

# Friona ★ Star

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## Prairie Acres burger cookout

Prairie Acres Skilled Nursing Facility is pleased to invite the community to join them for their 3rd annual Independent Day cookout on Friday, July 1 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Prairie Acres administrator Nikki Brister says, "Come celebrate with us and enjoy a hamburger with all the trimmings."



## Museum will be open during burger cookoff

The Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum will be open for the Cheeseburger Cook-Off Saturday July 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or later if necessary.

The museum board has decided to open the museum on a regular basis every Monday and Friday, beginning July 18. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The board needs volunteers to staff the museum during their open hours. Folks wishing to volunteer call Gladys Spring at 251-1552.



ron carr photo

Kendrick family members gathered Saturday afternoon at the Friona Golf Club during the H.K. "Pudge" Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament are being donated to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Left to right, Renae Rapp, Jennifer Kendrick, Tara & Matthew Kendrick, Casey & Andy Kendrick, Pam (holding Avery Kendrick) & Danny Kendrick, Deke Kendrick, Sally & Jay Messenger (holding Jacob Shelton), Suzanne & Jeff King, Amanda & Phillip & Mallory Shelton.

# K. Gordon to headline Cheeseburger Cook-Off

Former Friona resident and rising music star Kris Gordon will perform during the July 16 Cheeseburger Festival Cook-Off and Car Show. The 6th annual Cheeseburger Cook-Off will see up to 20 teams competing for Best Cheeseburger and cash prizes. Other merchandise and food vendors and kids entertainment will be available throughout the park.

The Friona Noon Lions Club will be selling their world famous French fries. The Classic Car Show, which attracted 70 cars last year, will again be held along 7th Street adjacent to the park. The Chamber of Commerce is selling bracelets in advance for \$7 at the Chamber office. Each bracelet is good for a cheeseburger when the public serv-

ing begins at 12 noon. Bracelets will also be sold at the park.

Tables and chairs will be set up at the park but folks are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and plenty of sunscreen to enjoy the many activities.

Kris Gordon took up music early in life, joining his father, mother, grandmother, and uncle during family music sessions. He started a band comprised of family members and friends called "Kris Gordon and Southern Sky." During his college years he began touring fairs, rodeos, and premier nightclubs.

Later he began appearing as an opening act for various artists including Kenny Chesney, Gary Allan, Tracy Lawrence, Tracy Byrd, and the late Chris LeDoux.

He moved to Nashville for a while hoping to land a record deal. It was there he developed a friendship with Dean Miller, son of the famous Roger Miller. He and Miller, a record producer, collaborated to produce an independent album. Gordon has since moved back to Austin. His debut album, "Don't Let Go Tonight" was scheduled for release in March 2011.

Kris Gordon is a 1994 graduate of Friona High School. His parents are Alec Gordon, who was employed at Excel/Cargill, and Sharon Gordon, who was a teacher in Friona schools for many years. Alec and Sharon are planning to retire and live in Georgetown, Texas.



pam hamilton photo

Have you ever seen the rain? There was brief excitement in the city Monday night when a rain shower moved through the area complete with thunder and lightning. Friona's official count was 0.11". Pam Hamilton snapped this rare rain photo at her home along west US 60.

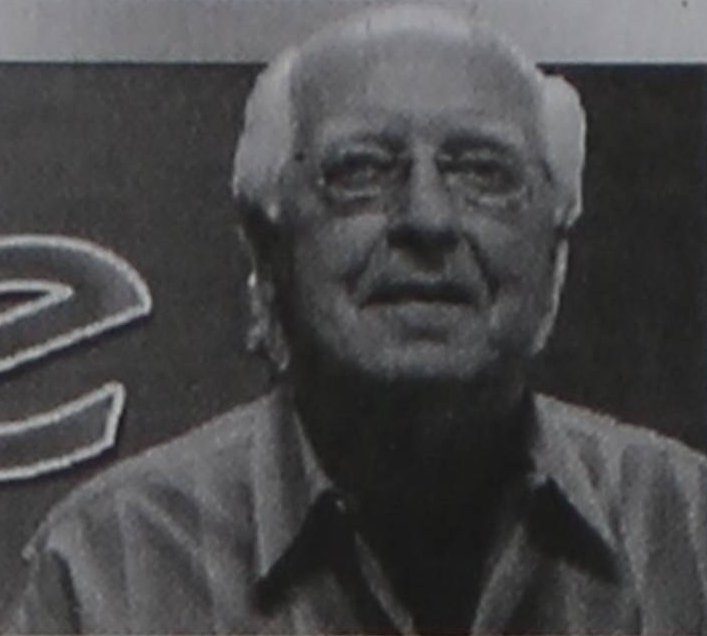


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Friona volunteer firefighters Chuck Teague, left, and Justin Bridges get ready to head back to the station after dousing a cross-tie fire east of town on US 60 last Thursday. Another fire early Sunday morning destroyed the county roll-off box near the Hwy 214 overpass. At our Wednesday press time Friona firemen were responding for mutual aid to a large grass fire several miles east of Muleshoe. No fireworks allowed in the county this year. Be safe. Give our firemen a break so they can enjoy the holiday too.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## no joke: an electric car

Glenn Reeve has heard all the jokes.

The one about the long extension cord, the ones about 'Obama cars', and the ones about getting 40 miles to one charge. The Chevy electric car with the appropriate name Volt has made an appearance in the Panhandle. Glenn is a veteran car and truck salesman, employed at Stevens 5-Star Car & Truck Center in Hereford.

Last Thursday he and I went for a ride in an electric Volt. I have to admit I was among the skeptics about electric transportation. I like my roomy, gas-guzzling Chevy Tahoe.

Like most people all I heard about the Volt is that it can go 40 miles on one battery charge. Since we all travel more than 40 miles on most trips I was closed-minded to the idea of an electric car, especially out here in the wide-open spaces.

When Glenn said he

was going to bring the car over from Hereford I even made a joke about "hope you have enough battery to get here." In addition to being a good salesman he is also a good sport.

So we get in the red 4-door mid-sized sedan with the word "VOLT" emblazoned on both sides along with a lightning bolt. Nothing like advertising to everybody that I'm driving an electric car.

I'm happy to say that most of my concerns (and jokes) have now been displaced with a new attitude about electric driving. When we got buckled in the Volt, Glenn said "Let's go." "Okay," says me, "how do I start it?"

It was Glenn's turn to pull off a joke. He had already started it and I could not hear (or feel) it running. It runs more than quiet. We drove in town and east on US 60. Another of my

concerns was whether it had any pep. It does. The car easily passed 80 mph on the highway.

On a full charge the car runs 40 miles but then the gas engine kicks in to recharge the battery and keeps it running down the road. The car does not die after 40 miles. If you are on a long road trip and stop at a C-store, it will restart without plugging it in. The gas engine will start it. Jerry Stevens, owner at Stevens 5-Star, drove this same car roundtrip to Albuquerque.

Another salesman at Stevens 5-Star drove the Volt home to Canyon every night for a couple of weeks. It is about 30 miles. He would plug it in overnight at home then again at the dealership in the morning. During the two weeks of roundtrip Hereford - Canyon driving, the car did not use even one gallon of gas.

We agreed the Volt is

more suited to big city in-town driving but it still performs well on road trips or less than 40 mile commutes.

The Volt can be charged with either 110v or 220v, plug-in. A complete charge takes about 10 hours at 110 and about 4 hours at 220. The Volt displays ample digital readouts to keep the driver informed about battery and fuel levels.

It was an easy drive. Fun actually. Everything works just like a "regular" car or truck. Without battery power the Volt still gets close to 40mpg.

Here is what I learned. It won't die after 40 miles. It has as much pep as most small sedans. It uses standard electrical plugs. It costs \$42,000. If you need more info or want to check out the Volt or buy a car or truck, here's Glenn's cell phone number, 806-265-7034.

And no jokes please.



Glenn Reeve and the 2012 Chevy Volt electric car. Nice ride.

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- TX "Dandy Don" was on \_\_\_\_\_ Monday Night Football
  - cowboy necktie
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  - TX Patrick Swayze was \_\_\_\_\_ Main in "85 North and South"
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  - film with 21-across: "\_\_\_\_\_ Eye for an Eye"
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  - silent film's Ramon \_\_\_\_\_ lived briefly in El Paso

- Edison founded this conglomerate (abbr.)
  - TX Willie's "Country Throwdown \_\_\_\_\_ 2011"
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  - North Richland \_\_\_\_\_, TX
  - abbr. for '84 film by 21-across
  - Mary \_\_\_\_\_ West was 1st woman to be an A&M regent
  - TXism: "a horse of a different color"
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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ letting" (flight)
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  - Cabeza \_\_\_\_\_ explored TX coast
  - TX Orbison's "It's \_\_\_\_\_ Soon to Know"
  - Homer's epic poem

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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  - "rivers" so. of border
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Rio, TX
  - TXism: "pay \_\_\_\_\_ never mind"
  - Homer's epic poem

## Agriculture GPS systems may face interference problems

BY MARY JANE BUERKLE

### Plains Cotton Growers

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., continues to follow the situation regarding wireless broadband provider LightSquared and potential interference with the Global Positioning System.

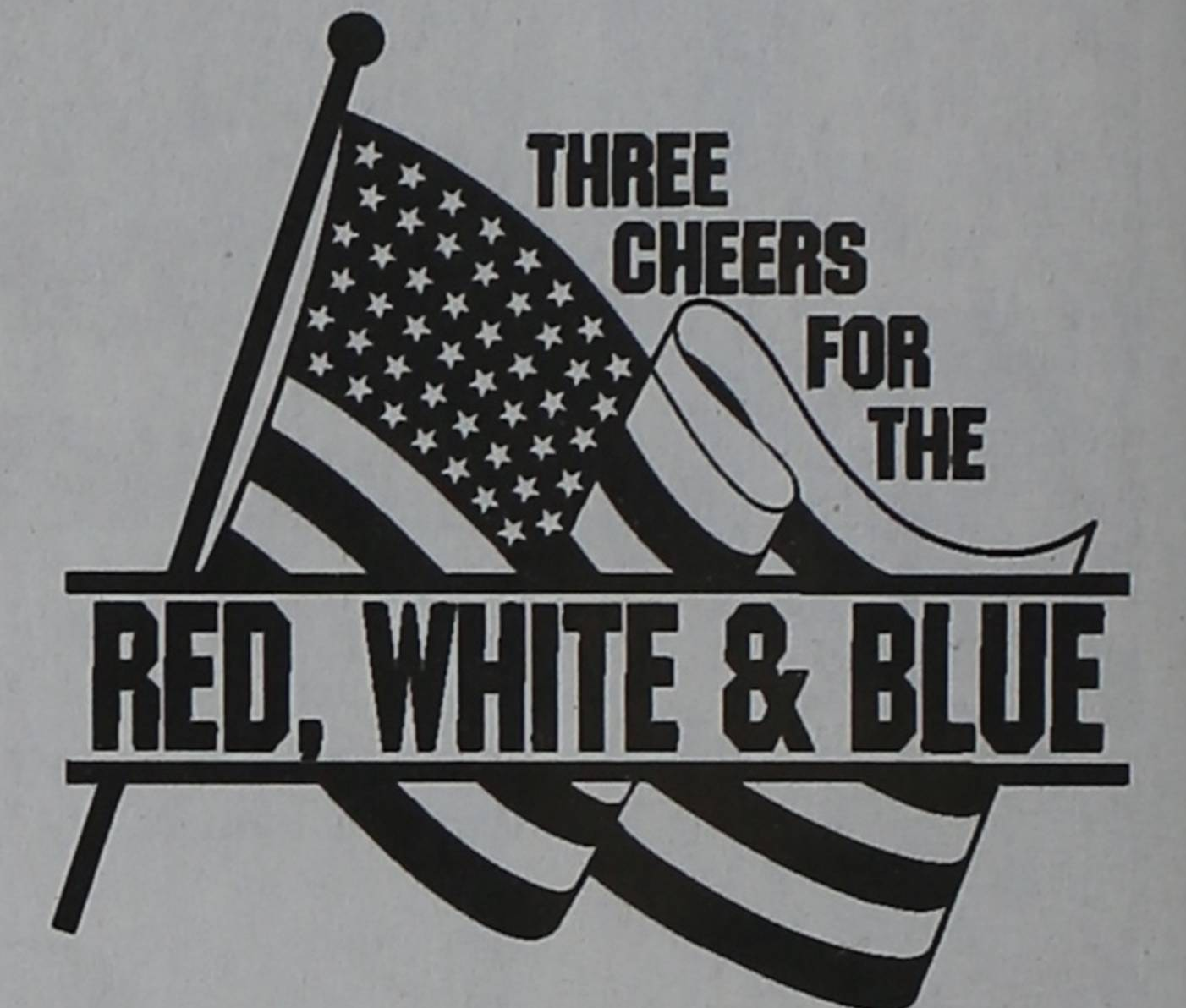
LightSquared's goal is to build out a nationwide 4G ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) network that would cover 260 million people in the United States by 2014. In January the FCC granted LightSquared a conditional waiver which allowed them to proceed with the project in a limited fashion while a working group conducted research to determine whether the LightSquared network and GPS can coexist with no interference.

The deadline for that report was originally June 15 but was extended to July 1 after a request from LightSquared.

According to a news article from Bloomberg, LightSquared CEO Sanjiv Ahuja said they would alter their original plan and use different airwaves which he said would resolve interference concerns for 99.5 percent of all GPS receivers in the United States. However that remaining 0.5 percent includes precision GPS receivers such as those used in agricultural equipment.

"If these interference concerns aren't completely resolved, this potentially could be a massive issue for precision agriculture," PCG Executive Vice-President Steve Verett said. "We have got to have 100 percent assurance that this new technology will not affect any GPS receivers."

Plains Cotton Growers will monitor this issue and keep you updated on any developments.



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## Town Talk II

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

Yes that was rain Monday night. A thunder and lightning storm moved through the county. High winds around the Bovina area blew some metal roofs off and there was a downed power line. A few fields received some hail.

Allen Humberg, who lives north of town near Deaf Smith County reported receiving 1.15" of rain. Here in Friona, official weather guy John Gurley recorded 0.11". Over an inch was reported in Hereford. However much it was we are thankful but more hot weather ahead is the forecast.

John Baxter had heart bypass surgery Thursday June 23 in Amarillo. He is home now and Sherry says he is doing fine. Speedy recovery Big John. The Ford folks need you back ASAP.

The next blood drive is Thursday July 14 at Calvary Baptist Church. Mark your calendar. More details in next week's Star.

A fire call east on US 60 last Thursday turned out to be a crossie on the railroad tracks sparked by some welding. Friona firemen had it out quickly. Then at 5 a.m. Sunday morning the firemen were roused out of bed for a

fire call to the county roll off box near the Hwy 214 overpass. It was a complete loss according to Commissioner Kirk Frye. No word on how it started. Been a pretty quiet week for county firemen. Let's hope it stays that way.

