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Moisture total 20.15" in 2010

Official weather guy John Gurley's annual report shows Friona recorded 21.15" of moisture in 2010. July and August were the wettest months with 4.30" and 4.40" respectively. For the month of December only 0.09" was recorded.

The breakdown by month in 2010 was Jan 1.42, Feb 1.94, Mar .97, Apr .87, May 2.12, June 2.17, Jul 4.30, Aug 4.40, Sep .60, Oct .81, Nov .46, and Dec .09.

Financial aid night at FHS

Friona high school seniors and their parents are strongly urged to attend a financial aid night Wednesday January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Information will be available in both English and Spanish. School personnel will discuss FAFSA, student loans, and grants for those students interested in attending college.

Lions beef stew in Dimmitt Friday

The Dimmitt Lions Club invites all Friona basketball fans attending the Friday night game in Dimmitt to a beef stew dinner from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the DHS cafeteria. The menu will include homemade stew, cornbread, cookies, and iced tea or water. The cost is \$5 per person. Proceeds help the Dimmitt Lions community service activities.

Boss Lion Michael Clayman says, "We have some world class cooks preparing the stew". The Squaws tip-off against the Bobbies at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Chiefs vs. Bobcats at 8 p.m.

Local stock show to be held Jan 16

There will be a local stock show this year on Sunday, January 16, at the community center. Weight cards are due by 1:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 2 p.m. All 4-H and FFA members with stock show animals are welcome to participate.

"It has been several years since we have held a local show and invite the public to come and enjoy watching the kids show their animals," 4-H club manager Jeri Lynn White said. For more information contact Parmer County Extension Agent Benji Henderson or FFA advisor Paul Jay Smith.



ron carr photo

Parmer County officials sworn in Monday, January 3, 2011, in the District Courtroom in Farwell are, l-r, Precinct 4 County Commissioner Lloyd Bradshaw, County Judge Trey Ellis, Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Pam Haseloff, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Beth Gipson, County Treasurer Altha Herington, District Clerk Sandra Warren, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Sandra Clayton, and Precinct 2 County Commissioner James Clayton. Retiring County Judge Bonnie Heald administered the oath of office.

County officials sworn in

A couple of new Parmer County officeholders and a host of incumbents were sworn in Monday January 3, 2011, in the District Courtroom of the Farwell Courthouse.

The nine officials were given the oath of office by retiring County Judge Bonnie Heald and take office immediately. They include County Commissioners Lloyd Bradshaw, Precinct 4, and James Clayton, Precinct 2. Mr. Bradshaw is newly elected and Mr. Clayton was the unopposed incumbent.

County Judge Trey Ellis takes

over the office after winning the March 2010 primary. He will replace Judge Heald and serve a four-year term. Jo Beth Gipson was sworn in as Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, the office held by Mr. Ellis until taking over as County Judge.

Other incumbents sworn in include Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Pam Haseloff, County Treasurer Altha Herington, District Clerk Sandra Warren, County Clerk Colleen Stover, and Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Sandra Clayton.

Chamber banquet March 8 citizen nominations needed

The Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 8 at the Friona community center. Tickets will be \$15 and available at a later date. No tickets will be sold at the door. A silent auction is being planned. Any business or individual who wishes to donate auction items should contact the Chamber.

Also the Chamber is looking for a sponsor to furnish the steak knives for the banquet dinner. A previous sponsor of the knives has decided not to participate this year. Call the Chamber for details.

The Chamber is now accepting nominations for the annual top citizen awards to be presented at the banquet. If you know a deserving

citizen for any of the following categories you can submit their name by picking up an application from the Chamber of Commerce office at 621 Main St.

Award categories are: Citizen of the Year, Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Girl and Boy Students of the Year, Most Courteous Employee, and Teacher of the Year.

For more information about the nomination process contact the Chamber at 250-3491. The earlier nominations are submitted the more time the Chamber board has to consider them. Your early cooperation will be appreciated. More details about the banquet will be provided in the Friona Star as they become available.

Council has short agenda Monday

The Friona city council will meet Monday January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All regular meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda is primarily

financial. The council will consider and take action on the approval of the audit report presented by Randall Field, P.C. for fiscal year October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

The accounts payable and financial statement for December 2010 will be considered and the first quarterly financial statement for October 2010 through December 2010 will be considered.

These are the only items currently on the meeting agenda. A final agenda is posted on the front window at city hall each Friday prior to the Monday meeting.

Powerlift meet here Saturday

The Friona Chieftain Powerlifting Championships will be held at Friona gym Saturday January 8. Weigh-in is from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Start time is at 9 a.m. with squat competition followed by

