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TEN PAGES

Hospital forming miler walking club

Parmer Medical Center says it's spring and time to get back in shape. In an effort to promote wellness to area residents PMC has begun a walking program that is open to the public.

Participants are meeting Monday through Friday at 12:15 p.m. or at 5:15 p.m. Walkers may attend as many or as few sessions as they choose and may walk the entire video or stop at any time they desire. Classes will begin Thursday March 25.

Prior to participation interested parties must complete the registration process. Forms are available at the administrative office at the hospital. To sign up or for more information contact Becky Landrum, administrative secretary, at 250-2754.

PMC Auxiliary meeting Mar 25

The Parmer Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary will have a meeting on Thursday March 25 at 1:15 p.m. in the hospital conference room. Topics will include a volunteer program for the new hospital. All current members and anyone who wishes to find out more about volunteering at the new facility are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Donna Schueler at 295-3585.

A Chamber Feast



ron carr photo

A popular spot at the Chamber of Commerce banquet was the prime rib table. Volunteers from Cargill cooked and served prime rib to about 300 guests. Shown at right, from l-r, are Cargill volunteers Charlie Pope, Scott Siegmund, and Scott Pohlman. More photos from the banquet available at frionaonline.com.



PCS offers homeowner assistance

Panhandle Community Services of Amarillo invites homeowners, tenants, and landlords to stop by the Redeemer Center, 13th and Virginia, Wednesday March 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for free hamburgers and hot dogs and some valuable assistance.

The purpose of the day is to offer utilities, weatherization, and HUD rental assistance information. The event is sponsored by Panhandle Community Services, ATMOS Energy, and the City of Friona.

To complete a weatherization application property owners and/or tenants must provide a copy of the tax statement or a copy of the deed. Income verification for all household members 18-years-old and older is required. Verification can include check stubs for last 30 days; a printout from Social Security showing monthly amounts; letter or printout from Department of Human Services showing amount of TANF; retirement benefits, unemployment, workman's compensation, or declaration of income statement if no income. Also, 12 month billing histories from electric and gas utility companies is required.

Landlords, homeowners, and tenants who may be in need of assistance with the above are invited to stop by the Redeemer Center to find out if they are eligible.

Schueler, Gurley, man and woman of the year chamber names citizen awards at annual banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's annual banquet was held Thursday March 11 at the Friona Community Center. Chamber Board President Greg Lewellen was the master of ceremonies.

Friona Girl Scout Troop 5412 posted the flags and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert Kerby, Chamber board member and pastor of Victory Family Church, gave the invocation. The meal of prime rib, baked potato, cole slaw, and

dessert was served. The prime rib was donated by Cargill and prepared by Cargill employees.

Allison Johnston and the Friona High School choir provided entertainment with a selection of songs during the meal. Lewellen announced that the Chamber of Commerce was donating \$750 to the choir to be used for their spring trip.

The guest speaker was Sherry Kunka of Sharyland Utilities in Amarillo. She gave an overview of the

wind farm transmission lines being planned in the Panhandle.

Miss Friona Paige Herbert and Little Miss Friona Kambree Kimbrough assisted with collecting tickets and handing out the citizen awards. Miss Herbert also entertained with a song. She was later named the girl Student-of-the-Year.

President Lewellen announced the 2010 citizen awards. The Chamber is planning an additional category, Ag Producer-of-the-

Year, beginning with the 2011 banquet. Chamber members present also voted on new board members. There were three board openings. Elected to the board were Lance Gatlin, Diane Orr, and Jeff Ray.

Gold Sponsors for the banquet were: CHS, Inc., Cargill Meat Solutions, TexZona Custom Cattle Feeders, Hi-Pro Feeds, W.T. Services, Kendrick Oil Co., Parmer County Implement, Prairie Acres, Xcel Energy, Friona Banking Center,

Underwood Law Firm, Friona State Bank, and the City of Friona.

The Citizen Awards for 2010 were: Patsy Vazquez, Employee of the Year; Matthew Stanberry and Paige Herbert, Students of the Year; Ron McWilliams, Teacher of the Year; Bessie Holt, Citizen of the Year; Dr. Dale Schueler and Kathryn Gurley, Man and Woman of the Year.

Additional information about the 2010 winners on page 5.



Dr. Dale Schueler
Man of the Year



Kathryn Gurley
Woman of the Year



Bessie Holt
Citizen of the Year



Patsy Vazquez
Employee of the Year



Ron McWilliams
Teacher of the Year



Paige Herbert
Student of the Year



Matthew Stanberry
Student of the Year

Out Here

By Ron Carr



blowing in a drinking establishment

Cockamamie: ridiculous or nonsensical as in a cockamamie idea.

We have all experienced cockamamie ideas. There is no scientific research that proves the origin of cockamamie ideas. They are mostly born in the unfertile minds of ordinary people.

It is disturbing that everybody knows when an idea is cockamamie except the person that is spouting about it. Washington D.C. is overrun with the cockamamie crowd. If you are uncomfortable saying "cockamamie" then stupid is an adequate substitute.

Along with every other newspaper in Texas, the Friona Star received a long press release this week from Richard P. Sheridan who claims to be a professional engineer and activist from New York. I'm not sure how people who choose "activist" as a career earn a living. I do thank him for providing this week's column idea.

Mr. Sheridan made a presentation to the Dallas City Council, which is apparently made up of cockamamie enablers. His subject was a better, less punitive, less costly, more humane way to address the DWI problem.

Much is said about the need to solve the DWI problem. Every day many Americans drive home (or somewhere else) drunk at all hours. Most drunk drivers do not get caught, at least by the police. Others end up in tragic circumstances, killing innocent people and sometimes themselves.

So the challenge to many "activists" is how to prevent drunk drivers from driving. There are already laws and that doesn't appear to work 100%. When drunks and alcoholics say they are "8-foot tall and bulletproof" they aren't kidding. That's what they think.

Back in the day I had more than my share of experience with the patrons of what Mr. Sheridan calls "drinking establishments." We called them bars. I'll spare you the personal details. Suffice to say I know the mindset of drunks that hang out in bars. Doubt if it's changed much over the years.

Sheridan says the best way to approach the DWI problem is to stop it from happening. He calls his theory DWI Source Control. He told the Dallas City Council, with a straight face

I imagine, "Breathalyzers, which are used by the police to arrest the DWI, can be used in the drinking establishment to stop the DWI crime from being committed."

He wants to put a breathalyzer in every bar, have the drunk go over and blow into it, and then the drunk is supposed to realize he or she is drunk and do the right thing by not driving.

A breathalyzer wouldn't last one night in a bar. Can you see a bunch of drunks crowded around trying to out-blow each other then ripping it off the wall, all for the fun of it.

Mr. Sheridan proposed to the Dallas City Council that they pass a law requiring that every "drinking establishment" maintain an approved breathalyzer and the breathalyzer be appropriately promoted to its customers.

This gets more cockamamie by the minute. Bartender: "Hey Joe, don't forget to blow into our breathalyzer before you leave." Joe: "Hey I've got your blow. Give me another drink and shut up."

Of course the bartender (or perhaps drinking establishment tender) and the

waitresses work for tip money which will influence the lack of pressure to blow a breathalyzer at 2 a.m. Hey here is a bulletin Dallas: IT WON'T WORK. No drunk is gonna blow. If you have ever tried to reason with a drunk at closing time, you get the picture. Just say denial.

Perhaps Mr. Sheridan had a profit motive for his DWI breathalyzer presentation. A breathalyzer costs about \$1200 he said. Does he have a financial interest in a breathalyzer company? Don't know.

I hope the Dallas City Council has sobered up enough to realize the 'cockamamie-ness' of Mr. Sheridan's idea. He told them "no idea is born perfect". No kidding. I would say this one was born immature and suffering.

Here is a better idea: if they really want to stop most drunk driving why not pass a law banning the sale of alcohol in a drinking establishment. Of course that won't work either. Drunks will find a way to drink. Bars don't need to have their customers blow. Just give them this simple sobriety test.

Ask them to say "cockamamie" three times.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Monday

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

Tuesday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 27

Panhandle Storm meeting for parents and players at 2 p.m. at the Hereford high school gym. For more information call 806-346-6330.

Tuesday, March 30

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

Saturday, April 3

City-wide Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. in the City Park. All children are invited. Sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church.

Sunday, April 4 EASTER

Saturday, April 17

Ladies Spring Luncheon at First Baptist Church sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Ingram's.

Sunday, April 18

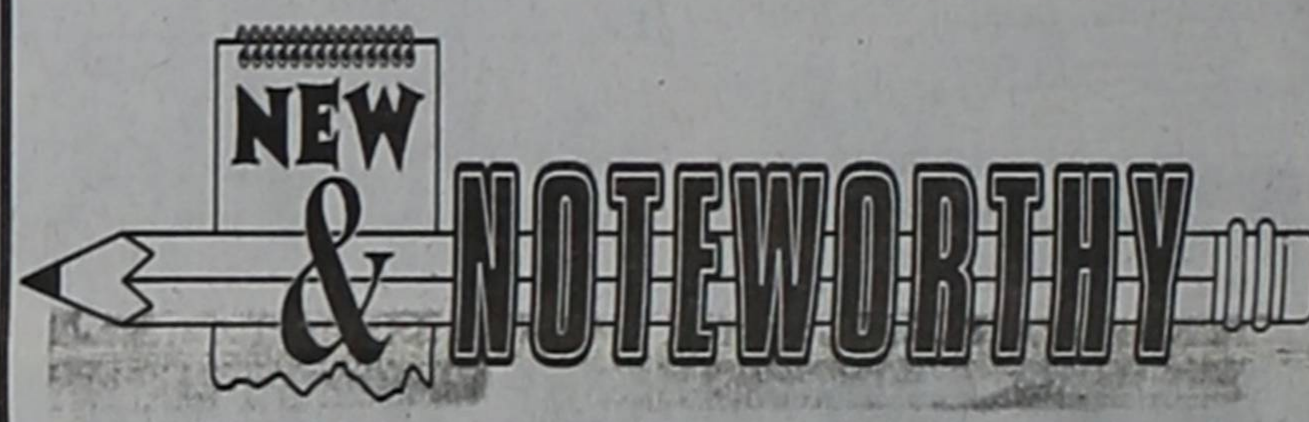
Senior class steak dinner at junior high cafeteria, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$10, kids \$8 in advance. Takeouts available.

Sunday, April 25

Friends of the Library annual meeting from 2-3 p.m. Drawings for baskets. Tickets are \$1 each and available at the library.

