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St. Ann's German Sausage Dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is having their annual German Sausage Dinner Sunday, January 29, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ann's parish hall on 3rd St. in Bovina.

The menu is homemade German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread and desserts, tea or coffee.

Donations are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under six. Takeout plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available to purchase the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member prior to the dinner.

Grief support group meeting

The local Grief and Bereavement support group will meet Tuesday January 24 at 6 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office at 304 E. 11th in Friona. This is the start date for a series entitled Special Care from the well known author Doug Manning.

The series will be Jan 24 Discovering Permission to Grieve; Feb 28 Discovering Significance; Mar 27 Discovering Understanding; and Apr 24 Discovering Comfort. This is a community service and open to the public. For more information call Bluebonnet at 806-247-0057.



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Don't worry, we've got them! Cousins Sloan Osborn, left, and Sterling Osborn, hang on to their goats during Sunday's Friona livestock show. The Parmer County Livestock Show is Thursday January 19 and the premium sale begins at 1 p.m. Saturday January 21 at the community center.

January is School Board Recognition Month

Teachers, staff, students, administration, and the community salute the Friona ISD Board of Trustees during National School Board Recognition Month.

The seven member Friona ISD board plays a crucial role in the education of our children. Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision,

assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning.

Board members contribute hundreds of hours each year governing the district by crafting policies, hiring administrators, and listening to staff and student concerns. In addition to monthly meetings, they attend seminars and training ses-

sions to keep up with changes in state and federal regulations and trends in educational leadership.

Make a special effort to tell our school board members that their hard work has been noticed and is appreciated. The board members are Ricky Barnett, president, Loraine Anthony, Wade Schueler, Mitchell Smiley, Tracy Bunker, Brent Loflin, and Andy Montana.

Friona Primary School Scholastic Book Fair

Friona Primary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on January 23 through January 27, a fun-filled book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning.

The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and education products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, grandparents, children, teachers and the entire community are invited to the Friona Primary Book Fair.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year, they are hosting two different "Family Nights" for parents and children to come and visit the Primary

Book Fair. Tuesday, January 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Primary School will be open. This will be a great opportunity for the entire family to come and purchase books and software.

One of the Book Fair's primary goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the Fair can check each teacher's "Classroom Wish List", the purchase and donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children.

Friona Primary plans to use the money earned to pay for playground equipment. In years past, the book fair proceeds were used to purchase a cement slab for the playground, a basketball

goal and some basketballs, the nice big shade in the backyard, signs that are used to communicate with parents and the landscaping for the building. This past year they bought another piece of equipment for

the playground, the rock climber.

Through the community support, the Primary School has books for teachers to use in their own classrooms as well as books for the children. The profits that have been

made from the book fair are always used as soon as possible so that the children who help make the money, get to enjoy the benefits.

Please come and support the Friona Primary Book Fair.

Depot Society annual meeting

BY NANCY EDELMON

The Community Heritage Society of Friona will have its annual meeting at the Depot in City Park Tuesday January 24 at 7 p.m. We invite the public to come to show interest in the building.

Other than upkeep business, we will discuss the need for increased community participation. The Depot is owned by the city and utility and insurance costs are paid by the citizens of Friona through the city office. Occasional small repairs are also done by the city.

However, major repairs and upkeep is the responsibility of the Depot board and ulti-

mately the citizens thru their physical and monetary help.

The building is used for civic and public functions such as Maize Days and the Cheeseburger Festival/ State Senator Kel Seliger holds an annual town hall meeting and the Friona World Day of Prayer organizers and participants make use of the building.

The presence of the Depot is an asset to the well-maintained city park. We look forward to your presence at the annual meeting Tuesday January 24 at 7 p.m. We encourage your presence and we hope that you bring a friend.



Tamra Stormes

Chiefs & Squaws games broadcast

The Friday January 20 basketball games vs. Abernathy will be shown Saturday, January 21 beginning at 10 a.m. on WT Services channel 76.



Burn ban lifted

At their regular meeting Monday, January 9, Parmer County commissioners lifted the county burn ban. Precinct 1 commissioner Kirk Frye said the ban is lifted indefinitely.

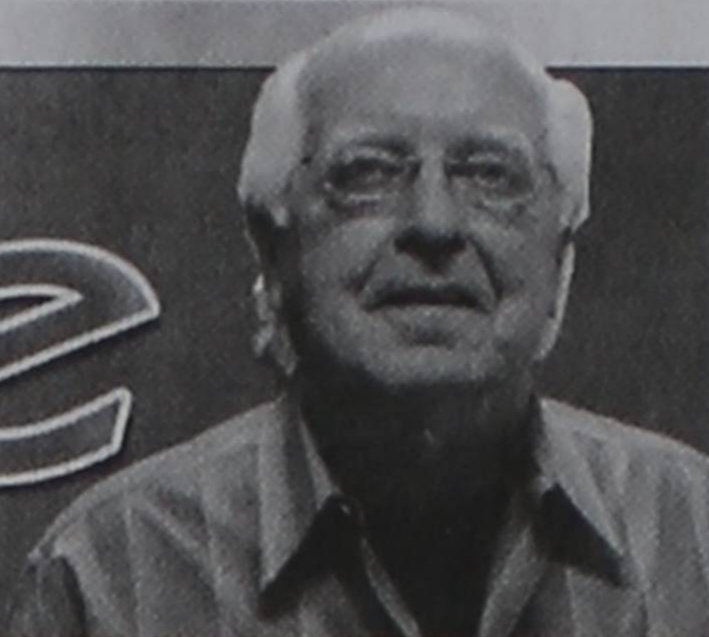


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Gene and Mildred Welch, center, are shown gathered with their family during the holidays. Gene and Mildred will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June. Their daughter Varla Wilcox said that all of their kids, grandkids, and great grandkids were present. The photo was taken Christmas Day at the Welch residence near Black.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



searching for identification

I have a photo ID. It is a driver license. Had passports for many years but my latest one has long since expired. Apparently many people, especially the poor, do not have any form of photo identification.

