sleet, freezing rain, and snow.

New Year's day, January 1, also recorded snow that amounted to 0.09" moisture. The average high temperature for the month was 49 and the average low was 20. The lowest temp was 7 degrees on January 8. The high temp on January 28 was 68 and the next day the high was 28 with accompanying winter storm of at least 5" of snow.

Hospital farewell tours rescheduled

The Parmer Medical Center farewell open house for the old hospital has been rescheduled to Friday, February 5, because of the snow last Thursday. A public auction of items not taken to the new building was rescheduled to Friday February 5 from 2-5 p.m.

Hospital spokesperson Heidi Eichenauer said, "The public is invited to come say goodbye to the facility that served our community for over fifty years."

In addition to the farewell celebration and auction, tours of the new hospital are scheduled for 2:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4 p.m. If you cannot make one of the scheduled tours and want to schedule a separate time, or have questions about the events, contact Mrs. Eichenauer at 250-2754.



ron carr photo

Kami Kerby (14) scores again. She pitched in 11 points as the Squaws swept Dimmit for the second time 44-38. The Squaws improved their district record to 4-4 and host the Childress Bobcats Friday February 5. Basketball seniors and their parents will be honored about 6 p.m. before the Squaws game. More action photos available for reprint at frionaonline.com.

Realignment puts Friona in tough 8-team district

The Amarillo Globe News calls it perhaps the toughest 2A district in the state and the Friona Chieftains find themselves right in the middle of it.

The biennial UIL realignment announced Monday February 1 surprised a lot of people, including Friona athletic director and head coach Mike Herbert. "We went to the realignment meeting in Amarillo (at Region 16's offices) expecting to be in a six-team district. We weren't expecting to have Lubbock Roosevelt and Slaton added in," said Herbert.

The Chieftains will compete in District 1-2A Division I, an 8-team district comprised of Friona, River Road, Bushland, Childress, Littlefield, Lub-

bock Roosevelt, Muleshoe, and Slaton. "With only two teams advancing to the playoffs, there will be some good teams out of the 1-2A district that stay home at the end of the regular season," Coach Herbert said. "We can definitely compete with any team in the new district and look forward to the challenge."

Rather than mixing large and small schools in the same district and sending three teams to the playoffs, the UIL changed 2A football districts into Division I and Division II beginning with the 2010 school year. The change means two schools from each 2A district will advance to the playoffs. Coach Herbert said with the change 50% of the schools in all other classifications will make the

playoffs but in 2A only 28% of the schools will advance.

Meanwhile, for basketball, the Division I and Division II large school/small school split does not apply. Friona's basketball district will be 2-2A and consist of, Friona, Abemathy, Dimmitt, Floydada, Idalou, Littlefield, Muleshoe, and Tulia.

Volleyball and spring sports (track, golf, tennis, baseball) realignment districts will be announced later, Herbert said.

To open the 2010 football season, the Chiefs will play at Abemathy August 27, at Stratford September 3, and at home vs. Idalou September 10 (homecoming). September 17 will be the open date and district play will begin on September 24.

Burn ban is in effect in county

At a regular meeting Monday January 25, Parmer County commissioners approved a burn ban in the county effective February 1 through March 31. The ban excludes burning trash in below ground incinerators with a proper mesh covering. All other burning is prohibited and subject to citation and fines.

Cottonseed meeting in Farwell Feb. 10

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Parmer County will conduct a cottonseed variety meeting Wednesday February 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Farwell Community Center.

Benji Henderson, Parmer County extension agent said, "Now is the time that many cotton producers book their seed for the coming season so we have planned this meeting to let them know what is available for our High Plains area."

The meeting is free and open to the public. Participants can earn one Texas Department of Agriculture CEU by attending. Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension program specialist -cotton agronomy at Lubbock is the featured speaker. For more information call Benji Henderson at 806-481-3619.

Council to hear city audit report

The next regular meeting of the Friona city council is Monday February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. Council meetings are open to the public.

Items to be considered include hearing the city's audit report for fiscal year October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009.

The city election date will be set as May 8, 2010, and combined with the school board election by council action. Council terms expiring this year are Mayor John Taylor and Aldermen Martha Barker and Ronnie Stevick. Information for signing up as a candidate for the three seats is available at city hall.

The council will discuss a proposal for a Texas Department of Agriculture grant to assist with the 2010 Cheeseburger Festival. Consideration for expenditure and development of an automated water control system and hiring Brandt Engineering for the wastewater treatment plant renewal permit are also agenda items.

The above items are part of the tentative agenda for the meeting. The final agenda is posted on the outside front door of city hall at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.



ron carr photos

Like a Good Neighbor, State Farm agent Alan Haile was out in the snowstorm clearing streets and driveways during Thursday's winter blast. TxDOT workers and Sheriff's deputies were kept busy Thursday and Friday assisting stranded motorists in the county. Warmer temperatures were expected starting Monday. Rain is forecast for Wednesday and Thursday but temperatures should remain above freezing.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Obama ain't always wrong

Sin City. That's what they call Las Vegas. Even folks in Las Vegas brag about Sin City. What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas.

Mostly what stays in Vegas is your money. The cash to build those really big fancy hotels (they even call them pleasure palaces) comes from regular Joes like you and me that go out and lose a couple of hundred or thousand. Some people lose it all and I'm sure a few win.

If everybody won in the casino the Las Vegas Strip would be crowded with Motel Sixes instead of Bellagio and Caesar's Palace. People lose money in Las Vegas. They spend money on Cirque Shows and fancy restaurants.

Yes it is possible to go to

Vegas and not spend a lot of money. Many tourists go there just to gawk and eat the buffet breakfasts and play the nickel slots for about an hour. Grab a cheap motel room then walk over to the MGM and play big shot.

I reckon a person could find just about any sin they want in Las Vegas and/or Nevada. Folks go to Vegas precisely because it is Vegas. A few years ago the Vegas Chamber and Convention people tried to make Vegas more "family friendly" by building kiddie playgrounds and amusement parks and encouraging families to come visit.

That didn't work. Their revenue went down as gamblers started staying away. So they quietly scrapped that family

program and went back to promoting sin...What Happens in Vegas.....!

Las Vegas actually has normal folks, churches, grocery stores, and shopping centers. Right now they also have the highest home foreclosure rate in the U.S.

Last week President Obama was making a speech, one of his many pep rallies lately. In it he encouraged people to save more money, "Don't gamble your child's college tuition in Las Vegas," he said. It was a figure of speech to make a point. I don't think Mr. Obama meant that people should not go to Las Vegas.

But the mayor of Las Vegas didn't see it that way. He is all riled up, accusing Obama of preaching against Las Vegas. As though that will discourage a devoted Las

Vegas patron. It is silly. Just plain silly.

So naturally the national media has picked up the story and is making it bigger than it should be. It happens that Senate majority leader Harry Reid is from Las Vegas. He has also expressed his dissatisfaction with the President bashing Las Vegas.

Holy cow! Are there not way more important issues here. The government is not averse to gambling are they? Crap shooting with the banks and auto manufacturers, bribing congressmen, sleeping around, and using taxpayer money for exotic trips. Sounds a lot like Vegas to me. If I were the mayor of Vegas I would thank the president for the publicity.

There will always be plenty of sin to go around.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Monday

The Friends of the Friona Library's Book Shoppe at 6th and Euclid in the former VFW building, open every Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9-5. Linda White is the Book Shoppe chair. Used books, good deals, stop by and shop at the Shoppe.

Friday, February 5

Basketball here vs. Childress JV/varsity boys & girls 5-6:30-8 p.m. Final home game for girls. Senior parents night.