Saturday, May 8

City elections voting at the Council Chambers, 619 Main.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Parmer County Historical Commission advises that the new history book "XIT to XXI Century" is nearing the point of becoming a reality. The commission has worked hard to get the book ready for the publisher and the new edition looks to be a very attractive addition to its predecessors. Gladys Spring, Parmer County Historical Commission chair, thanks all those who have ordered the book and waited patiently for the publication date. The task has proven greater than we had anticipated and with a lot more work in the next week or so the project should be ready for the publisher. Again thanks for everyone's patience and we think the wait will be worth it.

Don Spring

Dear Editor,

Having been raised in Friona and having seen what the people of this town do for one another, I can't say I was surprised Sunday to see the outpouring of love and support from our family's friends and neighbors during the memorial service for my grandfather, Rene Snead. However, I must say that the words spoken to us, the arms that wrapped around us, and the tears that mirrored our own were all a bit more than any of us could have expected.

Our family deeply appreciates all that our Friona friends did for us during these difficult days we've been grieving our Poppy. Many of you dropped by the house, made food, organized others to provide meals, moved tables and chairs, cleaned dishes, helped with arrangements, sent flowers and plants, drove family members, attended the memorial service and burial, prayed for us and found your own unique ways to love our family as we came together to celebrate Poppy's life. Saying "thank you" seems not enough for all that you

have done, but we are grateful and want you to know how blessed we've been through all of this.

I've been other places and people have asked me where I grew up, rarely do they know anything about the town I claim. In fact, most have never even heard of Friona. It's never really bothered me to explain, but giving the town's location is only part of the story of Friona. This weekend, as our family experienced Friona again, I came to realize that we have all truly inhabited a very special place, a place made real by the people who share it. I saw former teachers, local businessmen and women, old neighbors, community leaders, parents of my childhood friends, church friends, classmates of my dad and his siblings, family friends who've known the Sneads longer than I've been one - men, women and children who, together, make this community the unique place that it is.

I may not live in Friona today, but I'm sure glad that once you've been a resident of Friona, you always take it with you. Thankfully, when you come home, you get to experience it all over again. Though our homecoming this time was one we wished we hadn't had to make in some ways, you all must know that YOU made it a gift and a blessing for each and every one of the Sneads.

My Poppy would have been humbled by your gracious giving, but he would have also been very proud. Thank you for honoring him with your kind deeds, your thoughtful words and your open arms. Thank you for being the people you've always been, for living and loving tirelessly and for always being neighbors to one another. Thank you, most of all, for being home. We love you all!

With a grateful heart,

Holly Snead Kirby (granddaughter to Rene and Jinx Snead)

ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ as small town gossip"

5 "Lady Bird" was born Claudia ___ Taylor

6 undesired e-mail

7 fat around the waist: "spare ___"

8 TX-born Harding who starred in film "Holiday" ('30)

9 casual wear

16 Luling, TX has watermelon ___ spitting contest

18 TXism: "busier than boomtown"

21 TX Charley Pride '73 tune: "___ Could" cotton ___ rot" will kill a pecan tree

23 "farmer's ___" (brown arms & neck)

24 TX Ross Perot's wife

30 TX band "Bubble Puppy" had hit: "Hot Smoke & ___"

34 TX Roy Orbison last hit: "You Got ___"

35 LBJ Space Center coordinated NASA's ___ spaceflights

36 TXism: "caught between the devil and the ___ blue sea"

37 TX Hagman '72 film: "Getting Away From ___"

39 "I ___ that's final!"

43 "The ___ of Heaven" was filmed in TX in '79

44 TX Ron Paul was Libertarian ___ for president in '88

45 TXism: "let ___ rip!"

46 critter's casa

47 snare to catch a human

49 big '64 hit by TX band "The Cavaliers" (2 wds.)

52 TX Gene Autry sang "Buttons ___ Bows"

53 TXism: "took a liking ___"

54 "___ of Fortune"

55 gravy with more flour?

58 Austin suburb: ___ Creek

59 TXism: "you can write it in ___" (sure)

60 cowboys boots often have a pointed one make a mistake

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

1 TXism "___ greased lightning"

2 in Brewster Co. on hwy. 90

3 newspaper in Electra, TX (2 wds.)

4 domesticated critter

9 when repeated, "goodbye" in UK bomb fragments

11 TXism: "shake a ___" (dance)

12 "Ripley's Believe ___ Not Museum" in Grand Prairie

13 Neiman Marcus is a luxury ___ department store

14 long time Cowboy coach, Tom (init.)

15 TX Rico Rodriguez II film: "The No ___ List"

17 TXism for someone who doesn't pay debts

19 TXism: "gonna ___ hide to the barn door"

20 male deer bony appendages

24 Gov. Miriam A. "___ Ferguson"

25 this org. promotes psychology research (abbr.)

32 body of salt water

33 creepy harasser

38 TX Love Hewitt did voice in Garfield: "___ of Two Kitties"

40 TX pest: fire ___ (2 wds.)

41 TXism for "your"

42 not "Texas Hold 'em" (2 wds.)

48 played on horseback

50 TXism: "___ dig" (party)

51 golf gadget

56 loosen the laces

57 ___ league (not the Astros)

Solution on page 4

Town Talk II

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

Congratulations to all the local citizens honored at Thursday night's Chamber of Commerce banquet. Once again Chris Alexander, Betty Lamb, and the Chamber board and volunteers did a great job of organizing the event. Photos of the honorees and their bio info are on the front page and elsewhere in this issue of the Star. Way to go everybody. That's a wrap for another year.

There was a silent auction at the Chamber banquet. At the end of the evening the successful bidders were announced. As each auction item winner was named the

audience applauded. Only in small town America would you clap because someone spent some money to buy something.

Mitchell Wiseman, Holly Campbell and some others of the Class of 1975 are organizing a 35-year reunion for around the Maize Days celebration. That's all the info I have for now. No doubt the time, place, and schedule will be coming later. If you are out there somewhere from the Class of '75 I'm sure Mitch or Holly would like to have your contact info. You can email it to me at frionastar@wtrt.net and I will pass it on.

Sisters Marca Herring, Jayn Looper, and Merylene Massie went to visit the Grand Canyon last week. They drove via Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Sedona, Arizona. It was snowing in Arizona and they had to leave Sedona earlier than planned to beat the snow to the Grand Canyon before the highways were closed.

The ladies rode mules down into the canyon and spent two days at the Phantom Ranch hiking and exploring. They stayed in a one-room cabin with bunk beds and a "water closet". Then they rode the mules back to the top. Marca said the only way to traverse the two-miles into or out of the canyon is hike or ride mules.

Sunday evening about 6:30 p.m. the volunteer firefighters were called to what turned out to be a minor grass fire on FM1172. Later that evening the EMS was dispatched to a traffic accident at 5th and Grand. It was a two-vehicle accident with a rollover. No serious injuries. Our first responders are always on the ready to serve and assist no matter when or where. Next time you see a fireman or EMS volunteer, tell them a big thanks.

Condolences to the family of Velta Anderson. She passed away last week too soon. Velta was a Friona Star reader and a regular in our annual

football contest. Her granddaughter Shayle Anderson is a freshman at Texico and a member of the state champion 2A basketball Lady Wolverines. Her grandson Chance Lewellen's engagement announcement is in this week's paper. She was a proud grandmother and a nice lady. She will be missed. RIP Velta.

Panhandle Community services will set up Wednesday March 24 at the Redeemer Center, 13th and Virginia, to counsel with landlords about assistance available for utilities, weatherization, and HUD rental assistance. Time is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free hamburgers and hot dogs. Details elsewhere in this newspaper.

Next Tuesday, March 23, I'll be attending the Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op meeting at the Bull Barn in Hereford. Good food, a little music, door prizes, and lots of "how you doin'" will be on tap for the evening. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. My mother lives in town now but she still gets a check from the DSEC going back to the 80s when she was a co-op customer. She still enjoys the food and visiting at the annual meeting. Might see you there.

There is a new

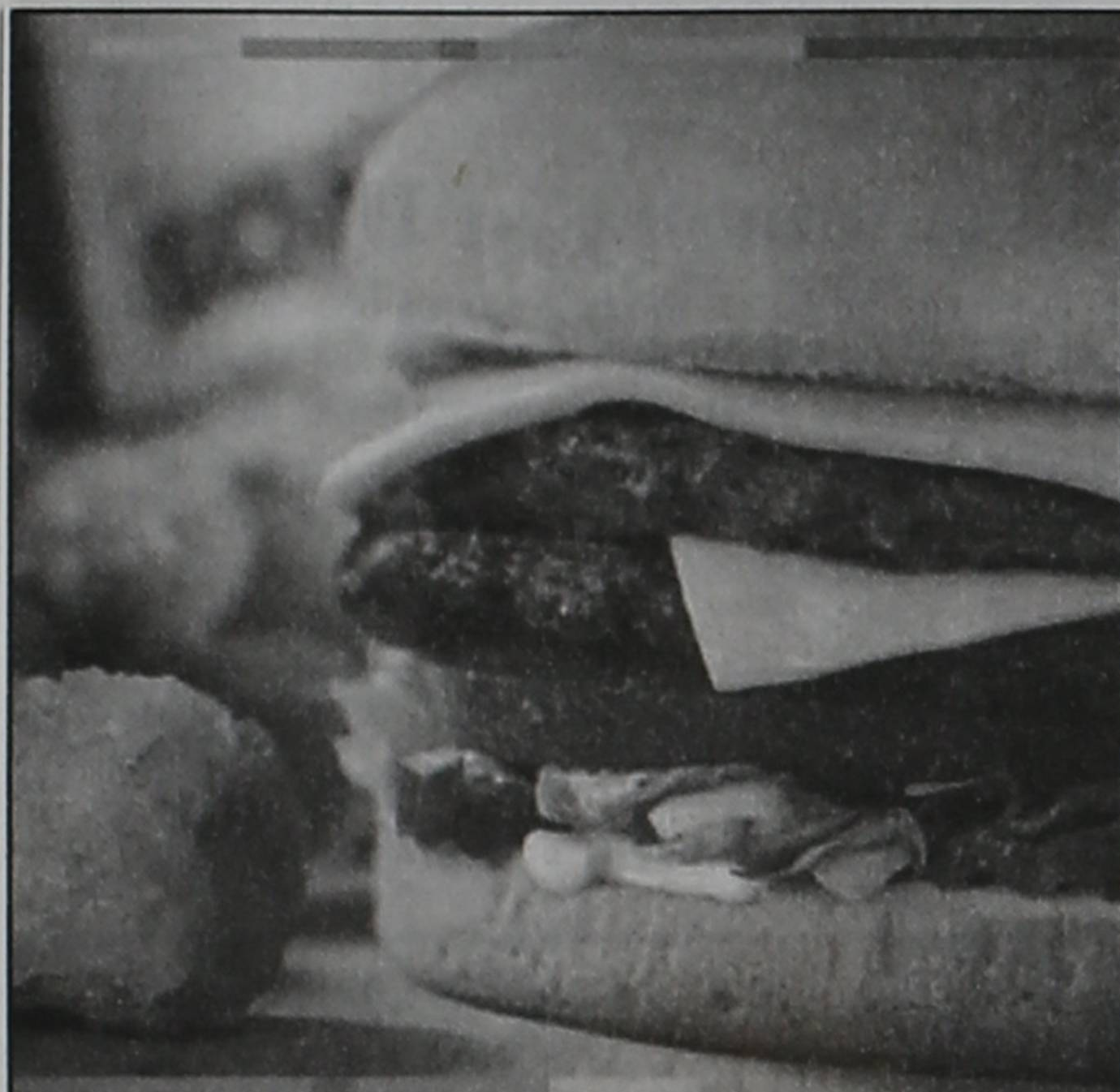
scoreboard at the baseball field thanks to Friona State Bank. Coaches Haddock and Campbell and some volunteer help installed it last Saturday. Photos included in today's news. Should be ready to go for the next home game Tuesday March 23 when the Chiefs host Floydada. Game time is 5 p.m.