In Texas, as in many other states, a photo ID is required to vote. Opponents of the photo ID requirement say that many people, especially the poor, cannot vote because they do not have a photo ID and cannot get one.

It is a fact I think that in any given election one-half or less of eligible voters do not even bother to vote. I do not know who the people are that do not bother to vote. I suspect they are all kinds, rich and poor. Voting is not a requirement.

The photo ID requirement is said to help prevent voter fraud. There have been cases of dead people voting. I don't recall ever reading how

that is possible and what happened to the guilty election officials. There have been incidents of homeless people bused to the polls and paid to vote. (Has anyone other than Lyndon B. Johnson ever been elected by stuffing the ballot box? I should look it up.)

When a voter shows up with just a voter registration card it is not always possible for the election officials to know if that person is who they say they are. I think in most cases if you do not have a photo ID you can fill out a ballot and it is put aside and not counted until your identification can be verified.

Leonard Pitts, Jr. a syndicated columnist who often appears in the Amarillo Globe-News and Clovis News-Journal, recently wrote a column with the headline, "Poor people also have right to vote." Here is how he described poor people who

can't vote: "You have no driver's license because you have nothing to drive. You have no passport because you've never been out of the country. You have no other photo ID because you have no bank account. You work and get paid under the table, a wad of cash sliding from hand to hand."

Mr. Pitts, a well known African-American columnist, says of the Republicans behind the photo ID requirement: "It is difficult not to feel their true intent is to suppress the black vote."

Mr. Pitts and other liberal columnists, along with Attorney General Eric Holder, believe the photo ID requirement is a racist law designed to suppress blacks. Mr. Pitts not only blames Republicans, the Democrats get a barb too:

"Democrats depend upon the votes of black and/or poor people, but do little to earn them—no

jobs training, no criminal justice system reform, no attention whatsoever to the things that delimit their lives. Meantime, Republicans write off the votes of black and/or poor people and do all they can to suppress them." (Clovis News-Journal January 10, 2012, Page 6.)

Maybe everything Mr. Pitts says is true. I doubt it but I don't know. It bothers me that anyone spends time figuring out how to break the law. Voter fraud efforts are troubling. Mr. Pitts levels some serious charges against the Democrats and Republicans. His comments are racist and do not help solve the issue. I think everyone who wants to vote should be able to vote. Requiring a photo ID to vote in America is not racist.

Informed voters are important. Poor and homeless people paid to vote? Not so much.

Cotton conference in Muleshoe

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Bailey County will be Thursday January 26 at the Bailey County Electric Coop, 604 E. American Blvd in Muleshoe.

The conference will provide timely information about cotton management and industry issues. Commercial exhibitors will be on hand to introduce the latest technology and equipment.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. and includes a sponsored lunch. Registration fee is \$25 at the door. For more information contact Bailey County AgriLife at 806-272-4583.

Prairie Acres auxiliary seeks new members

From Elizabeth Romero, Prairie Acres activity director: Prairie Acres would like to invite you to join us for an auxiliary meeting on Tuesday January 24 at 4 p.m. in the dining room. We will gratefully accept any new members and we are also in search for a new President. We thank Nancy Davis for a job well done this past year but unfortunately Nancy will no longer be able to continue as President. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Romero at 250-3922 for more information. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Letters to the Editor

Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) released the following statement announcing Mitch Barnett as the new District Director for Texas' 19th Congressional District:

"I'm very pleased to announce the hiring of Mitch Barnett, a native of Abilene and an experienced professional who will oversee our district operations. In addition to managing our Lubbock, Big Spring and Abilene offices, Mitch will ensure our constituent service activities continue at the highest level of effectiveness. I am proud to have Mitch on our congressional team."

Mr. Mitch Barnett is a Paideia Scholar graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and grew up in Abilene. After studying abroad in Europe, where he participated in the planning and the execution of a European Union summit, he returned to Texas and entered the private sector, working for Duncan Commercial Real Estate, L.L.C. as well as the Texas Methodist Foundation.

Mitch managed Texas Congressman Pete Sessions' campaign during the last election cycle. Most recently, Mitch served as a key member of Representative Sessions' Washington, D.C. staff and helped manage the Congressman's legislative agenda, policy development, and House floor activities.