Saturday, February 6 - Monday, March 8

Filing period for Friona City Council and Friona School Board candidates. Election is May 8.

Sunday, February 7

Annual German sausage dinner at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

Monday, February 8

Basketball junior high/9th boys here Muleshoe 5 p.m. Girls there

Tuesday, February 9

Basketball at Muleshoe JV boys 5 p.m. & Varsity boys & girls 6:30-8 p.m. Final district game for girls.

Thursday, February 11

Friona Star special Valentine's Day bragging issue for parents and grandparents.

Friday, February 12

Basketball here JV/varsity boys only vs. Floydada 6:30-8 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 16

Basketball here JV/varsity boys only final district game vs. Tulia. 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday, February 19

Deadline for Chamber of Commerce citizen nominations.

Tuesday, March 2

Primary elections for national, state, and county offices. National elections are November 2, 2010.

Sunday, March 7

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Mexican dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

Thursday, March 11

Chamber of Commerce Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Friona Community Center. Tickets are \$15 at the Chamber office.

Monday - Friday, March 15-19

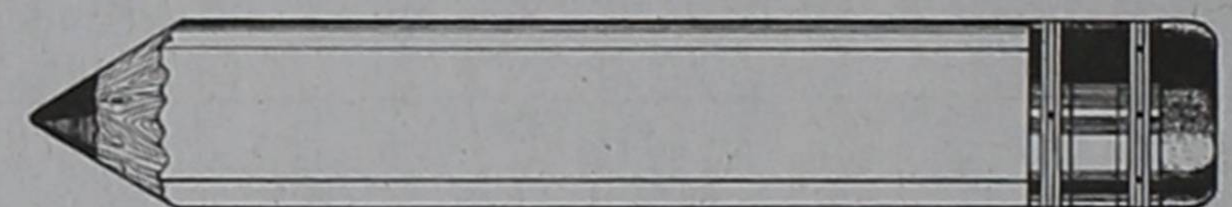
Spring Break observed for all area schools.

Tuesday, March 23

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative annual meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Tuesday, March 30

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.



Have news for the calendar? Send it to frionastar@wtrt.net or mail to P.O. Box 789 or bring it by the office.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Copyright 2010 by Orbison Bros. Includes crossword grid and clues.

Thursday, Feb... Holy cow! freezing rain then snow. Sin city, schools, for a couple Thursday and side streets town were of Monday temps were really pretty much now. Sin the moisture... We printed t early last wee the weather call on our p could not ha Clovis to pick day mornin homebound T Friday. The gar frozen shut. F unstuck and house on Satu cars and truc roads in the co to TxDOT. She ment, DPS Tro and all the fir and volunteers the stranded That's why I s... Saw Darrell town last weel recovering fro received in a but looked ge had a lot of d during his lifet anything that burns. He is to by home b its the Lubbo every couple Good to see about... The farewe

Town Talk II

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

Holy cow! Rain, then freezing rain, then sleet, then snow. Shut down the city, schools, and the area for a couple of days last Thursday and Friday. The side streets and alleys in town were not all clear as of Monday but warmer temps were helping. It was really pretty Friday, not so much now. Say thanks for the moisture.

We printed the Star a day early last week because of the weather threat. Good call on our part since we could not have gotten to Clovis to pick it up Thursday morning. I was homebound Thursday and Friday. The garage door was frozen shut. Finally got it unstuck and out of the house on Saturday. Lots of cars and trucks slid off roads in the county. Thanks to TxDOT, Sheriff's department, DPS Troopers, EMS, and all the first responders and volunteers who rescued the stranded motorists. That's why I stayed home.

Saw Darrell Thompson in town last week. He is still recovering from leg burns received in a gasoline fire but looked good. Said he had a lot of different pains during his lifetime but never anything that hurt like the burns. He is being tended to by home health and visits the Lubbock burn center every couple of weeks. Good to see him out and about.

The farewell open house

for the old hospital and tours of the new one were rescheduled to Friday February 5 due to the snow last Thursday. The closed bid auction for items in the old hospital was also rescheduled to Friday. Tours will be Friday afternoon.

As noted on page one, county commissioners put a burn ban into effect from February 1 through March 31. No burning allowed in the county except in an underground incinerator with a mesh lid.

This snow and cold weather can mean only one thing: it is high school baseball time in the Panhandle. The school calendar lists a baseball scrimmage Monday February 8 here vs. Olton at 4:30 p.m. and a scrimmage Friday February 12 at River Road. Baseball coaches are Styler Haddock, Justin Sundlie, and Danny Campbell. Regular season begins the week of February 22. Hope the guys have some wool batting gloves.

Attended the Heritage Society meeting last Tuesday. This is a group of volunteer citizens dedicated to the maintenance and upkeep of the historic train depot in the city park. Hats off to these folks for their service in preserving Friona's history. From what I saw they would appreciate it if some of Friona's younger folks would join and be part of the organization to carry on the legacy of Friona. Call

Carol Ellis, Nancy Edelson, or Sarah Gerles and join up. Dues are only \$5 per year. It doesn't take a lot of time but is very important. Thanks.

Friday night, February 5, is senior parents night at the Friona gym as the Squaws and Chiefs host Childress. Parents of basketball seniors will be honored and the 2009-10 basketball king and queen will be named. The festivities take place between games. Squaws play at 6:30 p.m. and Chiefs at 8 p.m. This is the last meeting between Friona and Childress in basketball for at least the next two years. Childress remains in our football district but not basketball. Come on out and support the kids.

Remember the St. Ann's Catholic Church German sausage dinner in Bovina Sunday February 7. Serving is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$8 adults and \$4 kids under six. (Good luck getting a kid that young to eat sauerkraut). There is plenty to eat for everybody though. This is always a popular event.

Christopher Garcia, 20, of Bovina was sentenced to 7 years in prison for robbing two Clovis Dairy Queens in 2008, according to a report in the Clovis News Journal. Garcia and two other men were arrested Nov. 16, 2008, in Parmer County. Jesus Larrea, 21, is in the process of negotiating a plea agreement and Joseph Bermea, 21, pleaded guilty to two counts of armed robbery and received a partially suspended sentence of five years in prison followed by five years probation.

The Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be Saturday April 17 at the Farwell Community Center. Tickets are \$15. The meal will be steaks.

If you want more sausage, try the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon (not Bovina) Czech sausage dinner Sunday March 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is at 605 38th St. in Canyon. Phone is 806-655-3302. They have drive thru takeout available. Adult \$8, child \$4, under 5 eat free.

More eats. Spaghetti and meatball dinner with all the trimmings Sunday February 14 after the morning worship service at First Baptist Church. Join the youth as they begin to raise money for their summer camp.

Still more food. The St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona will hold its annual Mexican dinner on Sunday March 7. This is a good one. Mark your calendar.

The Cargill Cares group of volunteer employees has taken on remodeling the inside of Mary Merrell's home in Bovina. During the remodeling one of those employees, Angie Gomez, found Mrs. Merrell's 1969 WT A&M class ring and also a ring that belonged to her mother. Both had been missing for 20-years. Mrs. Merrell was a first grade teacher in Friona for several years.

Check out the UIL realignment for the next two school years. Friona is in a big school district with Bushland, River Road, Childress, Littlefield, Lubbock Roosevelt, Muleshoe, and Slaton. It is an 8-team 2A Division I district. Two teams advance to the playoffs. The basketball district is different though. In it are Abernathy, Dimmitt, Floydada, Idalou, Littlefield, Muleshoe, and Tulia. Looks like some pretty good out-of-town eating for the media-mobile crew the next couple of years.