Citizen of the Year honoree Bessie Holt is receiving yet another award. Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be honoring Bessie with a Lifetime Achievement award at a luncheon in April. The City of Friona will also be recognized as the blood donor community of the year at the same luncheon. Bessie has been coordinating blood drives for Coffee Memorial for 40+ years I believe. Good

job Bessie and the citizens of Friona.

Several of our local folks ran in the Rock 'N Roll 2010 half marathon in Dallas last weekend. V'Laura Sundlie, Dana Campbell, Annette Loflin, Lori Davila, Britny Pope, and Jeff Isom all completed the 13.1 mile run. Photo and more details included in the paper.

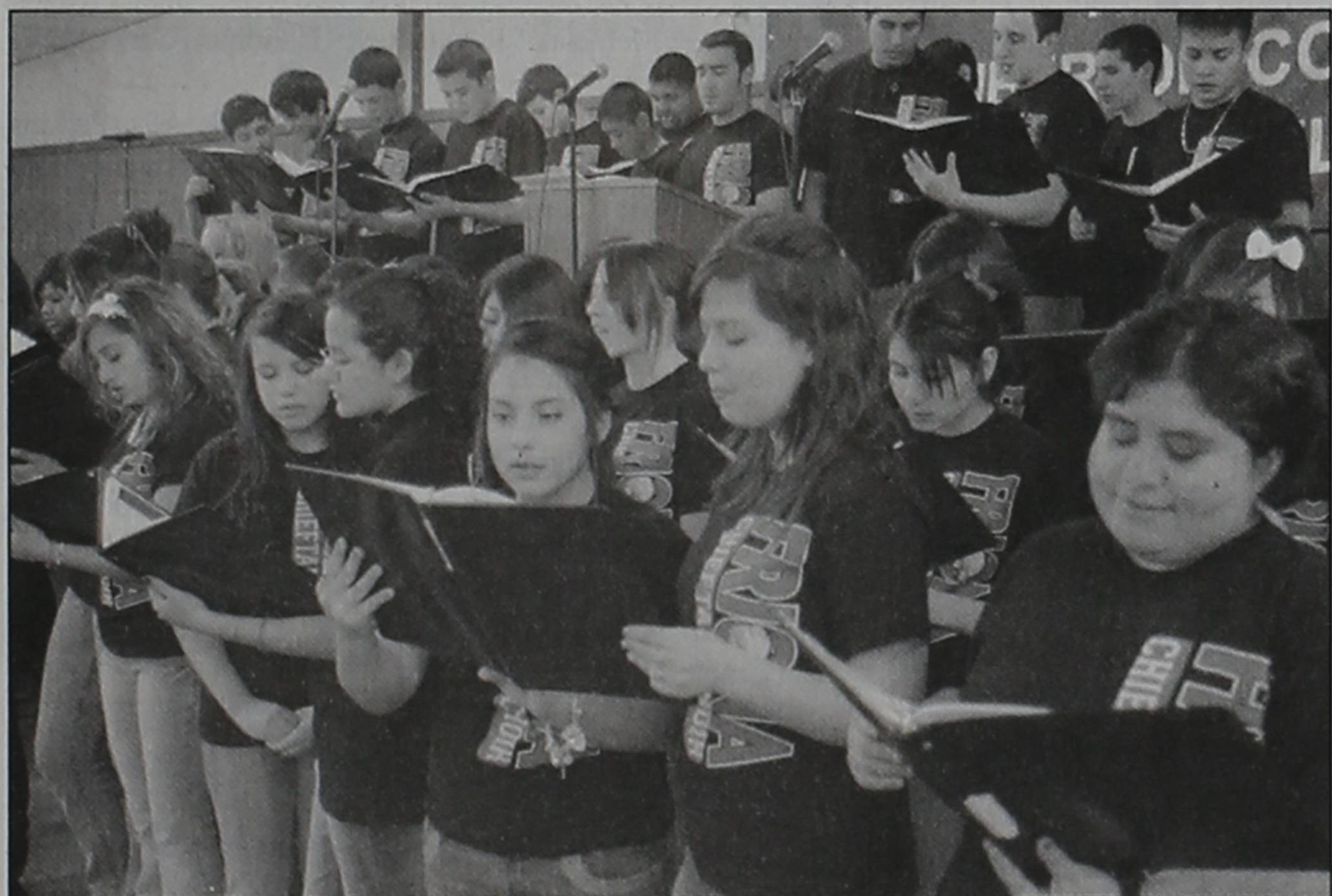
Been pretty quiet around town this week. Lots of folks traveling during spring break. Had some cold rain all day Monday. More precip due Saturday they say. Otherwise hope you are all well. After spring break the school year picks up speed to the end of May. Stick around. More to come. Until then!



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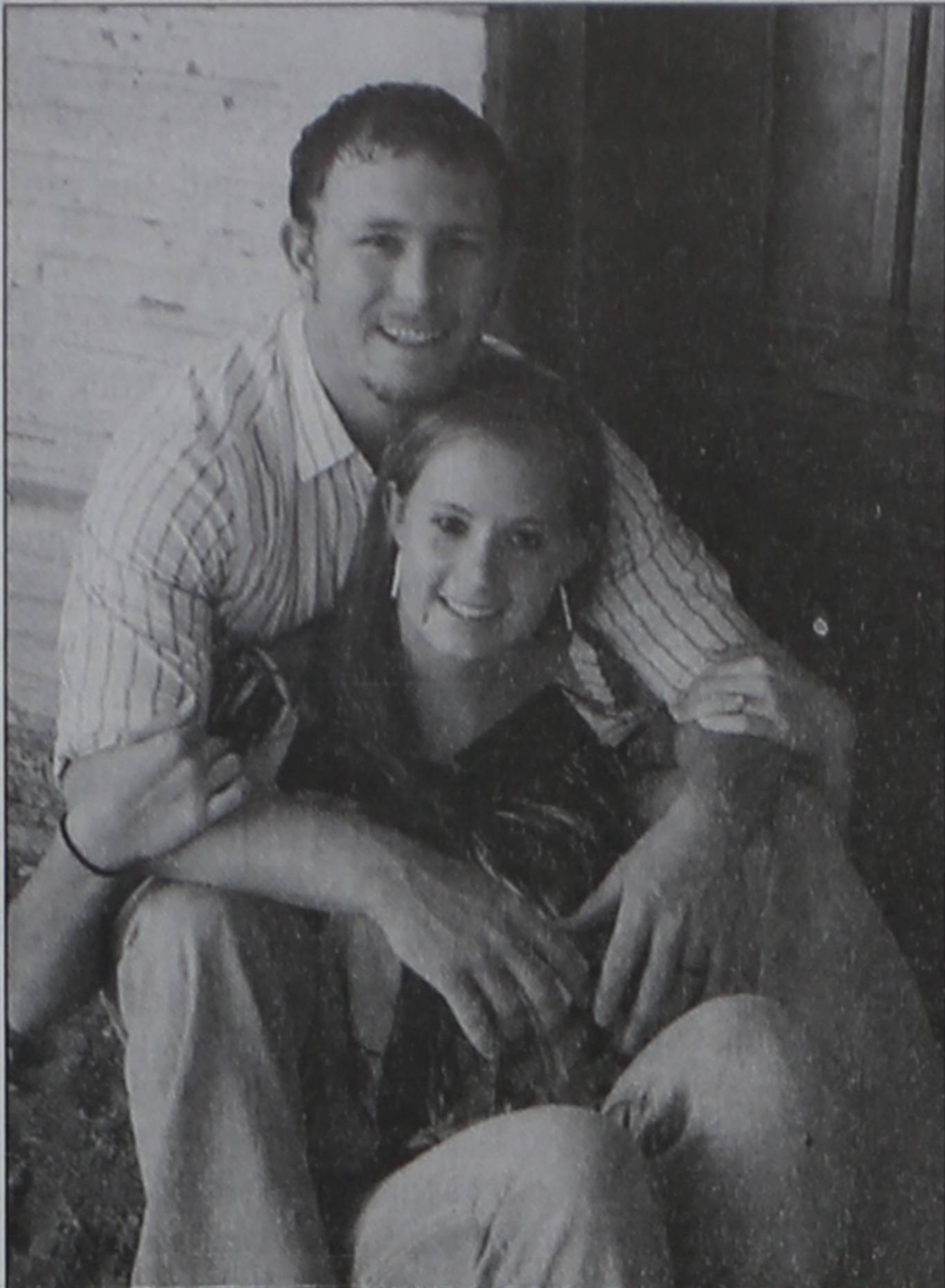
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ENGAGEMENT



Chance Lewellen & Heather Settles

Lewellen & Settles

Chance Lewellen and Heather Settles are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Chance is the son of Donnie and Debbie Lewellen of Friona. He is a 2007 graduate of Friona High School and is currently attending Amarillo College and will graduate in May with an Airframe and Powerplant License.

