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My Turn Reprise

By Carol Ellis



Do fairy tales really come true? Sometimes they do. Read on. What self-respecting grandparent would miss their grandkids' final event of the season, whether it be a basketball tourney, baseball game, one-act play, or youth symphony concert? Both of my gracious, beautiful princess granddaughters received "Outstanding Orchestra Member" awards Sunday afternoon, March 4 at the Lubbock Civic Center auditorium, and I missed it. I am so mortified!

Several days in recent weeks, I've been on the road between Friona and Amarillo, driving white-knuckled, hemmed in by 18-wheelers, while trying to hold the car on the road in the face of 50 to 70 mph wind gusts. My Good Old Guy has found himself in the midst of some health problems that require frequent visits to various Amarillo clinics, laboratories, diagnostic imaging centers, etc. I am surprised that Bill is not glowing green when we turn off the lights each evening, totally exhausted. We're thankful for our wonderful "new" Parmer County Hospital, local technicians and physicians filling in here and there during this siege. Thanks also to the ladies from Bluebonnet Home Health for lending a hand.

We were scheduled for at least two more such trips to Amarillo on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th. So I begged off the Sunday trip to Lubbock for the Youth Orchestra's final concert of the season, telling myself that I needed just one more day to rest up before getting back on that windy road again. What a wimp!

The Friona annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Tuesday evening, March 6th, was all fun, food, and friends. This year of 2012 is the 50th year in Friona for Bill and Carol. Even though we have missed a number of these banquets from time to time, I can remember back in the sixties when the annual Chamber Banquet was held in the High School Cafeteria. We've come a long way, haven't we?

This year's banquet was the most colorful I've ever seen, with all those leis, decorations, and bright Hawaiian fashions. Plus, the prime rib was just wonderful. The Community Center looked like a fairyland. And for about eight Friona folks, the fairy tale started coming true around the time Chamber President Jeff Ray stood up to read out the winning biographies. When he read a few lines about a person who was to receive the honor of Woman of the Year, I thought to myself "Isn't that nice! Some young lady has been involved in several things that are similar to some of my own interests." Then as he read on, I was shocked to realize that he was actually talking about me. Good grief! I was going to be expected to waddle with my wobbly knees up to the front of the room to receive a plaque with about 300 people staring at me. Where is a good cloak closet to hide in when you need one?

Jeff smiled, shook my hand, said "Congratulations," handed me an attractive plaque with my very own name shining on it, and then he nodded to someone behind me. I looked around to see several people whom I dearly love, walking into the room from the kitchen area. There was my lovely daughter and handsome son-in-law, Laura and Noel Garcia from Lubbock; my oldest son Stan Ellis all the way from San Antonio; and my two precious princess granddaughters, Clair and Madeline Garcia of Lubbock. They had all been hiding back there for two hours. It's surprising that I didn't fall down in a dead faint right then and there.

Daughter Laura brought me some of her fantastic brownies. Thanks Hon. Thanks also to my pal Nancy who said I simply must get more into the swing of things around here, and attending the Chamber Banquet would be a good start. Everybody needs a friend to point them in the right direction once in awhile.

Princess Granddaughter Madeline will be graduating in May from the Garcia Girls Home School Academy in Lubbock. She is now busy finishing up her tests and auditioning for music scholarships at Texas Tech, which is actually the alma mater of her grandparents and her Uncle Stan. She is first chair cellist in the Youth Orchestra.

Princess Granddaughter Clair is busy becoming an artist; drawing, painting, and learning sign language in her spare time. She is second chair cellist in the Youth Orchestra.

The sweet Princesses have forgiven their Granny and Papaw for missing their Sunday concert and their Outstanding Musician awards. As the fairy tale came to a close, everyone lived happily ever after.



sheri rector photo

Friona volunteer firefighters were dispatched to a grass fire Tuesday about 5 p.m. three miles north on Hwy 214 and two miles west. The fire threatened the home of Patsy and Delwin Allen but was extinguished before any damage. The Rhea fire department sent a truck to help. This nice photo was taken from in town, at least 3-4 miles from the fire. The structures in the foreground were not near the actual fire.

New administrator hired at PMC

The Parmer Medical Center Board of Directors and Preferred Management are announcing the appointment of Gayla Quillin as the hospital's new administrator. She officially joins the hospital staff on March 23. "We are pleased Gayla has agreed to join us at Parmer Medical Center. Her experience in healthcare administration and her energy level will contribute greatly to the progress being made in healthcare services at Parmer Medical Center," says Andy Freeman, President and CEO of Preferred Management. She replaces the previous administrator, Lance Gatlin.

Quillin has nearly 20 years experience in healthcare with 10 of those as a CEO at various LTAC (long-term acute care) hospitals in Texas. With expertise in physician relations, team development, operations, business development and clinical excellence, she will provide the leadership necessary for the Parmer Medical Center staff to carry on the tradition of providing quality healthcare.



Gayla Quillin

Most recently, Quillin was the CEO at Promise Hospital of Southeast Texas in Nederland, Texas, a 48-bed, long-term acute care hospital. She also has worked for Triumph Hospital Central Houston and several Kindred Health-

care hospitals. "I'm really looking forward to coming back to the area because I was raised a West Texas girl and most of my family is still here. When I think about coming back to my roots it is very satisfying to know that

I can use my past experience and leadership skills here to guide the hospital staff in continuing to deliver high-quality healthcare to the people of Parmer County," says Quillin.

Throughout her career, Quillin has been successful at recruiting physicians in specialized fields of medicine and key management personnel; increasing revenue above budgeted goals; decreasing overhead; negotiating managed care contracts, and increasing healthcare services to the community. She is a registered nurse, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock and is currently studying for her MBA at St. Joseph's College in Maine.

"We are really looking forward to Gayla coming on board and we ask the community of Friona to join the Hospital Board, Preferred Management and the staff of Parmer Medical Center in welcoming her," said Freeman.

Council appoints interim administrator

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers on Main St. Councilmen Mark Osborn and Charlie Pope were absent. Mayor J.B. Douglas, council members Jim Atwell, Martha Barker, and Cheryl Weatherly, city manager Patricia Phipps and city attorney Slater Elza were present.

Although there will not be a city election May 12, the city will manage the election for the school board. The council approved a resolution assigning Mary Ford and Rebecca Ramos as election judges. For the city, there were three seats open and three candidates filed so a city election will not be needed. For the school board there were three seats up for election and four candidates have filed so a school board election will be held May 12 at the council chambers, 619 Main St.