The first three non-district games in the fall will be Aug 27 at Abernathy, Sep 3 at Stratford, and Sep 10 Idalou here. These are tentative for now but probably firm. Open date will be September 17 and district starts September 24. Homecoming will likely be Sep 10. It's all being worked out and we will keep you posted.

The all-school reunion (every five years) will be held this year, more than likely the weekend of September 10-12. Organizer Sharon White asked to remind all ex-students and staff that this will also be the 100-year bicentennial school celebration. Plans are underway. A committee meeting will be held Monday February 15 at the library at 7 p.m. for planning. All are welcome to attend.

Don't forget about the Prairie Acres raffle of a 32" TV as a fundraiser for their garden. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing is March 1. Go by and get your tickets or call Elizabeth Romero at 250-3922 and arrange to buy your tickets. The Prairie

Acres Valentine's party is 3 p.m. Friday February 12. Good time to visit and buy those tickets.

In Fritch a 16-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl were being pulled on an old car hood behind a pickup, sledging on the snow. The improvised sled slammed into a telephone pole. The boy suffered head and neck injuries and died the next day in an Amarillo hospital. What a tragedy when the object was just to have fun. We can't explain why tragedy happens. God bless the family of not only the boy but also of the pickup driver who now carries a heavy burden. Stay safe. See you next week. Until then!

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Area students named to WT A&M honor lists

More than 1,200 students were named to honor lists at West Texas A&M University for the fall 2009 semester.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average of 4.0 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Named to the President's List from Bovina were Sandra Perez, senior, Graphic Design and Megan Whitten, freshman, EC-6 ESL Education.

Named to the President's List from Friona were Breann Barnett, senior, Communication Disorders; Brandi Surman, senior, General Studies; and Briana Wright, senior, EC-6 ESL Education.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Named to the Dean's List from Bovina were Daisy Carrasco, freshman, psychology and Mauricio Garcia, sophomore, Mechanical Engineering.

Named to the Dean's List from Friona were Loretta Flores, junior, Social Work; Brooke Herbert, sophomore, Accounting; Deirdre Johnston, sophomore, Mass Communication-Print Media; Cindy Moreno, junior, General Business; Fernando Moreno, junior, General Business; Edlyn Romero, sophomore, Spanish; and Kelsey Welch, junior, EC-4 Education.

From Farwell, Lucia Cenicerros, freshman, Pre-Nursing and from



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from January 21, 2010 to January 29, 2010:

Nathan Tharp and Fern Tharp - Parmer County State of Texas, 3.76 AC GARDEN L19-20 S31 T9S R1E.

Radford Venable - XIT Options Inc., N58' L1-2 B3 BOVINA.

Hershel C. Stowers and Helen J. Stowers - Don P. Beck and Zelda M. Beck, 80AC E/2 OF NE/4 S8 CHARLES E HARDING; NE/4 S8 CHARLES E HARDING

Billy Dean Baxter and Lillie Mae Baxter - Blayne D. Baxter, E40 AC SW/4 S28 T3S.

Michael Goetsch and Peggy W. Goetsch - Luis Reyna and Sanjuana Reyna, L17-19 B29 FARWELL.

Joel Preston White Trust - Michael Goetsch and Peggy W. Goetsch, L10-12 B36 FARWELL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 7 - February 13, 2010

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

Feb. 7-Jeff Stowers, Wade Hinkle, Shirley Harris, Nikki Osborn Ralston, Cindy Lopez, Nathan Haile, Brett Anderson, Gary Gober, Linda Malouf, Mark Collier

Feb. 8-Nancy Roden, Micha London, Kathy McLean-Davis, Rhonda Romero, Katherine Smith, Nicole Speters Groves, Sandra Rainey, Erica Boeckman, Taryn Elizabeth Banfield, Cody Jamerson, Andrew Marufo, Sydney Easley

Feb. 9-Joel Osborn, Renae Barnett, Randa Copley, Deke Kendrick, Joe Gonzales, Susie McLellan, Tammy Whiteley, Diane White, Vanette White Barnett, Ashley Cheaham, Dylan Cooper, Earl Whitten, Darius Armijo, Chad Stovell

Feb. 10-Jana Floyd, Hayes Jones, Frank Saiz, Robert Saiz, Seth Houston, Chris Shufelburger

Feb. 11-Holly Whitley, Nancy Jackson, Jerry Harrelson, Shephan Allen, Christy Stover, Gail Melton Blouch, Wesley Barnett, Dale Widner, Debbie Smith, Kody Kimbrough

Feb. 12-Leon Coffey, Jeff Schueler, David Howard, Marilyn Stovell, Christina Santellana, Aundrea Frye, Sandy Houston, Lori Merket, Patricia Martinez

Feb. 13-Mary Pryor, Mike Schueler, Robin Peace, Donny Campbell, Jimmy W. Norwood, Mary Steelman, J.T. Hammonds, Kevin Mitchell

Fall graduates at WT A&M

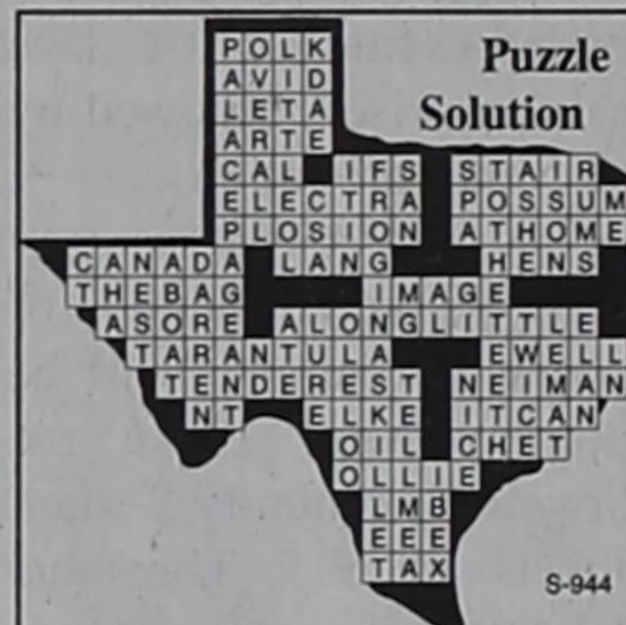
Degrees were conferred on 486 West Texas A&M students during December 11, 2009, fall commencement. Five students from Friona were awarded degrees. They are: Ramiro Alaniz, Bachelor of Business Administration, Computer Information System; Sandra Cruz, Bachelor of Arts, Social Work; Victor Favela, Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary; Matthew

Gammon, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering; and James Peace, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Vote for Friona in best town contest

The Chamber of Commerce is asking folks to vote for Friona in the Single Best Town Contest sponsored by Disney Family.com.

Go to <http://family.go.com/best-town-contest-events-and-festivities/5th-anniversary>. Friona is included as a 5th Annual Cheeseburger Festival and Cook-Off Single Best Town Contest participant. The Chamber will appreciate your vote.



Meals on Wheels 25 years in Friona

Submitted by Mary Joyce Barnett

Meals on Wheels of Friona is a non-profit organization whose basic function is to deliver a well-balanced noon meal Monday through Friday to persons who are physically unable to shop for food and prepare their own meals.

The program was started in January 1985 by a group of concerned persons as a result of a caring pastor who felt there was a definite need in Friona for such a program. The first meal delivery was made in February 1985 with 14 meals per day being delivered on three routes from the kitchen at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Today there are only four people receiving meals and one route. The meals are delivered by volunteer drivers who donate their time and car expense. In addition to the nutritional value of the program, the daily contact means as much as the food. For many of the people the Meals on Wheels driver is their only daily contact with the outside world.