Mitch is an active alumnus of Pi Kappa Alpha and enjoys many outdoor activities as well as cooking. He resides in Lubbock.



ron carr photo

The proceeds from the hospital auxiliary 2011 Project Christmas Card were transferred to Parmer Medical Center this week. The amount of \$2,860 will be used to purchase a specialty mattress. From left are Elizabeth McLellan, Devin Carpenter, RN, Heidi Eichenauer, Raye Jene London, and Holly Campbell. A special thanks to all who contributed to Project Christmas Card.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 door supporter</p> <p>5 "dopehead"</p> <p>6 Archer Co.'s "Lake Kickapoo" got its _____ from tribe</p> <p>7 stuff too much in</p> <p>8 TXism: "just trying _____ above water"</p> <p>17 TX Blue Bell makes _____ cream</p> <p>18 before TX Revolution Texicans did not have _____ of trial-by-jury</p> <p>21 TXism: "that'll do nicely"</p> <p>22 big Astro or Ranger event: "grand _____"</p> <p>23 TX coastal cities have one _____</p> <p>24 profit _____</p> <p>29 TXism: "mad enough to _____ nails"</p> <p>30 artist's inspiration</p> <p>31 _____ Grange, TX</p> <p>32 TXism: "_____ plow" (beat him up)</p> <p>34 horse hair</p> <p>35 _____ western State is in Wichita Falls</p> <p>36 Sam Houston's 3rd wife, Lea</p> <p>37 TXism: "_____ him packing" (kicked out)</p> <p>38 TX Buddy Holly's "Not _____ Away"</p> <p>39 UT's "Big Bertha" is world's _____ drum</p> <p>41 Greek water nymph</p> <p>42 a very strong wind</p>	<p>43 TX-born Williams' novel: "Hell _____ No Fury" ('53)</p> <p>44 name of a guitar of TX Stevie Ray Vaughan</p> <p>45 Mexican mafia: "La _____"</p> <p>46 UT grad actor Wallach</p> <p>47 "Justice of the _____"</p> <p>48 TXism: "touched in the head" (_____ ill)</p> <p>50 actress Gia in '58 film "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Murphy</p>	<p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>32 33 34 35</p> <p>36 37 38</p> <p>39 40 41</p> <p>42 43 44</p> <p>45 46 47</p> <p>48 49</p> <p>50 51 52 53</p> <p>54</p> <p>55</p>
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11 logo of this film co. has Leo the Lion

12 Old Oiler slogan: "Luv _____ Blue"

13 TX oil tycoon whose family inspired TV series "Dallas"

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26 Old San Antonio Road: "El Camino _____"

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38 TXism: "footloose and _____ free"

40 hay

41 TX Charlie who helped LA Dodgers win '59 title

44 TX Ginger's mom

47 "palms" south of the border

49 TXism: "the _____ wagging the dog"

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Town Talk II

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During my travel agent career I'm sure I took at least 10 cruises, mostly 7-days in the Caribbean. I did take a Mediterranean Cruise through Italy and Greece as well as cruising through the Panama Canal. The tragic sinking of the Costa Concordia off the coast of Tuscany over the weekend was especially interesting to me.

If you have been on a cruise you know they have lifeboat drills shortly after embarkation. You find your muster station, bring your life vests, and they are supposed to tell you to report there during an emergency. Guess that didn't happen on the Costa ship. I tried to imagine what it would be like inside when the ship tipped over on its side. Dishes, furniture, paintings, and people crashing to the lowest level. What chaos. Scary.

Couple of weeks ago I mentioned that putting avocados in the flour canister would help them ripen faster. I have now received another avocado tip from reader Dan Douglas. He says an easier and less messy way is to put avocados in a brown paper bag with a banana. Works like magic he says.

Gene and Mildred Welch and their large family are

pictured on the front page this week. Picture was taken Christmas Day. You think you had a lot of people for Christmas dinner. The Welches celebrate their 60th anniversary in June. What a great looking bunch. Congratulations Gene and Mildred.

Prairie Acres needs Certified Nurse's Aids (CNAs). They are hoping to start a training class February 6. For information about becoming a CNA call Director of Nursing Carol Jackson at Prairie Acres, 250-3922.

Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce citizen awards nominations. Man, Woman, boy/girl students, most courteous employee, and teacher of the year. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, 621 Main St. Citizen awards will be presented at the March 6 Chamber banquet. The dress for the banquet will be tropical casual. Wear your favorite Hawaii garb.

The Dr. Pepper plant in Dublin, Texas has closed and left some DP drinkers in a snit. Former Frionans Jim and Jan Parker moved back to Dublin, Jim's hometown, when he retired from the Fisd superintendent position. They say bottles (or cans?) of Dr. Pep-

per bottled in Dublin will become collectors' items. It was the only remaining DP bottler that still used pure cane sugar, they say. Both Dr. Pepper and Twinkies in trouble during the same week. That hurts.

Our Valentine Brag issue of the Star will be Thursday February 9. Put a photo of your favorite Valentine, sweetheart, spouse, kid, or grandkid in the paper along with a brief Valentine wish. Cost will be \$10 for 1-2 people in the picture, \$15 for 3 or more.

The deadline is Wednesday February 1 by 5 p.m. All photos will be returned. Come by the Star office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon - Wed.

St. Ann's German sausage dinner Sunday January 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church on 3rd St. in Bovina. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children under six. This is a very popular annual event.

This quote from Hollis Gurley who is working as a Texas Tech intern for Representative Randy Neugebauer in Washington D.C. this semester: "I don't know how to wear rain boots with pants because we only wear them with Nike shorts in Texas."

January is School Board Recognition Month. They are our neighbors elected to serve and tend to the business of the school district. They are dedicated to the students, faculty, administration, and to the community. Friona school board members are Brent Loflin, Tracy Bunker, Andy Montana, Ricky Barnett, Mitchell Smiley, Loraine Anthony, and Wade Schueler. Ricky Barnett is the board president. At last Monday's meeting when I dropped by to take a school board photo, among other business items they were considering color selection for the new school buses being ordered.