After reviewing and approving the monthly accounts payable and financial statement, the council denied a request for variance for a trailer house at 210 Woodland. To approve a variance request, approval from neighbors in the area is considered. In this case neighbors protested the variance.

The council accepted a bid for sealcoating from Freeman Construction of Vernon, Texas. The bid was \$1.595 per square yard. The bid was a joint bid with Bovina and the approval is contingent on approval by the Bovina city council at its next meeting.

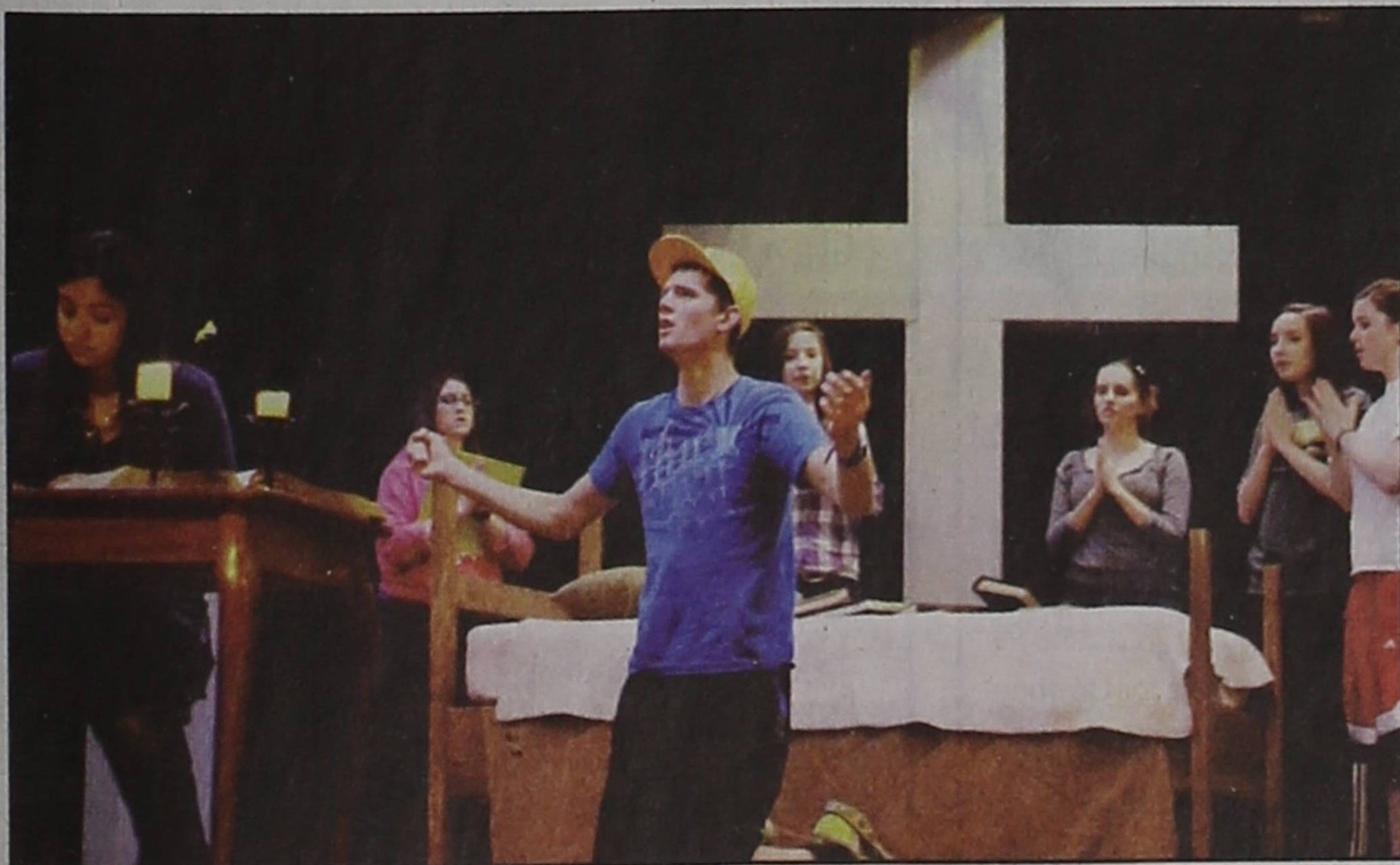


Billy Ray Johnston
Interim Administrator
Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates

The council went into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the appointment of an interim administrator for Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates. On return to regular session the council appointed Billy Ray Johnston as the interim administrator. Mr. Johnston is from Clarendon. He is a native of Donley County and brings 33 years of business experience to the position. He was the admin-

istrator of the Community Care Center in Clarendon for several years before resigning to care for his wife as she battled cancer. She passed away about a year ago. The mayor and the council expressed their confidence and appreciation to Mr. Johnston and welcomed him to Friona.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

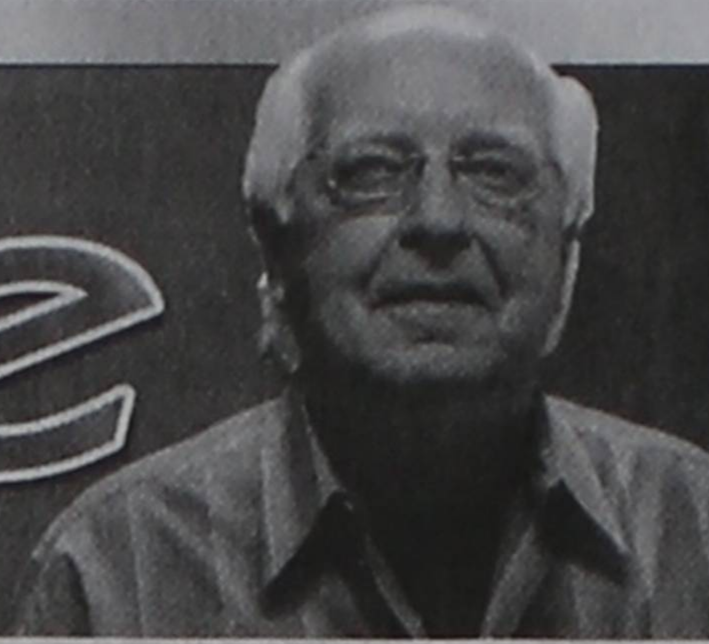


ron carr photo

The Friona High School thespian troupe will present their one-act play Sunday March 18 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This is a public performance dress rehearsal preparing for district competition Thursday March 22 in Tulia. The play title is The Sins of Sor Juana. Everyone is invited to attend.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



the only really important reality show

The economy is better today than it has been in the last eight years. President Obama said that!