Meals today are prepared and purchased from Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Our files list persons to call in case of an emergency. The noon meals enable the elderly to remain in their own homes longer. Volunteers not only bring food but friendship. Our local florist provides flowers to each of the recipients on their birthday.

The volunteer gives their time and part of themselves, the greatest gift anyone can bestow. This type of service cannot be purchased. Perhaps the ones who benefit most of all are those who receive the satisfaction of providing this service, which is so greatly needed and appreciated.

Thanks to all of our faithful volunteers: Loraine Anthony, Anna Jo Blackburn, Tommie Boeckman, Lucy Beth Hinkle, Teena Hughs, Raye Jene London, Tommie Mercer, Bill Miller, Connie Neelley, Leslie Rushing, Betty Reeve, Marilyn Stovell, Sharon White, Betty Wiseman, Mary Joyce Barnett. And to our backup drivers Judy Cummings, Randie Hamilton, and Melody Drake.

If you know someone who should be a Meals on Wheels recipient please call Betty Reeve at 265-3415 or Mary Joyce Barnett at 265-3583.

New Mexico Ag Expo Feb. 23-24

For the 18th consecutive year, the New Mexico Agricultural Expo will reach thousands of dairymen, ranchers, and farmers, showcasing the latest technological and industrial advances. The Expo, which will be held February 23 & 24, brings in the latest expertise and equipment, helping those in attendance to utilize the services in their own operations. This year's Expo is being sponsored by Plateau Wireless and Dairy Farmers of America.

Seminars will include various topics of concern ranging from wind to dogs. Rory McMinn & Robert Lumpkin will give an update on the current status of wind energy, especially, the progress of transmission lines.

Scott Bagley from Dimmitt, Texas, will conduct the horse training demonstration utilizing his philosophy of building a sound fundamental ranch horse that can be taken to the show ring. Other demonstrations and seminars include: dog training with Kyle Dillard; cooking school with Connie Moyers; small vertebrate control, with Dr. Sam Smallidge; forage production with Dr. Mark Marsalis; and alfalfa management with Dr. Leonard Lauriault.

More than 175 booths with 500 exhibitors are expected to attend this year's show. Many new vendors are registered to attend, coming from 15 states and 2 countries. In years past, exhibitors have made the comment that they sell more at the New Mexico Ag Expo per number of attendees than any other show in which they participate.

Expo attendees will have the opportunity to win a brand new 14' stock trailer. Registration for the drawing will be available at the show and the winner must be at least 18 years old.

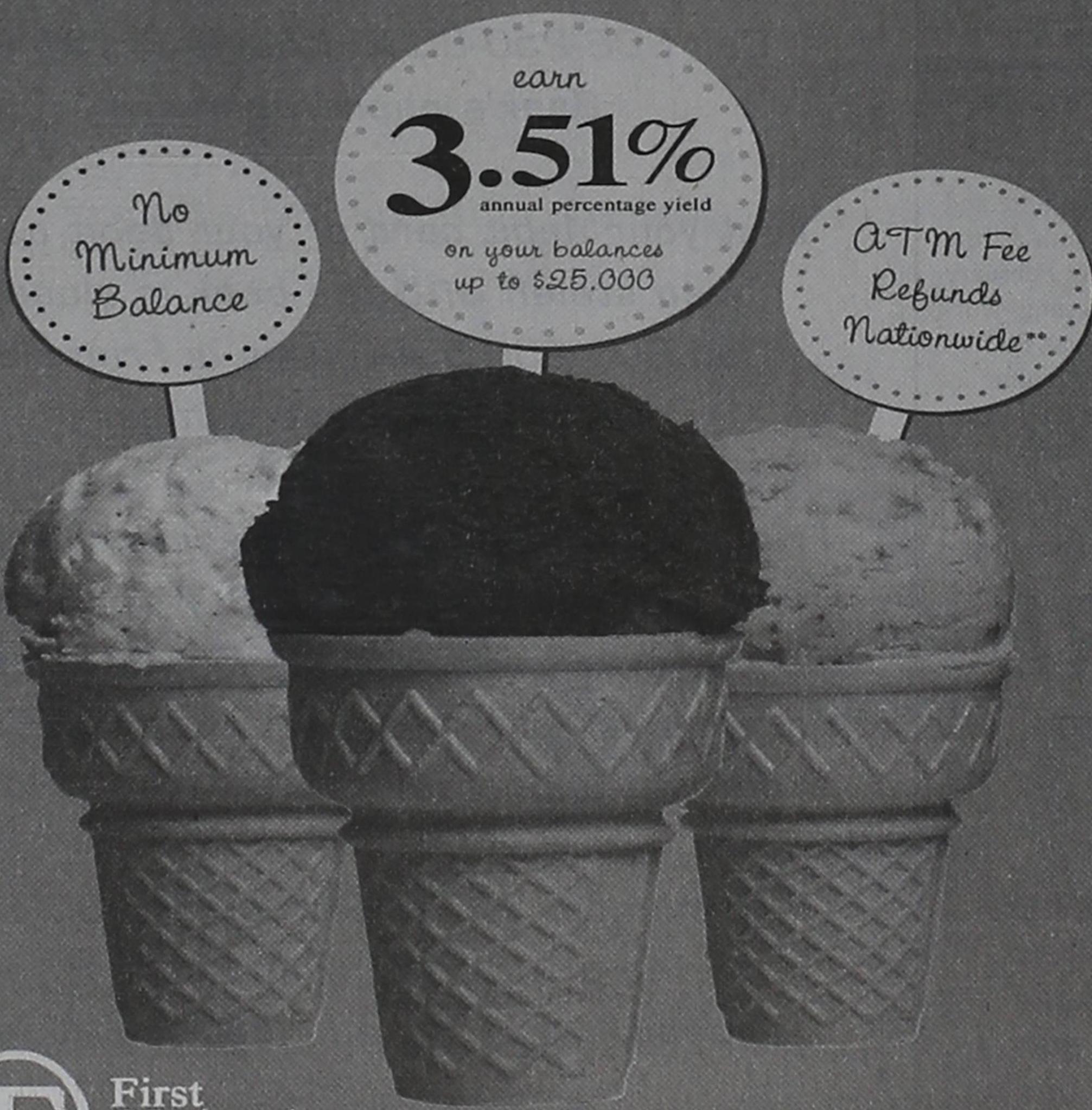
Admission to the exhibits and seminars is free. For more information regarding an exhibitor booth or attendance information, contact Sharon King at (800) 635-8036 or email the expo at chamber@portales.com. Application forms may also be printed from the Ag Expo website at www.nmagexpo.com.



holly campbell photo

Virgie Bryan, left, H & R Block district manager, presented two Client Service Awards to the local H & R Block office on Tuesday. Owners Dale and Laura Hart are shown with associates Andy Chavez and Sandee Carrillo.

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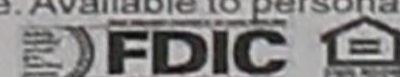
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Sheriff's Report

There is no Sheriff's report this week.



I am Michelle Agee, a candidate for Parmer County Judge. I am starting my 12th year in the County Judge's office. My experience as Judge's assistant includes preparing and finalizing paperwork for Criminal and Civil Court, Juvenile Court, Commissioners Court, Probate Court, including Guardianships, and preparing the annual County Budget.

In this uncertain economic time, I think a conservative budget is important and I will be fair and impartial in making decisions. I will be dedicated to serving the citizens of Parmer County.

I would appreciate your vote in the Republican primary on Tuesday, March 2nd.