Heather is the daughter of Trevor and Rebecca Daniel of Denver, Colorado, and the late Bobby Settles. She is a 2007 graduate of Perryton High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M University majoring in Biotechnology.

The couple will exchange vows on July 31, 2010.

WEDDING



Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Chico 'nee Marina Nariega

Chico & Nariega

The parents of Harvey Chico and Marina Nariega are proud to announce the marriage of their children. The couple was married on February 26, 2010.

Marina's parents are Monica Zuniga and Rudy Rivera of Amarillo.

Harvey's parents are Dalia and Scott Verlod of Friona. The groom graduated from the Massage Therapy Training Center to pursue a career as a massage therapist.

The bride is currently attending Amarillo College to obtain her degree in physical therapy.

ENGAGEMENT



Jim Anderson & Briana Wright

Wright & Anderson

Kirk and Leslie Wright of Friona, and Chrystina Ellis of Arlington, Texas, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Briana Wright, to Jim Anderson, the son of Gary and Cindy Anderson of Lamar, Colorado.

The bride-elect and future groom will exchange vows on July 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Briana is a Friona High School graduate and is currently attending West Texas A&M in Canyon.

Jim is a Lamar High School and West Texas A&M graduate.

One-Act play public performance Monday

The public performance dress rehearsal of the 2010 Friona High School One-Act Play will be held at the high school auditorium Monday, March 22 at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission. The performance will be approximately 40-minutes. Director is Erika Montana assisted by Allison Johnston.

The play is "Radium Girls" by D.W. Gregory, published by Dramatic Publishing. It is set in the 1920s and depicts the struggle of young girls who worked in a radium plant painting glow-in-the-dark dials for watches. The radioactive material in the paint caused irreparable damage to the girls' jaws and eventual death. The girls take on the company and attempt to make the corporate men accept responsibility for their negligence.

Allison Johnston said, "The entire company involved in this production has worked tirelessly to pull off this difficult theatrical work."

The cast includes: Laci Austin, Josh Duenes, Weston Wylly, Jesus Sarabia, Anyuli Lopez, Paige Herbert, Britny Herbert, Ryan DeWit, Kalley Preston, Kenzie Malone, Michael Ortiz, Keeley Dunnam, Kenny Newhouse, Alex Gonzales, and Tenna Montana.

The crew for the show are: J Gurley, Abby Jones, Yurban

Salinas, Ester Sarabia, and Kelsey White. Alternates are: Rachel Dickson, Jessi Jamerson, and Daniel Meza.

Mrs. Johnston said, "This is a production most worthy of your time. Please make every effort to attend this production on Monday March 22 at 7 p.m. Thank you."

Working ranch horse competition

The All Breed Horse Show Association will host a Ranch Horse Association of America sanctioned working ranch horse competition at the Curry County Events Center March 28, 2010.

Working ranch horse is a demonstration of true partnership between the horse and rider. The horse must listen to his rider but also read the cow and be ready to react in a split second.

The event is free to the public and will feature vendor booths with clothing, jewelry, home décor, tack and much more. Working ranch horse competition will begin at 11 a.m. (MDT). For more information contact Suzette Howard at 575-693-3132 or email abhsa@live.com.

Bass tourney at Ute Lake

The Hereford Bass Club is hosting a one-day tournament at Ute Lake in Logan, New Mexico, Sunday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT. Cost is \$25 per person. Pay at the north dock ramp. Optional extra \$5 trash fish pot. Any questions contact Dan Brooks at 806-344-6823 or Gary McPherson at 806-364-4305.

Sheriff's Report

There is no Sheriff's Report this week.

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March 21 - March 27, 2010

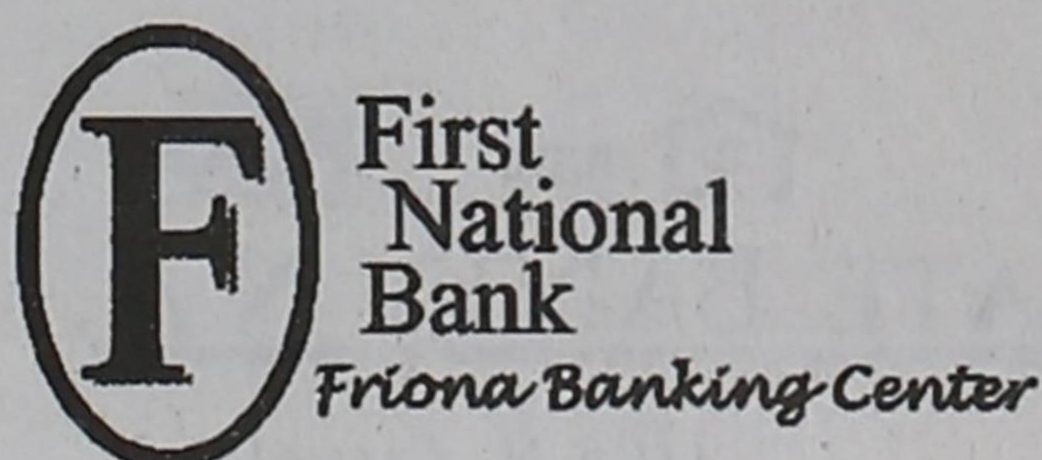
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- Mar. 21-Jeffery Sunderlin, Joe Murphree, Lou Keith, Amelia Wright, James M. McFarland, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adriana Garza, Kathy Graves, Peyton Schueler
- Mar. 22-Teresa Kendrick, Derek Dunn, Jack Wilson, Alisa Perkins Trimmell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz, Kenny Austin, Anita Guest, Willie Cooper, Cecil Cooper, Allen Huckins
- Mar. 23-Roma Wilson, Chase Alexander, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Jim Dixon, Donice Jones, Tammi Kelley LaFuente, Diane Glover, Christine Norega, Roman Wilson, Becky Herrera, Sara Flores
- Mar. 24-Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada, Ella Jo Stormes, Phillip Hand, Sabrina Barraza
- Mar. 25-Judy Potts, Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, J. Ryan Seright, Sydney Grace Frye, Mark Englant
- Mar. 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Graham, Joan Grimsley, E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson
- Mar. 27-Billy Sanders, Randy Allen, Keven Clark, Jon Goddard, C.B. Eddins, Macy Diane Reeve, V'Lesha Wilcox, Alysa Cooper, Jessie Stone

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Here is biographical information that was given at the banquet during the awards presentations.

Patsy Vazquez

Employee of the Year:

Patsy is described as having a big smile and an infectious laugh along with a positive attitude towards fellow employees and customers.

Her willingness to solve problems, both business and personal, and to take time to listen to people and find solutions is admirable and is a benefit not only to her employer but to the citizens of Friona. In 18 years on the "front lines" of the banking industry, opening accounts and serving customers, she has never wavered in her dedication.

Not only is she a dedicated employee but also serves on the Friona Public Library Board, the First Baptist Church financial committee, and is a member of the Friona Booster Club. She is currently employed at First National Bank-Friona Banking Center.

Her husband is Oscar and they have four children, Melissa, Tiffany, Oscar, and Madison.

Matthew Stanberry

Boy Student of the Year:

Matthew is described as having a tender heart and caring personality. He is a great leader and a role model for younger children and devotes time in the community to help the elderly and less fortunate.

He is a talented multi-sport athlete that excels both on the playing field and in the classroom. He has made the honor roll many times during his high school career.

Matthew is a member of Friona United Methodist church where he is involved in youth activities, mission work, and Vacation Bible School. He has volunteered at the Food Bank and at the CityChurch in Amarillo.

At Friona high school he is a member of the Leadership Council, excels in football, basketball, and baseball and plays tennis and golf in his spare time. He was selected 1st team all-district in football the past two years and was all-district in basketball and Basketball King for the 2009-10 season. His parents are Terry and Sherrie Stanberry.

Paige Herbert

Girl Student of the Year:

Paige is an amazing leader in Friona High, our community, and in church activities. She is looked upon by many people as a great role model. She is involved in many activities in high school and maintains a high academic ranking. She takes

the time to encourage others, especially younger children.

Paige is a member of the National English Honor Society, Thespians, FCCLA, Science Club, and National Honor Society. She is a cheerleader and plays volleyball, basketball, and is a two-time regional qualifier in golf. She is a state winner in FCCLA for two years in applied technology, chapter service display, and a National Gold Medal winner the past two years.

Her other talents include acting and singing, serving as President of the Thespian Troupe, and participating in the musical the past four years. She is an active member of the Friona United Methodist Church where she participates in the youth program, helping build homes through Habitat for Humanity in Lubbock.

She is the Senior Class president, Student Council president, and the reigning Miss Friona. Her parents are Don and Marka Herbert.

Ron McWilliams

Teacher of the Year:

Ron is organized, passionate, and creative. His demand for excellence from his students, both academically and in life, has had a lasting effect on thousands of lives.

Beginning his teaching career 40 years ago, he has spent almost half a century inspiring many a budding musician to pick up an instrument. At the beginning of every school year he patiently listens to many a honk and squeak and missed beat only to magically turn it into concert quality music by Christmas.

By the time those kids are seniors, the little noisemakers will be accomplished musicians, many earning District, All-Region, All-State, Solo and Ensemble and Sweepstakes honors.

After graduating from Eastern New Mexico University he began his band directing career in 1970 in Wilcox, Arizona. For the next 17 years he directed bands in Hobbs, Roswell, Farwell, and Seminole, before coming to Friona in 1990. He has put together countless Chieftain Marching Band halftime shows, provided moving Veteran's Day musical selections, and helped in numerous band fundraisers. He has spent many extracurricular hours over the last 20 years preparing students for competitions.

He is an active member of the Faith Christian Family Church in Clovis, where his wife Faye is the assistant to the senior pastor. They have three children, Bryan, Kevin, and Sarah.

Bessie Holt

Citizen of the Year:

Bessie is described as an unsung hero who

has devoted her life to helping people and the community. The word used most often to describe her is caring; she cares not only for the physical health of her fellow citizens but their spiritual health as well.

She is an active member of Calvary Baptist Church and Feed My Sheep Ministries. For the past 45 years she has helped many area patients through her efforts with Coffee Memorial Blood Center. She serves on the Blood Drive Council of Friona and has helped organize recent blood drives for Percy Parsons, Annie Mae Thomas, and Amelia Taylor.

Through her efforts and the efforts of the Friona Blood Drive Council, Friona has seen a 300% increase in blood donations to the Blood Center in one year. Bessie is a go-getter and has touched many lives not only in Friona but throughout the Panhandle. She is married to Ira and they have two daughters, Reba and Glenna.