Like most statements made by politicians these days, I don't believe him. My disbelief is non-partisan. I don't believe any of them, especially when they start throwing numbers around.

Over the past 10 days or so, Mr. Obama first said his administration had created 2.7 million jobs the past two years. A few days later, in another taxpayer funded speech, the figure had grown to 3.7 million jobs. Then, even later, he said they had created "almost 4 million jobs."

I know this because politics is the only reality TV show that I watch.

Meanwhile, the other side continues to tell us the Obama folks have actually lost 2-3 million jobs since they took over. I'm not sure how we

can be gaining jobs when the weekly government report every Friday says another 350-400,000 people signed up for unemployment for the first time. Lets see, 350,000 new unemployed per week, times four weeks. Isn't that 1,400,000 people signing up for unemployment benefits in just one month?

I reckon Mr. Obama will continue his positive outlook in his speeches and his minions will applaud loudly and shout "Yeah!" in total belief of what he speaks.

If we are to believe Mr. Obama, by the time the November election rolls around I figure there will be more jobs available in America than people to fill them.

The other side is equally guilty. I heard different numbers over the weekend on how many Americans are unemployed. One version had the number at 12 million. I also

heard a 14 million and a 24 million figure thrown around.

Another number given was last month the private sector added 227,000 jobs. For the past year the Friona Star has been on the US Labor Department monthly report list. They send us a postcard reminder with the date they will call. Someone calls to ask if there has been any change in employment status here. The answer is always 'nope'. I'm sure the Labor Department makes a bunch of similar calls then extrapolates the information to arrive at some phantom number.

Mr. Obama promised way back when to close Guantanamo Bay as soon as he was sworn in. Just recently it was reported they built a \$750,000 soccer field for the prisoners there. Not sure if that comes under the heading of Hope or Change. Must be a pretty nice field.

Then here is the issue of

green energy or alternate energy. This present group of politicians has "invested" a few billion in now-defunct and bankrupt solar businesses. Mr. Obama and Mr. Biden visited a few of these sites and extolled their bright futures and gave them some petty cash to operate with. One of the most recent flops was in Delaware, Mr. Biden's home state that he represented as a Senator.

The Republicans are so fractured and disorganized they are almost assuring four more years for Mr. Obama in spite of all the misleading rhetoric.

What's the point you say? There isn't one really, other than the current Congress and White House sprays misleading information around willy nilly and will accomplish little because it is an election year. It is a very interesting time in America. Better tune in and pay attention.

It is the best reality show on television.

cogitations & aphorisms of jodek

By Uncle John White • 1868 - 1965

Imagine Friona in 1938. Here are some comings and goings from the January, 1938, Friona Star. Perhaps you will find some of your ancestors mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dixon and sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Landrum, and Farol and Ross Cox of Friona were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McLean of Dimmitt last Wednesday night. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Wess Anthony, Helen and Bobby Anthony of Big Square; Mrs. Rosa McLean, Miss Emily and Mary Alice McLean, and Mr. Robert McLean, all of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith, accompanied by Miss Lucille Curry, returned home Sunday from Gage, Oklahoma, where they have been visiting for the past week.

Barbara Ann Burney of Hereford spent last week here in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Habbinga and son Henry, of Lubbock and daughter Leas, of Amarillo, visited in the Dick Habbinga home last week.

Mr. Joe Hare and children, of Odessa, visited her brother, Ennis Cummings last week and also his parents and their granddaughter, Joyce of Lockney.

Ralph Roden, of Hereford, called on friends and relatives here Friday.

Miss Jane Landrum visited friends in Hereford Thursday.

Mrs. Kathryn Burney of Chicago, Ill, arrived here Tuesday and will visit indefinitely with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange.

nately with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alma Whitman and daughter Norma Gene; Luella Rogerson and Dewey Rogerson of Clovis, New Mexico, called on friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Pope and children and Mr. Alva Pope of Crane, who spent the holidays here with relatives and friends returned home last week.

Miss Joyce was a Hereford visitor Thursday and Thursday night.

Messrs. John Bengler, Paul Spring, and Clifford Boatman were in Hereford the past weekend.

Chester Sheets departed for Oklahoma City Sunday with another truck load of fat cattle for the market there.

G. B. Buske, of the Buske Chevrolet, returned Tuesday from Kansas City, Missouri, where he has been transacting business.

Plus a look at some of the local advertising of the day. The ads were straightforward with no artwork or other graphics. I'm not sure graphics was a common word around the newspaper office. Note the lack of an address and, when there is a phone number, it is only two digits. Life seemed simpler then.

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ACROSS

1 home of ex-Ranger Juan Gonzalez: Vega _____ Puerto Rico

5 TXism: "got _____ in the oven" (pregnant)

6 TXism: "_____ a hand"

7 in McLennan Co. on 77: _____-Lakeview

8 Fredericksburg's Oktoberfest mo. (abbr.)

9 they speak louder than words

16 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods"

18 destined for greatness? (3 wds.)

21 TX Buddy Holly's "_____ Boy"

22 first husband of TX Cyd Charisse

23 Amarillo hosts "_____State Fair"

24 "Lonesome Dove" burial site of Gus: "_____ Orchard"

30 "dry" TX co. (2 wds.)

34 _____ Jo, TX

35 desolated by death

36 Ozona H.S. football classification

37 TXism: "headed for the _____ roundup"

39 TXism: "millionaire maker" (2 wds.)

43 Allen of the Green Mountain Boys

45 flattens

46 TXism: "all vine, _____ watermelon"

47 military bugle call

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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DOWN

1 TXism: "stuffed like a _____ box"

2 "Adopt- _____" eliminates trash from TX coastline

3 seat of Kimble Co.

4 Dallas Stars goalie coach Moog

9 this Blocker designed XIX brand

10 chili _____

11 ZZ Top is a _____ Houston _____

12 twelfth of a foot

13 this Peter starred with TX Paula Prentiss in "What's New Pussycat"

14 TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"

15 Texas State before '03 (abbr.)

17 TXism: "_____ his mouth" (rash)

19 TX Willie's "Who'll Buy My Memories" was dubbed this because proceeds were used for tax debt (2 wds.)

20 TXism: "_____ wit"

24 trucker radio

25 guitarist Paul

26 Fort Worth's Kimbell _____ Museum

27 real estate

28 TXism: "attacked like grandma _____ chicken snake"

29 this Seagal starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Under Siege"

31 TX pest: fire _____

32 _____ Harvey Oswald

33 crisscross wood frame

38 mishit a golf ball

40 "sprang a _____"

41 TXism: "tastes like week-_____ dishwasher"

42 player for Cowboy foe: New _____

44 TX George H's Gulf War gen. (init.)

49 civil rights org.

