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Hospital auxiliary meeting Tuesday

A hospital auxiliary meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, at 2 p.m. in the Parmer Medical Center conference room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. All Hospital Auxiliary Greeter Volunteers are encouraged to be there for training. Any questions contact Donna Schueler at 806-295-3585.

Depot meeting is rescheduled

The Depot Heritage Society of Friona has rescheduled their annual meeting, due to weather conditions. The meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9, at 12:05 p.m. in Room 15 at Friona High School.

Squaws/Chiefs VS Dimmitt

10:00 a.m.
Saturday
February 5

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The area received snow Monday night. Strong winds caused some deep drifts but most yards and streets showed minimal amounts. State highway workers were out scraping the traffic lanes on Highway 60 through town. This unit was working at Highway 60 and Main St. Temperatures near zero were predicted until Friday when a warmer day was forecast.

Chiefs in the playoff hunt with wins at Tulia, Dimmitt

The Chieftains won two in a row to improve their district record to 6-4, tied with Dimmitt and Littlefield for third place in 2-2A. Idalou (9-0) and Muleshoe (7-3) continue to lead the district standings.

The Chiefs have four games left: Littlefield, Muleshoe, Floydada, and Abernathy and have an excellent opportunity to qualify for the playoffs.

At Tulia, the Chiefs had a 40-point first half and didn't let up in the second as they handed Tulia a 76-48 loss. Nick Ortiz continued his hot

hand with six 3s and led scoring with 24 points. Other scoring: Brenner Barnett 12, Dominique Kellum 12, Ryan DeWit 8, Ernesto Monreal 8, Weston Wyly 6, Zack Fair 2, Dillon Kelley 2, Caleb Monroe 2.

The Chiefs drubbed Dimmitt 65-47 at Friona gym Tuesday. Dimmitt ran out to a 13-2 lead in the first quarter and appeared to be poised for a blowout. But the Chiefs went on an 18-0 run to lead 20-13 at the end of the 1st. After that the Bobcats never got closer than 9-points as the Chiefs

turned up the speed to avenge an earlier loss to the Bobcats.

Held to 6 points in the first half, scor-

ing leader Nick Ortiz found the range after the break and ended with 20 points including five 3s. Team-

mates Ryan DeWit and Brenner Barnett each had 16 points, Fair 5, Monreal 3, Monroe 3, and Kellum 2. Monroe,

Fair, and Barnett each had one 3 point for a team total of eight 3s. Both teams were 7 of 11 from the foul line.

FHS choir offering singing valentines

The Friona High School Choir will deliver a singing valentine to your sweetheart(s). They are still \$10 and can be ordered from choir director Allison Johnston (220-1610) or any choir member. There are 20 different singing groups this year.

"The kids have done an excellent job of selecting, learning, and choreographing their songs this year," Johnston said. "Our goal is to have each group deliver 25 valentines during the day of Monday, February 14."

The money raised from the singing valentines will go toward the choir's spring trip to South Padre in May. For a list of available songs and an order form contact Mrs. Johnston or a choir member as soon as possible.



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Having some fun with the laptop powered music and sound system at Friona gym Tuesday night were, l-r, Coach Bryan Masse, Coach David Towner, and FHS student Connor Woods.

Renewal of the Residential Safe Room Rebate Program

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) announced the start of the renewed Panhandle Residential Safe Room Rebate Program. This program provides Texas Panhandle residents assistance with the installation of safe rooms, or tornado shelters, meeting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) standards for wind resiliency, in or around their homes. Applicants accepted for this program will receive a rebate of up to 50%, not to exceed

\$3,000.00, for the installation of a FEMA-compliant shelter at their place of residence.

"No doubt, anyone who has spent any amount of time in the Panhandle is well-familiar with tornados," said John Kiehl, PRPC Regional Services Director. "This program was designed for areas of the country like ours. This region is prone to tornados and many homes don't come equipped with basements. When tornados strike, people need a safe place to shelter; one that's built to withstand

the type of punch a tornado can carry. That's really what this program is about; it provides folks the opportunity to affordably protect themselves and their families when tornados threaten their community."

The PRPC previously operated the Residential Safe Room Rebate Program between 2006 and 2008. During those two years, the program resulted in the installation of 1,415 tornado shelters in homes across the Panhandle. For this renewed

program, the PRPC currently has 350 rebates available.