Calvary Baptist Church will have a 5th Sunday singing January 29 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Ladies (and men too) Sylvia Ingram is advertising an additional discount on select merchandise. Ingram's 50% off sale is going on now. Check out the ad in this paper and go see Sylvia and the girls.

Girl Scout Cookies are arriving. Will be available beginning January 20 through February. If you don't know a Girl Scout call Sharon Rector at 265-3498 or 250-6863 and she will see that your cookie cravings are taken care of.

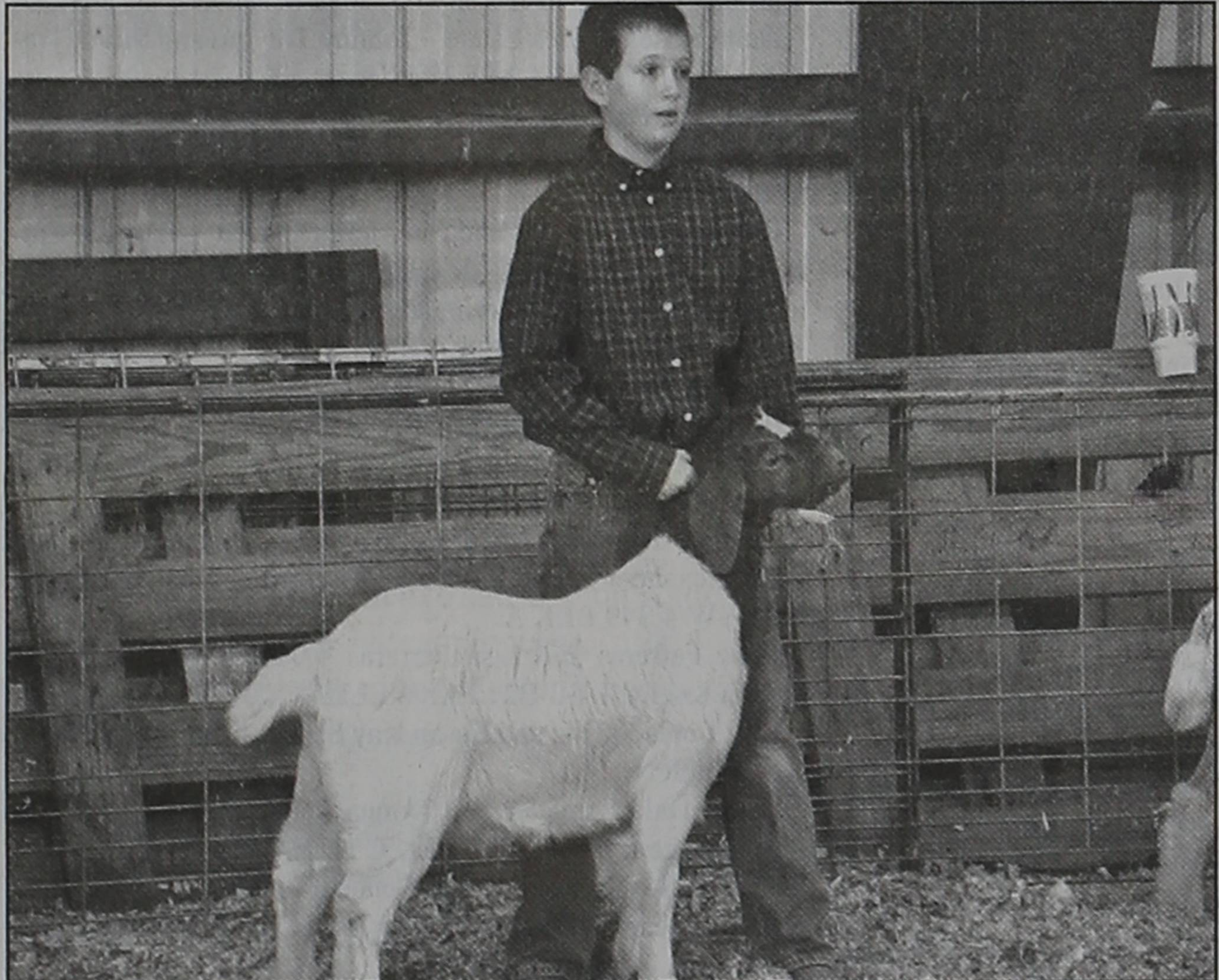
Mark and Mary Goff had lunch at Dairy Queen last week. Mary left her purse behind. When they went back the DQ employees had found it and were holding it for her. The Goffs were relieved and happy and say thanks DQ.

Lots going on the next few days. Stock show Thursday, premium sale Saturday; a junior high basketball tournament will be held at Friona gym Thursday-Saturday; the Chiefs and Squaws play Abernathy here Friday night, the Cancer Coalition steak dinner is Monday night, and the Depot Society meets Tuesday. See you out and about. Until then!



courtesy photo

Friona State Bank sponsored a tour to Pasadena, California December 30-January 3 to see the Rose Bowl parade and celebrate New Year's. Among the sites visited were Hollywood, the Aquarium, and some time at the beach. They watched the parade floats being prepared and had grandstand seats at the annual parade, plus a New Year's eve party at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach. Group members were Perry and Clara Fugate and Irene Mullins of Hereford, Linda Brown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus of Amarillo, Sonya Gore of Denver City, and from Friona Lewis and Elizabeth Gore, Clarence and Peggy Monroe, JeDon and Kitty Gallman, Wesley and Doris Barnett, Marca Herring, Pat Holland, and Dale Widner.