Kathryn Gurley

Woman of the Year:

At Friona High School Kathryn was involved in thespians, all-region band, drum major of the Chieftain Band, state solo and ensemble, member of the stage band, editor of the Chieftain yearbook, foreign language club, Future Teachers of America, National Honor Society, and performed in many school plays.

She was the Evening Lions Club sweetheart and Maize Days queen. Following graduation in 1972 she attended Converse College in South Carolina, then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin where she graduated in 1977 with a pharmacy degree and served a pharmacy residency at Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth.

After residency she worked as the Texas Tech University medical staff pharmacist in Lubbock. She later transferred to John Sealey Hospital in Galveston where she was selected to initiate a new program for the operating room to more closely control the pharmaceuticals used and the costs of medications to the patient. She was also the pediatric pharmacy supervisor for the hospital.

In 1988 Kathryn graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. Her new career and new husband eventually moved to San Antonio until 1992 when they moved to Friona. In her 18 years practicing law in Friona she has served on many community boards and committees including the Friona ISD Board of Trustees. She has served as legal counsel to the City of Bovina and often volunteers as legal counsel for the Parmer County Museum.

In 2003 she was elected the first woman to

serve as Parmer County Attorney. In 2004 she was honored as Attorney of the Year for Northwest Texas Legal Services for pro bono work done for those in need of legal help but unable to afford attorney fees. In 2008 she was elected as the first woman to serve as District Attorney for Parmer and Bailey counties.

Kathryn is a member of the Friona Chamber of Commerce, Friona Friends of the Library, Texas Bar Association, Texas District and County Attorney Association, Texas Criminal Defense Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She is the church pianist at Friona United Methodist Church and a member of the Endowment Committee and Administrative Board of Trustees.

Her parents are Lunell and Hollis Horton, she is married to John, and they have three children, Alex, Hollis, and J.

Dr. Dale Schueler

Man of the Year:

Dale was born in Parmer County Community Hospital and was valedictorian of the Friona High school Class of 1971. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 1976 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

After graduation he worked for one year at Coleman Vet Clinic in Coleman, Texas before moving back to Friona and opening Parmer County Vet Clinic in the Rhea Community in 1977.

He has served on the Rhea-Hollene Community Center Board and the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show board for the past 30 years. He has served on the Rhea Volunteer Fire Department and was an active part of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rhea until its closure in 1986. He is now a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Friona where he serves on the personal committee, sings in the choir, and has taught Sunday School for many years.

For the past 22 years he has served on the Parmer County Community Hospital board and is proud of the Friona area for their efforts to build the new Parmer Medical Center which opened in February.

Dr. Schueler is an active member of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Academy of Bovine Practitioners. He has served veterinary needs in Friona, Parmer County, and much of eastern New Mexico over the last 33 years.

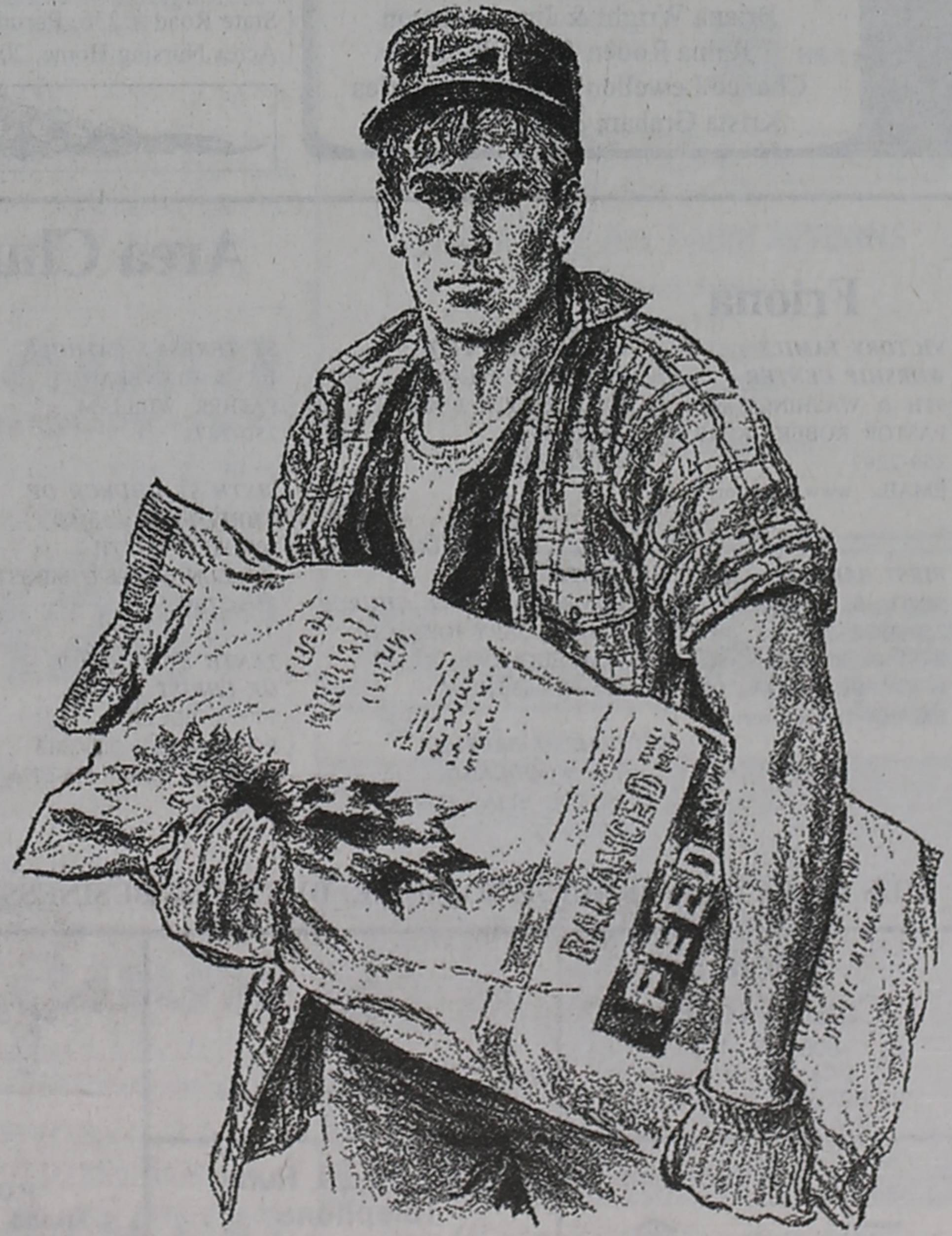
He is married to Donna, their children are Monty, Wade, and Kevin and grandchildren are Tristan, Quay, Mason, Emma, Aubrey, Ivy, Peyton, and Kayl.

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OBITUARIES

Velta W. Anderson

Graveside services for Velta W. Anderson, 68, of Friona (Rhea Community), were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2010, in the Rhea Community Cemetery, with Gene Schueler of the Rhea Community, officiating. Arrangements were by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. She died Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in Amarillo.

Velta was born July 2, 1941, in Stillwell, Oklahoma, to Linnie C. and Leah Fern (Mayo) Knight. A resident of the Rhea community since 1971, she moved there from Clovis, New Mexico.

She married Richard L. "Andy" Anderson December 2, 1955 in Farwell, Texas. He died May 31, 2006. She was a homemaker and a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Velta was preceded in death by two infant sisters.

Survivors include one son, Rick Anderson, Jr. of Texico, New Mexico; two daughters, Debbie Lewellen of Friona, and Susan London of Amarillo; two sisters, Cynthia Marie Neal of Seneca, Missouri, and Wynell Ruszenas of Westille, Oklahoma; one brother, James Knight of Wichita Falls, Texas; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Parmer Medical Center in Friona.



Velta W. Anderson

Rene Edward Snead

Rene Edward Snead, 90, joined his many friends and precious family members at the feet of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in Abilene, Texas. Services were held at the Sixth Street Church of Christ, in Friona, on Sunday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. Visitation with the family was at the family home in Friona, Saturday, March 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

He is survived by his sweet wife, Jinx, of 70 years, and his three children, Janet Payne of Abilene, Texas, Gary and Kay Snead of Abilene, Texas, and Jim and Sheryl Snead of Ruidoso, New Mexico. He leaves the legacy of eight grandchildren: Shea Woodard, Shannel Anderson and husband Chuck, and Josh Snead and wife Kedra, all of Abilene, Texas; Shayne Woodard and wife Sabrina of Austin, Texas; Holly Kirby and husband Steve of Argyle, Texas; Layle Snead of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Charlie Snead and wife Jennifer of Aledo, Texas; and Clint Snead and wife Audra of Southlake, Texas.

He was great-grandfather to 14 great-grandchildren: Kayli Denson, Charlie Ruth Anderson, and Carter and Ella Snead, all of Abilene; Hattie, Hannah Kay and Case Kirby of Argyle; Will and Eli Snead of Aledo; Whitney, Abbey and Annie Woodard of Austin; Sawyer Snead of Southlake; and Arabella Snead-Schmitz of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Many nieces and nephews also survive their kind and giving, Uncle Rene, who played a major role in their lives.

A very special friend, Jyl Grimsley, of Friona, who gave of her heart and time taking Rene and Jinx to appointments and serving as "family" when they needed assistance. For the past four years, Rene has also treasured his dog, Tiki, who had come to be one of his closest companions.