Residents interested in applying for a rebate can download the application package from the PRPC's website at: www.thepRPC.org or they can contact Elizabeth Thomas, PRPC's Regional Services Program Specialist for the package at (806) 372-3381. Applications for this round of rebates will be accepted by the PRPC through February 18, 2011.

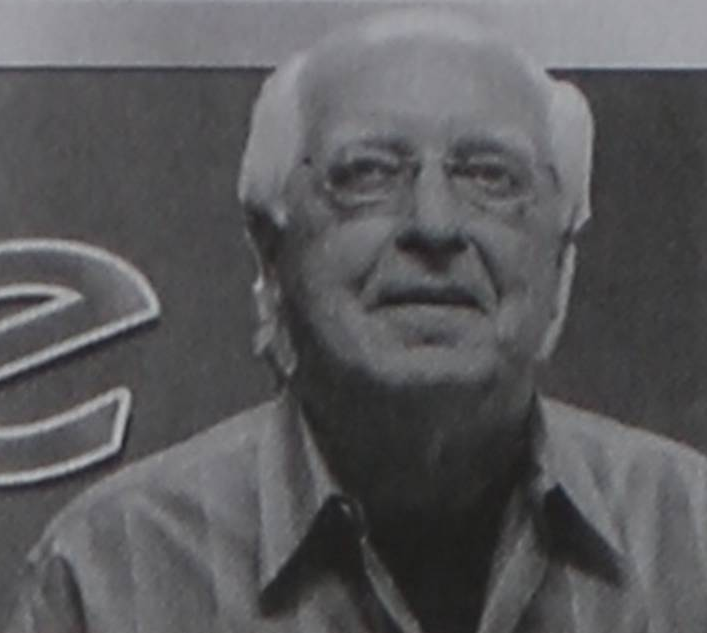
"I had the pleasure of working with the region's original shelter

program," said Ms. Thomas, "and I'm looking forward to this next phase of the project. The residents I interacted with felt a great sense of comfort just knowing they had a safe place to go, when their local tornado sirens sounded."

The Panhandle Residential Safe Room Rebate Program is being funded by a grant received by the PRPC from FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This program is open to residents throughout the 26-county area of the Texas Panhandle.

Out Here

By Ron Carr

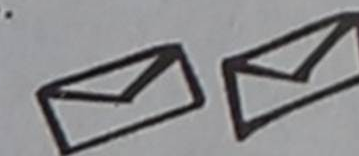


Letters to the Editor

As you read this, our state representatives are meeting in Austin to balance the state budget for 2012-2013. One of the proposals they are considering is to cut Medicaid reimbursement to nursing homes and rehab centers by 33 percent. They have just passed a 2 percent cut in our reimbursement that goes into effect February 1, which followed a reduction that was effective September 2010. Texas already lags behind most other states in their Medicaid reimbursement levels. Medicaid is the main source of payment for the majority of Texas seniors living in nursing homes.

Cuts of this size will make it difficult for nursing homes to provide quality care to residents, and it will affect the prosperity of our community, as jobs will probably be lost. Please contact your representatives in Austin and tell them how you feel about these proposed cuts.

Nikki Brister
Prairie Acres Administrator



Governor Rick Perry issued the following statement on U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson's ruling that the individual mandate required by the federal health care reform bill is unconstitutional:

"Today's ruling represents a victory in the ongoing effort to end federal intrusion into the lives of every American through this one-size-fits-all approach to health care reform. I applaud the judge's decision, which affirms that the federal government's attempt to force individuals to buy government-approved health insurance is an egregious violation of our Constitutional rights."

"I commend Attorney General Abbott's efforts to protect Texans from this misguided federal overreach, and look forward to continuing to work with Texas leaders and Congress to find responsible solutions for our state's health care needs."

In this lawsuit, Texas, along with 25 other states, challenged the individual mandate in Obamacare, maintaining that Congress does not have the authority to force individuals to buy health insurance. This administration continues to spend excessively and impose unfunded mandates upon the states, including this federal health care reform bill that will cost Texas taxpayers more than \$27 billion over 10 years for the Medicaid expansion starting in 2014.

better for us than we do. I will be watching them for you and no doubt there will be a lot of politics in this column in 2011.