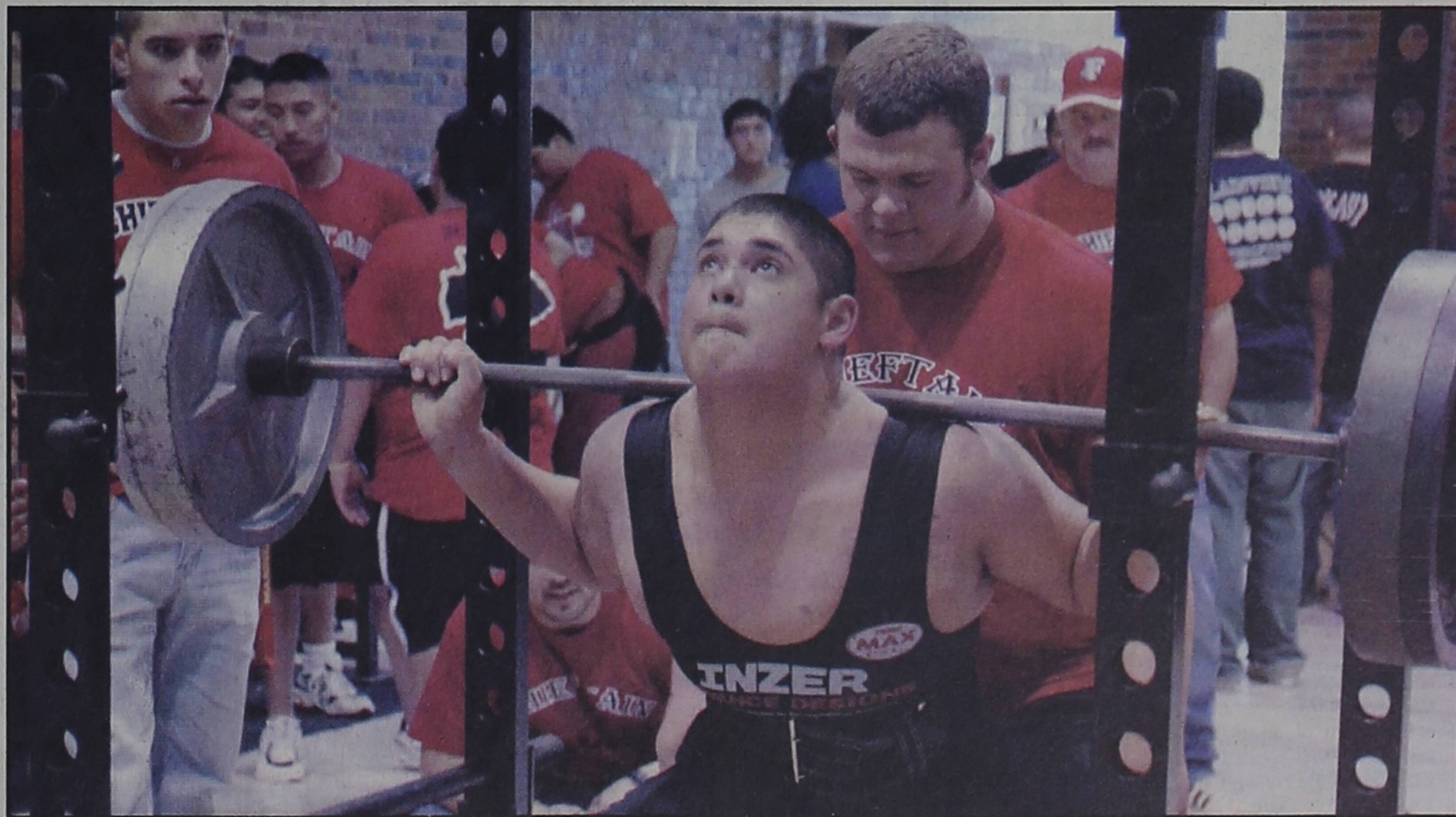
bench press. After lunch is the dead lift competition.

Coach David Towner says they are expecting 24 schools and about 275 lifters. Among the schools scheduled to participate

are Abernathy, Lazbuddie, Shallowater, Vega, Bovina, Levelland, Slaton, Randall, Bushland, Memphis, Sudan, Friona, Floydada, Olton, Hale Center, Panhandle, Tulia, Highland Park, Plains,

Whiteface, Lamesa, Seagraves, and West Texas High.

There is no admission charge and a concession stand will be available. The public is invited to attend the competition.

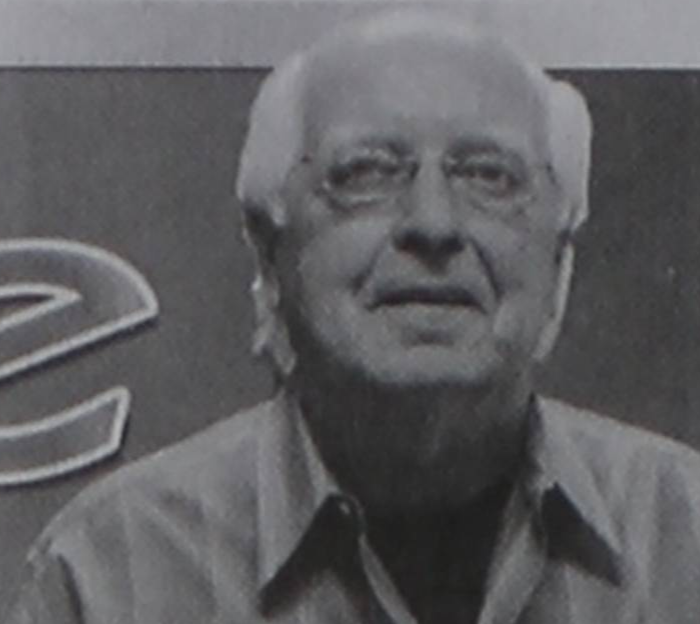


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Friona High School will host a powerlift meet Saturday, January 8 beginning at 9 a.m. in the high school gym. There will be 24 schools and 275 lifters. The public is invited. Concession stand will be available during the day. Friona powerlift coaches are Jimmy Arias and David Towner.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Letters to the Editor

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the boomers are blooming

Bring on the Boomer generation.

Did you read the Baby Boomer article in Sunday's Amarillo Globe-News? If you were born from 1946 to 1966 you are considered a baby boomer. The article said beginning January 1, 2011, 10,000 baby boomers a day will turn 65 and that will continue for the next 19 years. Wow!

It predicts that the baby boomer generation now faces a crisis as they reach their mid-sixties. A smart professor from the University of Pennsylvania said, "The situation is extremely serious because baby boomers have not saved very effectively for retirement and are still retiring too early."

Pension plans are disappearing, 401K and other stock plans are showing lower returns, and the crash in housing prices has slashed about a third of a home's value. Now, they say,

22 percent of homeowners owe more on their home than it is worth. All these factors are alleged to make the baby boomer retirees a potential liability for the American economy.

It is probably much ado about nothing. Economists and other really smart professor types like to scare us with numbers of doom. They say the greatest shortcoming of the baby boomers has been a failure to save and those of us still working will have to support them.

Since those 10,000 people a day will retire with no money they will become a drain on Social Security and Medicare. For many of them it will mean a lower living standard. Baloney sandwiches, used cars, and browsing at Goodwill could be in their future.

Nearly 75 percent of folks file for Social Security at age 62, instead of waiting until they

reach 66 or 70 when they could draw more per month. The government wants you to wait for obvious reasons. You might die first so then they don't have to pay you anything.

All of those boomers will be a strain on the medical system too they say. With 10,000 people a day turning 65 no doubt more and more will be battling the ills of older age. With soaring medical costs, the Pennsylvania professor said, "People just cannot fathom how much money will be needed to simply cover out-of-pocket medical care costs."

They gave an example of a man in Florida who made and spent a lot of money during the 60s to now. Last January he was laid off from a \$100,000 a year job and only had \$5,000 in savings. Now he is on a budget for the first time. He started drawing Social Security at 62, is divorced, lives in a small

apartment, and says, "If I'd been smarter and planned and had the bucks, I'd wait until 70. It's my fault. For years I was making plenty of money and spending plenty of money."