51 TXism: "hit a _____"

52 actress Basinger

57 TX Ginger Rogers Castle role in film

58 local tax assessments

Election Calendar

- May 12 - Local elections for city, school board, hospital district board.
- May 29 - Democrat and Republican primary election.
- May 14-25 - Early voting for primary election.
- July 31 - Runoff election if necessary.
- November 6 - National election

Letters to the Editor

We, the undersigned members of the Texas Legislature, voted for Senate Bill 7 during the first called session of the 82nd Legislature in 2011, which included provisions to prohibit abortion providers and their affiliates from receiving Texas taxpayer dollars.

The Texas Constitution empowers our legislature with the responsibility to pass laws that govern our state, and we fully expect and support Governor Perry's efforts to enforce legislation that was duly passed and signed into law by the governor.

The rule of law must be respected in Texas, and there can be no discretion regarding which laws are to be enforced. We stand ready to work with Governor Perry and other state leaders to continue providing women's health services funded through Senate Bill 7, in full compliance with Texas law.

Texas State Senate Republicans
Texas House Republicans

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Chris Alexander says they found a pair of reading glasses while cleaning up after last week's Chamber of Commerce banquet. If they are yours you can claim them at the Chamber office.

Pretty quiet around town during this spring break week. We did receive a reported .08" of rain last Friday night into Saturday. The Chiefs were supposed to play a baseball game with Dimmitt at noon Saturday. Dimmitt came over but the game was canceled here and moved to Littlefield where they have artificial turf. The boys lost 13-4. Baseball and track get off to difficult starts here in the Panhandle.

Friona volunteer firemen answered a grass fire call Tuesday afternoon about 5 p.m. 3 miles north on Hwy 214 and 2 miles west. The fire threatened the home of Patsy and Delwin Allen but was extinguished before it reached the home. The Rheahollene firemen were also called out to assist. The county burn ban is still in effect.

This is short notice. The Parmer County Historical Commission will meet tonight, Thursday March 15, at 7 p.m. at FirstBank in Bovina. Decisions of the publication of the cemetery book and another historical marker need to be discussed. Gladys Spring is chairman of the PCHC. If you miss the meeting call Gladys and she can probably fill you in.

The Clovis Area Home Educators theatre group will present Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Lyceum Theatre on Main St. in Clovis. The performance dates are March 30 at 7:30 p.m. and March 31 at 3 p.m., both Texas time.

A My Turn guest column this week from 'Momma' Carol Ellis is reprised on the

front page in what was her usual spot. Bill wrote a column titled Star Lites and Carol wrote My Turn every other week. Both columns appeared on the left side of the front page. Carol was chosen as the 2012 Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce banquet and at the urging of friends, wrote a My Turn column about it, complete with the familiar caricature. It was a well-deserved honor for Carol. As noted in her column, she and Bill have lived in Friona the past 50 years and they published the newspaper for 40 of those years.

Friona Blood Drive. As noted elsewhere, the Friona blood drive will be Thursday March 22 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Eligible donors will receive a Hoops Madness t-shirt and a chance to win prizes. For an appointment call 877-574-8800, however appointments are not necessary to donate. There is no substitute for blood. Give the Gift of Life.

Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium the FHS one-act play dress rehearsal public performance will be given. Everyone is invited. By rule one-act plays are limited to 40 minutes so pop over and encourage the kids as they prepare for district competition in Tulia Thursday March 22. The title of the play is The Sins of Sor Juana.

Saturday is St. Patrick's Day. Not sure what it means out here in the West but you are supposed to wear green. Probably be a lot of green brew somewhere in Amarillo. On March 17, 1969, I opened a travel agency in downtown Dallas. That's 43 years ago. Wow! I ran it for almost 20 years and my ex-wife is still operating it today as Sharon Carr Travel. Our two kids,

Kirsten and Casey, manage it. Time does fly.

I read over the weekend that the U.S. has troops on the ground in Uganda, Congo, South Sudan, and Central African Republic. Our local lad, Andrew Stowers, is deployed in Africa until November I believe. Bless them all for their service.

Sandy Spring Fuentes had surgery last week and is recovering at home. Leslee Upton Floyd, Martha Barker's daughter, is in an Amarillo hospital battling an infection and kidney troubles. Mr. Bearl Dean Broyles fell and is recovering at an Amarillo hospital.

FHS freshman Edgar Guerrero won 1st place at the regional powerlifting meet and is headed to state. Squaw Dakotah Hicks was selected to first team all-district 2-2A basketball team. For the Chiefs, Caleb Monroe was voted the district Defensive MVP, Ryan DeWit was first team all-district, and honorable mention went to Weston Wyly, Gabriel Avalos, and Michael Ortiz. Congratulations to all.

Sam Mears is back in an Oklahoma City hospital for surgery to drain fluid off his spine after recent laser back surgery. He had an MRI at PMC Saturday and Dr. Morales discovered the fluid build-up. No surgeon was available in Amarillo so Friona EMS drove Sam to the Hereford airport and he was transported by twin-engine plane to Oklahoma City. The surgeon there came in from his ranch to perform the Saturday operation. His wife Donna went along and it was her first ever airplane ride. Heck of a way to fly for the first time. They will be there for about a week while Sam recovers.

The hospital, clinic, and auxiliary is hosting a farewell reception for Dr. Felix Morales on Wednesday, March 21, from 1-2 p.m. in the PMC conference room. He will be leaving at the end of March for a position with Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock.

It is sharpening time again at Malouf's Fabrics. Jack Chapman from Precision Machine Sharpening will be at Jisele's store next Thursday, March 22 from 12-5 p.m. You can drop off scissors, knives, rotary blades, pinking shears, etc. for sharpening. There are also some fabric sale deals. Check out Jisele's ad this week for details.

Former Friona graduate Michael James Murphy will be in concert at the Methodist Church Saturday March 24. Everyone is invited. I'm

told his dad was the First Baptist Church pastor and that Mike, Bryan Johnston, Clint Mears and others had a rock band during the high school years. They graduated in 1977. Check out the story about the March 24 concert elsewhere in the paper.