Clovis auctioneer James Priest conducted an auction sale Saturday at the Margaret Parsons residence. A friend was there looking around during the Friday preview. Priest asked her if she wanted a US flag. He offered to give it to her, explaining that they don't auction flags or bibles. Interesting. Never thought about it but I guess it is a matter of respect. Nice idea.

Have you been to the Clovis Wal-Mart since they completely remodeled the store? I hadn't been there in quite a while until last Saturday. If you are a creature of habit like I am it is upsetting that nothing is where it used to be. It is like learning to walk all over again. Couldn't find several things and was too impatient to hunt for them. Impatience is one of my better characteristics.

While wandering around Wally World I bumped into Ben and Butch McCain, the Bovina McCain brothers, and their mom Rose. They were in town looking after some farming business and visiting Rose who is in a Clovis nursing home facility. It was good to see Rose out and

about. Ben lives in California and Butch lives in Colorado. Talking to Ben is about as close as I'll ever get to Hollywood.

Hometown Hardware is set to re-open Tuesday. The business was purchased from Leroy and Terri Cox by McCaslin Lumber Company in Hereford. It has been closed for about a year. The local manager will be Glen Duque of Hereford who is an 8-year McCaslin employee. They have been cleaning up and cleaning out the store. Plans are to stock lumber, pipe, building supplies, toilets, water heaters, sinks, etc. The name of the business will remain Hometown Hardware.

The descendants of Everett and Mattie Parson held their annual family reunion June 10-12 at the home of Thomas Parson. Thomas' children in attendance were: T.E. and Virginia Parson of Tomball, Texas, Ellis and Mildred Parson of Summerfield, Neal and Kay Parson of Amarillo, Elaine and Darrell Ware of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Dora Parson of Friona.

Also attending were several of Thomas' grandchildren and great grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters, several nieces and nephews and foster children and their families. Relatives came from all areas of Texas as well as Oklahoma and New Mexico. A total of 71 folks registered and everyone had a wonderful time

swimming, relaxing, eating, and catching up with family news.

The local cable channel says July 16 Cheeseburger Cook-Off bracelets are on sale in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office. They are \$7 and good for one quarter of four cheeseburgers of your choice. Public sale begins at noon. The Noon Lions will be selling our world famous fries for \$2 a boat, including ketchup and salt. Come see us.

Bovina resident Buddy Prather is organizing the return of Bull Town Days. They are planning a July 4 parade and bronc riding at the Bovina Roping Arena. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the bronc riding at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Congratulations (again) to my friend Denise Anderson of Bovina. Last year I congratulated Denise for be-

ing named Bovina's middle school principal. Now she has been named the Bovina high school principal, replacing Jody Balch who resigned to take a job in Clovis where he lives. Way to go Denise, moving down the hall to the big chair.

The St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina will hold their annual Jamaica Sunday July 31. They will be selling raffle tickets for a washer & dryer, stainless steel refrigerator, 40" flat screen TV, a table and 4 chairs, black gas stove, a Wii and a Nook. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5, available from any St. Ann's member.

Had a nice visit and meal at the cancer survivors' dinner last Thursday evening. Thanks to the members of the 6th St. Church of Christ for hosting and preparing the excellent fajita meal. Thanks also to Greg and Jamie Lewellen for spearheading the Parmer County Cancer

Coalition fundraising efforts and honoring our cancer survivors.

The Summer Drama Workshop begins Tuesday July 5 to July 16. Once again director Allison Johnston will be tasked with the challenge of molding a bunch of K-5 thespians into an entertaining show. Sort of like keeping a bunch of baby chickens under a basket. Amazingly she always comes through. Erika Montana will direct the junior high production and Joy Morton the high school show. More info and photos as time marches along.

Have a happy, cool, and safe July 4 weekend. Through all the grilling, camping out, heading to the lake, or going off to visit family, remember to pause and be grateful to our men and women of the military, past and present, who have fought to make it possible. See you next week! Until then!



Summer brings with it garage sales, auctions, and roadside stands like this one Saturday across the highway from Fast Stop.

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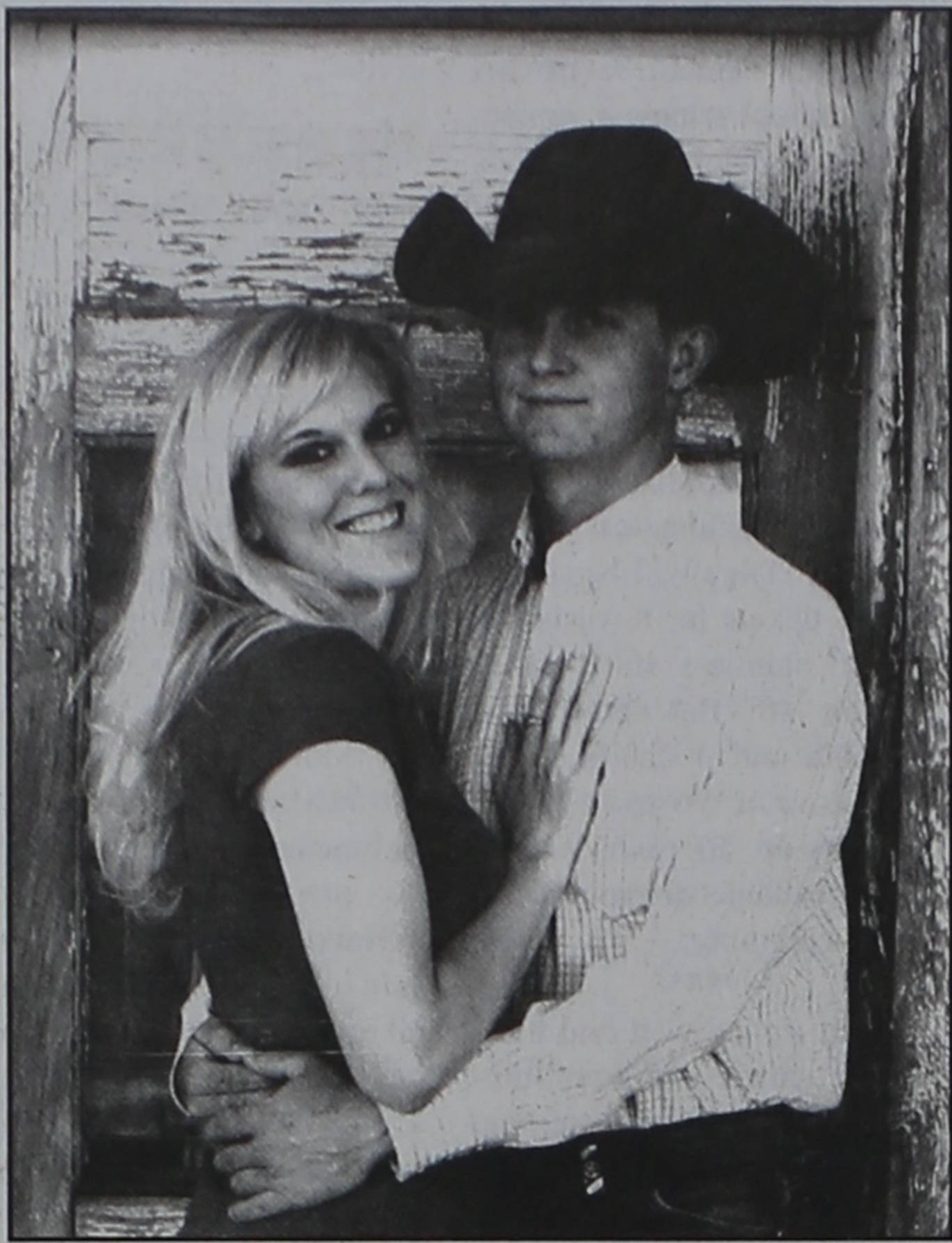
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### ENGAGEMENT

#### Adams & Mimms



Misty Adams & Brett Mimms

Michael and Leatrice Adams, of Stanton, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Misty Dawn Adams, also of Stanton, to Brett Carson Mimms of Putnam, Oklahoma. He is the son of Clay and Reta Mimms of Ima, New Mexico, formerly of Lazbuddie, Texas.

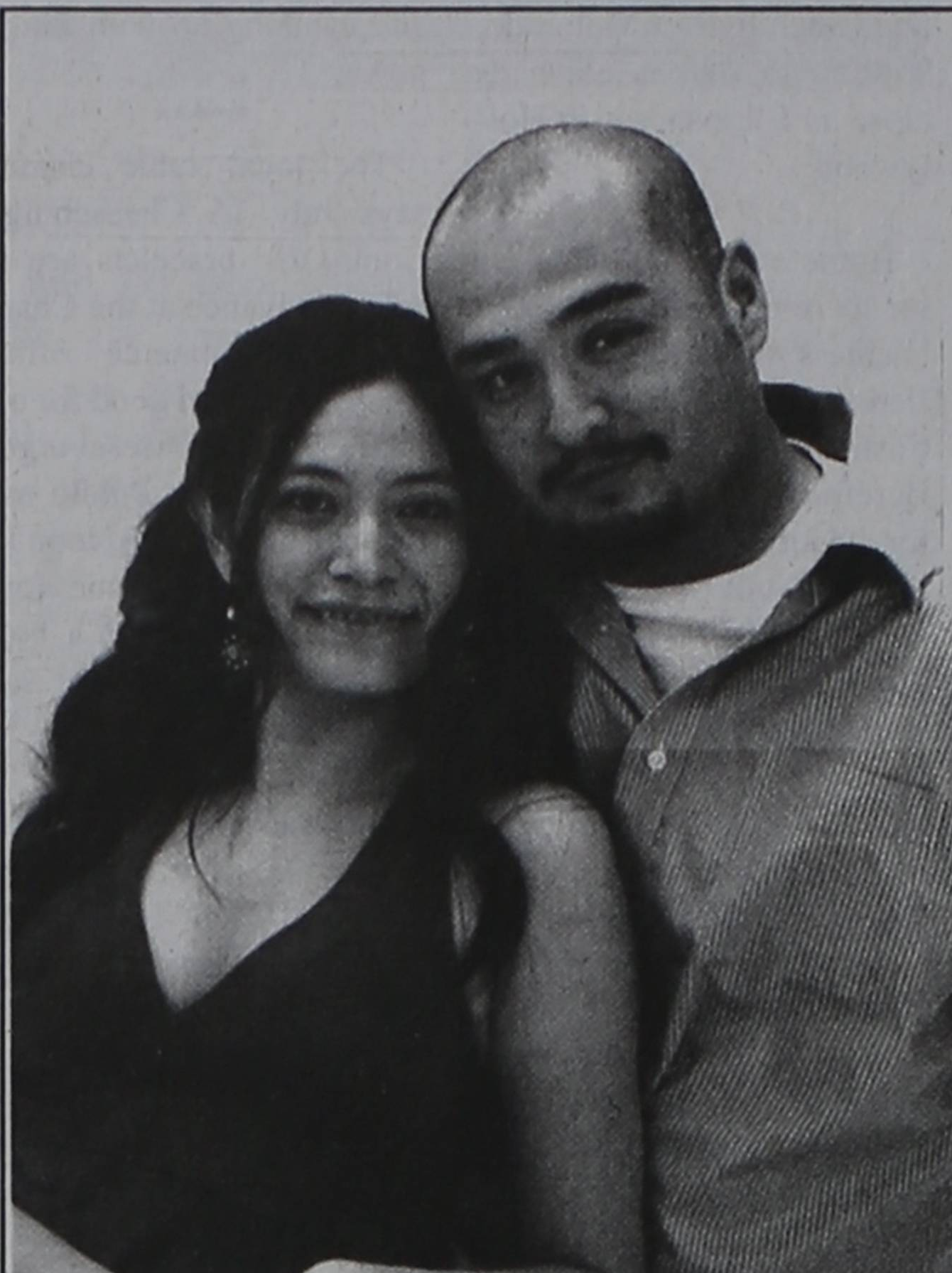
The bride elect is a 2002 graduate of Stanton High School and a 2006 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science. She is currently employed with Rusty's Oilfield in Stanton.

The prospective groom is a 2005 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and attended South Plains College. He is currently employed with WWP Cattle Company in Putnam.

Misty and Brett will exchange vows on Saturday, August 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at Starlight Canyon in Amarillo.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Chavarria & Medina



Petra Chavarria & Gabriel Medina

Gumaro and Irene Chavarria, of Friona, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Petra Chavarria, to Gabriel Medina, the son of Carmen Luz Gomez of Amarillo.

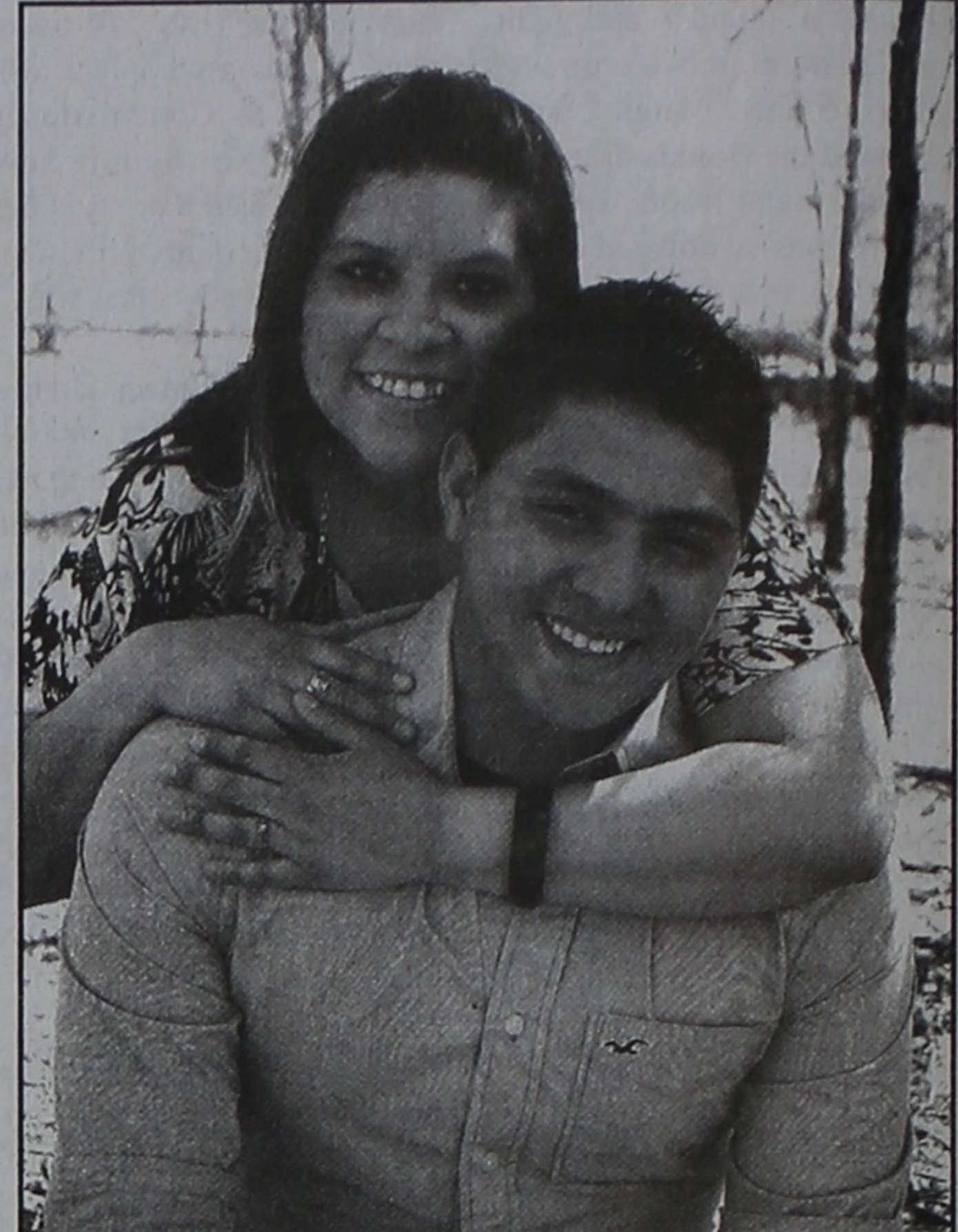
The couple will exchange wedding vows August 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 2300 N. Spring, in Amarillo.