For the record, I am not a Sarah Palin fan or supporter. Surely the Republicans will not nominate her for president in 2012. I would have to run screaming from the room.

New York Senator Chuck Schumer, a far left guy, said last week that there are three branches of government: the House, the Senate, and the President. Surely he was taken out of context.

Let's close with Senator Harry Reid. He is the single biggest barrier to freedom and liberty in America. If you are not convinced then follow his record for the next six years.

There has not been a time when politics present so many challenges and concerns for the future of our kids and grandkids. I hope you are paying attention. I will be.

Enough said. I have to go balance my bank statement.

politics and budget crisis

The Commerce Department has 32,000 employees.

I don't know what they all do but I bet that is too many people. Many of them perhaps don't do anything but show up and occupy space with busy work. Does anybody around here benefit from the Commerce Department? If so I would like to hear from you.

I suppose the Commerce Department has something to do with all of that "Made in China" stuff we buy at Wal-Mart. The Democrats claimed that Obamacare was legal under the commerce clause of the Constitution. So far two judges have ruled Obamacare legal and two have ruled it illegal. Bill O'Reilly says the Supreme Court will decide against Obamacare in a 5-4 decision.

I'm not predicting. In spite of the ruling, the White House is proceeding as though nothing has changed.

No matter how far left-leaning you might be, surely you do not think it is okay for the Fed-

eral Government to require (mandate) that you purchase health insurance or any other product. Surely you believe that the government is too big and is taking over too much of your freedom and liberty. I know that some of you believe it is okay. Scary.

Many states, including Texas, have a budget crisis. The Federales have a budget crisis. If I had a budget, I would probably have a crisis too.

We will soon see whether the state and federal legislatures have the wherewithal to cut spending and balance a budget. I'm betting they won't. The Texas Constitution requires the legislature to provide a balanced budget. Be interesting to see where the \$18 billion deficit is shaved.

I'm thinking the state budget cuts are already affecting school districts across the state. Plus the federal government is said to be reducing the amount of money it can afford to give the states. Texas is considering cutting Medicaid payments which will

seriously affect nursing homes. (See Prairie Acres administrator Nikki Brister's letter to the editor on this page.)

There are plenty of government departments that should be trimmed. However, the thinking in Washington is if they "lay off" a bunch of government workers and close government departments it will add to the unemployment problem and look bad for the 2012 elections.

Reminds me of this AA saying: "If you keep on doing what you've always done you'll keep on getting what you've always got."

There is no doubt Congress needs to take some drastic steps to reduce spending and get closer to a balanced budget but they won't do it. Under the guise of negotiation and compromise, the Dems and Repubs are likely to keep on with the status quo and the smoke and mirrors.

Even after the last election when the People spoke, the politicians still feel they know what is

Six-month beef management series planned

BY KAY LEDBETTER

Cattlemen will have a chance to improve their marketing and management skills during a six-month-long series of seminars sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Beef Council.

"Beef Marketing and Management 2015" is a series of educational activities for people involved in the beef industry, according to the organizers.

"Whether you are in the cow/calf, stocker, cattle feeding or an allied industry sector, and owner, a customer-based operator or an employee, this program offers an opportunity to learn more about factors influencing beef quality and value," said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County.

The program will kick off of March 1 and end September 1, and will consist of two components: BEEF 2015 and BEEF 706. All activities will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo and West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"Registration is \$50 per participant and due by February 21," said Michael Wilkes, AgriLife Extension agent for Oldham County. Pre-registration is required, and registration forms and the \$50 registration fee made payable to Oldham AG Committee should be mailed to Oldham Ag Committee, Box 380, Vega, Texas 79092.

"BEEF 706 seats are limited to the first 45 people," Wilkes said. Participation in the BEEF 706 section

requires registration and participation in the Beef Marketing and Management 2015 program. Seats for the series of BEEF 2015 meetings are not limited.

"The BEEF 706 program will begin with teams of participants selecting feeder steers at the kick-off meeting in March," Boughen said. "These steers will be placed on feed and monitored until finished in August. This will culminate with a two-day BEEF 706 activity where participants will grade and fabricate their steers' carcass," he said. The BEEF 706 component is sponsored by the Texas Beef Council.