"If I had been smarter." That pretty much applies to everyone doesn't it? Certainly to me. I wish I could convince my children, who range in age from 20 to 44, to make sure they are planning for the day when they will be 62 or older. The problem is that when you are 20-something, age 62 sure looks like a long way off.

I hope the baby boomers do not completely wreck the US economy as many predict. It will be interesting to watch and of course will provide many weeks of topics for columns like this one. Good luck and remember the words of that great American hero Tarzan.

"It is a jungle out there, Jane."

Drawing the Lines

by State Senator Kel Seliger

State Senator (later Ambassador) Teel Bivins once said that legislative redistricting was the most partisan and contentious activity that he was exposed to in his years in the Senate. Neither this fact, nor the fact that for at least a generation, redistricting has been as much about lawsuits as it has legislation, motivated the Lieutenant Governor to choose me to chair the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting earlier this year. I think.

Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution and corresponding state provisions dictate that, after each decennial census, the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives be formulaically apportioned to the 50 states. Individual states are to then adjust the political lines to conform to the new census count.

The 2010 Census yielded a count of nearly 309 million Americans and just over 25 million Texans. Redistricting is the legislative process of conforming the geographical boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts to reach very nearly equivalent populations. It is this process by which we, the 82nd Legislature, will design congressional districts containing about 698,000 people each, State Senate districts with around 811,000 residents each, and State House districts with about 168,000 residents each.

What do these numbers tell us? We received the initial population data for Texas from the U.S. Census Bureau on December 21. This data, however, is far from what we need to draw maps, but it is very important. It told us that Texas will get four additional U.S. Congressmen, and states like Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and New York will lose one or two seats to Western and Southern states.

This is great news for Texas because it means that 36 men and women will go to Washington, D.C. with the interests of the Lone Star State among their highest priorities, while today we are represented by 32 members. But it will not be until sometime between mid-February and the statutory deadline of April 1, that we know exactly in which counties, precincts, and even city blocks that Texans are living.

It is also at that time that we will know the ethnic composition of those populations, so we can draw maps that meet the requirements of law and that are fair. Texas is one of several states that must comply with both Sections 2 and 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Act). While every state in the Union must comply with Section 2 of the Act, Texas must obtain preclearance from either the U.S. Department of Justice or the federal courts, as required by Section 5 of the Act.

Generally speaking, the Voting Rights Act provides that districts cannot be drawn that will deprive a minority group of the opportunity to elect a representative of its choice. The Act further dictates that members of a minority cannot be packed into one district so numerously that they would be deprived of the opportunity to influence the political outcome of an adjacent district.

These legal requirements, both in statute and in judicial precedents, frame one of the guiding principles of this process. We must have a process and a product that is legal. I have already been informed that if a particular goal of one group is not attained, then they will file suit. I cannot determine yet if the relevant numbers will reach that goal, but we must be sure as the process develops and maps are drawn that they are drawn with a careful eye on the law. To that end, our committee has availed itself of some of the best legal counsel available, and it is my intention to listen carefully to them.

Fairness means something different to every observer. At our outreach hearings around the state, we heard that fairness means proportionality. For example, if 60 percent of the states four million new citizens are Latino, then that proportion should be reflected in the maps. To some people, fairness re-

quires that all of the citizens in a municipality are represented by the same Congressman, State Senator, or State Representative, if possible. One speaker thought that it would only be fair if that area was represented by the incumbent member of Congress, and another group asserted that a neighborhood and the community center that is the social focal point of that area should be in one district. There will be lots of discussion of "communities of common interest" and how they should be grouped together. These can include neighboring communities and areas of common economic activity.

I believe this process will be more transparent and interactive than ever before. Texas uses proprietary software called RED APPL to draw maps and keep a statistical record of every line and change. There will be work stations available to the public in the Capitol Complex along with assistance from the experts at the Legislative Council, so that the public can draw maps and submit them for consideration like the members of the legislature will do.

While some of the motivation revealed throughout this process may appear petty, the outcome is important. It will be a map that determines who represents Texans in the U.S. Congress and in the State Legislature for the next ten years.

I have a story to tell. My name is Francisca Miramontes. I came to Friona in 1969. I started my nursing career in New York City and prior to coming to Friona I nursed in Ruidoso, NM.

I received my Texas Nursing License in 1972 in Hereford, TX. I've nursed here in Friona at Prairie Acres as charge nurse in 1974 and in surrounding nursing homes in Hereford, Muleshoe, and Dimmitt until 1986. I married the love of my life, Margo Miramontes, and now reside in Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico, for the past 24 years.

I came back to Friona in December of 2009 to visit my children that live here and I became very sick. What started as a simple gall bladder problem ended up being a bowel puncture during surgery then an infection in the incision that left me with an open wound that took months to heal. That led to pneumonia, a punctured lung, and a very bad intestinal infection that has been hanging on for months and still trying to recover from.

I've been here for a year now longing to go home and resume my happy life with my husband. Before I go I have to tell everyone here in Friona that during my long illness I've been a patient in one of Amarillo's hospitals and being a nurse for 35 years, I'm telling you it was the worst nursing care I've had in my life and it almost cost me my life.

I'm 91-years-old and I'm still alive due to the loving care I've received from Dr. Dickson and the wonderful nursing care from our own hospital here in Friona. Anyone who has been a patient there knows what I am talking about.

However I have to admit my heart belongs to Blue Bonnet Home Healthcare & Hospice. I would have never made it without them. The nurses have become part of my family. They are not only the most efficient nurses I've ever met but the love they show their patients has no bounds.

They have gotten me through the worst period of my life! Their kindness and generosity are priceless. I owe them so much and because of them and Dr. Dickson, I'm happy to say tomorrow, December 21, 2010, after a year of fighting for my life, finally I am going home to live out the rest of my life!

Though I may never see you again Kathy, Liz, Penny, Dawn, Dalia, and Joy, know that I take you with me in my heart. I'll never forget you and I'll miss you so much. Thank you. I love you.

Francisca Miramontes & the Vasquez family.



P.S. I also attached a picture of the nurses of Blue Bonnet bidding me happy trails to Mexico.

To the editor, residents of Parmer County, and readers of the Friona Star:

Though this is a bit late, my family and I wish to express our thanks for all the wonderful gifts and time many of you give to the residents of Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates all year, but especially at Christmas.