The bride elect is a 2000 graduate of Friona High School and a 2009 graduate of West Texas A&M University. Petra is currently employed with Affiliated Computer Services.

The prospective groom is a Palo Duro High School graduate and a West Texas A&M University graduate. Gabriel is currently employed with American Glass Distributors.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Licerio & Torres



Jonathan Licerio & Jisela Torres

Jorge and Lupe Torres are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jisela Torres, to Jonathan Licerio, the son of Raul and Maricruz Licerio, all of Friona.

The couple plan to wed on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at the Temple of Adoration.

## DPS looks for July 4 drunk drivers

During the Independence Day Holiday, the Texas Highway Patrol will conduct focused DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols target impaired driving and are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

The increased patrols are scheduled for June 27 through July 6. All available DPS troopers will patrol during this time to keep the traveling public safer by keeping drunk drivers off the roadways.

"Highway travel increases during the Fourth of July holiday, and we want to make sure that everyone is driving sober and getting to their destinations safely," said Chief David G. Baker, the DPS assistant director of the Texas Highway Patrol. "Anyone who plans on drinking, should also plan on having someone else drive them home."

Troopers are also participating in Operation Holiday and Operation C.A.R.E. from July 1 to July 4, both of which provide increased patrol to make holiday travel safer. In addition to looking for drunk drivers, troopers will focus on seat belt violators and speeders.

Last year during the extended holiday weekend, DPS troopers made 617 DWI arrests, issued 8,882 speeding citations and ticketed more than 1,600 seat belt and child safety seat violators.

With the ongoing drought and the high-risk of wildfires, DPS asks that all drivers avoid tossing cigarettes out of their vehicle. Drivers should also avoid stopping or parking vehicles in grass, which can catch fire when it comes in contact with an automobile's catalytic converter.

### Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from June 16, 2011 to June 22, 2011:

Old World Tuscan Properties Inc. - Ray Reyes, NW/4 S10 BLK E.

Dave Bentley and Geneva Bentley - Edward Terry and Jo Donna Terry, NW CORNER S10 T1N R3E.

### Sheriff's Report

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

June 23, 2011, Brooke Batham, 22, of Roswell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with motion to revoke (assault 2nd), pending County Court.

June 23, 2011, Lazaro Velazquez, 41, of Farwell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol charged with driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.

June 24, 2011, David Chapman, 21, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with motion to revoke (possession of marijuana), pending District Court.

June 25, 2011, Aaron Pedroza, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury, and possession of marijuana, pending County Court.

On June 7, 2011, in the 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Juan Matilde Duran, 31, of Friona, charged with assault, was sentenced to 180 days in Parmer County Jail; and \$333 court costs.

Jesus Ricardo Salazar, 22, of Phoenix, charged with money laundering, was sentenced to 120 days in the Parmer County Jail; \$333 court costs; and \$1,000 fine.

Adrian Garcia, 32, of Clovis, charged with burglary, was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication; \$358 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$400 attorney fees.

Joseph Angelo Bermea, 21, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief, was sentenced to 12 months in the Parmer County Jail; \$295 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$3,200 restitution.

### Happy Birthday

July 3 - July 9, 2011

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

July 3-Jan Reeve, Tom Jarboe, Don Boren, Kristi Mills, Booney Gonzales, Liz Kessler, Cyle Lookingbill, Becky Collins

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July 9-Christeene Mann, Jan Welch Bogard, Timothy Clark, Kyle Mars, Ira Bruce Parr, Brent Bumpas, Mavis Burnam, Jake Zerfas, Macy Barnett, Abraham Soto, Derek Scott, Megan Stone, Suezzy Smith

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# OBITUARIES

## Margarita Samarron

Margarita Samarron, 67, of Friona, died Monday, June 27, 2011 in Amarillo. Prayer services were held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Templo Bautista Church in Friona. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at Templo Bautista Church in Friona with Rev. Donnie Carrasco of Lubbock officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Margarita Samarron

Mrs. Samarron was born on February 13, 1944, in Yorktown, Texas, to Cristel and Margarita DeLeon Salinas. She married Juan Samarron, Sr., in 1963, in Springlake, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of Templo Bautista Church in Friona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Juan Samarron, Jr.; two brothers, Guadalupe and Israel Salinas; and a sister, Blasa Ramirez. Survivors include, two sons, Jose Samarron of Lazbuddie, and Richard Samarron of Friona; three daughters, Delia Jackson, Elvira Arellano, and Maria Jass, all of Friona; three sisters, Tina Salinas and Lidia Lopez of Bakersfield, California, and Maria Galvan of Mission, Texas; three brothers, Cristel Salinas, Jr. of Plainview, Frank Salinas of Muleshoe, and Ernesto Salinas of Abernathy; 12 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

## Robert Leon Lloyd

Robert Leon Lloyd died on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at his home in Hereford, Texas. Memorial services were held on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 9:45 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Hereford, with Rev. Kyle Streun, Pastor, officiating. Graveside services preceded the memorial service, at West Park Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Services were under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home.



Robert Lloyd

Robert was born December 17, 1929, in Bovina, Texas, to Robert Fred and Florence Elizabeth Lloyd. He grew up in Friona and graduated in 1948.

After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1949. He married Elsie Verna West, on January 20, 1951. They started farming just north of Hereford in 1952 and later moved to the Simms Community in 1958, where he farmed until retirement. In 2004, he and Elsie moved into town.

Robert's first love was his wife Elsie. His love for her was his greatest gift to his kids. Watching his grandkids grow up was one of his greatest joys. After retiring, he truly loved helping his son at the garden center. Robert was well respected in the community and by his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie, of 60 years; three sons, William Robert (Billy) and wife Mariana of Edmond, Oklahoma, Ricky Lewis and wife Stacie of Hereford, Randy West and wife Joni of North Platte, Nebraska; two daughters, Odie Beth Altman, and Vicki Lynn Peterson and husband Dave, both of Hereford; eleven grandchildren; Melissa Lloyd, Jenessa Keller, Carli Perdue, Blake Altman, Tanner Altman, Kayla Altman, Trent Altman, West Peterson, Landry Lloyd, Robert Lloyd and Barbara Lloyd; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Ray Lloyd and wife Tina of Layton, Utah; a sister, Barbara Lynn and husband Lloyd Wood of Amarillo, Texas; and brother-in-law, Bill West of Marion, Texas.

## Erra Louise Jamerson

Funeral services for Erra Louise Jamerson, 80, of Bovina, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with Rev. Brian Mullins, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. She died on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in Amarillo.



Erra Jamerson

She was born September 13, 1930, in Vernon, Texas, to Arthur M. and Mary Ruth Shelton Martin.

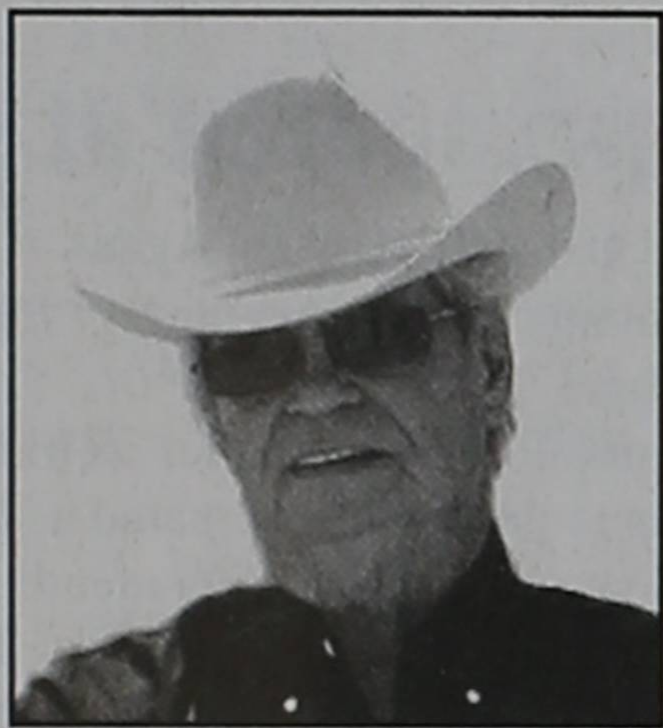
She married Lawrence Jamerson April 23, 1948, in Ralls, Texas. He died on March 24, 1989. She moved to the Bovina area, in 1956, from Littlefield. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina, Eastern Star, and the Bovina Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Dale Jamerson in 1950, and a brother, Dick Martin in 1987.

Survivors include three sons, Kelly Jamerson and wife Gwin of Hobbs, New Mexico, Ken Jamerson and wife Tracy of Friona, and Ricky Jamerson and wife D'Lynn of Friona; one daughter, Carol Scott and husband Larry of Abilene; one sister, Sandra Ware of Bovina; 12 grandchildren, Kirk Scott, Christy Sievert, Kathy Scott, Casey Jamerson, Kyle Jamerson, Lance Jamerson, Jordan Jamerson, Derek Jamerson, Jessica Jamerson, Courtney Ferguson, Cody Jamerson, and Taryn Jamerson; and five great-grandchildren, Kaydence Ferguson, Khloe Ferguson, Avery Jamerson, Braden Siebert and Luke Jamerson.

## Glenn Dale Williams

Glenn Dale Williams, 71, of Midland, Texas, died Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in Midland. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the Friona Cemetery, with Rev. Kyle Streun, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hereford, officiating. Burial will follow by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Glenn Dale Williams

He was born May 26, 1940 in Clovis, New Mexico, to Glen and Lillian Pruitt Williams. He was a 1958 graduate of Friona High School and studied court reporting at Southwest Business School.

Dale moved to Midland 11 years ago, from Dimmitt. He was a Communications Technician with Midessa Communications. He was a member of the Mid Cities Community Church in Midland, and a former member of the Friona Jaycees and the Olton Lions Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Bennett of Midland, and Shelli Rose of Olton, Texas; four granddaughters, Sydney Adkins and Meredith Bennett, both of Midland, Penni Rose of Dalhart, and Robyn Rose of Olton.

## A nation of clay

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Happy Independence Day! We celebrate a long, strong history of freedom in our country and I am proud to be an American, because of the freedoms we enjoy and the blessings we have been given, but I am reminded that we are only a nation of clay. Yes, the mushy, muddy, malleable, moldable material we call clay.

God is the potter, and all the nations of the world are as clay to Him. Jeremiah 18 depicts this scenario as God declares "Behold, like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel!" and also that all nations are planted or plucked up at His discretion. Our country is looking for ways to stop our decline in the world economically and politically through laws, leaders and legislation, but that will not lead us into another era of American greatness.

Proverbs 13:34 says "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Our nation is becoming a disgrace in God's eyes as sin abounds, and the immorality that was once repressed is now glamorized.

This Independence Day we celebrate the day we gained independence from British rule, and are faced with the fact that our nation is growing in its independence against the Judeo-Christian principles we were founded upon.

We need revival and awakening to set our nation on a path of repentance and righteousness; may the Lord grant us such a miracle. God bless you, and God bless America!

## Panhandle Parables

### Obituary "Old Red" 1981-2010

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

Ford F150 Ranger XLT, "Old Red", 29, ceased to function properly on January 13, 2010 in Gilmer, Texas. It served three generations of Procter's faithfully for its entire existence. It was born in Detroit, Michigan and came off the assembly line in 1981. Then moving to the Texas Panhandle, it joined the Procter family and began its duties of transportation.

Years of dedicated service provided many wonderful family stories. Time took its toll physically on the two-tone red and maroon extended cab pickup. Dents, scrapes and rust became badges of honor for a job well done. The last three and a half years, "Old Red" lived in Gilmer, Texas where it continued serving the Procter family until its passing.

"Old Red" was honored for being part of the third year of Ford's 32-year reign in the truck market. It was not a member of AAA, but was willing to stop and help those Chevy's that were members. "Old Red" is survived by the many F150's to follow, that are still on the road. In lieu of spark plugs, motor oil or filters, the Procter family requests all readers to change the oil in their own vehicles regularly.

In all seriousness, it is important to remember "Old Red" was just a pickup. A tool designed for transportation from point A to point B. I love pickups, but it remains a pickup. Sadly, I am fearful many think too highly of their stuff, vehicle or otherwise.

Jesus understood many have a hard time not laying up their treasures on earth. Joshua posed a question that still must be answered, "Who will you serve?" My prayer is that it will be the God of Creation, Who gave us His only Son, that we too might give our all in service of others, through Christ.

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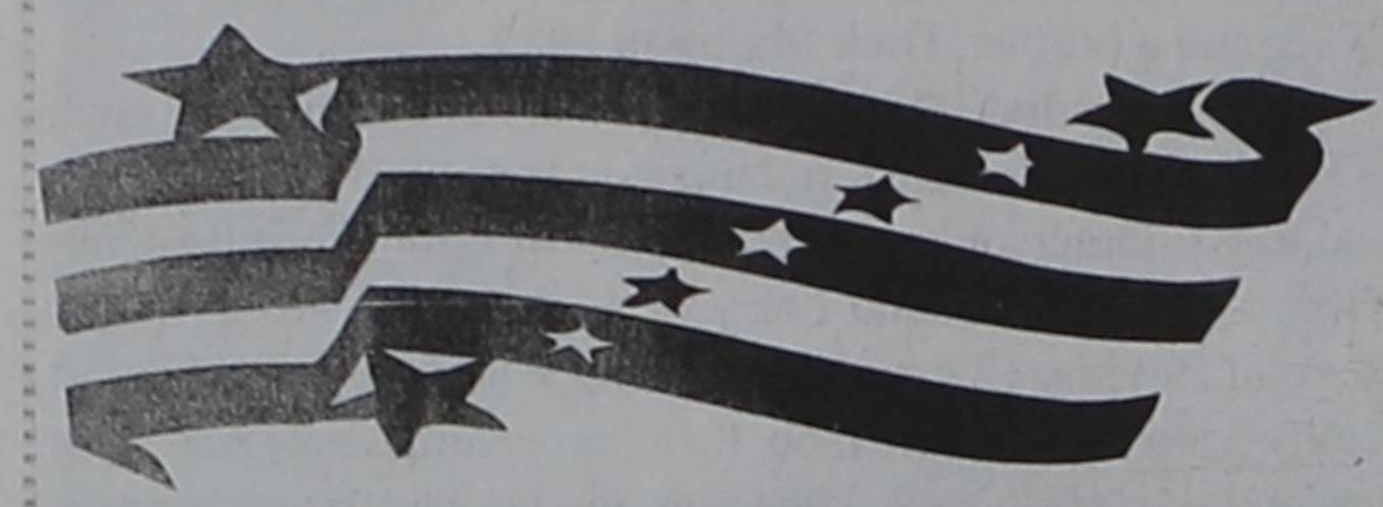
## Hispanic, women farmers claims session in Hereford

A Hispanic, women farmers settlement session will be offered for persons who believe the United States Department of Agriculture improperly denied farm loan benefits to them between 1981 and 2000 because they are Hispanic or women. Such persons may be eligible to apply for compensation.