"Participants will experience firsthand the differences encountered in carcass composition and see

the production of boxed-beef cuts," Boughen said. Their resulting information will be evaluated in terms of boxed-beef value differences among steers and how that translates back to value differences in live cattle.

"The second component of Beef Marketing and Management 2015 is a series of seven meetings and seminars supporting the BEEF 706," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist. These start with the kickoff in March and end in September. "These programs will cover feeder cattle and carcass evaluation, influence of genetics and management on carcass merit, marketing on carcass grade and tradeoffs between live and carcass marketing," McCollum said.



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ACROSS

- TX looks for "red _____ blooms" along the coast
- TXism: "costs an arm and _____"
- Longview's KFXK started as this
- TX Vikki Carr album: "_____hombres" ('88)
- state lottery agcy. (abbr.)
- boo _____ (cry)
- TXism: "_____ feeding monkeys at the zoo"
- TXism: "feel like I've been ridden _____ put up wet"
- from _____ 13: "Houston, we've got a problem"
- TXism: "up a creek without _____"
- TXism: "tough as _____ drive steak" _____ v. Painter" ('50) ended segregation in TX colleges
- drink/food carrier
- film for TX Morgan Woodward: "Cool _____ Luke" ('67)
- baby eagle
- Spanish newspaper: "El _____ Texas"
- Indonesian bird
- Cherokee leader in TX, aka "The Bowl"
- parental order: "_____ around in the house"
- silent film hearthrob Novarro
- from Valley to Panhandle, 83 is long _____
- TX white bass is "_____ chrysopters" scientifically in Taylor Co. on 84
- TXism: "fit _____ fiddle"
- cattle breed
- this league's 2011 "Super Bowl" will be in Arlington
- TX Webb wrote "By the Time _____ to Phoenix"
- TX moonwalker Bean
- Cowboy Emmmitt _____ a mess of yards
- Noah's boat
- TX ironclad ship "_____ King" was never built
- TXism: "you're barking _____ tree"
- this Ephron wrote "TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- country singer Jackson
- "_____ into 2nd base"
- this Dolores was in "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger (init.)
- "good _____ boy"
- dir. to Austin from Comanche
- Houston's Cherokee trading post: "Wig _____ Neosho"
- archaic exclamation of surprise
- noted TX billionaire Hughes (init.)
- TXism for "I declare" _____ size of TX
- cattle drive start: "move _____"
- TX Dale's hubby started "_____ of the Pioneers" group
- "howdy"
- dir. to Wichita Falls from Abilene
- "_____ a sight for sore eyes"
- primary street for many TX cities
- "Diana" singer Paul

DOWN

- TXism: "you can _____ bank" (certain)
- TXism: "_____ you a new hat size" (threat)
- Weatherford newspaper name _____ and bacon
- TX Lyle Lovett's "If I _____ Boat"
- TX Pride's "My Eyes Can _____ You" ('76)
- TX-born Benson film: "_____ to Billy Joe"
- DFW regulator

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Town Talk II

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The arctic blast arrived Monday night and Tuesday morning. We had snow but not enough to make travel difficult. Because of the 30-50 mph north winds there were some big snow drifts and below zero wind chills. School started at 10 a.m. Tuesday and the basketball games with Dimmitt were played an hour earlier. A little more snow fell Tuesday night and it was even colder Wednesday morning. Actual temperature reached minus-three. It should stay really cold until a warmup on Friday. More snow coming next week they say.

Did I mention that the heating unit for the front part of the Star office was not working when we arrived for work Tuesday morning? The thermostat showed it was 60 in here. We hooked up a couple of portable heaters and cranked up the central heat in the back half of the office to compensate.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be awarding scholarships again this year. Application forms are available at the WTRT business office through early April. Deadline for submitting applications is April 8. Applications are available at school counselor offices. Applicants must be high school seniors who will be graduating in the Class of 2011, have already completed high school, have received a GED,

or past winners who are still completing their college education. Applicants must also have parents or guardians who are WTRT members served by WTRT telephone prefixes.