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Seth Murphree displays his goat at the Friona livestock show.

INGRAM'S January Clearance Sale

Hurry in for best selection Ladies and children fall and winter clothing 50% off

Lots of select items now 50% off
Purses, jewelry, shoes, Christmas, home décor
Additional sale items 50% to 75% off

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For more information on Special Call Acceptance, or our other phone features, please contact WT Services at 250-5555.

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Teach Children to Save

Some Principles about saving money:

- Teach your children to save a portion of their money as early as they can understand.
- At least a part of every gift or paycheck should be saved.
- Value compounds: the more you save, the more it earns.
- So every dollar saved is important.

We at Friona State Bank want to help you and your children in all your financial decisions and needs.

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PRPC: Resolve to be ready in 2012

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is excited to announce the launch of the "Resolve to be Ready" campaign in the Texas Panhandle. Citizens are encouraged to go online at www.R2BeReady.com and sign up for a new mass notification system where they will receive emergency alerts in the Texas Panhandle.

The system, which is being funded by a grant from FEMA and with the support of the Amarillo Area Foundation, becomes available January 16 when the six-week awareness campaign launches. However, this call to action is ongoing throughout the year.

"This additional means of communication to such a mobile community has been a long time coming," said Emily Nolte, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planner for PRPC. "We are excited about this campaign and also the ability to reach so many of our neighbors with good tips on how to better prepare for emergencies."

Many homes and thousands of acres were destroyed in the Texas Panhandle last year due to wildfires. A recent report by the National Climatic Data Center says that 2011 saw more billion-dollar natural disasters than any year on record.

These events serve as important reminders that disasters can strike anytime or anywhere. Being prepared is one of the most effective efforts we can make to protect our homes, businesses, and loved ones.

OBITUARIES

Maria Adulia Martinez Davila

Maria Adulia Martinez Davila, 66, of Dimmitt, formerly of Friona, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2012, in Dimmitt. Arrangements were by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Maria, also known as Lula, was born on December 20, 1945 in Carrizo Springs, Texas, one of eight children, to Isabel and Josephina Martinez.

Maria was a teacher's aide at Friona Elementary School, a cook at Prairie Acres in Friona, a Sunday School teacher, a dedicated foster parent, and a home schooler. She enjoyed canning, gardening, crossword puzzles, and sewing, and held a secret desire to paint and draw. She blessed those around her with her infectious smile and laughter.

She is beloved by all those that had the opportunity to meet and get to know her, and although she will be sorely missed, her memory will live on in the hearts and lives of those that she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isabel and Josephina Martinez.

Maria is survived by 12 children, Erin Rios, David Davila, Jr., Robert Davila, Dee Dee Davila, Gilbert Davila, Victoria Duran, Michael Davila, Marie Samarron, Christopher Davila, Leander Davila, Stacy Davila, and Vennisa Davila; seven brothers and sisters, Santos Martinez, Mandy Garibaldi, Janie Martinez, Mary Guzman, Rosie Cantu, David Martinez, and Johnny Joe Martinez; 26 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren.



Maria Davila

Joe Windel Fallwell

Joe Windel Fallwell, Sr., age 81, of Aubrey, Texas, formerly of Friona, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2012, in Plano, Texas. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday January 16, 2012, at the Friona United Methodist Church, under direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home of Seymour, Texas.

Mr. Fallwell was born July 4, 1930, in Deaf Smith County, Texas to William Elbert and Sarah Pipkin Fallwell. He was self-employed in the floor covering business. He was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy, a daughter, Nanette; his parents; and brothers and sisters, Beulah Ruth Booker, Buddy Fallwell, Glenn Ray Fallwell, Jimmie Gipson, and Lenora McElroy.

He is survived by one daughter, Jenisu Morris and husband James Roy of Seymour, Texas; one son, Joe W. Fallwell, Jr. of Aubrey, Texas; a sister, Thom Lou Boeckman of Friona, Texas; four grandchildren, Cody and Casey Fallwell, and Meagon and Margot Morris; six great grandchildren, Nate Morris, Joe Fallwell, Griffin Fallwell, Dylan Moler, Reagan Fallwell, and Hagan Fallwell.



Opal May Powell

Opal May Powell, 93, of Grady, New Mexico, died January 12, 2012 in Friona. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Monday, January 16, 2012 at the Broadview Church of Christ in Broadview, New Mexico, with Bill Powell and Curtis Ray Powell, officiating. Burial followed in the Grady Cemetery, by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Wayne Powell and wife Sue of Georgetown, Texas, and Jerry Don Powell and wife Suzy of Grady, New Mexico; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130 or the Grady, N.M. Alumni Scholarship Fund.



Panhandle Parables

Bull riding anyone?

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ
Bull riding is one of the more spectacular rodeo events. There are many reasons to be attracted to the sport. Some like to see a cowboy go the distance, others enjoy the heroics of the clowns, and still others root for the bull.

Some argue that it takes a touch of insanity to get on the back of one of these beasts, maybe, maybe not, but for sure it takes courage, confidence and strength. You never know what you are going to draw, but, however the bull may be described, the success of the cowboy's eight-second ride depends upon how he responds to what the bull does. The wrong response may put him in the dirt, hung up in the rigging, or underneath 2000 lbs. of angry beef. A young bull rider once told me, that it was easier to get on than it was to get off.