The session will be held Wednesday July 6 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C, from 7-8:30 p.m. The session is free and is being offered to the general public. The session will be given in Spanish also.

Frederick Pfaffle, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Civil Rights for the United States Department of Agriculture will be the guest presenter. He will speak on details with farmers and organizations that work with farming communities about a legal framework that involves payments and other forms of relief available to women and Hispanic farmers who were discriminated against by USDA during certain periods between 1981 and 2000.

Also presenting on the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be Doug Rundle, Director of Texas Agriculture Statistics, speaking on the Ag-census for 2012. For more information contact the C.A.S.A. del Llano office at 806-364-4445 or email [casal@wtrt.net](mailto:casal@wtrt.net).



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The editors of this 2011 Summer Local Business Update suggest that if you would like more information about Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice or home health care and hospice in general, just call (806) 247-0057. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have. "Remember they are only a phone call away."



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The authors of this 2011 Summer Local Business Update suggest that you give American Dusting Co. a call for an estimate to have your best production of crops this season.

## Frye on HSU honor roll

Miranda Frye, daughter of Kirk and Annette Frye, has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University honor roll for the Spring 2011 semester. The honor roll is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours and maintaining a GPA of 3.6 - 3.74. Hardin-Simmons University is located in Abilene, Texas.

### Chieftain boys basketball camp

Chieftain head coach David Woods will hold the annual boys basketball camp July 11-14. Any player entering the 3rd through the 9th grades during the 2011-2012 school year is eligible to attend.

The 6th - 9th grade camp will be from 9 - 11:30 a.m. The 3rd - 5th grade camp will be 1 - 3 p.m. Both camps will be at the high school gym. Emphasis will be placed on development of sound fundamental skills including defense, rebounding, ball handling, passing, and shooting. Each camp includes drills with individual instruction, contests, and competitive games.

Coach Woods says it is important to pre-register in order to get an accurate number of camp members. You can pre-register by sending the full camp cost of \$25 to Friona Boys Basketball Camp, Attn: David Woods, PO Box 503, Friona 79035. If you have any questions call 806-250-3862.

### July immunization schedules

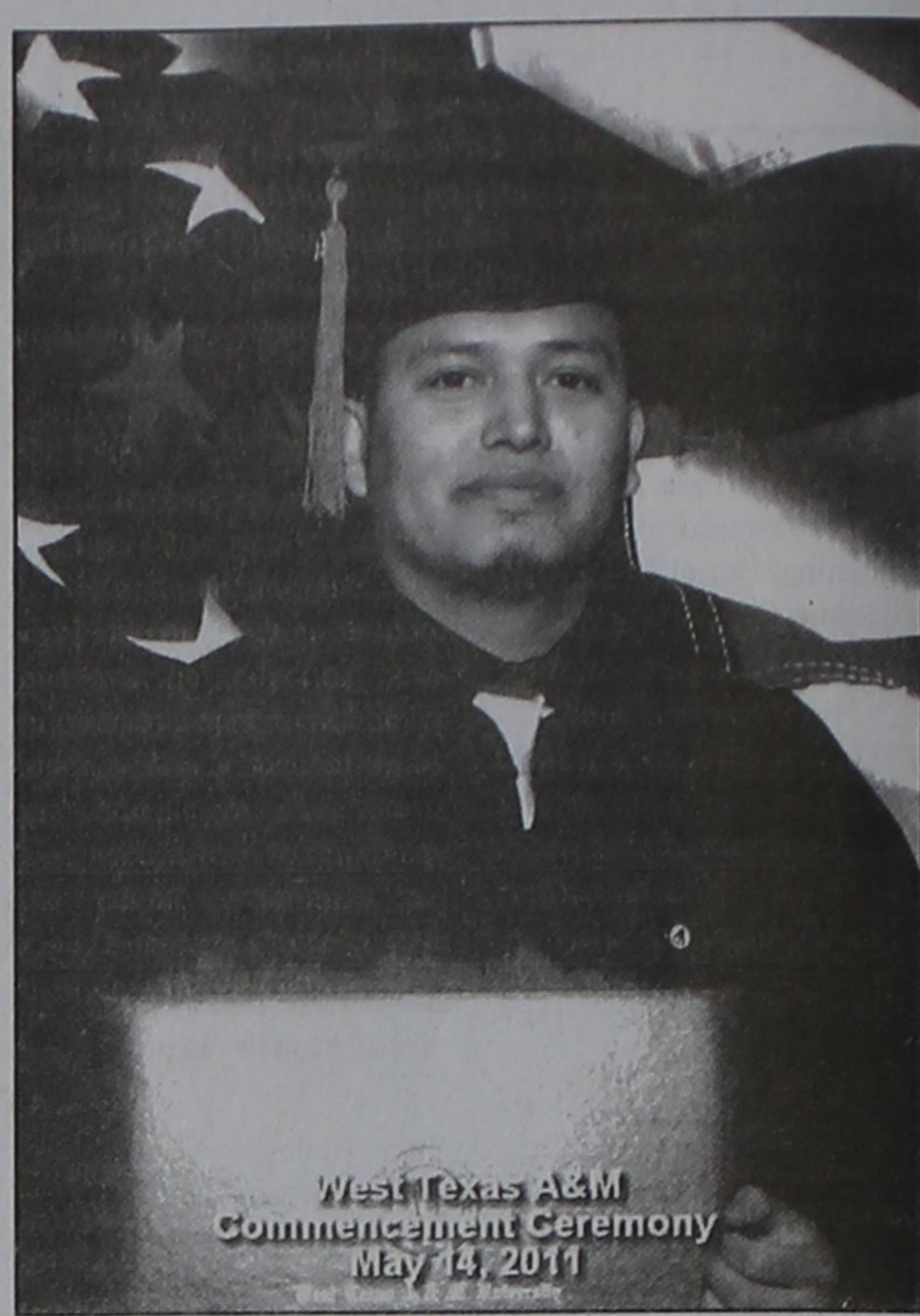
Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for July 2011 in Friona and Bovina. Please bring a copy of your

child's shot record for immunizations to be administered.

The clinic in Friona will be open Monday, July 18, at the Migrant Center, 618 Main, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., first 10 clients, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., first 10 clients.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, July 11, in the Bovina EMS Building, 1093rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., first 10 clients, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., first 10 clients.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.



West Texas A&M Commencement Ceremony May 14, 2011

Gumaro Chavarria, Jr. graduated from West Texas A&M University in ceremonies on May 14, 2011. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Marketing. He served as secretary of the C.A.M.P.O.S. organization and was a member of the Hispanic Association. Gumaro is a 2004 graduate of Friona High School. He is the son of Gumaro and Irene Chavarria and the husband of Rebecca Pena Chavarria. They are expecting their first child. The couple lives in Amarillo.

## County 4-H represented at state roundup

Submitted by Shana Fleming, AgriLife Extension Agent.

Texas 4-H held their annual State Roundup in College station June 13-16. This year 10 members represented Parmer County. This is the largest group to participate in many years. In order to compete at the state level a member must be a Senior 4-Her which is high school age.

The members competed in many different events. Kylie McGehee competed in Educational Presentation and Leaders for Life. Ashton Mason, Shyann Rainey, and Allison Weaver also made up the Leaders for Life team.

Abby Johnson gave an Educational Pre-

sentation. Jill Johnson placed second in Share the Fun - Vocal. Blake Stowers, Daniel Kirkland, and Dillon Kirkland competed as a team in Horse Quiz Bowl.

Five members also entered the Photography contest. Their placings were Jill Johnson, red; Ashton Mason, two blue; Shyann Rainey, red; and Sirina Ramirez, red.

The biggest winner from Parmer County was Ray White who brought home a \$16,000 scholarship. Each of these members represented Parmer County well and should all be congratulated for their hard work.

## IRS increases mileage rate to 55.5 cents per mile

The Internal Revenue Service announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes.

The rate will increase to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. This is an increase of 4.5 cents from the 51-cent rate in effect for the first six months of 2011, as set forth in Revenue Procedure 2010-51.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2011. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

"While gasoline is a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs," said Clay San-

ford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

The new six-month rate for computing deductible medical or moving expenses will also increase by 4.5 cents to 23.5 cents a mile, up from 19 cents for the first six months of 2011. The rate for providing services for charitable organizations is set by statute, not the IRS, and remains at 14 cents a mile.

## Local sales tax report

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said that state sales tax revenue in May was \$1.95 billion, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2010.

"Spending in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing helped increase state sales tax revenue," said Combs. "Retail spending also grew. Texas has now had 14 straight months of sales tax revenue increases."

June's sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

Parmer County's May 2011 payment totaled \$42,507.52 broken down as Bovina \$6,356.99; Farwell \$7,167.97; and Friona \$28,982.56. In May 2010 the tax payment total was \$37,337.90.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 13.84%, broken down as Bovina 5.73%; Farwell 2.27%; and Friona 19.18%. For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$278,768.67 as compared to \$241,906.56 for the same period last year, a 15.23% change.

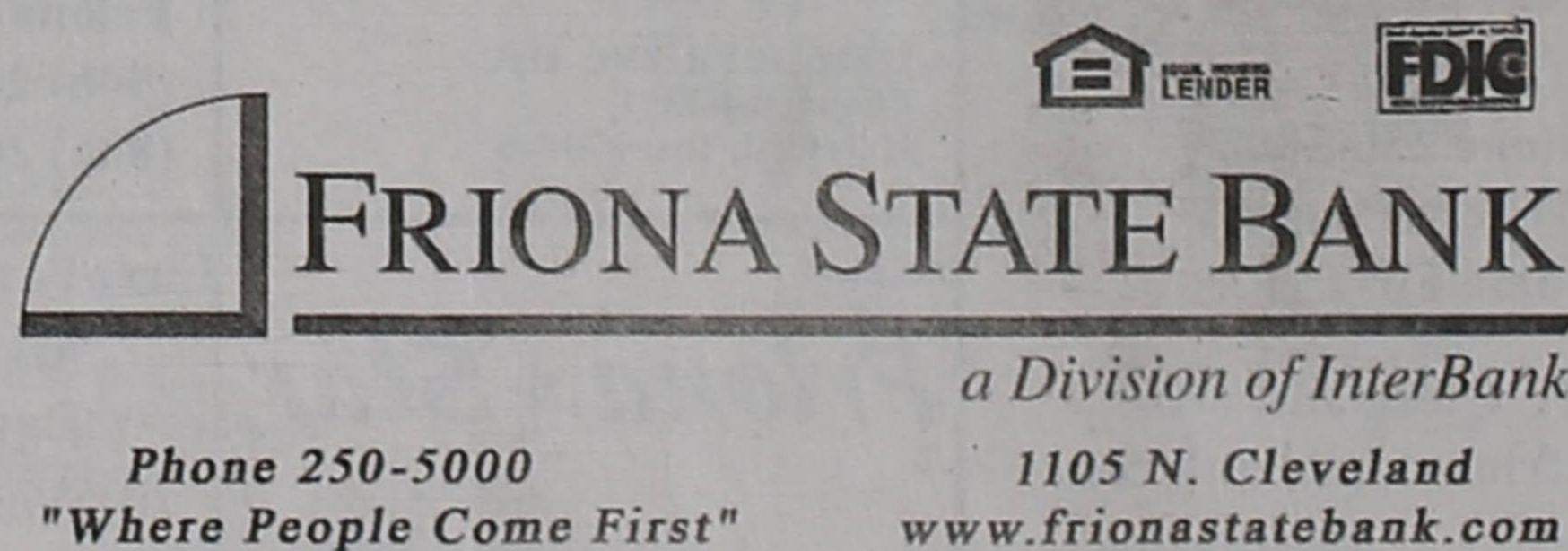
The Comptroller's July sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, July 11.

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# LIBRARY CORNER

by Darla Bracken

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## Local Summer Readers hit the Jackpot with 2011 Library Programs

For *Dig Up a Good Book* it all began on June 2nd, when the kickoff puppet show "Armadillo Alice in Wonderland" came to town. Laura Freeman, children's musician, and Heather Jarry, puppeteer, of the *Hey Lollies Puppets* of Austin, Texas, delighted readers with their original music and puppets: *Armadillo Alice, Jack Rabbit, Little Red Rattlesnake, Moldy Locks and the 3 bats, Big Green Monster and Mockingbird*. Sponsored by Friends of the Friona Public Library, the program featured live music and plenty of puppets found near the armadillo crossing just after entering the wonderland of L-I-B-R-A-R-Y. Seventy-five attended this program at the Junior High Auditorium. The *Hey Lollies* are featured as part of the Texas Commission on the Arts [TCA] touring roster of artists. Lucy Hernandez created the program poster for *Hey Lollies* featuring marionette puppets.

**T-Rex Dinosaur Dig** allowed readers to experience the feel of carefully uncovering an actual specimen, a miniature skeleton of a T-Rex. Readers completely uncovered the plastic skeletal remains in the record time of **two days!**

**Eldrena Douma**, "Blue Corn", a native Hopi Indian (from the Tewa, Laguna and Hopi Pueblo Indian tribes), and also a featured artist on the prestigious TCA\* touring roster, performed in concert courtesy of TCA on June 8. One of her stories featured her great grandmother, **Nampayo**, a renowned Hopi potter. Eldrena also shared her enchanting stories of "Turtle Flies South" and "Coy-

ote Balances the Moon". (Ask any summer reader, what happened when turtle couldn't keep her mouth shut.) Eldrena resides in the Canyon/Amarillo area. Everyone present, young and old, greatly enjoyed her storytelling. Her stories appear in: *Trickster and The Rolling Stone and other Read Aloud Stories* books which have also been purchased for the library collection by the Friends along with a 25th anniversary edition of the history of the Hopi People. One hundred sixty-one children and 30 adults attended. Following this program, a real turtle shell for the readers to investigate enhanced the book, *Thirteen Moons on a Turtle's Back: a native Americans year of moons*, by *Jerry Bruchac*, from our local collection. Darla Bracken created the "Ancient Peoples tell their stories" poster for Eldrena Douma's program.