It is so heartwarming to see your generosity and spirit of giving in evidence. Thanks for your willingness to share, none of these residents are left without the feeling of love. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this community. Please know that your efforts are making a positive impact for the residents of these two facilities.

Wishing you all the best for 2011.
Cheryl Weatherly

Thank you Mr. Carr,
I wanted to send you this message to say thank you for doing such a great job with the online Friona Star. I graduated from FHS in 1995 and moved away in 1997. For the past 7 years I and my wife of 10 years Stacey, and our son Tanyon, 5, and daughter Landry, 19 months, are living in Aztec, New Mexico. Since 2008 I have been reading the Star online and it makes home seem a little closer than 500 miles. Thank you once again.
Sincerely,
Cory Bentley

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ACROSS

1 this Matt beat the Rangers in Game 2 of '10 World Series

5 this Preminger directed TX Tierney

6 "___ fair in love and war"

7 "Black Friday" event

8 "We Know Drama" cable channel

9 West TX mountains have ___ trees

12 TXism: "___ delight" (milk)

17 TX Tanya sang "One Love ___"

19 Comanche Co. is a big ___ producer

21 "___ Hubbard" is east of Dallas

22 Big ___ TX

23 TXism: "attracted like a pig ___"

28 this Barbara was TX Hagman's "Jeannie"

29 TXism: "between a rock ___ hard place"

30 TX Meat Loaf album: "Bat Out ___"

31 late TX atheist Madalyn Murray

35 actress Jane of '66 film "The Chase" with TX Martha Hyer

36 TX pro hockey team 42 committed

44 last "M" of "MGM"

46 brief Spurs coach Tarkanian was coach at this CA school

48 TX-based '83 film: "___ Mercies"

49 Cybill of "Texasville" (init.)

50 UT Ransom Ctr. has desk of Edgar Allan ___

51 TXism: "all over but the shouting"

52 TX-based airline (abbr.)

53 TX JoBeth Williams '80 film: "___ Crazy"

54 preservation grp. for TX "horny toad" (abbr.)

56 TXism: "bunched up like hogs ___ ___ trough"

57 Dallas Stars league (abbr.)

58 ___ Valle, TX

DOWN

1 "Gulf ___" region includes the TX barrier islands

2 in Cass Co. on 59

3 TXism: "___ a faith healer to fix it" (badly broken)

4 "Doc" met "Big ___ Kate" in TX

9 TX stinger: ___ ant song: "___ from the Rio Grande"

11 TX salt lake: "La Sal Del ___"

12 "brown" package deliverer in TX

13 "Texas ___ of Public Safety" fix socks

15 Nocona Boot Co. was started by ___ Justin Steltzer

16 TXism: "he could out ___ six legged bobcat" (fast)

18 this Dallasite Cassidy was "Lurch" on "The Addams Family"

20 this Tom was Ranger player, GM, and now broadcaster (init.)

23 TXism: "fixin' ___ do it"

24 it's not hard to find a chili cook-___ in TX

25 TXism: "he rides rough ___ over everybody" (mean)

26 a German surname

solution on page 4

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Town Talk II

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Welcome to 2011 with us. Glad to have you along and glad to have the holiday chaos out of the way. The holidays are like visiting relatives, we enjoy them while they are here but glad when they are gone.

Crazy weather. Official weather guy John Gurley said the low temperature in the city overnight New Year's Eve was 0.5 degrees, 1/2 degree from reaching zero. Overnight New Year's Day the low was 10 degrees. This week we started off cold then got to the 50s during the day. The meteor guys in Amarillo are hinting about some real winter weather, including snow, this weekend and next week. May get here, may not.

We'll start off the New Year by saying happy birthday to Saidi Soliz. She turns 11 on January 12. So have a great day Saidi. She is the daughter of Martha and Victor Soliz.

Coach Don Meyer to speak in Canyon

Kids, Incorporated of Amarillo is proud to announce that Coach Don Meyer, the career coaching leader in victories in NCAA men's basketball, will come to the Texas Panhandle on Saturday, January 15, 2011. The motivational speaking engagement will take place on the campus of West Texas A&M University in the First United Bank Center.

Thanks to the cooperation of West Texas A&M University's Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Michael McBroom, those interested may reserve tickets for only \$1 through the Kids, Incorporated office to watch the Lady Buffs and Buffs basketball teams play at 4:00pm and 6:00pm, respectively. Coach Meyer will speak following the men's game at

Cowboys listen up! On Saturday January 15 at 10 a.m. in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon there will be a saddle maker roundtable discussion. Lot of area saddle makers will participate and you can attend. Reservations required. Call Elaine at 806-651-2258.

A press release said that DPS Troopers arrested 48 drunk drivers during the New Year's weekend here in the Panhandle.

Ross Paiz's grandmother Delma Paiz passed away in Las Vegas, New Mexico recently. Ross said she formerly lived in Friona for 30 years.

Jo Wells is recovering in Amarillo from a broken hip and broken elbow she suffered when she fell at Parmer Medical Center.

My son Casey and his wife Candice escorted a group to the Rose Bowl game. Casey works at a travel agency in Dallas and his mother Sharon is a TCU graduate. I sent him a text during the game that I was looking for him on TV. He sent back a message that he was wearing purple.

Glad to know that all the stamps at the post office are now "forever" stamps so whatever you pay for a stamp you can use it forever without having to buy one or two-cent stamps when the postage increases.

The powerlift meet Saturday at Friona gym will feature a lot of grunts and groans and some pretty good food in the concession stand. Carrie Arias and her crew will be selling breakfast burritos early then hamburgers for lunch. Had the burgers at last year's meet and they are plenty good. Gonna try the breakfast burritos this year. The lifting

starts at 9 a.m. Come out and support the meet. No admission charge.

Friona firefighters were called out last Sunday about 2 p.m. to assist Deaf Smith County with another big grass fire up north.

Jason and Melissa Wright have purchased the Thompson's store on the square in Canyon. It is a gift shop type of operation. Melissa had worked at the store for several years. The couple lives in Canyon and Jason still farms here in Parmer County.

It is reported that

Brownsville is the first city in Texas to ban the use of plastic bags. Brownsville folks will have to bring their own sacks or buy reusable bags from the stores. Seems like a big inconvenience, especially to those who buy big quantities of food items.