Isn't the same true with life? You never know what the next day will bring. It may bring success, happiness or you could be shaken to the depths of your soul, praying this only lasts eight seconds. I would imagine there are many times that riding a bull would be easier to face than what life has actually dealt.

Most bull riders prepare themselves for the task. We should do the same. We must have courage to stand, confidence in our salvation, and the strength to endure. We need to spend some time with the Almighty, in prayer, in study, and in praise, for it is not His first rodeo. He can teach us how to react to life's bull rides.

No one can guarantee life is going to be a smooth ride. But, one thing is for certain, if you have Christ then when your life is up and the eight second whistle blows, you won't be leaving the arena on a stretcher! Bull riding anyone? The gate is open, your day has begun. Ride hard!

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SCHOOL MENU

January 23 - January 27

Monday, January 23

- B) Cereal, French toast sticks, sausage, grape juice, milk
- L) Hamburger, baked beans, French fries, banana pudding, milk

Tuesday, January 24

- B) Cereal, breakfast bacon biscuit, oranges, grape juice, milk
- L) Frito pie, mixed veggie California, cucumbers, fresh grapes, milk

Wednesday, January 25

- B) Cereal, pancake sausage on a stick, orange-pineapple juice, milk
- L) Chicken pattie, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, milk

Thursday, January 26

- B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, peaches, apple juice, milk
- L) Hot ham & cheese, green beans, peas & carrots, oranges, milk

Friday, January 27

- B) Cereal, waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk
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B) Breakfast L) Lunch

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Our messy, unfair lives

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

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In reality, most of David's life is tumultuous and filled with challenges. Your life will be just the same, as well, because life is messy, and God's children will have trouble, but we can take heart because Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33).

Our troubles may come as a result of just living in a fallen world, being sinned against, or making sinful decisions. Honestly, we need to take more credit for our troubles, instead of act as if "that's not fair". Life isn't fair! God is not fair! Let me repeat, God is not fair! God does not give you what you deserve, instead God gave you His Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross, and endure God's judgment against sin that you deserve. Jesus took your sin and gave you His righteousness, if you are a child of God. I'm so thankful that God is unfair, and that through this messy life I live, I am an overcomer because of Jesus Christ.

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Friona Livestock show results

The Friona Livestock show was held Sunday January 15 at the community center. The judge was Nathan Carr from Briscoe County.

HEIGERS: 1st Cade Hurst and Grand Champion; 2nd Trey Hurst & Reserve Grand Champion; 3rd Sloan Osborn.

STEERS: 1st Trey Hurst and Grand Champion; 2nd Cade Hurst and Reserve Grand Champion.

Cattle Showmanship: 1st Trey Hurst; 2nd Cade Hurst.

GOATS: light weight 1st Morgan Gatlin; 2nd Morgan Gatlin. Medium light weight 1st Amy Osborn, 2nd Landon Gatlin, 3rd Seth Murphree, 4th Landon Gatlin. Medium weight 1st Sterling Osborn, 2nd Kambree Kimbrough, 3rd Sloan Osborn, 4th Katie Osborn. Medium heavy 1st Amy Osborn 2nd Seth Murphree. Heavy 1st Amy Osborn.

Goat Grand Champion Jacob Osborn, Reserve Grand Champion Sterling Osborn. Goat Showmanship Sterling Osborn Grand Champion, Amy Osborn Reserve Champion.

SHEEP: Finewool lightweight 1st Amy Osborn & breed grand champion, 2nd Adaline White. Finewool heavyweight 1st Sloan Osborn & reserve breed champion, 2nd Kendall Kimbrough. Finewool cross 1st Madison Morrow & breed champion, 2nd Katie Osborn & reserve breed champion, 3rd Jacob Osborn, 4th Sterling Osborn.

Southdown 1st Kalley Preston & breed grand champion, 2nd Adaline White & reserve breed champion. Medium wool lightweight 1st Kendall Kimbrough, 2nd Sterling Osborn, 3rd Kambree Kimbrough. Medium wool medium lightweight 1st Sawyer Osborn, 2nd Katie Osborn. Medium wool heavy lightweight 1st Sloan Osborn, 2nd Kendall Morrow, 3rd Jason Berend, 4th Kendall Kimbrough.

Medium wool medium weight 1st Sawyer

Osborn & grand breed champion, 2nd Kendall Morrow, 3rd Oran London, 4th Sloan Osborn. Medium wool medium heavyweight 1st Amy Osborn & reserve breed champion, 2nd Jason Berend, 3rd Sloan Osborn, 4th Madison Osborn. Medium wool heavyweight 1st Sterling Osborn, 2nd Sawyer Osborn, 3rd Jacob Osborn, 4th Katie Osborn.

Sheep grand champion Sawyer Osborn, reserve grand champion Sawyer Osborn. Showmanship grand champion Sawyer Osborn, reserve grand champion Madison Morrow.

SWINE: Duroc lightweight 1st Adaline White & breed grand champion, 2nd Sydney Frye 2nd, 3rd Keegan Hurst. Duroc heavyweight, 1st Brayden Potts & reserve breed champion, 2nd Preston Stewart. Hamp lightweight 1st Preston Stewart & breed grand champion. Hamp medium weight 1st Hailey Stewart & reserve breed champion, 2nd Katie Osborn, 3rd Jarrett White.