"Super Juice", that's H<sub>2</sub>O or water for most of us, became the focal point for one of Andy's new songs, and it certainly is the super juice for which our parched fields now crave. *Everybody likes pizza plus "Z Y X"*, another popular favorite, as well as *Bubble Gum, Waggle your Wiggles Out* and the *Burrito Song*, rounded out the performance by **Andy Mason**, guitarist and children's musician, from Portales, New Mexico. This is Andy's third visit to Friona for our annual Summer Reading Program and his appearance is courtesy of the Friends of the Library. One hundred forty-two children and 20 adults enjoyed this program on June 15th. Andy's guitar, featured on our program poster, de-

signed by staff member Julie Balli, is now on Andy's website: [www.andymasonmusic.org](http://www.andymasonmusic.org). Andy is raising money for **SmileTrain**, [www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org), a charity involved in providing corrective surgery for children born with cleft palates, by offering his CDs, T-Shirts and DVDs for sale online and at his programs.

"Exploring the Night Sky" featured the mobile star lab from the **Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo**, which wowed all those fortunate enough to be present. A fantastic trip inside the black bubble to experience a planetarium view of the night sky awaited those who ventured inside. Library Staff and volunteers Megan Balli, Becky and Melody Upton, and Melba Smiley pitched in to create the stations for *Galaxy Gallery of Constellations* original drawings by readers present; *Soaring Bubble Races* featuring colored (& thankfully washable) bubbles, *Out of this World Hopscotch and Stargazing 101*, so that readers would not have to sit idly by between the Star Lab Programs. Approximately 150 children and adults participated in these programs on June 22nd. Friends of the Library proudly sponsored this program; Shawn Saker from the Discovery Center and his son River, presented the program. Brenda Patterson created the program poster for "Exploring the Night Sky".

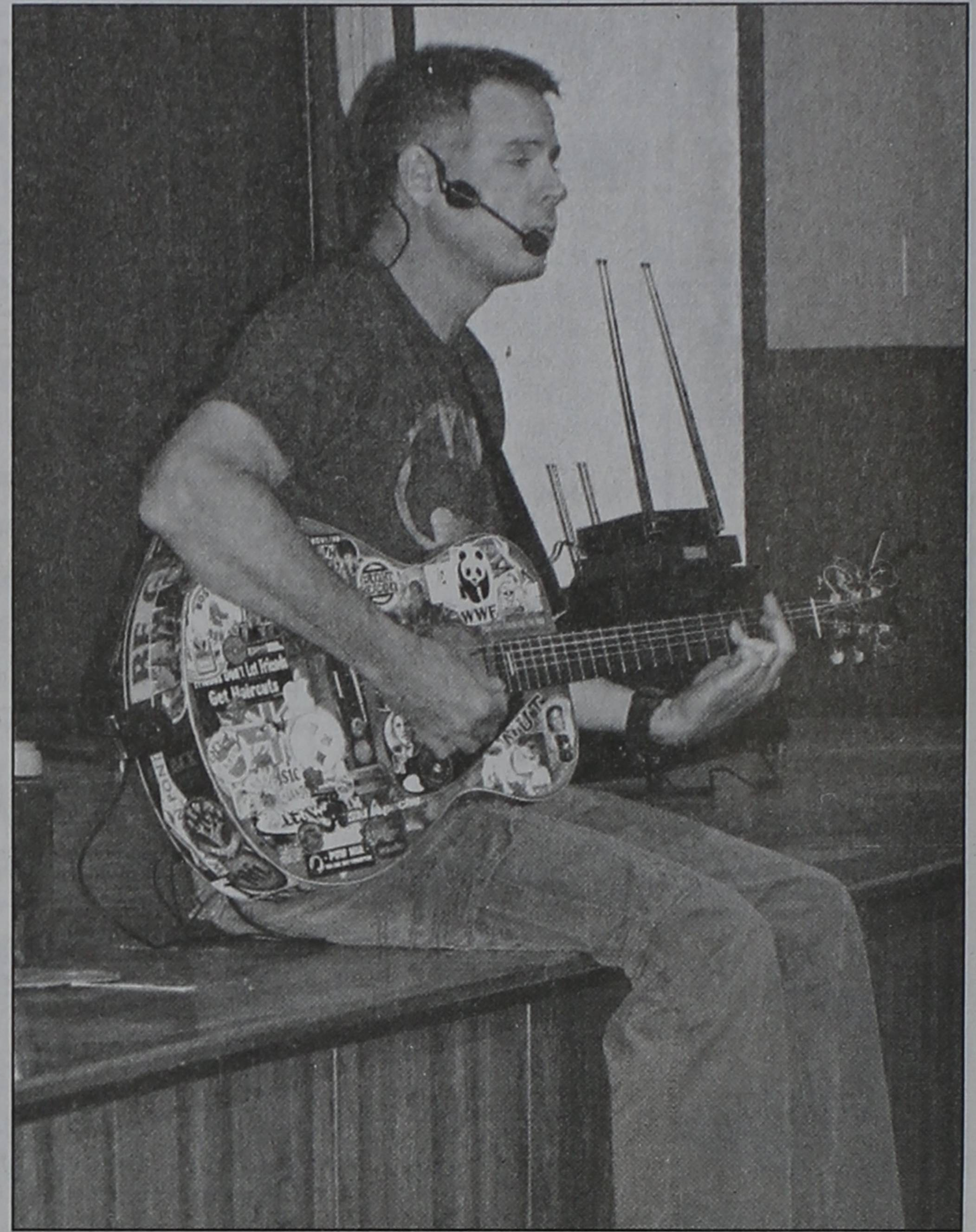
The **BIG DIG**, the final program, will take place at the Primary School Sandbox on June 29th. *Endless Horizons*, a local band, will be on hand to perform at this program. Band members are

also Texas Teens Read participants who wish to give back to their community. The Librarians wish to thank everyone who helped make this a successful program for our young readers: The Friends of the Library for the wonderful programs, Friona

ISD for use of the auditorium, and the dedicated teachers and parents who made sure that their children got to come to the library and participate. "It is our hope that someday these same children will 'pay their experiences forward' and help with

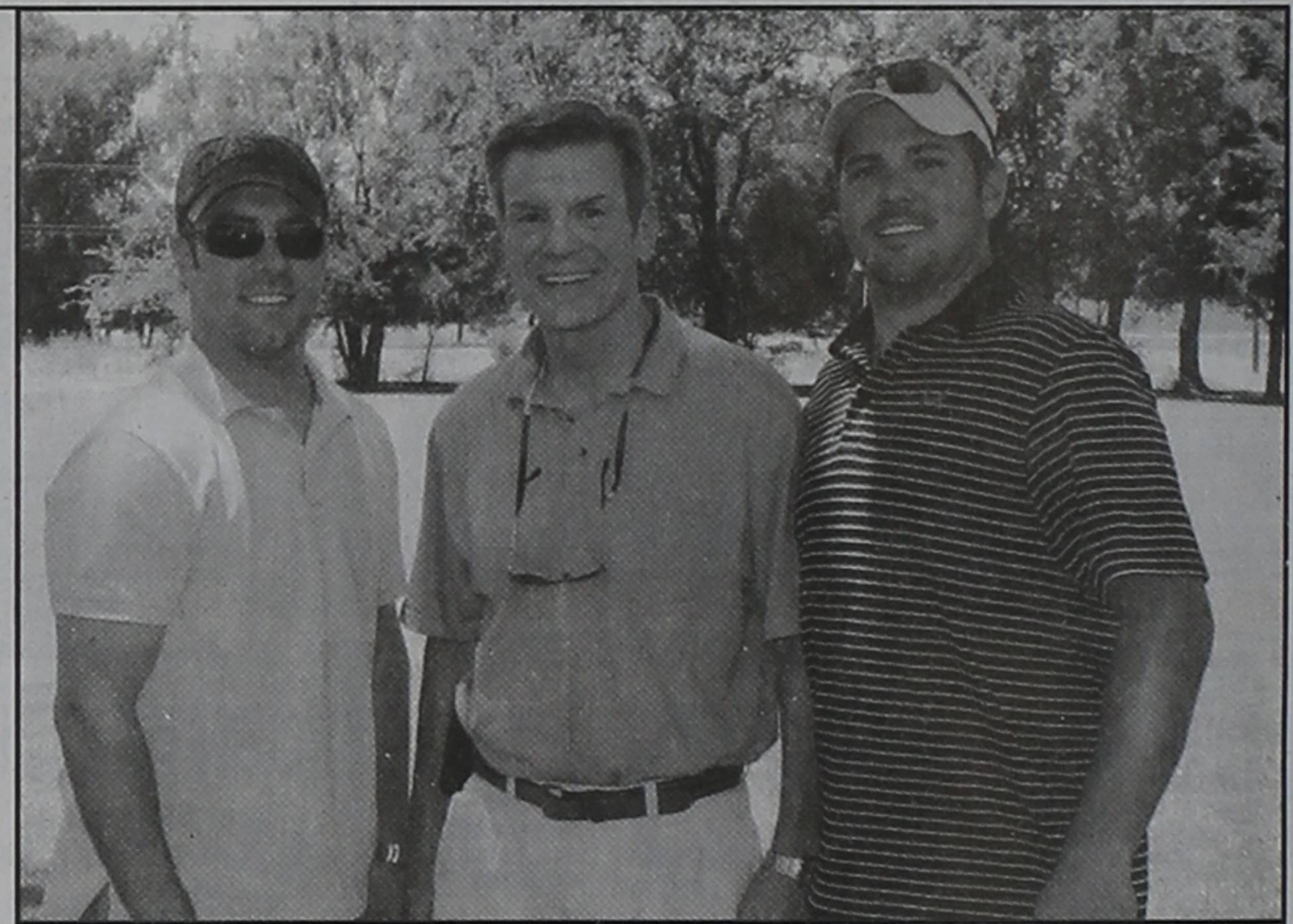
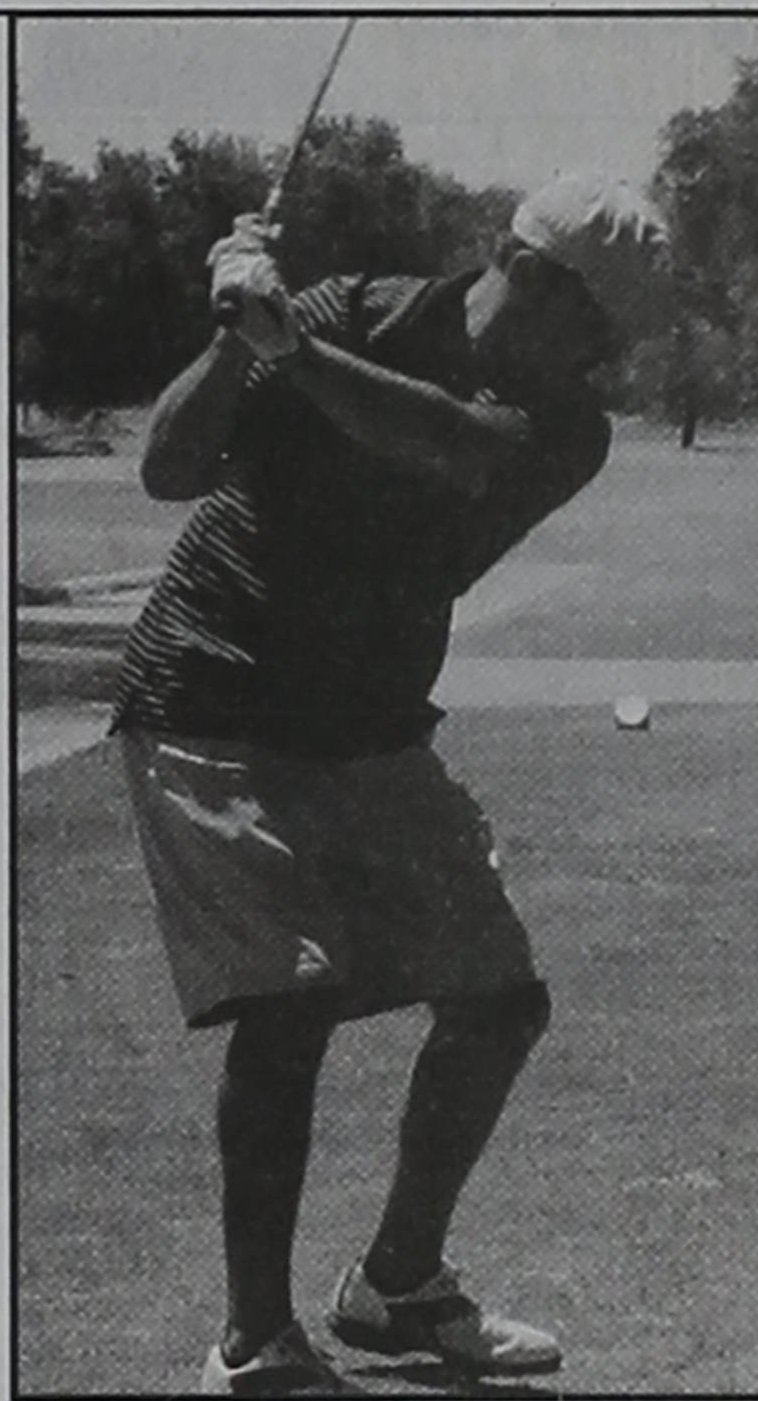
other young readers," said Darla Bracken, spokesman for the library.

\*Due to the current difficult situation with state funding in Texas, TCA is one of the many state programs that will be adversely affected.



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## Scenes from the Kendrick Golf Tournament



### Kendrick golf tournament results

The 3rd annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament was held June 25-26 at Friona Golf Club. There were 72 teams entered that battled the 100+ heat both days. The proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Results of the tournament were:

**Championship flight:** 1st J. Box/D. Box 57-57-114, 2nd D. Gutierrez/S. Felan 55-62-117, 3rd J. Marlow/W. Archibach 59-59-118, Tie 4th D. Herbert/A. Reynold & R. White/P. Crowley 62-64-126.

**First Flight:** 1st B. Crane/W. Moore 65-62-127, 2nd M. Onstott/B. Miller 65-63-128, 3rd B. James/S. Calvert 64-65-129, Tie 4th B. Jones/R. Tankersley & A. King/J. Valdez 65-65-130.

**Second Flight:** 1st D. Robertson/B. Workman 66-63-129, A. Meason/K. Cambren 66-64-130, 3rd M. Wyatt/R. Mahaney 67-65-132, Tie 4th J. Grimsley/R. Roden 67-67-134, G. Backus/W. Backus 68-66-134.