In case you haven't noticed, Easter will be Sunday April 8 this year. The Friona High School senior prom is scheduled for Saturday May 5. And the first of several Class of 2012 senior banquets will be Monday March 19 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. The Chiefs baseball teams will host Muleshoe Tuesday, March 20, down at the ballpark. Game times are 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The USDA says the CRP general sign-up dates are March 12 to April 6. Currently about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts

on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012. For more information contact the FSA office in Farwell.

I shall leave you with this tidbit from the Washington Examiner website: Vice President Joe Biden addressed 87 wealthy Democrats this week attending a fundraiser dinner at the home of Senator John Kerry in Georgetown. As they dined on grass-fed New York strip steaks and white truffle mashed potatoes underneath an outdoor tent, Biden criticized Republicans for being out of touch.

"These guys don't have a sense of the average folks out there," Biden said. "They don't know what it means to be middle class." The 87 guests paid \$10,000 per couple to attend the dinner. See you next week.

Until then!



gary cash photo

Local veterinarian Dr. Gary Cash is quite an accomplished wildlife photographer hobbyist. We grabbed this nice one off of his Facebook page where he said, "I think the Mountain Bluebird is pretty and I spend a lot of time with them." Nice work Gary.

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Texas voter ID law disapproved by DOJ

The United States Department of Justice refused to approve Senate Bill 14, passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law in 2011 for the purpose of voter fraud prevention. SB 14 requires voters in Texas to provide certain government issued photo identification when voting to help ensure positive identification at the polls.

"The Dept. of Justice's decision is extremely disappointing, especially since the data they demanded came from matching two separate data sets never designed to be matched, and their agency was warned that matches from these data sets would be misleading," said Secretary of State Hope Andrade. "My

office will continue working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in seeking to implement the will of the citizens of Texas, as enacted by our duly elected representatives in the Texas Legislature."

As a result of the Dept. of Justice's refusal to allow implementation of SB 14, current law pertaining to approved documentation required for voting, meaning a Texas Voter Registration Card, will apply in the May 12, 2012 Uniform Election and the May 29, 2012 Primary Elections.

Approved documentation in addition to, or in lieu of a Voter registration card includes at least one of the following:

- 1) A driver's license or

personal identification card issued to you by the Texas Department of Public Safety. You may also bring a similar document issued to you by an agency of another state, even if the license or card has expired; 2) A form of identification that contains your photograph and establishes your identity; 3) A birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes

the person's identity; 4) Your United States citizenship papers; 5) Your United States passport; 6) Official mail addressed to you by a government entity; or 7) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

For additional information, please visit www.VoteTexas.gov.

Friona grad Michael Murphy in concert at Methodist church

The Friona United Methodist Church will present a concert Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. by Michael James Murphy, a 1977 graduate of Friona High School. There will be a fellowship meal after the concert. Both are provided free of charge.

Michael James Murphy currently serves as the Executive Pastor of Global Brand & Communications Strategies at centralonline.tv in Las Vegas. Central is the 7th largest church in North America and is a thriving and innovative multi-site and online church averaging over 20,000 in attendance each weekend.

Michael is an accomplished guitarist, producer, songwriter, and recording artist. He released three award-winning albums on Reunion Records, and was a guest artist on other popular album projects. He was the recipient of 4 Dove Awards for Country Album of the Year, Country Song of the Year, Praise and Worship Album of the Year, and Children's Album of the Year.

A church spokesperson said, "This event will give us an opportunity to welcome Michael home and share some memories. You don't need a ticket or reservation so please join us and bring a friend for a night of worship and fellowship. We will provide a nursery for your little ones so don't hesitate to bring them along."



Michael Murphy

Grief and bereavement support group meeting

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th, in Friona. The Special Care Series by Doug Manning will be discussed.

This is a community service open to the public. Anyone experiencing grief and/or loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 806-247-0057.

Godly men are lovers

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church
Godly men are disciples of Jesus who love, lead, provide and protect for the glory of God and the good of all.

Godly men are lovers, in fact all men are lovers! Oh yea, that's right! Many men may see themselves as the real Don Juan, but in reality, all men are lovers. (Ladies, this is your chance to look your man in the eye and tell him "Honey, you are a lover!"—and don't laugh).

Unfortunately there's a problem. The problem is not that men are lovers, because they are created and commanded to be, but the problem is that men usually love the wrong things. Pornography is a multibillion dollar industry that reeks of men loving and lusting after women that aren't theirs, in a selfish attempt to satisfy sexual cravings. Sports, hobbies, fishing, hunting, cars, tractors, your phone, technology and a gazillion other things are common recipients of a man's idolatrous love.

God designed men to love and sacrifice of themselves for the glory of God and the good of others, yet everything our world preaches is that men are to exploit others for their advantage, whether in relationships, work, church, family or hobbies. You know what a man loves when you see what he sacrifices for. How does he spend his time, money, energy, affections and attention?

Godly men must be bold, zealous, courageous lovers of Jesus before they love anyone or anything else! That's why the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30-31). Being that kind of a lover is impossible without a saving relationship with Jesus, and leaning on His Holy Spirit to enable you to love the Lord and others daily. Men, be the best lovers you can be, just make sure your love is aimed in the right direction.

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Preston Stewart, a Parmer County 4-H student, placed 3rd with his Hamp at the recent San Angelo Livestock Show.

Panhandle Parables Passin' through

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ
"You new in town?" "Yep." "Are ya stayin' long?" "Nope, I'm just passin' through."

This conversation is found in many old western movies. Like some, I enjoy a good western - one of the older ones with Roy Rogers, Clint Eastwood, Jimmy Stewart or, the greatest, John Wayne. It always seemed they were just passing through, not wanting to get involved when the trouble started. Before they knew it, they were right smack dab in the middle of the whole affair. Sometimes, they would come out on top and ride off into the sunset just as they said they were going to do. Other times, they got caught up in the whole thing and ended up dead.