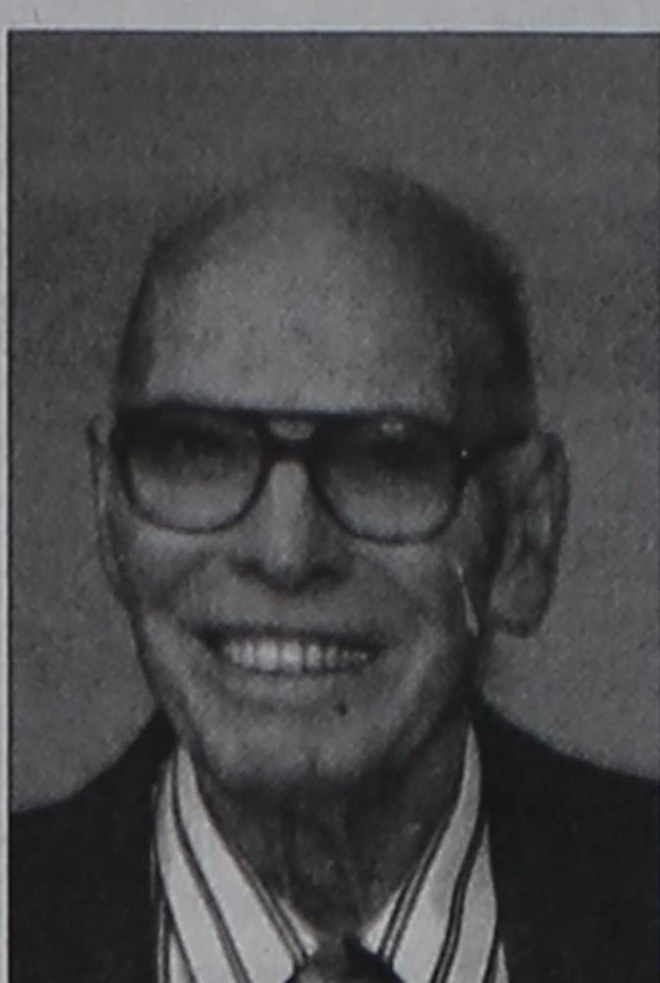
Rene was born December 4, 1919, to Bert and Hattie (Cox) Snead in Telephone, Texas. The family lived on a farm in County Line with Rene and his brother J.B., now of Lubbock, who also survives him with his wife, Edna.

Rene and Jinx were married on October 29, 1939, and lived in and around County Line until he was called to serve his country during World War II in Italy. They lived near Anton until 1948, when they traded land and moved to Hub, Texas, just south of Friona. There they farmed and raised their three children, until moving into town in 1957.

Friona has been their home for 62 years where their children attended school and they worshiped with the Sixth Street Church of Christ where Rene served as deacon and elder for many years. Rene's love of the church and the many who worshiped with him was evident to all who knew him.

Rene and Jinx have been known for their generous hearts as they have been the silent givers to many, including family, friends and great causes. Rene loved to fish, and he and Jinx made many trips to Del Rio to spend weeks on the lake with other dear friends who loved to enjoy the peace and fun of being together doing what they loved.

He will be missed by so many and leaves a legacy that will be cherished. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials honoring Rene's generous spirit be sent to the Portales Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico, State Road # 236, Portales, New Mexico 88130, or Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas, 79035.



Rene Edward Snead

Thank You
We would like to say thank you to all of the members of the Sixth Street Church of Christ and Friona citizens who were there for us during the services of our beloved Rene Edward Snead, "Poppy". Thank you for attending the services, preparing food, and helping make this sad occasion a celebration of life. There will always be a part of our hearts and souls in Friona, Texas. God Bless You All! Thanks again for your kindness, it will not be forgotten. Sincerely, The Snead Family

Library Friends annual meeting set

The Friends of the Friona Library will hold their annual meeting Sunday April 25 from 2-3 p.m. Baskets are being put together for the event. The Friends basket will be with an American Girl Doll, Rebecca, from 1914. The doll comes with a set of books and a special period trunk.

Friends secretary Terri Ellis says this basket will not be auctioned so everyone can have a chance to win it. Tickets for the baskets will be \$1 each. "You can buy as many tickets as you want and try to win any or all of the baskets," Mrs. Ellis said.

Who are you living for?

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Book 2 Samuel 2-4 gives the perfect picture of what it looks like when a person is living for the Lord, and what it looks like when a person is living for themselves. Samuel is a young child, and he is undoubtedly living for the Lord. The first characteristic of him, and those who live for God is that he lived life with a very real and abiding awareness of God's presence, power and purpose for him (2:18). On top of that, though, you can see if a person is living for God by a growing walk with God, which Samuel had (2:21; 3:19-4:1).

Alongside Samuel, in chapters 2-4, are Eli's evil sons. They clearly lived for themselves as seen in their attitudes and actions. They are worthless. Further, they do not know God (2:12), disregard holy things only to help themselves (2:13-17), are driven by their fleshly desires and feelings (2:22), lead others into sin (2:24), reject God's authority in their lives (2:25), and will be held accountable by God for their sinful, selfish living (2:27-36).

If you are a born again believer, 2 Corinthians 5:15 makes it clear that your life is to be lived for the Lord; "and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him, who for their sake, died and was raised."

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T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

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Verses 1-6 tell us of God's Book of Nature. Anyone who looks into the heavens on a clear night cannot be anything but overwhelmed at the voice of God. There is no heavenly body as wonderful as the sun. The sun is a shining symbol of creation as it traces its way across the heavens giving nourishment and light.

Verses 7-11 tell us of God's Book of Law. Note the six evaluations of God's Book of Law. It is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, and righteous. Altogether, God's Word provides the key to wisdom, joy, and most importantly, eternal life.

The Psalmist begins his conclusion in verse 11 with a warning. We must each consider our own imperfections and pray that we will be acceptable in the sight of God.

We have no excuse! He has revealed Himself to us.

Relay for Life meeting Mar 25

The 2010 Relay for Life is scheduled for June 18. A planning meeting will be held Thursday March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Friona State Bank. Topics discussed will be this year's relay, fundraising ideas, relay events, and other ideas for the relay.

All are invited to attend and share ideas and volunteer to help. Now is the time for team captains to start getting their teams together. For more information call Greg or Jamie Lewellen at 250-3545 or email greg.jamie@hotmail.com. Please volunteer to help.

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Shown at their recent graduation from the Promotora: Community Health Worker Program are, l-r, Debra Flores, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Friona residents Virginia Hidalgo, Sharolyn Cline, and JoDonna Terry. Not pictured, Teena Ramirez.

Local health workers complete training

Three local women, Sharolyn Cline, Virginia Hidalgo and JoDonna Terry, were among nine graduates of the State of Texas' Promotora de Salud; Community Health Worker Program (CHW). The ladies were noted as the first rural residents in the state to graduate as Community Health Workers, or Promotoras. The graduates completed a nine month training program provided by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC).

At the graduation ceremony on the Texas Tech Campus the trio was also recognized as the first in the state to use a telemedicine unit to com-

plete the class. The telemedicine unit was provided to Parmer Medical Center as part of a recent grant in collaboration with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and TTUHSC. PMC made it available to the students for the classes. The connection allowed the students in Friona to view and communicate with the class in Lubbock.

The training certified the graduates to educate the local community via both home visits and classroom settings, act as liaisons between local individuals and service organizations, and organize events. The Promotoras are currently directing their efforts to support the Healthy Baby Coalition of

Parmer County. They provide education for expectant mothers, develop a clothes closet for infants, and help to host "baby showers" to supply the closet and gain interest in the community.

JoDonna Terry and Deena Ramirez were two of four individuals also recognized for on-line completion of the CHW Instructor program.

The Healthy Baby Coalition is looking for more individuals interested in becoming Promotoras. For more information about the CHW Program or the Healthy Baby Coalition, contact JoDonna Terry, RN, Cargill, at 295-8291 or Heidi Eichenauer at Parmer Medical Center, 250-2754.

March sales tax receipts distributed

Comptroller Susan Combs announced the state collected \$1.60 billion in sales tax revenue in February, down 8.8 percent compared to February 2009.

"After eight straight months of double digit declines, sales tax losses have begun to moderate," Combs said. "Sales tax revenue continues to be down in major sectors such as retail, oil and gas production, and construction. However, there was a slight uptick in the manufacturing sector. We will keep monitoring the revenue, and as we have recently noted we expect further declines in the near term before a return to sales tax revenue growth later this year."

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Parmer County's March 2010 payment totaled \$33,340.30 broken down as Bovina \$5,088.73; Farwell \$7,457.68; and Friona \$20,793.89. In March 2009 the tax payment total was \$36,778.84.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were down 9.34%, broken down as Bovina -17.73%; Farwell 4.94%; and Friona -11.46%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$114,984.64 as compared to \$126,383.84 for the same period last year, a 9.01% change.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) Road Grader for use in Precinct #4. Bids must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Heald, County Judge at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 12th, 2010, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's Office. To be considered for trade-in is one (1) 2004 Caterpillar 140H, Serial #CCA01001. All questions concerning the trade-in should be addressed to Elvis Powell, Commissioner, Precinct #4 at 806/946-7200.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Heald, County Judge.

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VFW AUXILIARY CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Thank You!

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars #3280 in Clovis, New Mexico, extend a warm and grateful thank you to the Friona businesses who donated items for the annual Cancer Aid & Research fundraiser. The event was held on Saturday, March 13, at the John Carnine-James Wiseman VFW Post 3280 in Clovis.

The funds from the auction, meals all during the year, and ticket sales for a truck bank have not been totaled, but an estimated five to seven thousand dollars will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Home, American Cancer Society and the VFW National Cancer Aid & Research fund which supports researchers in finding a cure.

Again, thank you Friona for the donations of items for the auction and purchasing tickets. The Ladies appreciate your generosity. If you were not given the opportunity to donate, the Ladies will be asking for donations again this year.

The following businesses donated items for the auction:

- BI-WIZE HEALTH MART
- IVY COTTAGE FLOWERS AND GIFTS
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- REEL TICKET VIDEOS
- WT SERVICES
- VETERINARY INDUSTRIES, INC.
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*Cash Marketing Pool

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*Bale Crop Contract Current Basis is 600 off December 2010 Futures

For Quality based on Grade 31-3-36, Micronaire 3.5-4.9; 29.0 GPT; 80 uniformity; NO remarks. Government loan discounts to apply.

This is a bale contract not an acre contract. Grower has to deliver contracted bales.

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Irrigated and Dry Land

*Guaranteed Minimum Equity Pool (GMEP) Currently 8 Cents

This Pool guarantees a minimum equity payment for the marketing year and growers will participate in additional progress payments, if any, that the Pool generates.

*Cash Purchase Contract (Basis) Current Basis 600 off December 2010 Futures

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Grower contracts the basis and instructs buyer of fixation on December 2010 Cotton Futures.

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Irrigated Only

*Minimum Price Cash Pool Currently 8 Cent

This pool guarantees a minimum price of Government loan plus 8 cents.

*Equity Cash Contract Currently 12 Cents Based on 75 Cent, Dec 2010 Futures

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Tuesday, March 23, 2010

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- FISH, CHICKEN AND BEEF DINNER 5:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

Dinner

Short Business Meeting

The Texas Crossroads Band

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Friona runners participating in the Susan G. Komen marathon in Dallas Sunday March 14 were, l-r, Lori Davila, Britny Pope, Dana Campbell, V'Laura Sundlie, and Annette Loflin. Not pictured: Jeff Isom.