**Third Flight:** 1st P. Shelton/T. Thompson 69-64-133, 2nd J. Grisham/W. Weatherly 69-

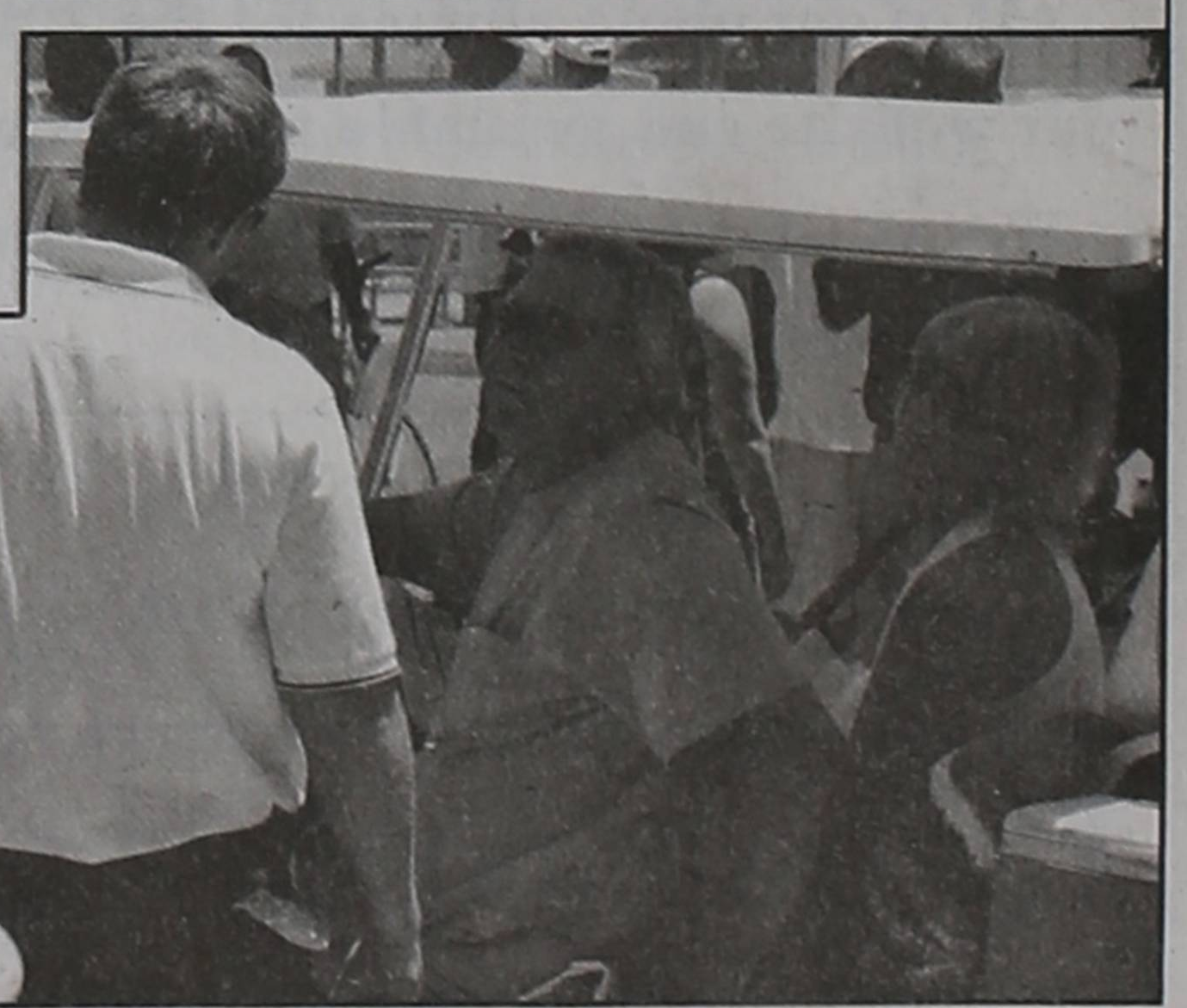
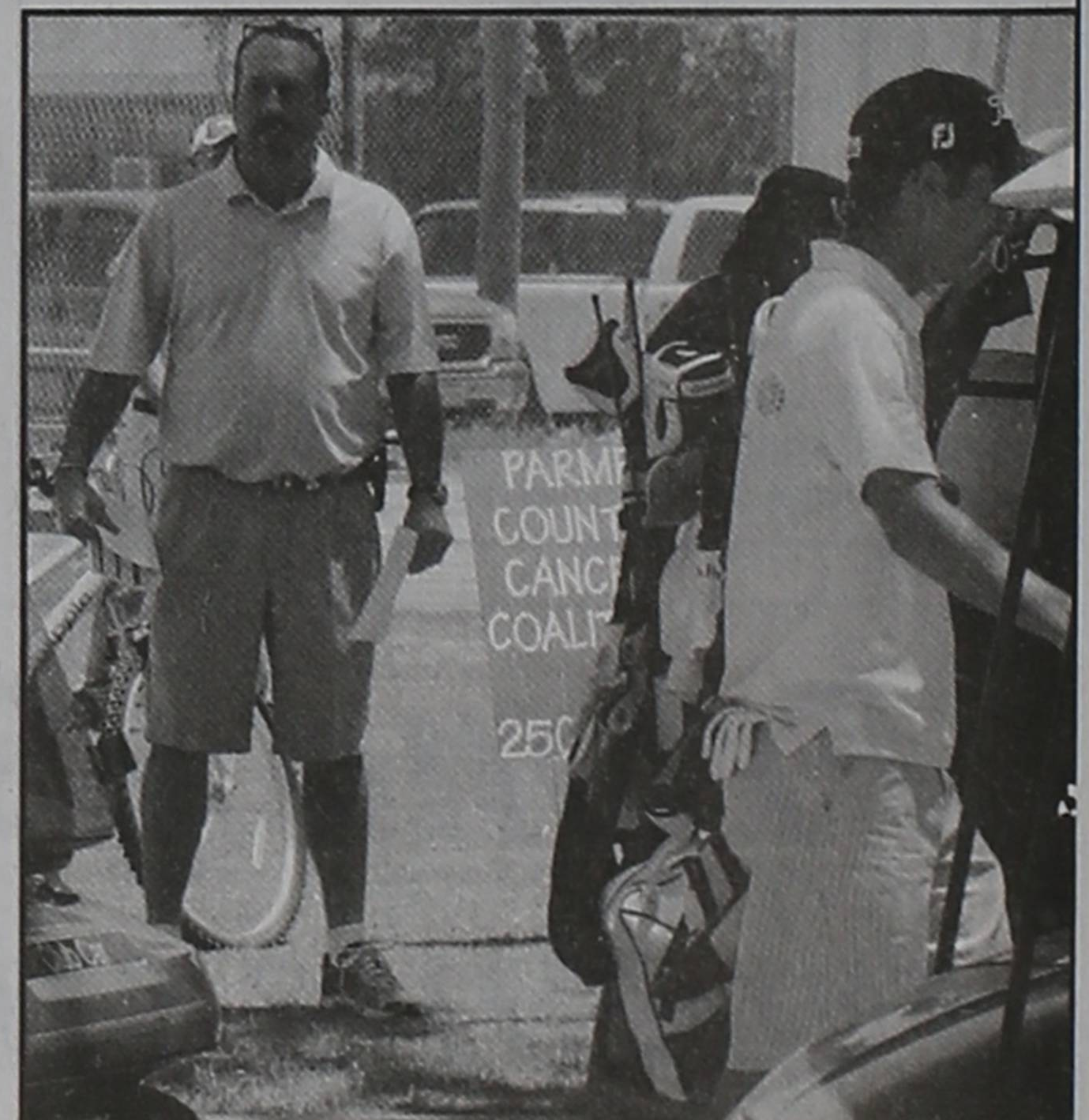
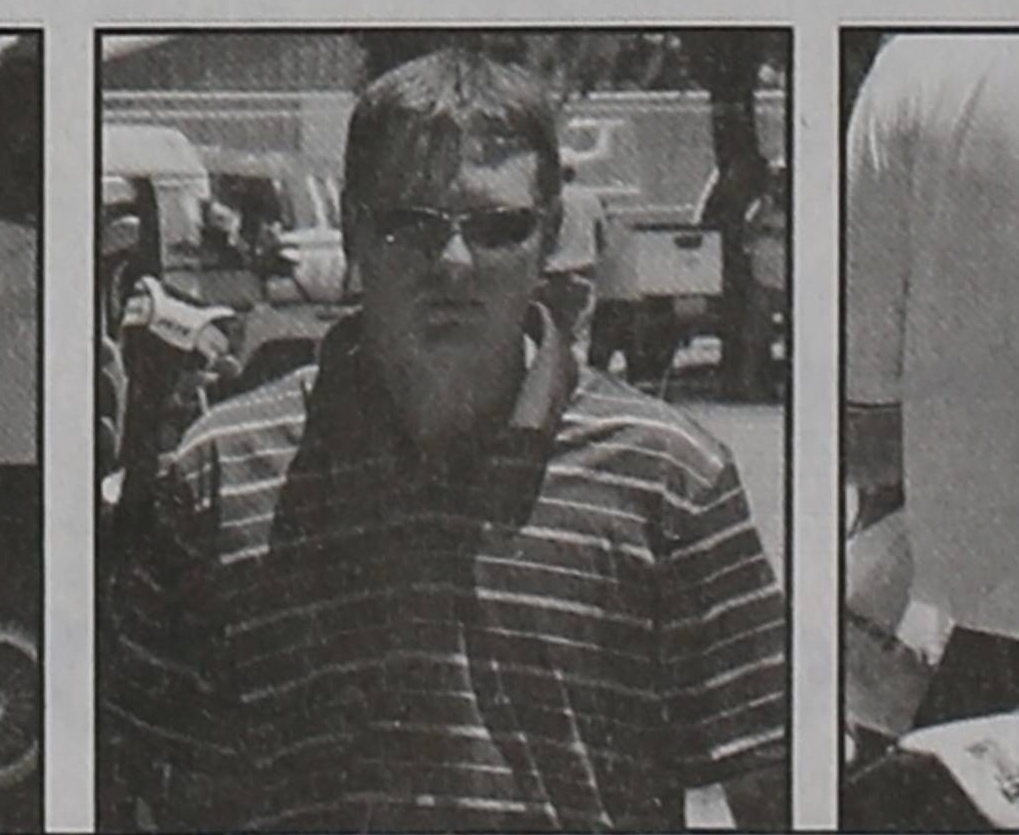
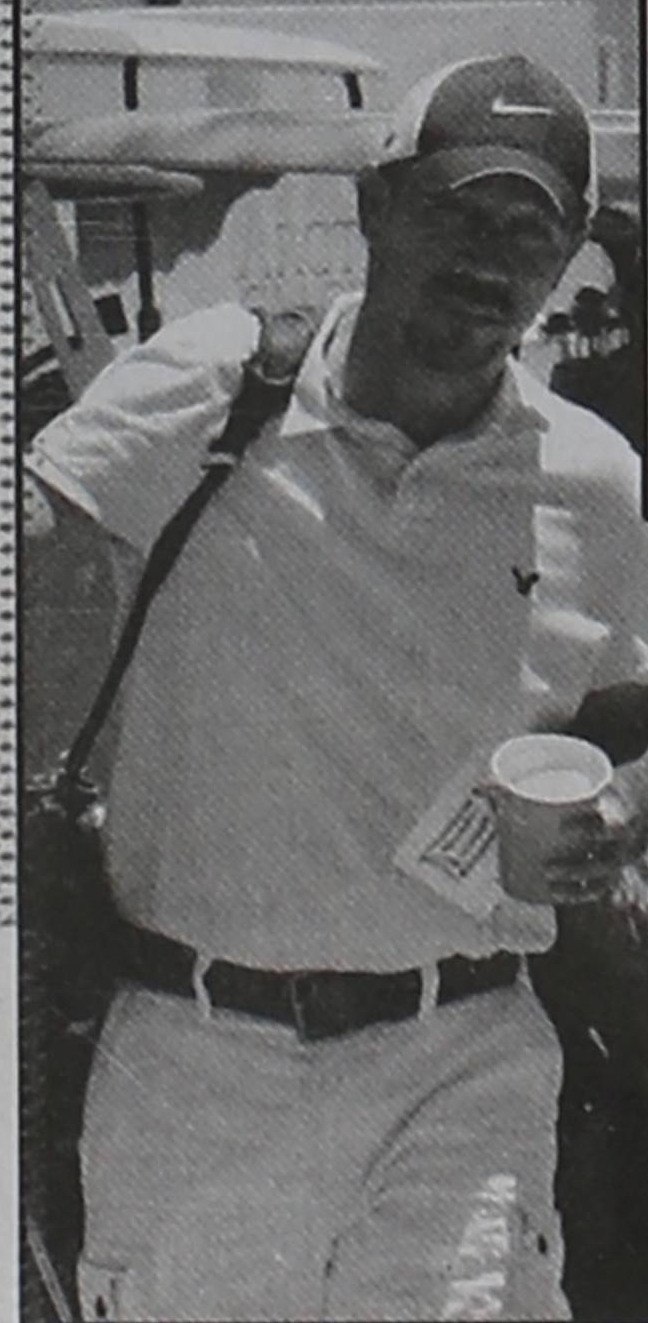
65-134, Tie 3rd M. Blackburn/D. Blackburn 69-67-136 & R. Martin/J. Willingham 70-66-136, Tie 4th S. Royal/R. Huffaker & A. Torres/R. Rodriguez 69-68-137.

**Fourth Flight:** 1st W. McIntire/M. Yell 72-67-139, Tie 2nd N. King/C. Baldwin & R. Jones/T. St. Clair 71-68-139, 3rd S. Sutton/C. Sanders 71-69-140, 4th G. Renner/P. Ramirez 73-68-141.