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Squaws, Chiefs on countdown to playoffs

The Friona Squaws and Chieftains host the Childress Bobcats Friday February 5 in an important contest that has playoff implications. Both the girls and boys beat Dimmitt Tuesday at Friona gym to remain in the playoff race.

The Squaws are tied with Tulia at 4-4 with two district games left. Floydada is 7-1 and Dimmitt is 5-3. The Squaws face Childress (2-6) Friday and Muleshoe (2-6) Tuesday to end district play.

The Chieftains are at 3-3 in district trailing Muleshoe (5-1), Floydada (5-1) and Childress (4-2). Still to play are Childress, Muleshoe, Floydada, and Tulia. Remaining games are played at Friona gym except for Muleshoe Tuesday there.

Squaw Taryn Jamerson and Chieftain Zack Fair were on the injury list for Tuesday's

games with Dimmitt. Their return is uncertain.

The Squaws beat Dimmitt twice in the last two weeks, 35-33 there and 44-38 Tuesday here. In between they lost to Tulia and Floydada. The Floydada games, varsity only, were played last Saturday at Floydada, delayed due to weather.

Here is a recap of scores from district play:

Squaws 35 Dimmitt 33 Scoring: Sasha Estrada 9, Anna Murphree 8, Kami Kerby 4, Tenna Montana 3, Taryn Jamerson 3, Paige Herbert 3, Ester Sarabia 2, Maddie Murphree 2, Regan Anthony 1.

Squaws 35 Tulia 52 The Squaws were held scoreless in the first quarter and were down 27-10 at the half. Scoring: Taryn Jamerson 11, Ester Sarabia 6, Anna Murphree

6, Kami Kerby 5, Paige Herbert 3, Regan Anthony 3, Sasha Estrada 2.

Squaws 43 Floydada 55 Scoring: Anna Murphree 11, Taryn Jamerson 10, Regan Anthony 7, Paige Herbert 6, Kami Kerby 3, Sasha Estrada 2, Ester Sarabia 2, Tenna Montana 2.

Squaws 44 Dimmitt 38 Five Squaws did all the scoring in this rematch. Scoring: Sasha Estrada 17, Kami Kerby 11, Anna Murphree 9, Maddie Murphree 4, Regan Anthony 3.

Chiefs 41 Dimmitt 61 Scoring: Matthew Stanberry 22, Joey Dickson 7, Caleb Monroe 5, Nick Ortiz 5, Dominique 2.

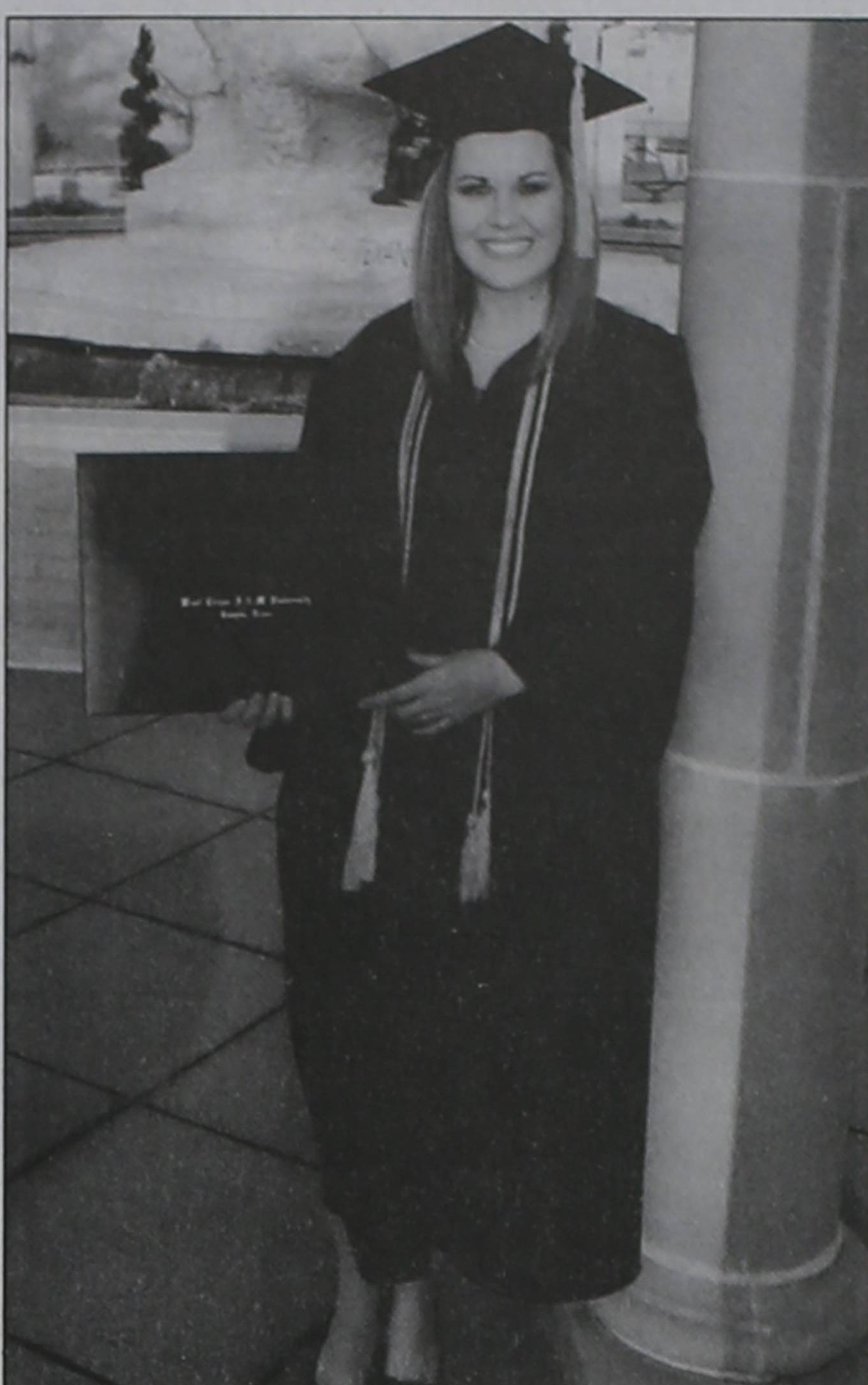
Chiefs 83 Tulia 40 All nine Chieftains scored in this demolition derby with the Hornets. The Chiefs were 14 of 24 from the free throw line and scored five 3s to rout Tulia. Scoring: Matthew Stanberry 20, Joey Dickson 14, Caleb Monroe 11, Zack Fair 10, Stetson Reed 9, David

Schwab 9, Dominique Kellum 5, Nick Ortiz 3, Brenner Barnett 2.

Chiefs 56 Floydada 67 Scoring: Matthew Stanberry 24, Caleb Monroe 7, Joey Dickson 5, Brenner Barnett 5, Nick Ortiz 5, Stetson Reed 4, David Schwab 4, Dominique Kellum 2.

Chiefs 56 Dimmitt 39 The Chiefs got revenge for the earlier 20-point loss to the Bobcats. Scoring: Matthew Stanberry 15, Stetson Reed 11, Nick Ortiz 10, Joey Dickson 10, Caleb Monroe 5, David Schwab 3, Brenner Barnett 2.

Friday night, February 5, will be the last home game for the Squaws this season and will be senior parents night. The parents and seniors will be honored before the Squaws game. Festivities should begin about 6 p.m. The kids are asking everyone to wear red and come out to support the teams and parents. Paint the Gym Red! Good luck Squaws and Chiefs. Beat Childress!



Breann Barnett

Barnett graduates cum laude

Breann Barnett, daughter of David and Jana Barnett, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders from West Texas A&M University in Canyon during fall commencement in December.