Hamp light heavyweight 1st Hadley White. Hamp heavyweight 1st Brayden Potts, 2nd Madison Morrow. Yorks lightweight 1st Preston Stewart & breed grand champion, 2nd Brayden Potts & reserve breed champion.

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Swine Grand Champion Samuel Frye, Reserve Grand Champion Adaline White. Showmanship Grand Champion Hadley White, Reserve Grand Champion Madison Morrow.



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All dressed up for the goat show are, left, Morgan Gatlin and Landon Gatlin.



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Kambree Kimbrough puts on her finest stock show look during Sunday's goat show.



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Samuel Frye gives his hog a bath before the start of the Friona livestock show Sunday.



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Trey Hurst, left, and his brother Cade, listen to judge Nathan Carr from Briscoe County during the steer competition at the Friona livestock show Sunday.

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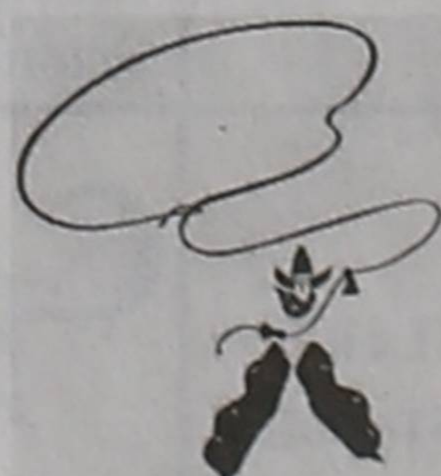
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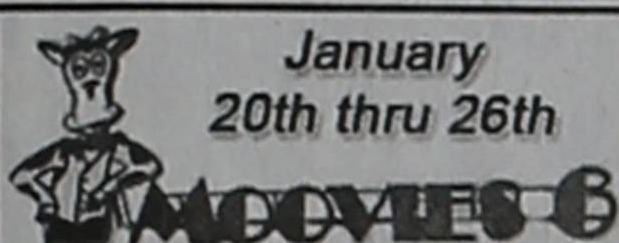
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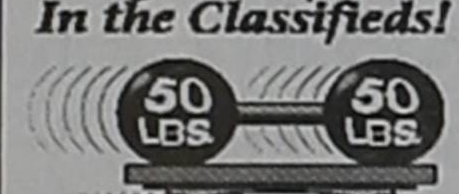
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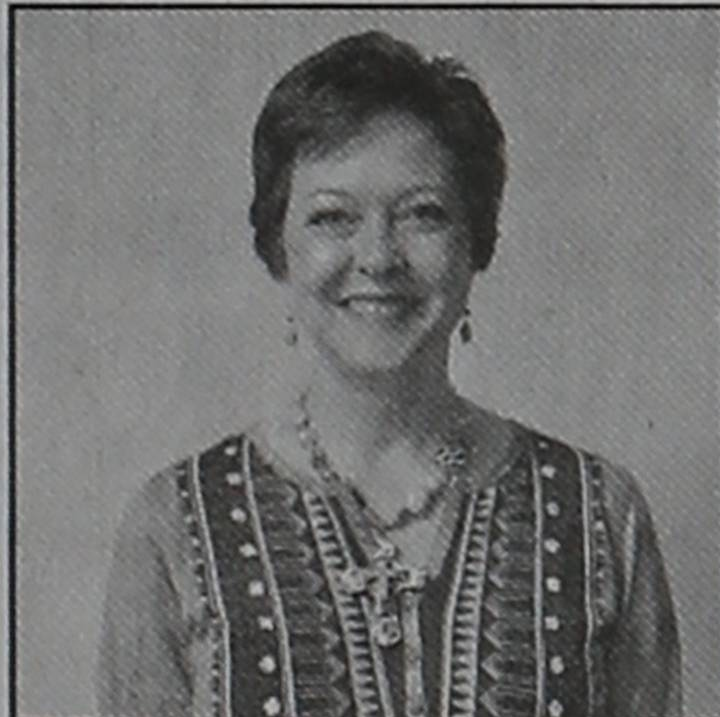
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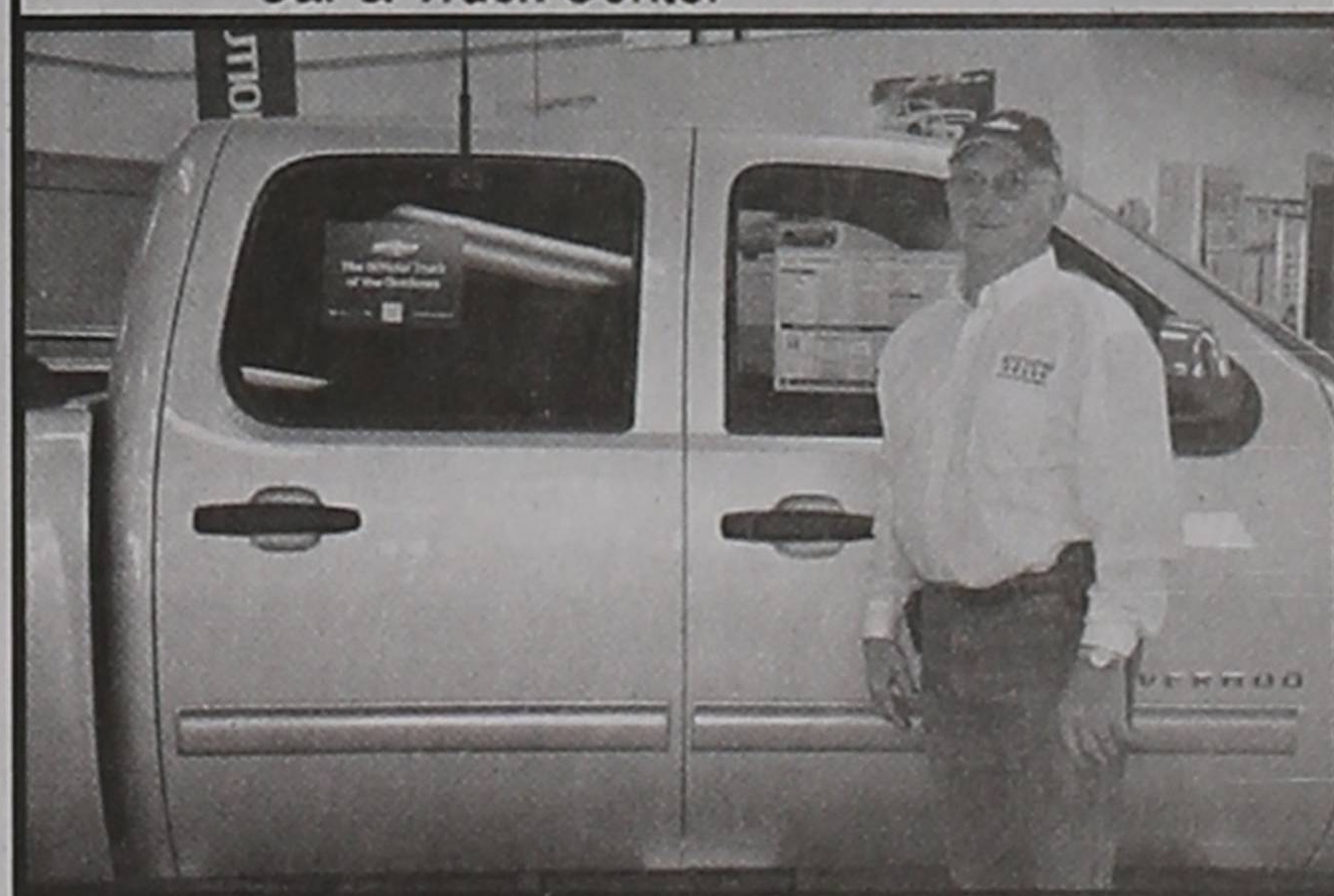