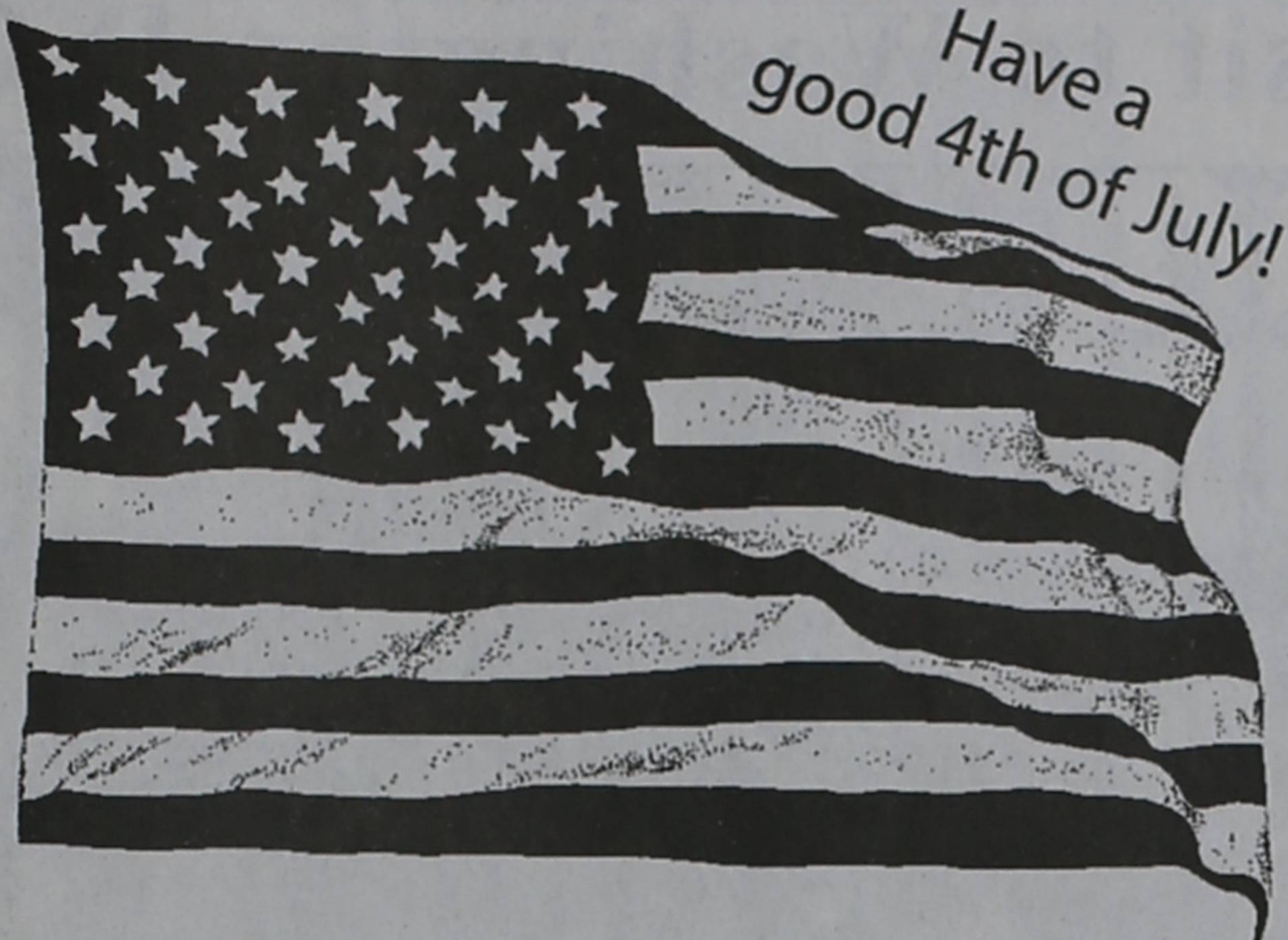
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**Sixth Flight:** 1st L. Johnson/J. Lewellen 80-69-149, 2nd G. Lewellen/C. Lewellen 79-71-150, 3rd A. Downey/J. Beene 76-75-151, Tie 4th C. Ingram/J. Condit 76-67-152 & C. Kendrick/D. Daniel 77-75-152.

**Seventh Flight:** 1st W. Burdine/J. Meyers 81-77-158, 2nd B. Stewart/C. Vaughan 85-82-167, 3rd B. Jeffries/J. Parker 86-82-168, 4th C. Rogers/T. Danze 89-92-181.

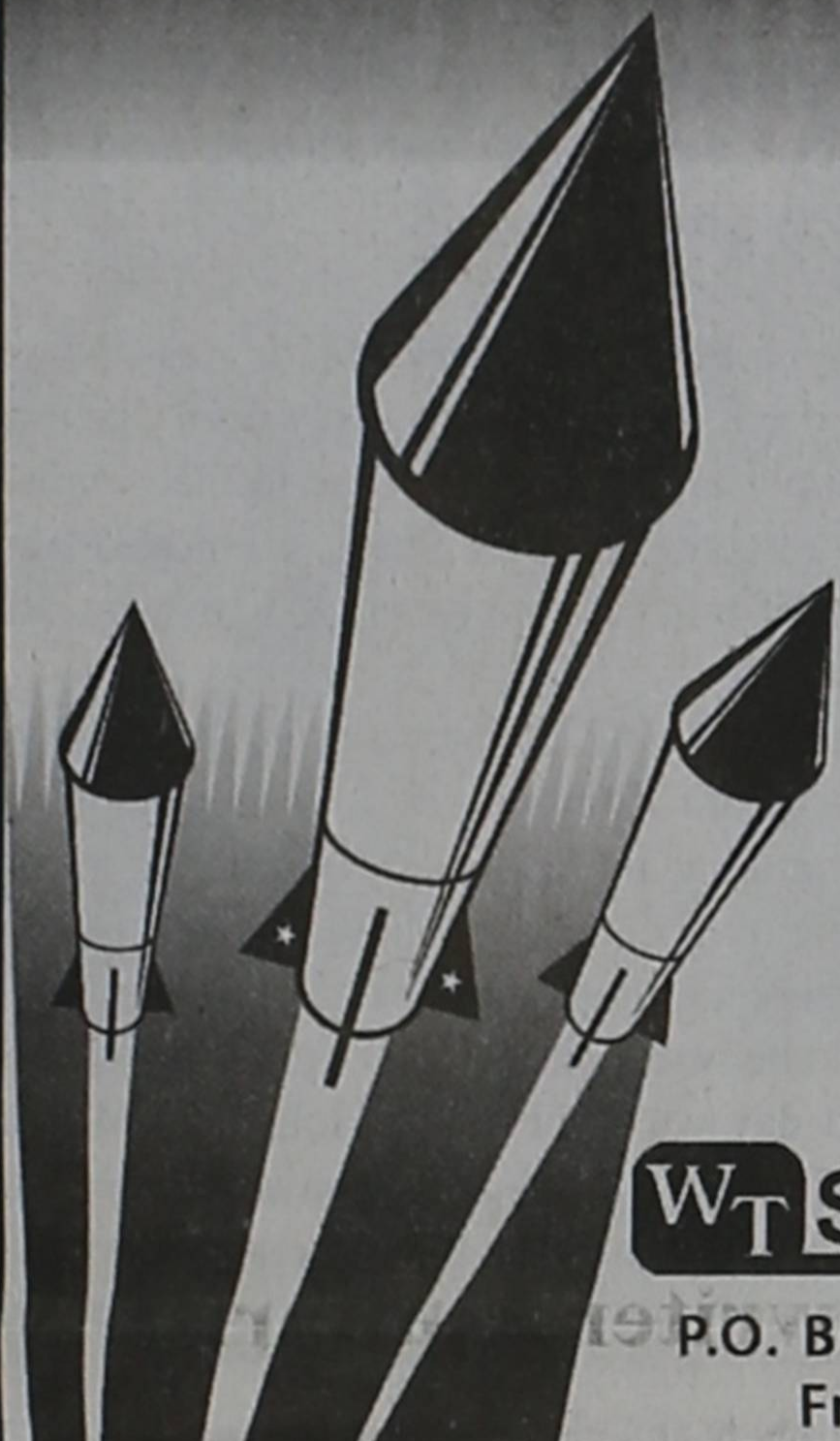






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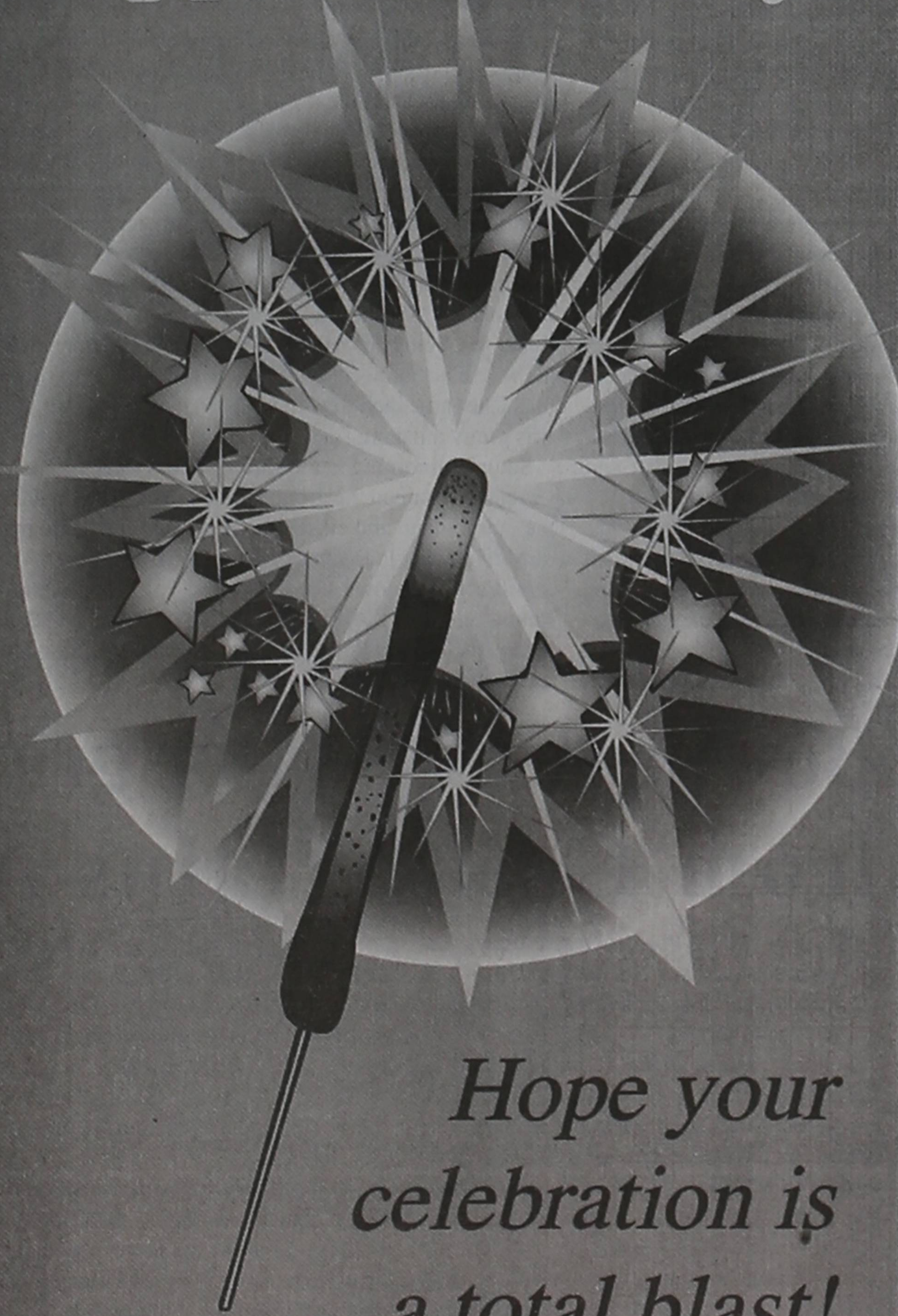
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**Lions Club News**

Friona Evening Lions report by Lion Von Edelson;

Lions motto: We serve. Texas District 2T-1 Lions Governor Don Weeks and Texas Lions Camp Director Glen Runyon and his grandson joined the Evening Lions club meeting Thursday June 23. Governor Weeks informed the Lions and their wives on the activities of Lions International.

The Lions of the World have eradicated River Blindness in Africa through the efforts of Past International President Jimmy Ross of Quitaque, Texas, and President Jimmy Carter. Their intentions are to carry this project into South America. Lions of the World are helping victims of the earthquakes in Japan and Haiti.

Eight million dollars has been donated in Japan and two million dollars in Haiti. In Haiti 600 earthquake resistant homes have been erected with the intention of building 400 more.

The Lions of the Panhandle are using grant money from Lions International Foundation to help Panhandle fire victims.

Director Runyon gave a rundown on the Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas, which is used for handicapped children. The State Lions are creating an endowment fund for the Texas Lions Camp.



courtesy photo

The Friona Evening Lions Club met Thursday June 23. District Governor Don Weeks, right, and Lions Camp Director Glen Runyon, left, gave the program and updated members on Lions District 2-T1 activities. Club sweetheart Maddie Murphree attended her final meeting at the end of her sweetheart year. The members gave Maddie a big thanks for serving as the club sweetheart the past year.

**New law to protect grain producers**

Governor Rick Perry has signed landmark legislation that will allow Texas grain producers to vote on whether to create and pay for a self-insurance program that will cover their losses when they are not paid for grain they deliver to a buyer or a storage facility.

Rep. Larry Phillips of Sherman and Sen. Craig Estes of Wichita Falls introduced the legislation after a series of grain elevator financial failures in recent years resulted in millions of dollars in losses to Texas grain producers who were not compensated for their stored or contracted grain. "Passage of this new law has been a top priority for Texas producers who need this additional risk-management tool to protect themselves from catastrophic losses that could put them out of business," David Gibson, executive vice president of the Corn Producers Association of Texas, said. "This law is the result of efforts from many organizations across our state, including the Texas Farm Bureau, grain producer associations, grain buying associations

and others."

The Texas legislation was modeled after successful indemnification programs that have operated for decades in more than a dozen other major grain producing states. "This will be similar to the checkoff programs that producers are familiar with," Gibson said. "And grain producers will have an opportunity to vote on whether to move forward with funding and operating the program."

If approved by producers in a referendum, an indemnification fund will be created and financed by a small assessment deducted from a producer's proceeds when grain is sold. Grain buyers will withhold the assessments from the sales and remit the assessments to the fund each quarter. If a grain producer suffers a loss when a grain elevator has a financial failure or a grain buyer fails to pay for delivered grain, the producer can file a claim with the fund to recover up to 90 percent of the value of the grain lost. The program will apply to transactions involving corn, soybeans, wheat and grain sorghum.

After the law becomes effective on September 1, 2011, the Agriculture Commissioner will appoint a nine-member board with representatives from grain producers, storage facilities and grain buyers to conduct the referendum and oversee operations of the indemnification fund. The board will adopt procedures and set a date for the producer referendum. Producers will have 90 days notice before the referendum is held. The cost of the referendum will be paid by producer organizations.

"My hats off to the corn producers board and association, Texas Farm Bureau, TDA, Texas House Agriculture Committee and the Texas Senate Agriculture Committee for their leadership in crafting a risk mitigation tool for the benefit of Texas grain producers," Mitchell Harris, CEO of AgTexas Farm Credit Services, said. "The grain indemnity fund legislation brings a very cost effective, farmer funded vehicle for grain farmers to mitigate the counterparty risk of a failing grain elevator in these volatile times."

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# Students tell of their visit to Washington D.C.

The Bert Corona Leadership Institute is a program that helps migrant students speak out in their communities. Three Friona students, Luis Campos, Miguel Soto, and Magali Morales, were chosen to be a part of the Region 16 Leadership Team for a trip to Washington D.C. June 5-10.

The team consisted of nine students from the Panhandle. About 40 Panhandle students applied. All the students had to submit a college type resume to qualify for the team. The three Friona students chosen had the highest application scores.

Two chaperones accompanied the group. They are Region 16 migrant counselors, Wendy Branstein and Angela Hochstein. In addition to having fun the students had to prepare an agenda and meet with Representative Mac Thornberry and Senator John Cornyn.

"Not many people get the chance to do this in their lifetime," Magali Morales said. "We did get to go sightseeing on Capitol Hill as well as visit the historical monuments."

These are their personal experiences as told by the students.