Did I hear correctly this morning on the news that this year, for the first time, Emancipation Day will be a government holiday. Hmmm! Emancipation Day, freeing of the slaves, first black president. Probably no connection, just a coincidence. It is not a holiday for you and me,

just for the government if I heard it right.

We'll be taking the media-mobile to Dimmitt Friday night for the Squaws and Chiefs basketball games. Don't usually go to out-of-town basketball games but want to see the new Dimmitt gym and eat some stew prepared by the Dimmitt Lions Club before the game. Holly Campbell and I have spiffy new high-speed Nikon cameras we'll be trying out. Look for better and even more exciting photos in 2011. Until then!

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Gossett

Mary Ann Gossett, 78, of Friona died Monday, December 27, 2010 in Friona. Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Ms. Gossett was born October 24, 1932, in Grafard, Texas, to Clint and Mary Margaret Johnson Weeks. She was a registered nurse, president of The League of Women Voters of Las Vegas, New Mexico, a rancher, homemaker, and a member of the Las Vegas, New Mexico Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Rebecca Jo Gossett, a brother Billy Weeks and a sister



Fairene Harper.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Gossett of Friona, and one sister, Louis Townsend of Pomona, California.

Celebrate Recovery to Begin Meeting At Hereford Church of the Nazarene

Celebrate Recovery, a Christian self-help program, will begin meeting every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. Celebrate Recovery, first developed by Rick Warren's Church in Saddleback, California, now operates in thousands of churches nationwide. Many people have found help from addictions, hurts & hang-ups through the Celebrate Recovery.

The program is similar to a 12 step program but Christ is the center of our healing. The 7 steps which Celebrate Recovery is based on come from The Beatitudes.

1. Realize I'm not God; I

admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable. "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor." Matthew 5:3

2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

"Happy are the meek." Matthew 5:5

4. Openly examine and confess my faults to God, to myself

and to another person whom I trust.

"Happy are the pure in heart." Matthew 5:8

5. Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life.

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires." Matthew 5:6

6. Evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when doing so would harm them or others.

"Happy are the merciful" Matthew 5:7 "Happy are the peacemakers" Matthew 5:9

7. Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His work for my life and gain the power to follow His will.

Celebrate Recovery is open to all adults who desire support in ending addictions in their lives. The meetings are confidential. Kerry Glidewell is leading our meetings which involve teachings, testimonies and sharing. There will be a men's group and women's group. Nursery and childcare is available. Meetings will be in the NCA library (use the south sanctuary door).

For more information contact Kerry Glidewell at 683-3353.

Spiritual Sins

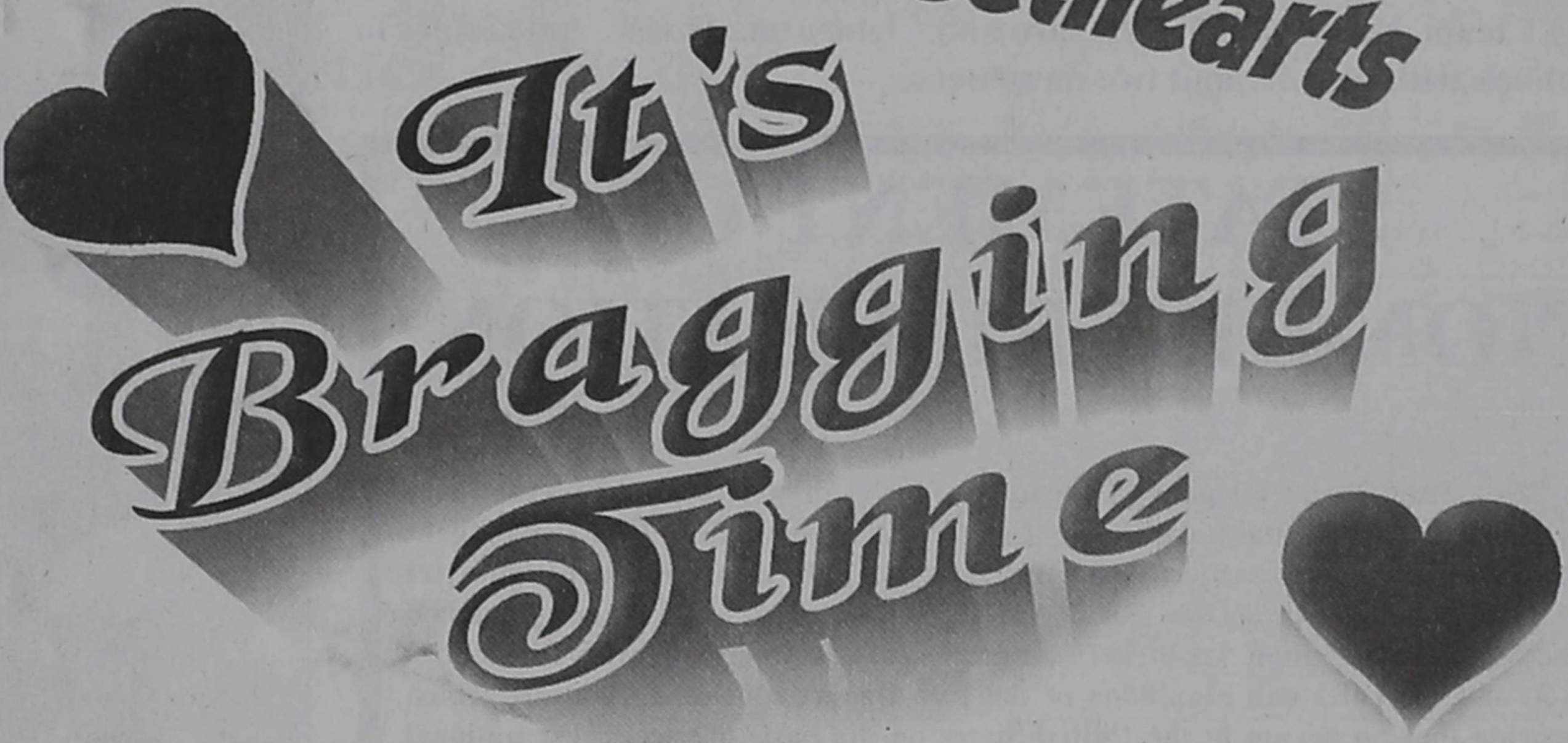
By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

A quick perusing of movies and TV listings will depict an interest in spiritual things that has become a trademark of the entertainment menu. The Harry Potter novels and movies, Ghost Hunters, Hereafter, The Walking Dead and Haunted History are just a few titles that you may have seen, and also point to the reality that there is an interest in the spiritual and supernatural world. Our interest in the supernatural and spiritual realm is not a bad thing, unless we choose to satisfy that interest through ungodly and demonic avenues.