Next Tuesday February 8 will be senior parents night at the basketball games with Muleshoe at Friona gym. The parents of Squaw and Chieftain seniors will be honored prior to the girls' game or about 6 p.m. The annual Basketball King and Queen will be named at that time also. This will be the final district game for the Squaws and the last game the senior Squaws will play at Friona gym. Come out and support the teams and the seniors.

The Chieftain Special Olympics is in Austin this week participating in a bowling tournament. Fabiola Dominguez is one of the chaperones. Plus some kids and parents are in Ft. Worth for the stock show. We wish them all safe travels in this winter weather.

The Monday night junior high basketball games with Tulia were canceled due to the severe weather forecast. Good decision as it turned out. The "storm" arrived around 8 p.m.

I braved the winter winds Tuesday to journey over to Prairie Acres and draw the winner in their quilt raffle. Elizabeth Romero said they sold more than

\$400 in tickets and wants to thank everyone who donated. The money will be used for summer activities for residents. The winner was FISD superintendent Kenny Austin. With the current weather it was a great time to win a quilt.

In a Sunday column, Jon Mark Beilue of the Amarillo Globe-News wrote about long time Tascosa Rebels fans James and Jo Field. The Fields have followed Tascosa basketball, football, and volleyball all over the state for 25 years. On Tuesday this week they were inducted into the Tascosa Hall of Fame. You can find the story at amarillo.com. Search Beilue. The Fields are the parents of Friona's Jon Field.

Monday February 14 is Valentine's Day. The high school choir members will serenade your valentine for \$10. The money will be used to help the choir with expenses for their spring trip to South Padre. To participate contact any choir member or choir director Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610.

One local business benefiting from the extreme cold was Lowe's Grocery Store. With Amarillo forecasters scaring everybody about the approaching winter weather, folks flocked to the store Sunday and Monday to stock up on food supplies. The parking lot was filled Monday evening till closing time.

Anybody from Friona or Parmer County going to the Super Bowl? If so let us know about it for next week's paper when you get back. I've been to four Super Bowls over the years but that was back in the days when the Cowboys played and it wasn't a complete rip-off. Saw them play the Colts, Steelers twice, and the Broncos. This year folks can actually pay to stand outside the stadium and watch the game on big TV screens. That's nuts but that's show biz.

Prairie Acres resident-of-the-month for Feb is Bobbie Kitchens and the employee-of-the-month is

Maria Garcia. The Prairie Acres Auxiliary needs volunteers. Nancy Davis has volunteered to serve as auxiliary president. If you are interested contact Elizabeth Romero at Prairie Acres, 806-250-3922. The next meeting of the Prairie Acres family council is Friday February 18 at 7 p.m. All interested family members of residents are encouraged to attend.

At the Friona vs. Dimmitt basketball games Tuesday Friona high school choir member Brady Hansard sang the national anthem acapella. Nice job young man. New speakers have been installed at the gym and

volleyball coach Bryan Masse, who is a DJ in his spare time, brought his DJ music laptop computer setup to the gym to furnish music during warm-ups and game breaks. Things were hopping at Friona gym.

With the icy cold weather many folks are staying home which is a good idea. I told my mother Wednesday morning she could break out the Tiddlywinks, Pick-Up Sticks or Chinese Checkers to pass the time. Wonder if they even make Tiddlywinks any more. I'll check it out. Stay warm and safe. See you next week. Until then!



Friona Star publisher Ron Carr draws the winner of the quilt Tuesday in the Prairie Acres Nursing Home raffle while employee Victoria Aragon holds the basket. The winner of the quilt, displayed on the wall behind, was Kenny Austin.

ENGAGEMENT

Stowers & Allen



Andrew Stowers & Emily Allen

Dr. and Mrs. Delwin Allen announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Emily Rose, to Andrew Michael Stowers. Emily is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Win Allen of Reed, Oklahoma, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lamson of Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Andrew is the son of Gary and Carolyn Stowers of Friona, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Friona, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Stowers of Duncanville, Texas. The couple will exchange vows on Satur-