During her college career she was a member of Alpha Chi, Gamma Beta Phi, and Phi Eta Sigma sororities. She was a WT cheerleader 2006-08 and earned the Scholar Athlete Award in 06-07 and 07-08. She was on the Dean's List for six semesters and the President's List in the fall of 2009.

She was a Bible Study leader from 07-09 and a member of the National Student Speech, Language, and Hearing Association. Breann plans to pursue a Master's Degree in speech and language pathology.

8th A Maidens 33, 8th A Floydada 10

Kendall Kimbrough scored almost as many points as the 8th grade Lady Winds of Floydada. Kendall led Friona scoring with 8 points. Also scoring: Ashli Smith 6, Marisol Posada 5, Destiny Sandoval 4, Kaliey Lucas 4, Nicolette Guerra 2, Shayle Swink 2.

8th B Maidens 32, 8th B Floydada 16

Marey Gomez lacked two points outscoring the 8th B girls from Floydada as she led her teammates with 15 points. Others scoring: Bailee Brailiff 5, Holly Johnston 4, Brandi Ramos 2, Liliana Amezcua 2, Kiana Lozoya 2, Daizzy Hernandez 2.

SCHOOL MENU

February 8-12

Breakfast

Monday, Feb. 8
Choice of Cereal
Donuts
Orange-Pineapple Juice

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Choice of Cereal
Sausage/Biscuit
Grape Juice

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Choice of Cereal
Breakfast Toasters
Peaches
Apple Juice

Thursday, Feb. 11
Choice of Cereal
Breakfast Pizza
Grape Juice
Friday, Feb. 12
NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday, Feb. 8
Sloppy Joe
Chips
Green Beans
Pears
Tuesday, Feb. 9
Beef, Bean & Tots
Hot Rolls
Corn
Salad Bar
Peaches

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Quesadillas
Mixed Vegetables
Laura's Refried Beans
Orange Smiles
Thursday, Feb. 11
Shrimp Poppers
Hot Rolls
Cole Slaw
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Cool Treat
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JV Chiefs 51 Dimmitt 48

The JVs won this one in overtime. Score was tied at 45-45 at the end of regulation. Scoring: Ryan DeWit 16, M. Ortiz 13, Gabriel Avalos 12, Dillon Kelley 6, and Weston Wyly 4.

JV Chiefs 66 Dimmitt 49 Scoring: M. Ortiz 19, Wyly 18, DeWit 11, Kelley 10, Avalos 8, Henry 1. In this game the JV Chiefs were 29 of 54 free throws.

JV Chiefs 64 Tulia 35 Scoring: DeWit 18, Avalos 16, Kelley 6, Pena 6, M. Ortiz 6, Henry 6, Woods 2, Ortiz 2, Wyly 2.

JV Squaws 19 Dimmitt 40 Scoring: Stormes 9, Vital 4, Sharrock 3, Davila 3.

JV Squaws 18 Dimmitt 43 Scoring: Stormes 6, Davila 6, Vital 4, Juarez 2.

JV Squaws 22 Tulia 42 Scoring: Vital 8, Davila 5, Miller 4, Juarez 3, Stormes 2.

9th Chiefs 37 Floydada 53 Scoring: T. Stevens 15, S. Osborn 15, S. Albarado 2, J. DeWit 2, B. Parker 2, and E. Rojas 1.

Powerlifters score well at Abernathy

Friona high school powerlifters participated in a meet at Abernathy. Results are: 1st place, Sergio Mendez, Clayton Smiley, Duncan Welch; 2nd place, Bryan Flores, Serafin Vazquez, Daniel Meza, Steven Dominguez; 3rd place, Alan Tafoya; 4th place, Valentin Rocha, Steven Mendoza.

Girls participating were: 2nd place, Anyuli Lopez, Laci Austin, Jessica Moreno.