For example, in 1 Samuel 28, King Saul is in a bind. War is at hand, his sinful ways have placed him in a position where God won't answer him and he has a bright idea to go consult a medium, which is clearly forbidden in God's Word (Lev 20:6-7, 26-27). So, he disguises himself and asks her to conjure up Samuel the prophet. Much to the medium's shock and surprise Samuel shows up, only to pronounce judgment on Saul regarding the battle he will lose and his life that is to be taken.

In fact, after Saul dies in battle, one of the sins that marked his legacy is that he consulted a medium, and broke faith with God. When you dabble in spiritual things that are not centered on Christ, you are inviting the demonic into your life. Satan's schemes and devices are designed to perk your interest, please your flesh, and point you in a direction away from Christ. Which direction are you going in 2011?

Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts



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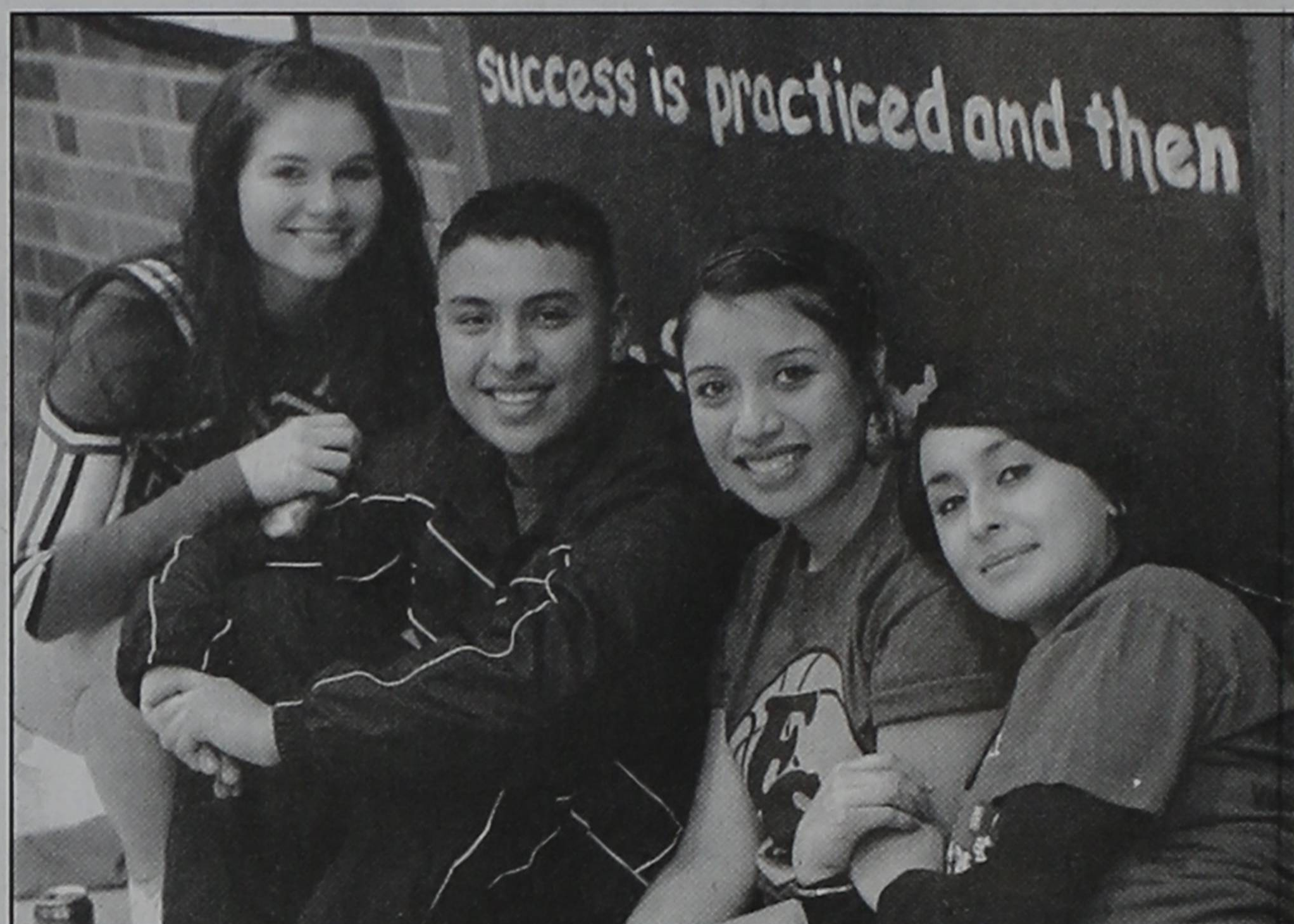
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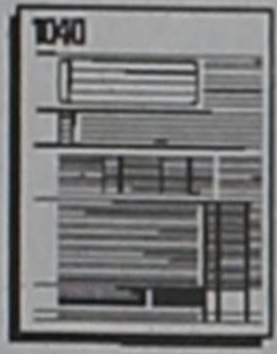
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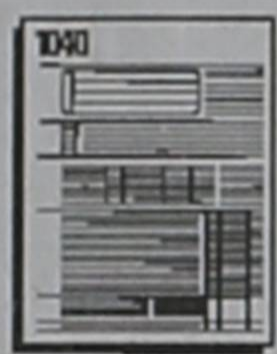
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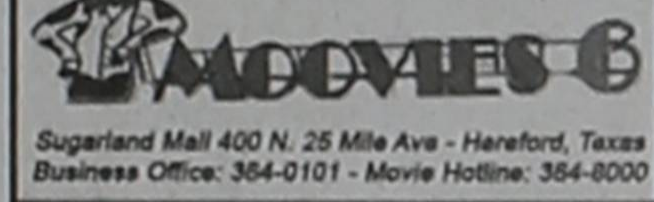
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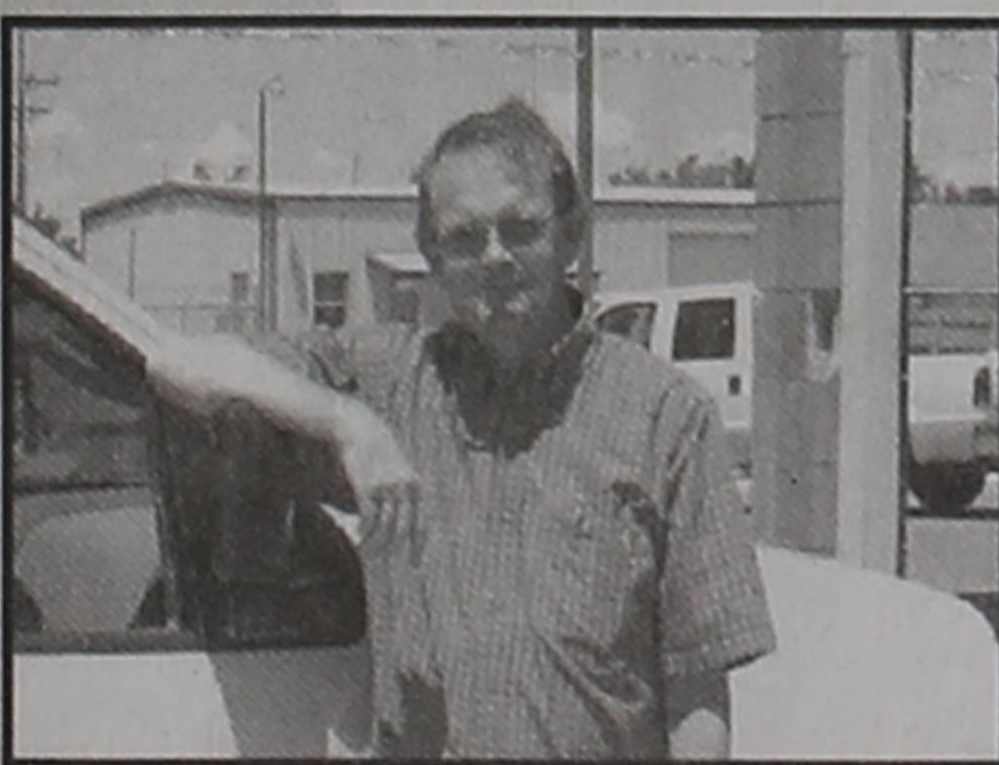
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Chieftain senior Nick Ortiz takes aim for another three-point basket as the Chiefs bashed the Tulia Hornets 69-43 at Friona gym Tuesday. Ortiz had eleven 3s and a game high 33 points to lead scoring. More game photos available at frionaonline.com.