## Luis Campos

My experience in Washington D.C. is unlike anything I've ever done. For example, I was looking forward to flying on an airplane for the first time which I got to do on this trip.

On June 5 a tour guide took us to see Arlington Cemetery, the White House, Lafayette Park, and other monuments and major sites. Washington D.C. is where the history lies. It is like seeing everything in our history books for real. Our tour guide told us many interesting things I had never heard before. You could tell he was very interested in what he was saying.

The White House was one of the best things I have ever seen. It was very beautiful and big. It's everything like I imagined it. We saw many monuments like the Lincoln Memorial and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

We met with Senator Cornyn and Representative Thornberry on Wednesday, June 7. Even though we had some training I was still nervous. We played team building games that helped us get to know each other better. We also had to make our own agendas to present to Congressman Thornberry. We had to come up with problems that are affecting our community and how to solve them.

We had to dress up, the guys wearing suits. It was awesome. I felt real important and professional. We visited the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court Building. The Library of Congress is our chaperone Wendy's favorite place so she was our tour guide there.

After a lot of walking we finally got to Congressman Thornberry's office. Even though I had been practicing I was still nervous. What made it worse was I had the introduction. Once we got in I was even more nervous, my palms were sweating and I couldn't talk. I freaked out. Since I was the introduction I had to shake his hand and have my friends present themselves.

After that I had to start the speech but it didn't go as we had practiced. We shook his hand before we got to his office so I didn't have to present my friends. We took our places like we practiced. I opened my mouth to speak and nothing came out. I had completely forgotten my line so I had to look at my paper to remember.

Some of my friends messed up too but I think it was my fault because I started it off poorly. He talked to us about each of our topics, we took some pictures and left. I felt relieved but disappointed. I knew I could have done better.

Next stop was the Capitol Visitor Center. John Smith showed us around, explaining the paintings and statues. Wendy almost freaked out when she saw the statue of Ronald Reagan. He is her idol. We took her photo next to the statue.

Outside it was 95 degrees and humid and we did a lot of walking. We took a group picture of everyone in front of Capitol Hill. After the bus ride to the hotel we had graduation. Everyone got a certificate of graduation from the Leadership program.

We went on June 9 to see the Museum of Natural History. It had many cool things. We also saw part of the Holocaust Museum. Later we went to see the Lincoln Memorial. It was huge and there were many people there. One of his speeches was engraved in stone.

The next day we headed home. I was sad because we had to leave but felt like a new person with all the things I had learned. I want to show off my skills and share with everyone what I have learned.

We at Region 16 had become a family and had spent a lot of time together. I am thankful for everyone who put this trip together because without them none of this would have happened. I hope to use all of what I have learned in anything I do in life.

## Magali Morales

My first plane experience was one of the greatest new things I've ever done. When I first got on I felt nervous. On the first plane as I was getting off my ears were hurting really bad but it soon went away.

When I got on the second plane from Dallas to Washington D.C. I had to sit all by myself up in the front next to this foreign man who did not know any English. I had no way of communicating with him so I tried my best with hand signals. I soon fell asleep and didn't wake up until we arrived in D.C.

Everything I saw as soon as I walked off the plane was beautiful. Wow!! I had so much fun from day one. Everything we did from playing team building games to preparing an agenda was amazing. We learned so much and learned so many things that I came home a new person.

Capitol Hill was amazing. I hope that someday I will be able to return to my nation's capitol not to just visit but to be someone important there. I have set all my future goals after coming home.



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These Panhandle students comprised the Region 16 Leadership Team that toured Washington, D.C. June 5-10. Friona students are Miguel Soto, front left, Luis Campos, front right, and Magali Morales, front row right. The group is pictured in front of the White House.

I especially would like to thank Wendy and Angela for being our second mothers on this trip. I connected with them on so many levels and hope to stay in touch with them for a long time. I know they will help me with all my goals. Thank you so much.

I believe our Region 16 team truly became a family during the trip. We did everything together. We sometimes didn't agree on everything but that's exactly how families work. I have a little space in my heart where my team fit in--from best friend Miguel to far away Geraldine in Wellington.

Presenting on Capitol Hill was a nervous experience yet a once in a lifetime experience. I thought I was going to faint when it came my turn for speaking. I have done speaking events in the past and they were way longer than what I had to read that day. When it came my turn I didn't faint and I remembered everything I had to say.

In the end I was glad I had volunteered to speak twice to both our Senator and Representative. I am so thankful to everyone in the Region 16 office that helped all of us get to Washington D.C. This truly has been a life changing experience and I hope to be using all I have learned throughout my life.

This trip made me realize what I want to be in life. I decided to become a government accountant. One day I want to represent my community.

## Miguel Soto

June 5-10 was an amazing and unforgettable week for me. Starting with the airplane rides was terrifying! Hearing Magali scream made me feel a whole lot better. The moment I stepped off the plane in D.C. I knew my knowledge of history was going to change.

We had orientation that day and everyone had to outspoke each other by giving a description of themselves. Well, I love to be loud so when my time came to speak I stood up, gave my description, then realized I was the loudest one which didn't surprise me.

We saw German flags on the light posts and were told the German president and President Obama were having a meeting. We saw the Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam Wall, and many more.

The next day was for training. I was really excited for this because I wanted to see what other teens also agreed with the issues I noticed needed to be fixed. All the students came to a conclusion on the issues of youth programs, school budget, immigration, economy, and environment.

I was really anxious to speak to Senator John Cornyn and Representative Mac Thornberry. Region 16 and other regions combined into one group to speak to Senator Cornyn. Only seven were allowed to speak. Five from Region 16 volunteered to speak. Capitol Hill day meant we had to wear suits and it was so hot.

We spoke to Cornyn's legislative correspondent Preston Kerr. When Magali asked him, "What are your thoughts of the Dream Act?" he never really answered the question but jumped into the category of America protecting its borders. After the presentation he gave us all a chocolate.

Our next tour was the Supreme Court. Then we went to Wen-

dy's favorite place, the Library of Congress. Magali, Luis, and I were so tired we decided to just find a place and sit down. After a couple of hours it was time to meet with Thornberry's legislative director Michael Seeds. I enjoyed him because he gave us more info. He answered Magali's question about the Dream Act.

Afterwards some of his interns gave us a tour of the capitol. We had to go through security and they confiscated an extra chocolate bar I had in my pocket. Two things stuck out for me in this building: the center spot of Washington D.C. and the whisper spot where you stand on one end of the building and whisper and it could be heard on the other end of the building.

The next day we went to the Holocaust Museum. We went through "Daniel's Story". It was so sad to hear and see things that happened to him. After the museum we went to the Natural History Museum. Again Magali and I were beat so we found a bench and we actually fell asleep.

We had lunch at Union Station. Magali, Luis, and I bought colored lights for the night tour. As our night tour was about to end a lady from Florida read my shirt which said "I Am A Leader". She asked what we were leaders for and when we told her she said, "Congratulations, you have done something many adults will never do. Y'all are our future. We want y'all to do so much for it. Good luck."

That hit me so hard and made me feel amazing. Next day was our last in D.C. and I did not want to leave. The capitol is filled with so many wonderful monuments, history, and life. I one day hope to return to my nation's capitol and make a difference in this world and future.

## Ellis reunion held in Amarillo

Bill and Carol Ellis attended the annual Ellis Family Reunion last weekend. It was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. In spite of the heat the group of about 35 relatives went to the TEXAS outdoor musical in Palo Duro Canyon Saturday night, preceded by a nice stein dinner catered by the Big Texan.

Bill and Carol's kids and grandkids that attended were: Laura and Noel Garcia of Lubbock with daughters Madeline and Claira, and son Stan Ellis from San Antonio.

Also present were Carol's two newly found sisters Murlene Womack of Murchison, Texas, and Sheila Ellis of Sherwood, Arkansas. Stan Ellis had his usual layover at Love Field in Dallas where he connected with his two new aunts he had never met. The three then flew together to Amarillo. Stan said, "That was pretty amazing."

Saturday morning in the Ambassador Hotel atrium Madeline Garcia entertained the group with a medley of popular tunes on the grand piano and closed her program with "Movement One of McDowell's Piano Concerto in D-Minor."

Bill's well-known cousin-in-law, retired General Tommy Franks and wife Kathy, also came from Western Oklahoma for the event. Tentative plans for the next Ellis Reunion will be at Lake Murray, Oklahoma.



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Through a grant from Great Plains Ag Credit the Bovina Fire Department was able to purchase a portable automated external defibrillator (AED). From left are Great Plains Ag officials Tommy St. Clair and Robert Jones, Bovina EMS assistant director Donna Mitchell, Bovina Fire Chief Cesar Marquez, and Bovina volunteer fireman Jim Prather.

## Bovina defibrillator grant from Great Plains Ag

The Great Plains Project HeartSafe was established to save lives by ensuring that AEDs are widely available in the region, especially in rural communities.

Sudden cardiac arrest remains a leading cause of death in this country, responsible for an estimated 250,000 deaths each year. The American Heart Association (AHA) reports that up to 50,000 lives could be saved annually with the prompt use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).

Individuals, organizations, businesses and government agencies are eligible to purchase an AED unit through Project HeartSafe. This program provides a greatly reduced purchase cost through the generosity of Cardiac Science and the possibility of cost sharing. The cost-share program may provide up to \$600 in assistance to those who wish to purchase an AED through the program. This assistance is provided jointly by Great Plains Ag Credit and Cardiology Center of Amarillo.

Recently, the City of Bovina purchased a portable automated external defibrillator (AED) for use by Bovina Fire Department at the reduced cost and received cost sharing grants which reduced their purchase price to \$700; a small but essential investment in the health and well being of the citizens of Bovina.

"Time is critical when a person's heart stops," said Great Plains CEO Tim McDonald. In the rural areas we serve, medical help can be up to an hour away, and many government agencies don't have the budgets to purchase AEDs for their first responders. The goal of Great Plains Project HeartSafe is to save lives, by making portable AEDs more affordable and more widely available."

For more information on the unit and special pricing through this program see [www.greatplainsagcredit.com/heartsafe](http://www.greatplainsagcredit.com/heartsafe) or contact Wally Rogers of Cardiac Science at 505.205.9460 or e-mail [wrogers@cardiacscience.com](mailto:wrogers@cardiacscience.com).



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Cancer survivors and caregivers and families gathered at the 6th St. Church of Christ last Thursday for the annual cancer survivor dinner sponsored by the Parmer County Cancer Coalition.



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Present at the Parmer County Cancer Coalition cancer survivor dinner last Thursday at the 6th St. Church of Christ were Melissa Randolph, left, and Becky Jones.



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The Friona Youth Soccer League primary team of the week is sponsored by First National Bank - Friona Banking Center. Team members include Isaac Almos, Haylee Chico, Lyliaanna (Lily) Martinez, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Gabriel Ramos, Makayla Ramos, Ishmael Flores, and Nicole Guerra. The coach is Mayra Olmos.



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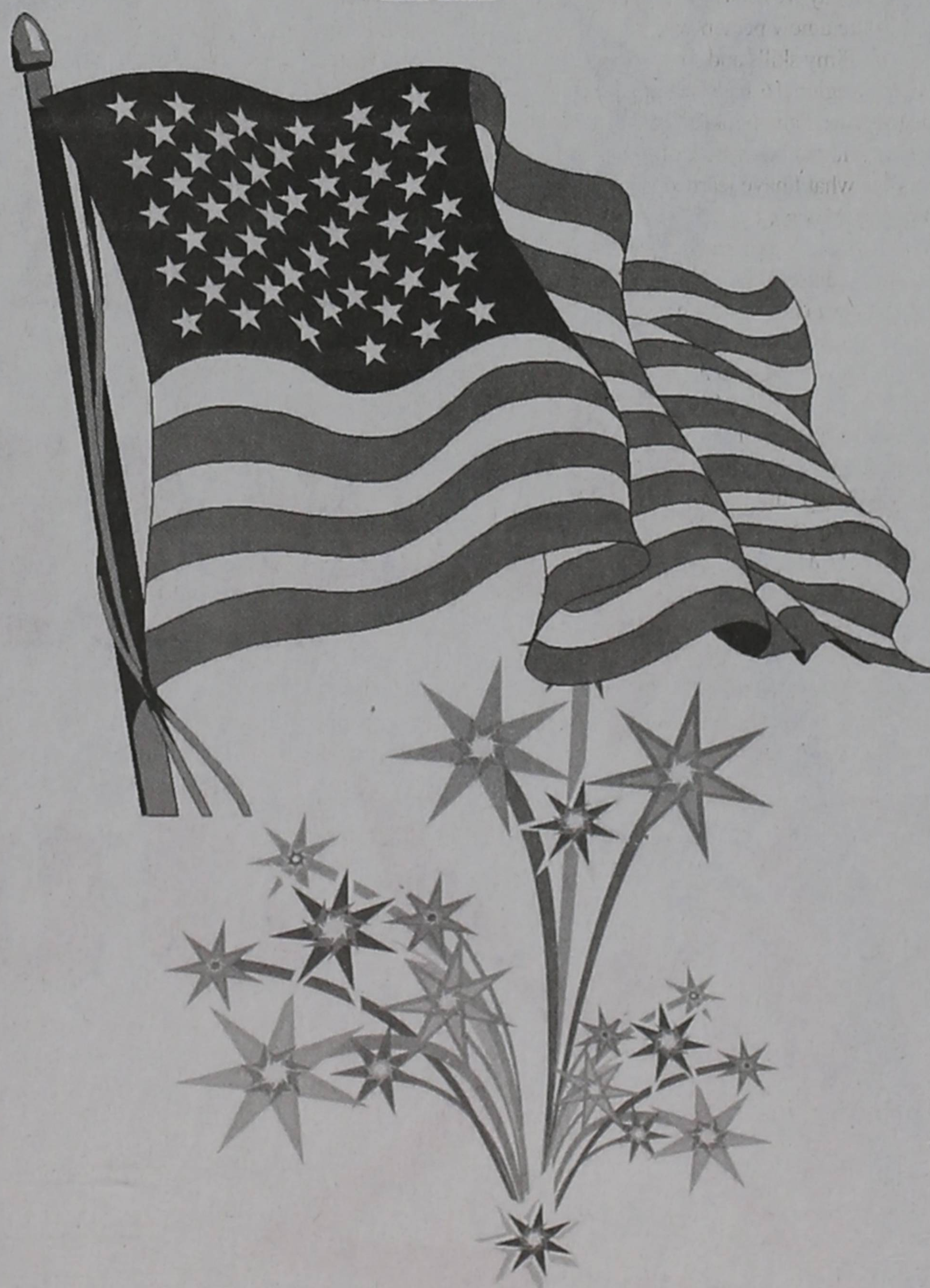
The Friona Youth Soccer League elementary team of the week is sponsored by Parmer County Implement. Team members include Andrew Rivera, Adrian Carranza, Chayton Caywood, David Martinez, Andrez Carrasco, Mariah Rivera, Adaline White, Alexander Guerra, Mario Carranza, and T.J. Vazquez. The coach is Juan Rivera.


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