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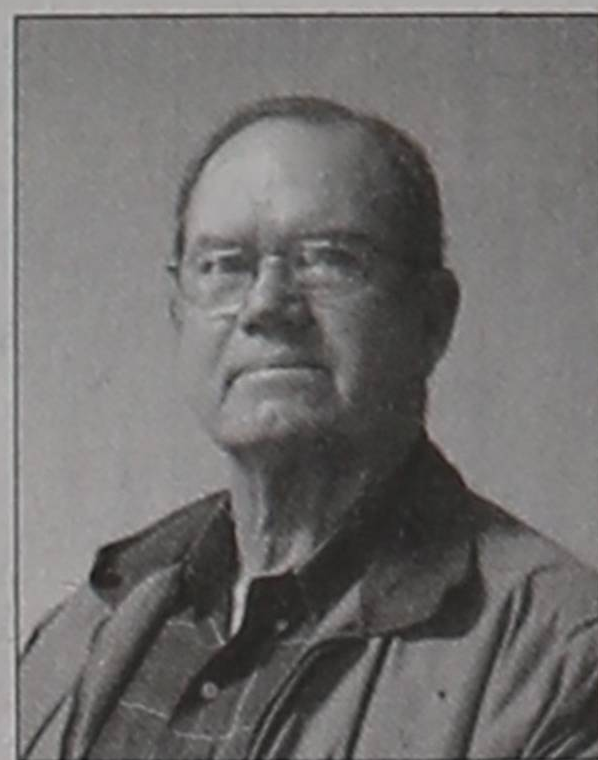
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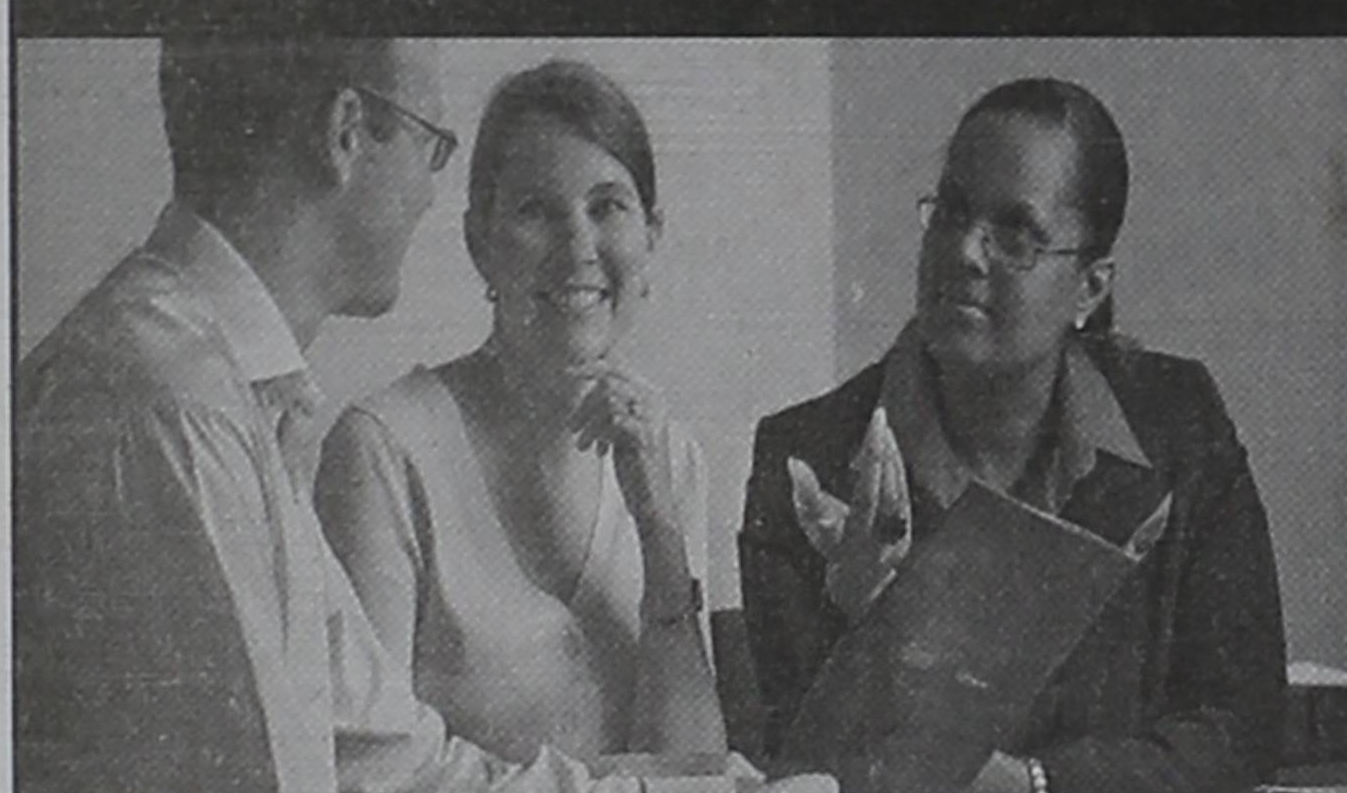
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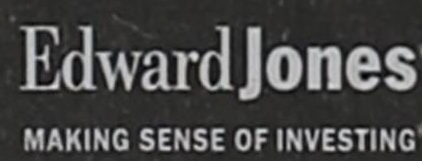
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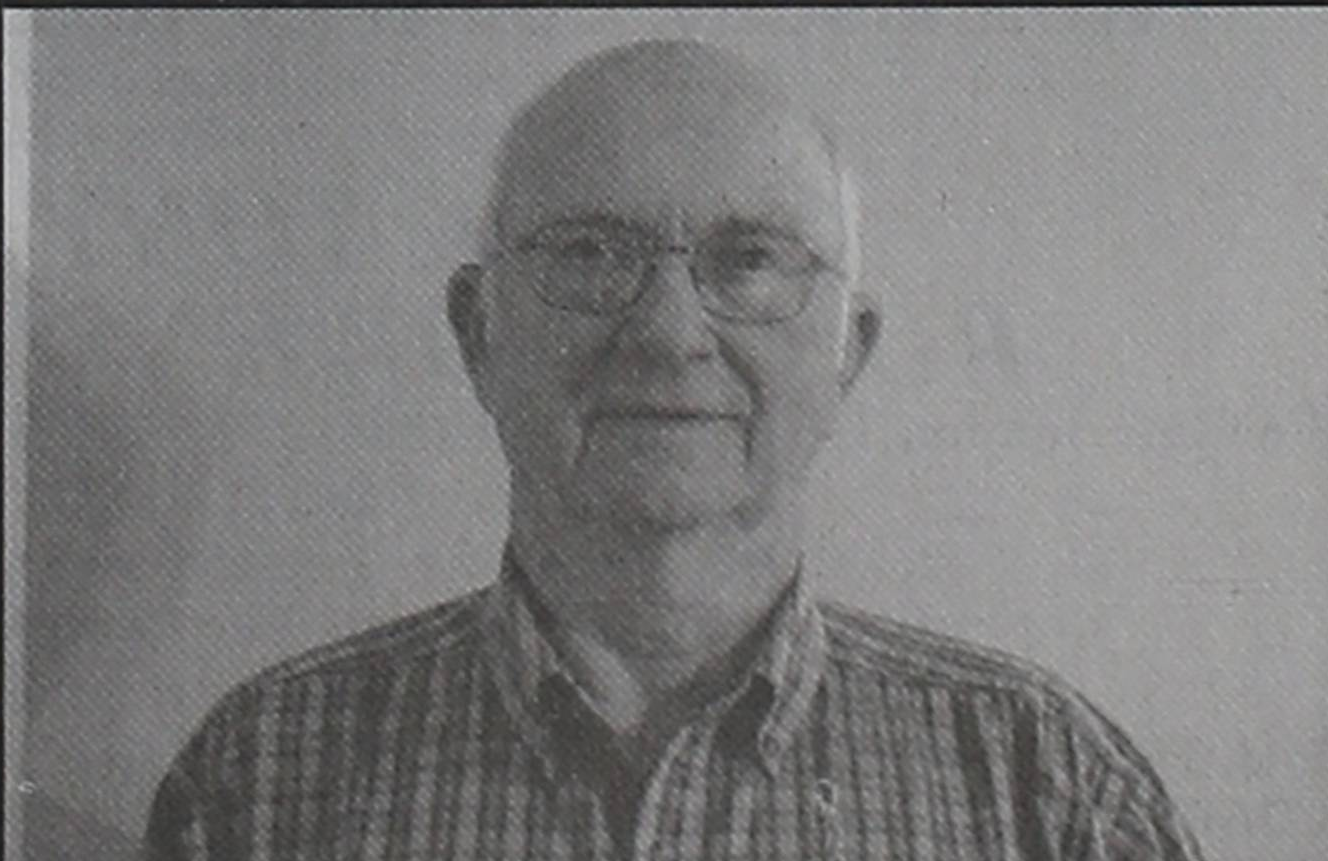
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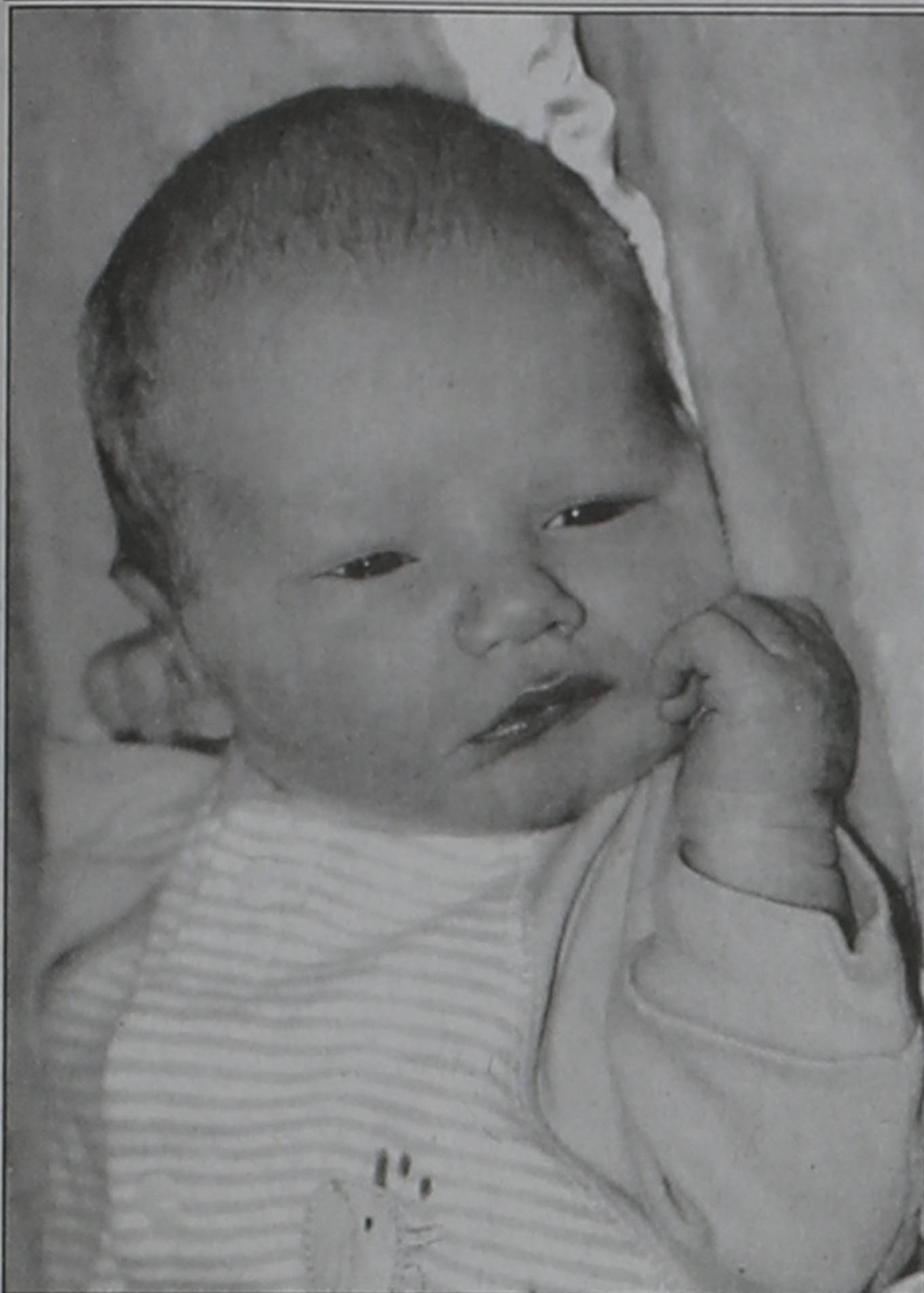
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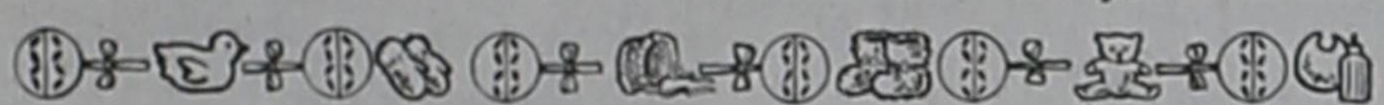
Slade Evert Hamilton