Squaws basketball holiday update

The Friona Squaws continue district play this week with a Tuesday game here vs. Tulia and a Friday away game vs. Dimmitt. The Squaws began the week with a 1-2 district record with losses to Floydada and Idalou and a win over Abernathy. The Tulia games will be shown Saturday January 8 beginning at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76.

Squaws 48 Idalou 67. The Squaws put up 16 points in the first quarter to lead 16-11 but the Lady Wildcats came roaring back with a 24-7 second quarter to take a 35-23 halftime lead. Regan

Anthony led scoring with 21 points. Other scoring: Maddie Murphree 10, Liz Trevino 9, Briana Miller 5, Ester Sarabia 2, and Tamra Stormes 2.

Dimmitt Tournament: The Squaws participated in the Dimmitt tournament and won consolation with a 3-1 tourney record. Games and scoring were:

Squaws 35 Vega 41. Anthony led with 14 points followed by Murphree 8, Sarabia 7, Trevino 4, Miller 2.

Squaws 52 Happy 38: The girls had a strong 36 point first half to run away from Happy for a 52-38 win. Se-

nior Liz Trevino burned the boards to lead scoring with 25 points, including three 3s. Anthony had 10, Stormes 6, Sarabia 6, and Murphree 5.

Squaws 48 Denver City 34. Again the girls came out with a 36 point first half to take a 36-12 lead at the break. In spite of a 22-12 Denver City second half run the Squaws won 48-34. Scoring: Sarabia 13, Trevino 9, Miller

8, Anthony 7, Stormes 7, and Murphree 4.

Squaws 52 Hart 20. The Squaws held a 23-16 halftime lead but came storming back with a 29-4 second half for the one-sided win over the Lady Horns. Scoring: Sarabia 14, Anthony 11, Miller 9, Murphree 8, Stormes 5, Trevino 3, Ashli Smith 2.

Littlefield Tournament:

The Squaws were 1-2 at the Littlefield tournament.

Squaws 38 Farwell 26. The Squaws led all the way against their Parmer County rivals. Scoring: Trevino 9, Anthony 7, Sarabia 7, Murphree 7, Miller 6, Stormes 2.

Squaws 13 Portales 27. Only three Squaws scored in this defensive battle with the Lady Rams. Friona had

8 points in the first half and 5 in the second half. Miller had 6 points, Murphree 4, and Anthony 3.

Squaws 46 Snyder 50. The Squaws fell behind 17-10 in the first quarter but came back to play close all the way before dropping a 50-46 decision. Sarabia was high with 12 points, Murphree 11, Anthony 9, Miller 7, and Trevino 3.

Squaws and Chiefs sweep Tulia

The district basketball season resumed Tuesday at Friona gym as the Chiefs and Squaws battled Tulia and came away with two convincing wins.

The Squaws, led by 22 points from senior guard Regan Anthony, had little trouble with the Lady Hornets. Anthony had 17 points in the first half as Friona took a 36-19 lead into the halftime break.

The girls hit on 17 of 19 free throws as they beat Tulia 60-38 to improve their district record to 2-2. Other scoring: Ester Sarabia 13, Maddie Murphree 11, Liz Trevino 6, Briana Miller 4, Megan Sharrock 2, Ashli Smith 2.

The Chiefs also had little trouble with the Hornets, posting a 69-43 win behind the hot hand of Nick Ortiz as he posted eleven 3s for a game high 33 points. Ortiz had a crowd pleasing nine 3s and 27 points in the first half.

The win gives the Chiefs an early 1-1 district record. The teams travel to Dimmitt Friday as district play continues. Other scoring: Ryan DeWit 10, Simon Zajicek 6, Zack Fair 5, Brenner Barnett 5, Caleb Monroe 4, Dillon Kelley 4, Ernesto Monreal 2.