Friona marathoners run in Dallas

A half-marathon (13.1 miles) benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, was held in downtown Dallas last Sunday March 14 with a contingent of Friona folks participating.

The group was organized and trained by V'Laura Sundlie and included Annette Loflin, Dana Campbell, Britny Pope, Lori Davila, and Jeff Isom. The idea was hatched after V'Laura's husband, Justin Sundlie, ran in the annual 26-mile White Rock Marathon in Dallas last November. Jeff Isom and Justin Sundlie are both Friona ISD coaches.

The ladies trained here in Parmer County under the tutelage of Mrs. Sundlie. They ran distances along Highway 214 from Hub to Friona and also along FM 1013 to and from 10-Mile Corner as well as running in other areas around the city.

Participants were asked to estimate on their applications for the marathon how long it would take them to finish and

their start position was set accordingly. The entry fee was \$100. Mrs. Sundlie said there were about 18,000 runners. Each one had a chip in their shoe that started timing as they crossed the start line.

The race began at 8 a.m. Sunday March 14 at Dallas City Hall, wound around downtown and American Airlines Center, and finished at the Cotton Bowl at Fair Park. The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders were at the starting line and the University of Texas Band was at the finish line. Along the route there were bands playing, spectators lined up, water and fruit available, and at the end, the runners were treated to a concert in the Cotton Bowl. Participants were required to finish in four hours or less.

A runner from Lubbock, a 30-something guy who played on the Texas Tech baseball team in 2000, finished the distance then tragically collapsed and died. The official winner finished the

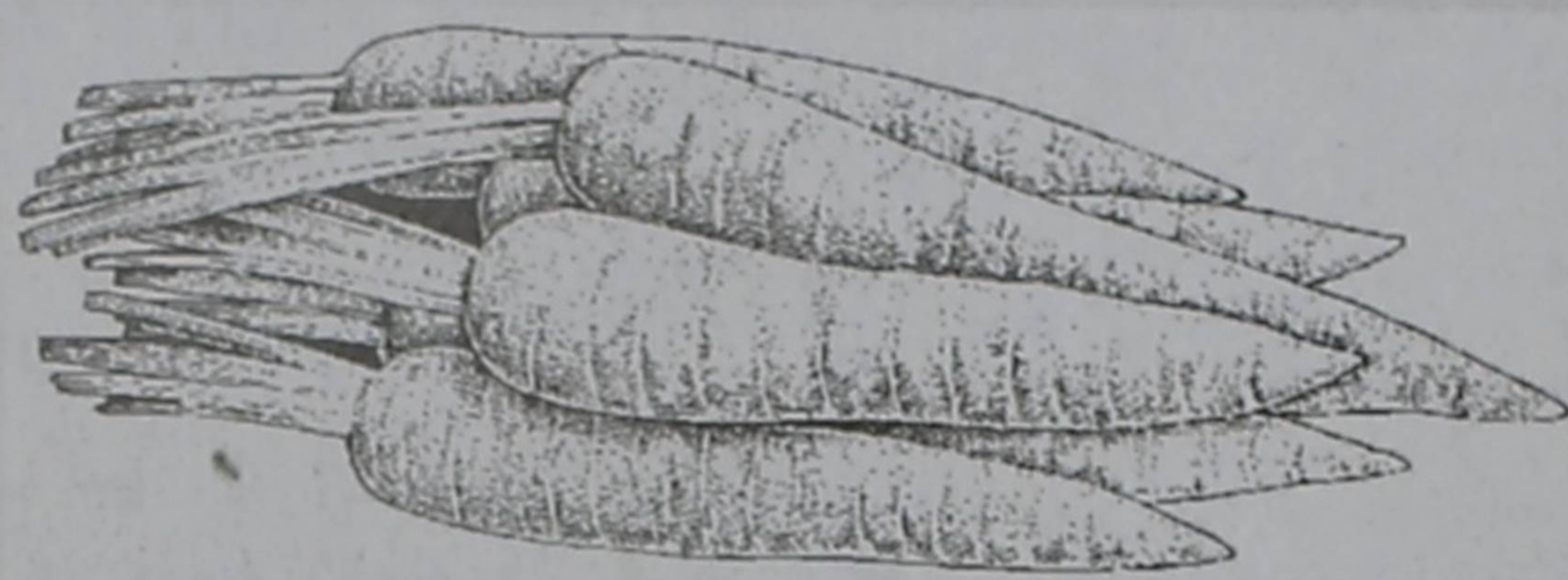
13.1 miles on just over an hour. Times for the Friona "team" (in hours, minutes, seconds) were Lori Davila 3:01.37; Dana Campbell 3:21.13; Annette Loflin 2:33.32; Britny Pope 2:33.10; Jeff Isom 2:15.21; and V'Laura Sundlie 1:57.31.

All agreed it was a great time and a greater challenge. They enjoyed the trip to Dallas and the excitement associated with the marathon. Along to cheer the runners on were Justin and Aubrey Sundlie, Gilbert, Lisann, Isbell, and Raquel Davila, Evette Trevino, Claudia Castillo and girls, and Brittany, Jacob, and Abby Isom.

V'Laura Sundlie's goal was to run the entire 13.1 miles (no walking) and do it in under two hours. She accomplished both goals and she and Justin plan to run in a marathon in November in San Antonio. The rest of the Friona runners expressed they were glad they participated. As for running in future marathons they are not so sure.

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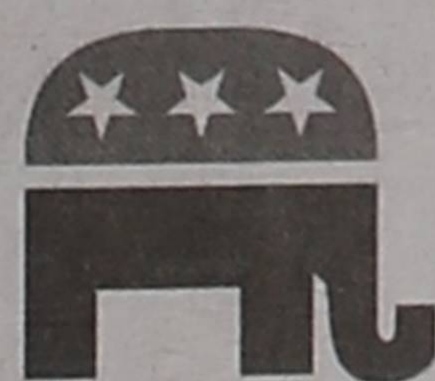
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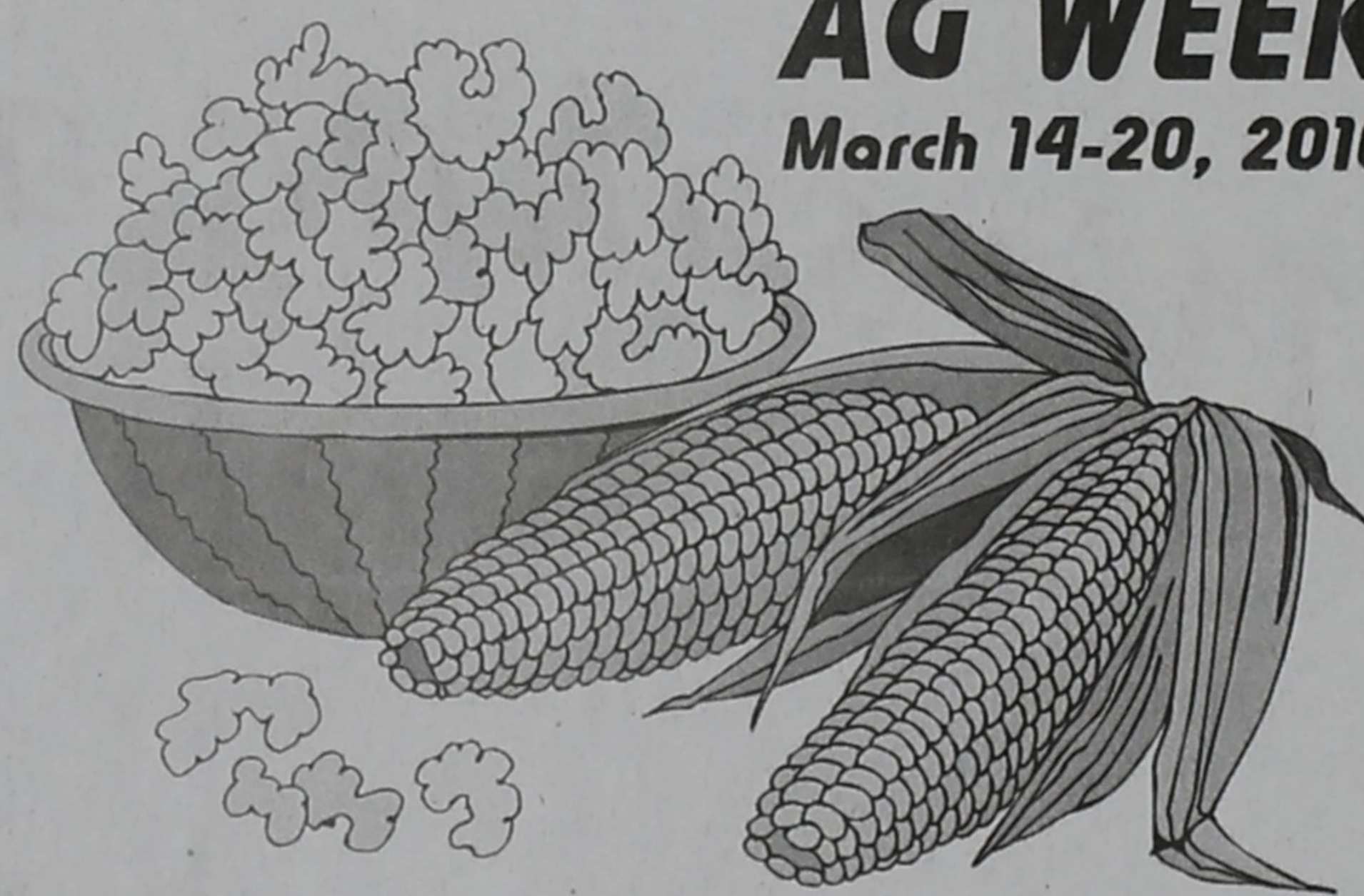
Parmer County Republican Convention
8:30 A.M. Saturday March 20
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The meeting is to discuss
Republican Party business



Floyd Reeve
Republican Party Chairman
for Parmer County

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Corn Poppin' Facts

Popcorn pops because water is stored in a small circle of soft starch in each kernel. As the kernel is heated, the water heats, the droplet of moisture turns to steam and the steam builds up pressure until the kernel finally explodes to many times its original volume.

* Americans today consume 17.3 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year! The average American eats about 68 quarts!

* While the first breakfast cereal was made by adding sugar and milk to popped popcorn, a shortage of baking flours after World War II forced breadmakers to substitute up to 25% of wheat flour with ground popped popcorn. Over the years, popcorn also has been used as an ingredient in pudding, candy, soup, salad and entrees.