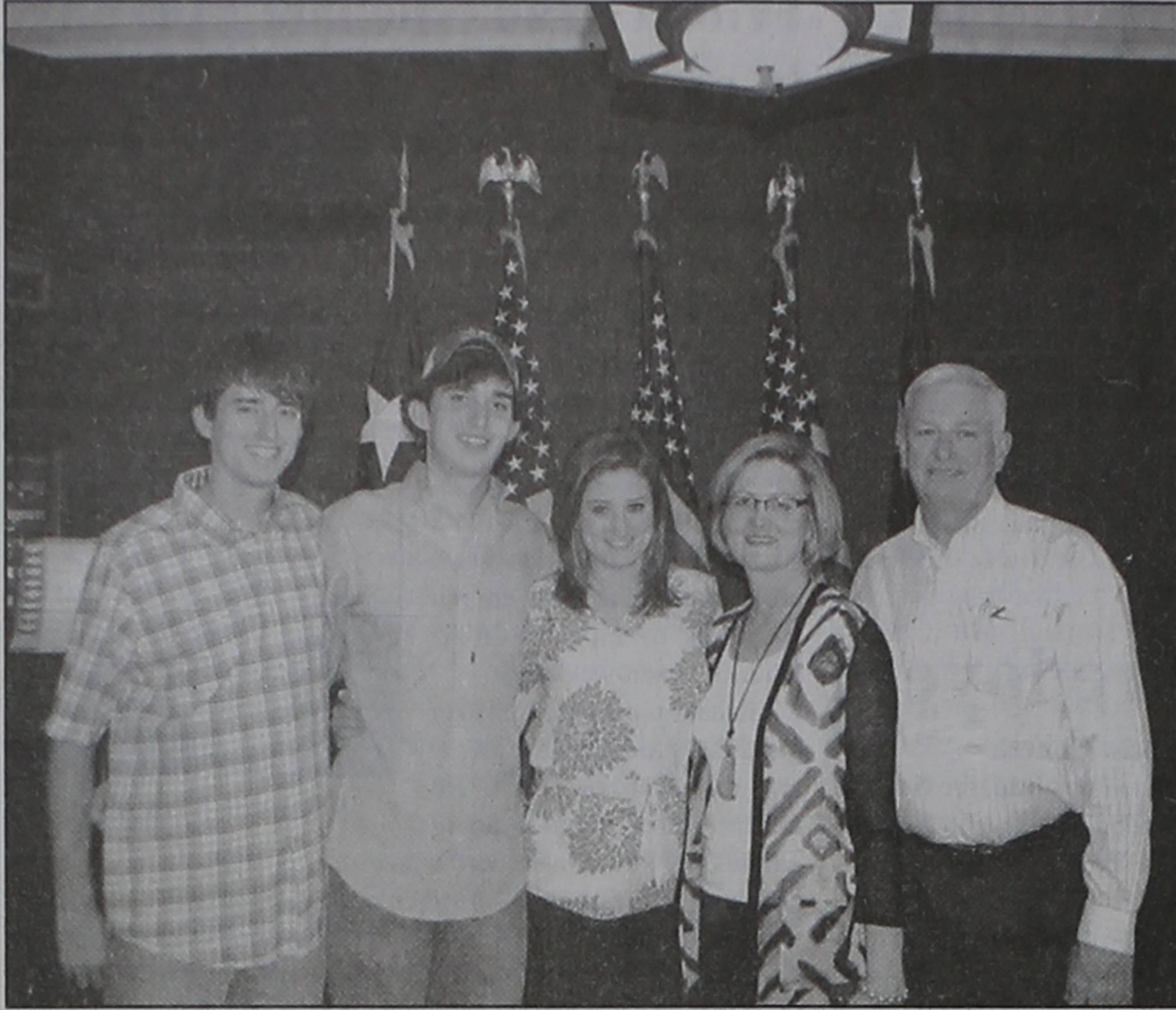
One could have the same conversation with a Christian and I hope the same statement would be said, "Nope, I'm just passin' through." Our lives here are short when compared to eternity. Not only short, but also full of things that can slow us up, bog us down, and even keep us from ever getting to our destination. Some use this phrase as an excuse not to get involved with things in this life. Maybe a different perspective should be approached like: "I am only passing through, so make a difference. Have an impact!"

Isn't this the example given us by our Savior? He was "just passing through" going about his Father's business. He had purpose, mission, focus, faith and compassion and He changed the world a touch at a time. What did Jesus leave us with by giving salvation to all that would receive it? He gave purpose, mission, focus, faith, and compassion.

Can He still impact the world through us? "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-1 NIV). Saddle up my friends, for our mission is not to change the world, but to make sure everyone knows WHO did.

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The Gurley family, l-r, Alex, J, Hollis, Kathryn, and John, gathered in Washington D.C. during spring break. Hollis, a Texas Tech student, is spending this semester in the nation's capital as an intern in Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Bovina Independent School District, in Bovina, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

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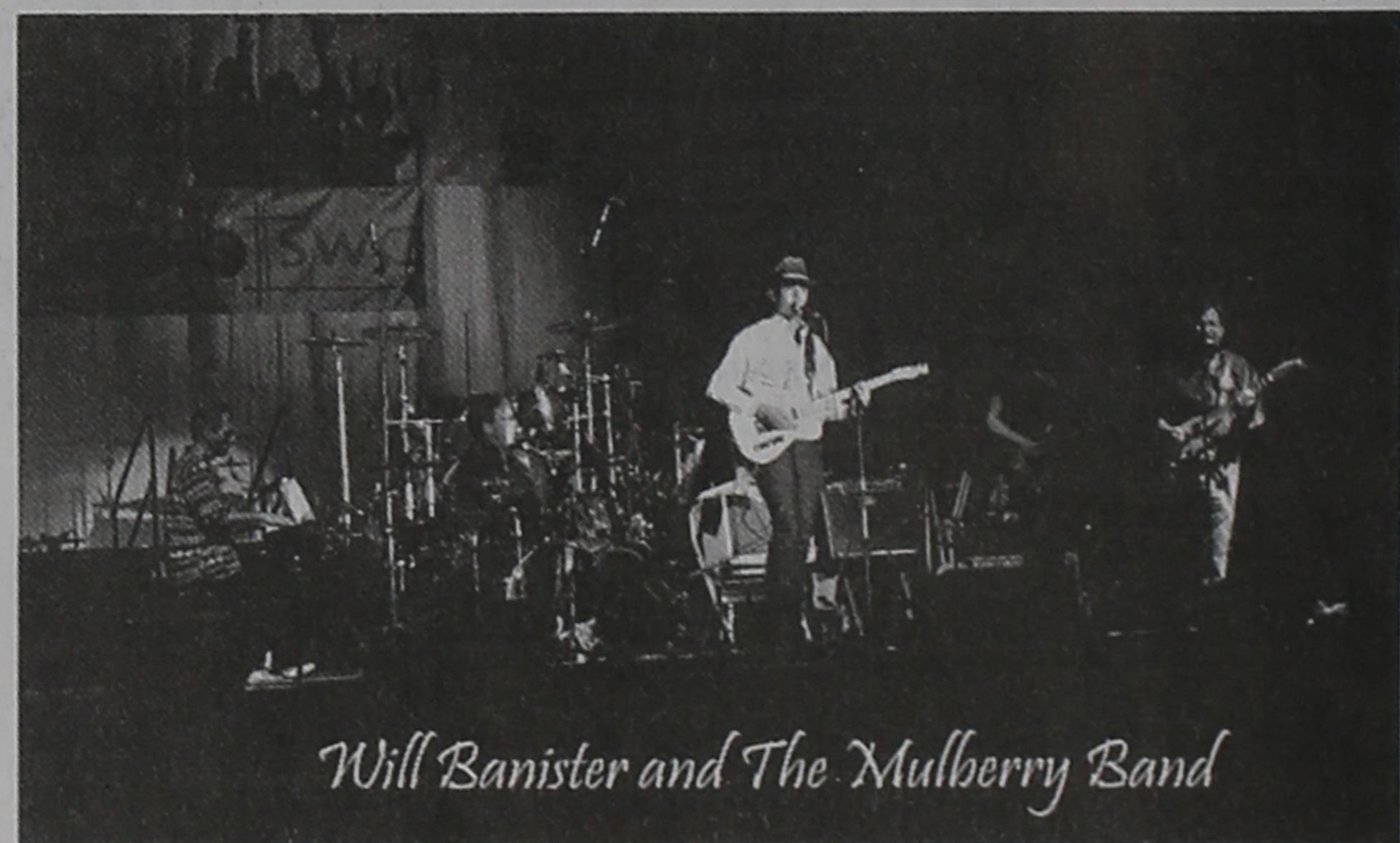
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Monroe, DeWit named all-district