Jeff and Kamie Hamilton proudly announce the birth of their son, Slade Evert Hamilton.

Slade was born on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 3:03 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Jacie is Slade's proud big sister. His grandparents are Raymond and Pam Hamilton of Friona, and Floyd and Martha Schwartz of Garden City, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Delton & Betty Lewellen and Martha Hamilton all of Friona, Emma Doe of Big Springs, Texas, and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City, Texas.



"I Still Do" A marriage event at FBC

First Baptist Church of Friona is sponsoring an "I Still Do" marriage event Valentine's weekend, February 12-14.

Friday is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday is 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Couples candlelight dinner). Sunday, Patrick Six speaks at Sunday worship. The marriage event will be conducted by Patrick and Dwaina Six from First Baptist Church in Canyon. Cost is \$15 per couple. Topics include communication, romance, intimacy, struggles, parenting, and much more. For more information call the church office at 250-3933.

Jesus, money & financial peace

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church will be hosting Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* beginning Sunday, February 7 from 6-8 p.m. and will go for 13 weeks.

The cost of the class is \$93, which includes a Financial Peace University Workbook, all 13 lessons on CD, Dave's best-selling book, *Financial Peace Revisited*, Financial Peace University Envelope System, Budgeting Forms, Updated Financial Peace University Bonus CD, two debit card holders, tip cards and access to the Member Resource Center.

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To sign up for this class call the church at 250-3933 and reserve your spot. Childcare and children's classes will be provided for children 5th grade and under.



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A couple of energetic young guys were helping clear snow in the neighborhood around 7th and Arrah last Friday as Friona dug out of the winter storm that passed through Thursday. Official snowfall amount was 5" with 1.32" of moisture thanks to the freezing rain and sleet that preceded the snow. The boys are Jason Berend, left, and Aaron Osborn.

TV Raffle Fundraiser for Prairie Acres

Employees at Prairie Acres have started a fundraiser for the nursing home patio area. A walkway is in the process of construction and they want to raise money for benches, planters, bushes, etc. Activity director Elizabeth Romero said, "We want to make it look really nice out there so the residents will be able to go out and enjoy the view."

Employees will be selling tickets for a 32" flat screen television. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available at Prairie Acres and they ask that you come by to purchase them. Mrs. Romero added, "If anyone would like to donate some nice outdoor items we will gladly accept them." The phone number at Prairie Acres is 250-3922 or email Mrs. Romero at lizzbiz00@hotmail.com. The drawing will be held on March 1 at 1 p.m.

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One of the reasons for its popularity may be its uniqueness. It is the only book of the Bible that predominately contains man's words to God. Usually, we think of the Bible as God's word to man. The beautiful book of Psalms gives us glimpses into the inner soul of man. They were written out of the experiences of life. They, therefore, are songs of Praise, Thanksgiving, Petition, Supplication and even Complaint.

Several authors were involved in the writing of the Psalms, although David is known to have written over half of them. Of course, the Holy Spirit is the Heavenly author of them all.

The Psalms reaches out to fill our common needs. They contain wisdom and guidance for the erring, power for the weak, courage for the trembling, rest for those who are tired, cheer for the discouraged, hope for the fearful and comfort for those who are hurting.

I hope that reading not only the Psalms but all of the Bible will become part of your daily routine. Beginning with this article, I begin a series looking at the lessons of some of God's beautiful Psalms.

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Attending an Election Law seminar in Irving, Texas, January 11-13, were, left, Casey Sharrock, Fisd administration employee, and city manager Patricia Phipps, right. In the center is Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade who was the featured speaker at the meeting. Also attending but not pictured was city employee Kelly Daniel.



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Matthew Stanberry (33) escapes the squeeze applied by two Dimmitt Bobcats to score two of his game high 15 points as the Chiefs beat Dimmitt 56-39. The Chiefs host more Bobcats Friday February 5 as Childress visits Friona gym. More basketball photos available for reprint at frionaonline.com.

Results of Heritage Society annual meeting

BY CAROL ELLIS

Members and guests of the Depot Heritage Society met January 26 at the Depot in the City Park for their Annual Meeting, followed by refreshments.

Long-time Heritage Society member Betty Jarboe resigned from the position of Treasurer due to personal concerns. Vice President Sarah Geris agreed to take on the duties of the treasurer.

Current officers of the Society now are: President Nancy Edelman, Vice President/Treasurer Sarah Geris, Secretary

Judy Cummings, and Publicity/Historian Carol Ellis.

It was reported that the Depot was used for several meetings during 2009. There was discussion regarding the use of the building for Maize Days 2010 since the Art Association has indicated the annual Maize Days Art Show will be put on hold until new members can be inducted. Announcement regarding Maize Days activities in the Depot will be published in this newspaper at a future date.

Any group wishing to

schedule an event using the Depot at any time other than Maize Days is asked to place it on the calendar by calling Sarah Geris at 250-2262. There is no charge for the use of the Depot for civic events.

The public is reminded that memorials and all donations to the Heritage Society are used for the upkeep of the old Santa Fe Depot in the City Park. The Depot is Friona's oldest building. Yearly membership dues are \$5.00.



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Members of the Friona Heritage Society, with president Nancy Edelman presiding, met Tuesday January 26 at the Depot in City Park for their annual meeting. The volunteer group is dedicated to the maintenance and upkeep of the historic depot.



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Parmer Medical Center employees Tessa Schueler, left, and Lynn Nelson, RN, pitch in during the move to the new hospital. Due to the snowstorm last Thursday, tours of the old and new hospital facilities were postponed to Friday, February 5. See story on front page for times and details.

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