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Chiefs sweep Littlefield, Muleshoe

The Chieftains improved their district standing to 3-2 with victories over Littlefield and Muleshoe last week.

Chiefs 53 Littlefield 43 The Chieftains had a fast start to lead the Wildcats 34-21 at the half, then hung in for a 10-point 53-43 district win. Scoring: Caleb Monroe 13, Ryan DeWit 10, Weston Wylie 9, Brad Stowers 6, Kaydn Hicks 5, Cole Stowers 5, Gbriel Avalos 4, Michael Ortiz 1. Monroe posted 3 blocked shots and grabbed 20 rebounds.

Chiefs 59 Muleshoe 43 For the first two quarters it looked to be a close game as the Chiefs had a narrow 22-21 halftime lead. But the boys came to play in the second half, putting on a 37-22 run for a solid win over the Mules. Scoring: Gabriel Avalos 15, Ryan DeWit 12, Cole Stowers 9, Michael Ortiz 6, Kady Hicks 6, Weston Wylie 4, Jacob Pena 2, Brad Stowers 2, Caleb Monroe 2, Dillon Kelley 1. Monroe had 5 blocks and a crowd cheering fast break dunk in the game.

The Chieftains traveled to Floydada Tuesday night and host the Abernathy Antelopes Friday night. Squaws at 6:30 p.m. and Chiefs at 8 p.m. These two games will complete the first half of district play for the Chieftains. The

Abernathy games will be video broadcast on WT Services channel 76 at 10 a.m. Saturday January 21.

JV Chiefs 40 Littlefield JV 34

Trailing 18-14 at the half, the JV boys rallied with a 25-16 second half to defeat the junior Wildcats. Scoring: Joselito Cigarroa 23, Brayden Pope 5, Nathaniel Gonzalez 4, Sawyer Osborn 4, J. Zamudio 2, Trent Hickman 2.

JV Chiefs 52 Muleshoe JV 35

The junior Chiefs doubled up in the first half with a 32-16 lead, then scored 20 more in the second half for a solid winning effort against the junior Mules. Scoring: J. Cigarroa 14, S. Osborn 10, S. Soliz 7, J. Haile 6, N. Gonzalez 5, M. Loflin 3, S. Harris 3, G. Douglas 2, T. Hickman 2.



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Varsity freshman guard Cole Stowers (5) looks for an opening between a couple of Mules during Friday night action. The Chiefs beat Muleshoe to improve their district record to 3-2, with games at Floydada Tuesday and here vs Abernathy Friday. More photos available at frionaonline.com.



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Gabriel Avalos (2) speeds past a Muleshoe defender on another fast break late in the game Friday night. The Chiefs beat Muleshoe and improved their district record to 3-2 with two games to play this week. More game photos available to purchase at frionaonline.com.



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Kendall Kimbrough (23) tips off against the Muleshoe Lady Mules to start the game last Friday. The Squaws lost 53-34. Their district record after the Muleshoe game is 1-6. The teams host Abernathy Friday January 20 at Friona gym. More photos from the game available at frionaonline.com.

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It's Bragging Time

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