The District 2-2A basketball all-district team has been released. Caleb Monroe was named the District Defensive MVP. Ryan DeWit was named first team all-district. Honorable mention nods went to Weston Wyly,

Gabriel Avalos, and Michael Ortiz.

Led by these five seniors and first year head coach David Woods, the Chieftains had a successful season, advancing to the regional quarterfinal game before

losing to Childress. The 2012 Chiefs won bi-district and area trophies with victories over Highland Park and Colorado City. As noted before, these were the first basketball playoff wins for a Friona team since 1974.



Caleb Monroe



Ryan DeWit

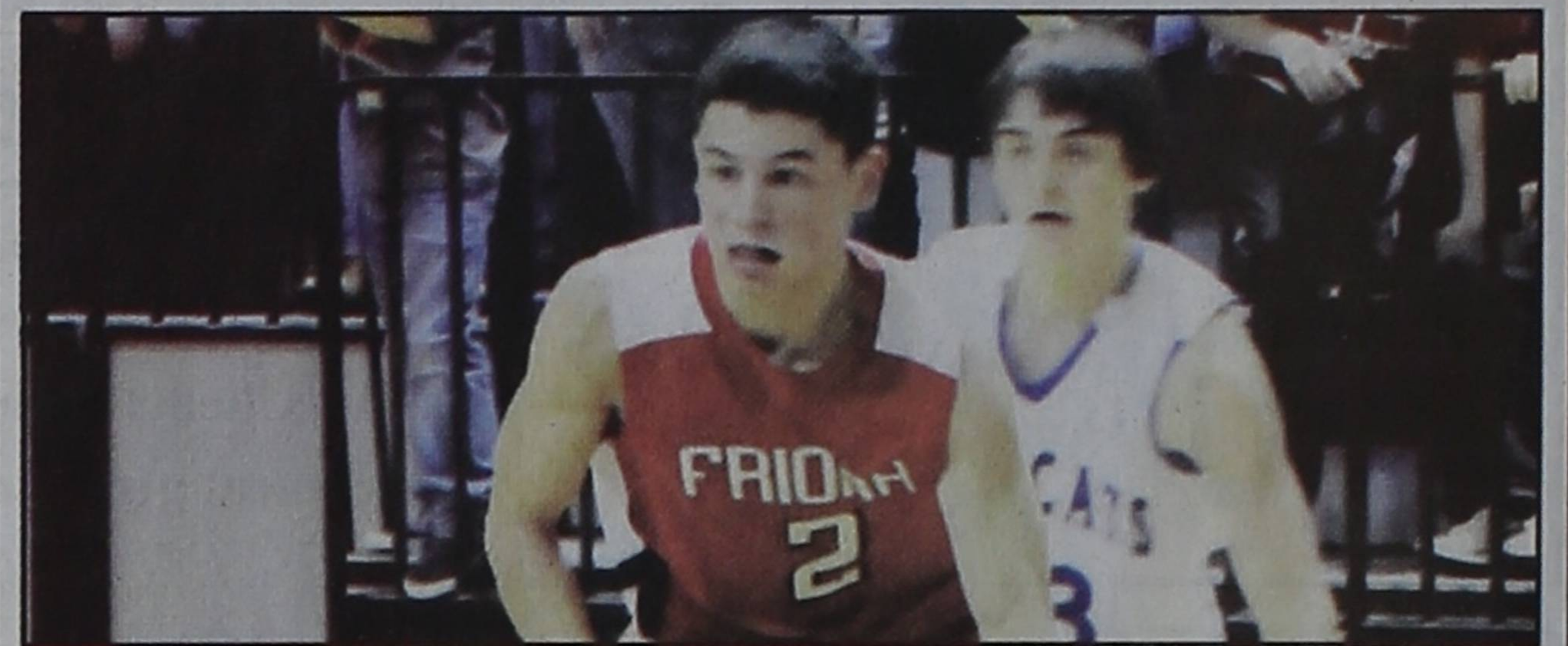
All-District Honorable Mentions



Weston Wyly

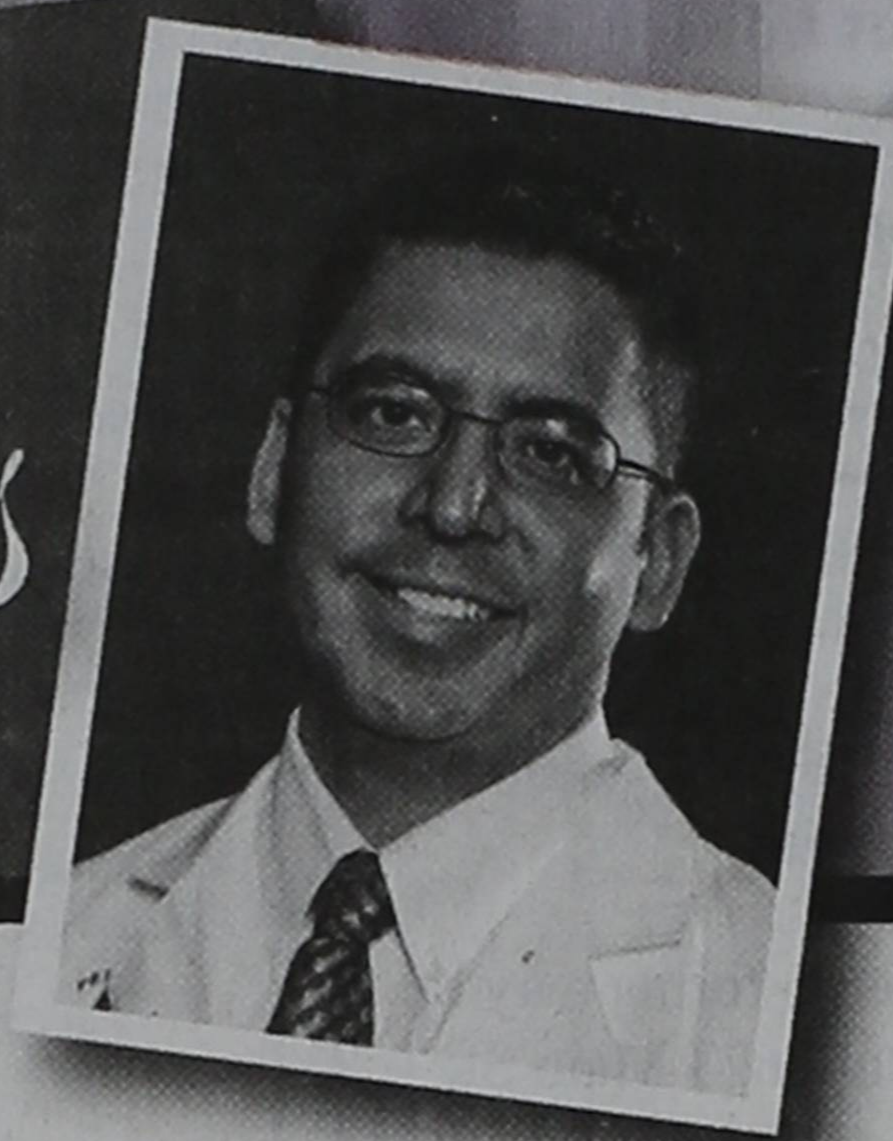


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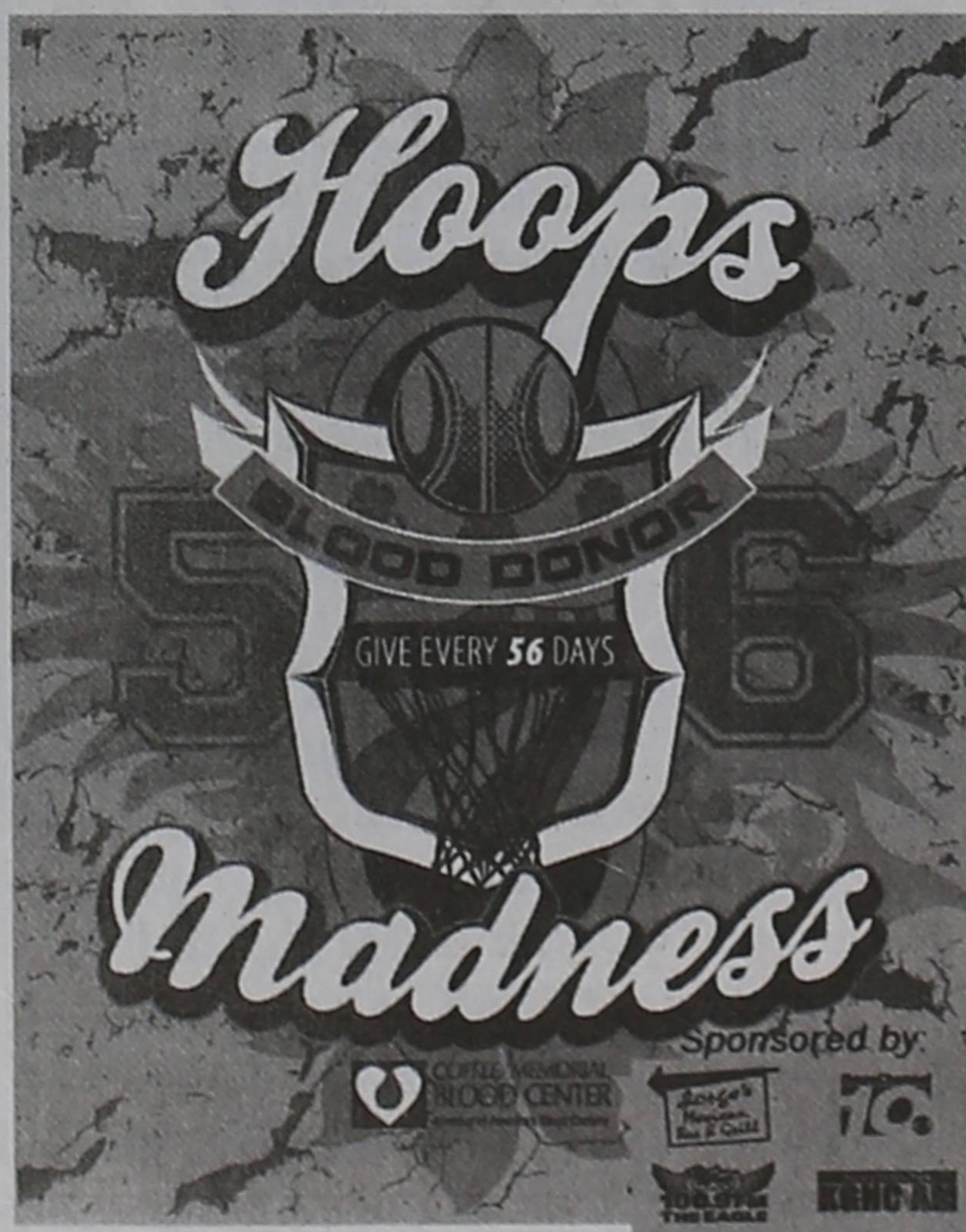
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