* Popcorn's nutritional value comes from the fact that, like other cereal grains, its primary function is to provide the body with heat and energy.

* Microwave popcorn is the same as other popcorn except the kernels are usually larger and the packaging is designed for maximum popability.

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SCHOOL MENU

March 22 - 26

Breakfast

Monday, Mar. 22
Choice of Cereal
Assorted Muffins
Assorted Juice

Tuesday, Mar. 23
Choice of Cereal
Pancakes
Sausage
Orange Juice

Wednesday, Mar. 24
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Thursday, Mar. 25
Choice of Cereal
Breakfast Pizza
Grape Juice

Friday, Mar. 26
Choice of Cereal
Breakfast Burrito
Applesauce
Canned Orange Juice

Lunch

Monday, Mar. 22
Pizza
Italian Pasta
Mixed Vegetables
Pears

Tuesday, Mar. 23
Pork Bites
Hot Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
Sugar Snap Peas
Peaches

Wednesday, Mar. 24
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Thursday, Mar. 25
Bean Burrito
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Cupcake

Friday, Mar. 26
Shrimp Poppers
Cole Slaw
Celery Sticks
Apricots

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Smiley qualifies for state powerlift meet

The Friona boys and girls powerlifters participated in the regional meet at Sundown Saturday, March 13.

Junior Clayton Smiley broke his own school record, set earlier this year, with a squat lift of 630 pounds. Smiley lifted a personal best total of 1485 good for 2nd place in his weight class and a trip to the state meet in Abilene on Saturday, March 27.

Other boys and their weight class placements were Junior Hernandez 3rd, Adrian Merino 3rd, Stephen Dominguez 4th, and Duncan Welch 5th. The team finished 4th at the regional meet.

Girl lifters and placement in their weight class were Cassie Barker 6th, Anyuli Lopez 6th, Selena Hernandez 9th, and Estubali Hernandez 9th.

Girls summer basketball meeting

Don Shamowski of Hereford is seeking girls basketball

FHS golf results

The high school boys and girls played at Farwell March 8-9. Boys results were Ismael Rocha 90, David Schwab 93, and Duncan Welch 109.

The girls won 1st place with a total of 458. Individual results were Paige Herbert 111, Lacey Lookingbill 111, Caitlin Bronniman 112, Keeley Dunnam 124, Britny Herbert 127, Briana Miller 127, and Abby Jones 137.



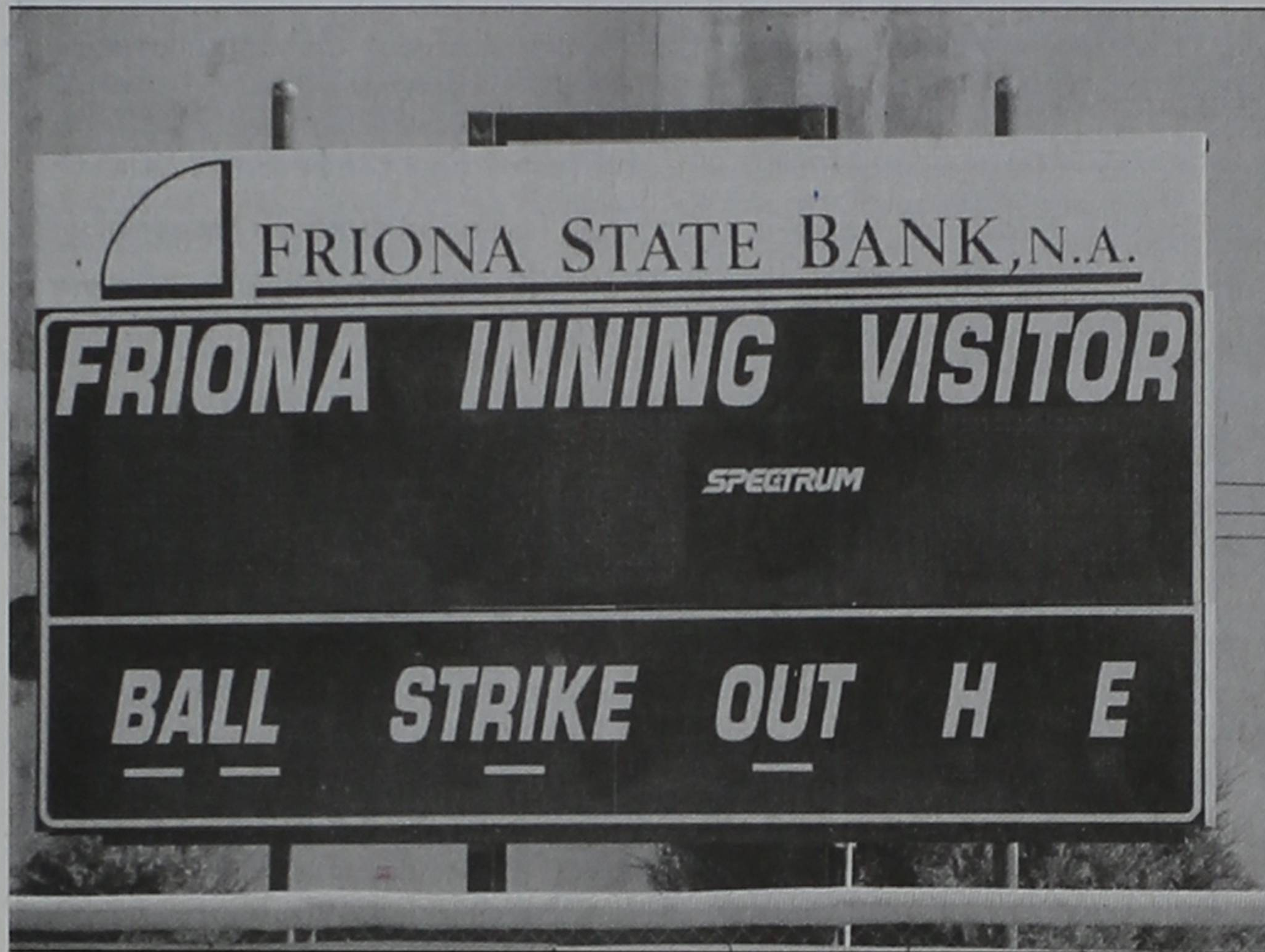
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Chieftain powerlifter Clayton Smiley puts the muscle to this 630-pound squat lift during the regional meet Saturday March 13 at Sundown. Smiley broke his own school record with the lift. He had a personal best total of 1485 for 2nd place and a trip to the state meet in Abilene March 27.

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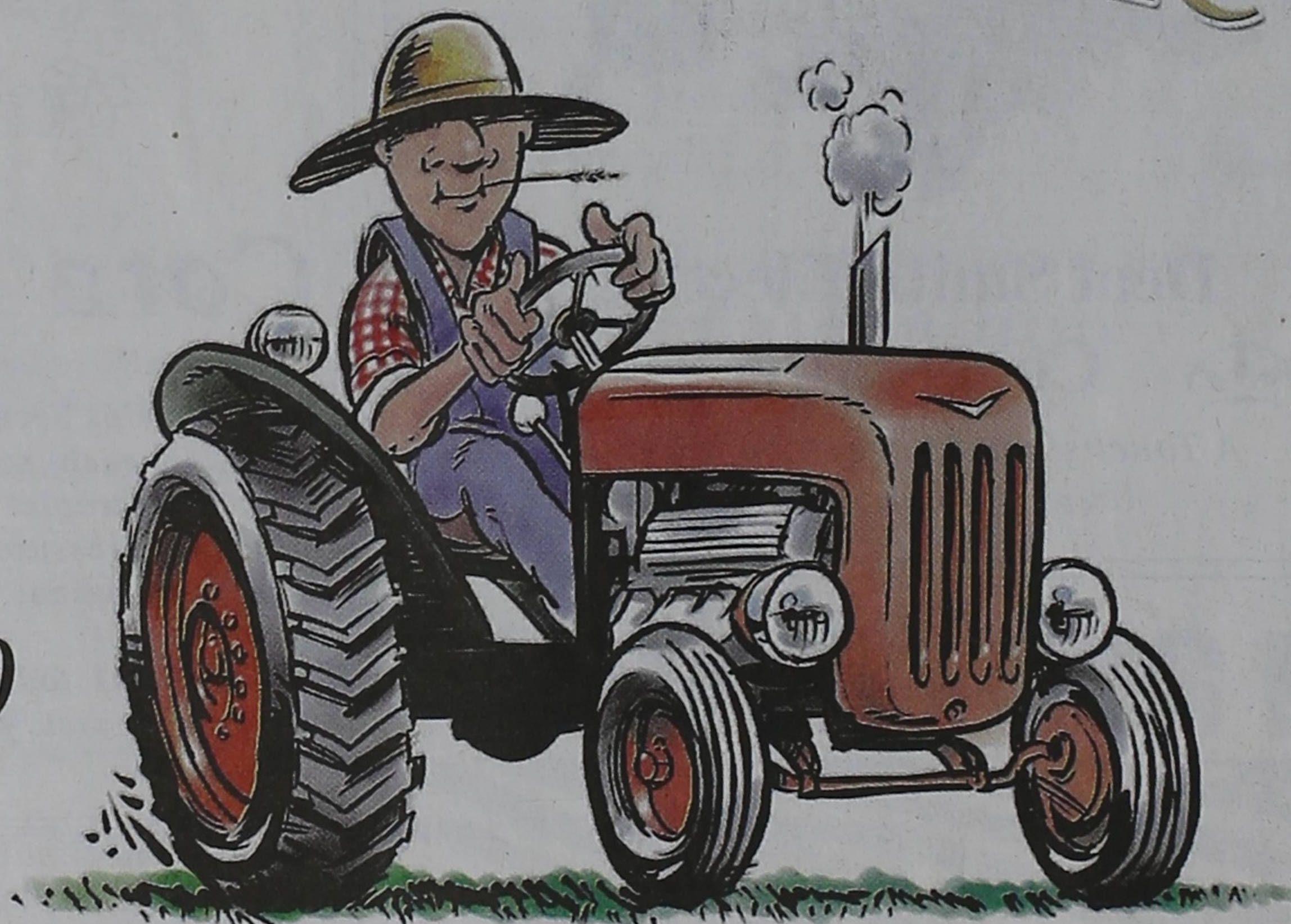


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The Friona Chieftain baseball field has a new scoreboard courtesy of Friona State Bank. The scoreboard was installed last weekend. The Chieftains host Floydada Tuesday March 23 at 5 p.m.

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