Both Tulia games will be shown Saturday January 8 beginning at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76. Game photos by Holly Campbell and Ron Carr will be available at frionaonline.com/photos.

JV Squaws 33 Tulia JV 37

Kendall Kimbrough had 11 points as the JV girls lost a close game to Tulia. Other scoring: Adame 8, Posada 4, Davis 4, Guerra 2, Juarez 2, Osborn 2.

JV Chiefs 74 Tulia JV 33

The JV Chiefs put up 35 first half points then added 39 in the second half to dominate the Tulia JV. Weston Wylie led scoring with 23 points including three 3s. Teammate Michael Ortiz added 15 points also including three 3s. Other scoring: Gabriel Avalos 12, Jake DeWit 8, Gonzales 6, Henry 4, Osborn 3, D. Ortiz 3.

9th Chiefs 23 Littlefield 44

The freshman Chiefs played Littlefield during the holidays and lost by a score of 44-23. Scoring for the frosh were Mark Schwab 8, Brad Stowers 8, Coke Capshaw 3, Trent Hickman 2, and Hunter Sundre 2.

JV Squaws at Dimmitt tourney

The JV Squaws played four games in the Dimmitt tournament. They finished at 1-3 with losses to Littlefield JV, Farwell JV, Bushland JV and a win over Dimmitt JV.

JV Squaws 18, Littlefield 34. Scoring were A. Osborn 8, K. Davis 3, K. Kimbrough 2, M. Posada 2, A. Adame 2, and N. Juarez 1.

JV Squaws 24 Farwell JV 27. Scoring: A. Osborn 6, A. Adame 6, Posada 4, Kimbrough 4, N. Guerra 2, K. Lozoya 2.

JV Squaws 28 Bushland 37. Scoring: Adame 10, Kimbrough 10, Juarez 4, Davis 2, Posada 2.

JV Squaws 44 Dimmitt 35. Scoring: Kimbrough 13, Adame 9, Davis 8, Guerra 6, Posada 4, Juarez 2, Osborn 2.



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Junior guard Caleb Monroe brought applause from the Chieftain fans with this fast break dunk against the Tulia Hornets. The Squaw - Chieftain vs. Tulia games will be shown Saturday January 8 beginning at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76.

Chieftain basketball holiday update

The Friona Chieftains bring an 0-1 district record into this week as they continue district with Tulia Tuesday at Friona gym and travel to Dimmitt Friday January 7. A replay of the Tulia game will be shown Saturday January 8 on WT Services channel 76. The Squaws game replay will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the Chiefs.

Chiefs 49 Texico 37. Before Christmas the Chiefs traveled to Texico to challenge the Wolverines. Led by 21 points from Nick Ortiz, including five 3s, the Chiefs made a 27-14 second half comeback to score the win. Other scoring: Brenner Barnett 11, Ryan DeWit 8, Ernesto Monreal 5, Caleb Monroe 2, Simon Zajicek 2.

Chiefs 49 Idalou 79. In their only district match so far, the Chiefs lost to the Idalou Wildcats at Idalou. Last year Idalou advanced to the 2A state finals and became a district opponent with the 2010 UIL realignment. Idalou led 38-23 at the half and put up a 41-26 second half run. Chieftain scoring: Ortiz 15, DeWit 11, Barnett 9, Dominique Kellum 4, Michael Ortiz 4, Monroe 2, Monreal 2, Zajicek 2.

Chiefs 48 Portales 68. The Chiefs traveled to Portales during the break to take

on the Rams. Portales opened a 45-19 halftime lead. In spite of a Chieftain 24-point 3rd quarter, the Rams held on to win by 20. Scoring: Ortiz 18 on six 3s, Barnett 11, Zajicek 6, DeWit 6, Kellum 5, Monreal 2.

Dimmitt Tournament: The Chiefs were 1-2 at Dimmitt.

Chiefs 44 Bushland 72. Scoring: Ortiz 24 (eight 3s), Monroe 5, Barnett 4, DeWit 4, Kellum 2, Monreal 2.

Chiefs 54 Shallowater 44. The Chiefs were behind by one at the half 26-25 and led 35-32 at the end of the 3rd. A 19-point 4th quarter put the Chiefs ahead to win 54-44. Points scored: Ortiz 19, Barnett 11, DeWit 9, Kellum 8, Monroe 4, Zajicek 3.

Chiefs 62 Lamesa 42. Junior post Ryan DeWit worked the boards underneath for 20 points to lead Friona to the win. The Chiefs led 15-13 at the end of one quarter but had a 20-point 2nd to take the lead for good. Scoring: DeWit 20, Ortiz 18 (four 3s), Kellum 8, Monroe 6, Monreal 5, Zajicek 3, Barnett 2.

Littlefield Tournament: Friona brought home the consolation trophy from Littlefield.

Chiefs 40 Farwell 48. The 1A state ranked Steers handed Friona a first game

loss into the consolation bracket. Scoring: Ortiz 18 (six 3s), DeWit 6, Barnett 6, Monroe 4, Monreal 2, Kellum 2, Zack Fair 2.

Chiefs 63 Whitharral 41. The Chiefs jumped out to a 19-9 1st quarter lead and never looked back. Scoring: Ortiz 26 (five 3s), DeWit 13, Barnett 6, Monroe 4, Wylie 4, Michael Ortiz 4, Zajicek 4, Monreal 2.

Chiefs 81 Muleshoe 72 (OT) The Chiefs set up a couple of revenge district matchups by defeating the rival Muleshoe Mules 81-72 in an exciting overtime win. Led by the hot hand of Nick Ortiz with 32 points including eight 3s, the game was tied 70-70 at the end of regulation. Ortiz scored four of his 32 points in overtime and the Chief defense managed to hold Muleshoe to only 2 points during the 4-minute overtime period. The Chiefs scored on 7 free throws during overtime. Other scoring: DeWit 18, Monroe 11, Barnett 8, Monreal 6, Zajicek 2, Kellum 2, Fair 2.

Chiefs 48 Lubbock Roosevelt 43. Roosevelt led this game 20-16 at the half but 32 second half Chieftain points secured the consolation trophy for the Chiefs. Scoring: DeWit 15, Ortiz 11, Monroe 8, Barnett 7, Fair 4, Zajicek 3.