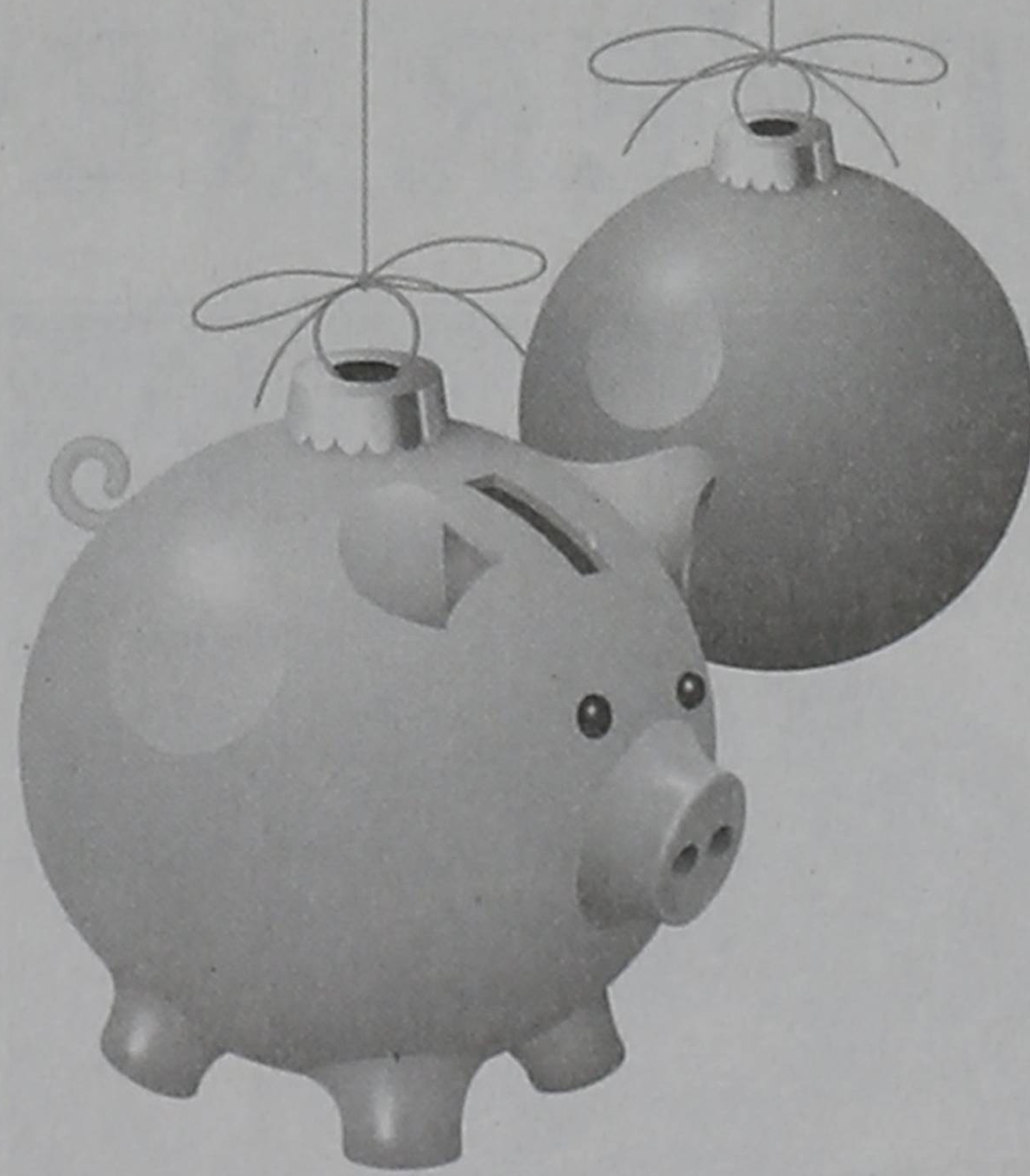
day, June 11, 2011, at the Fulford Orchard in Brownfield, Texas.

The bride-elect will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. She is currently student teaching at Roosevelt High School.

The prospective groom is a Military Policeman in the Army National Guard. He is obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, while employed at 4-Way Pump.

Both are Friona High School graduates.

Did you spend too much at Christmas?



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OBITUARIES

Ralph Otto Taylor

Ralph Otto Taylor, 93, of Dallas, passed away January 28, 2011. He was born May 18, 1917, in Friona.

He was preceded in death by parents E.E. and Grace Taylor; wife of 62 years, Waneta Taylor; brothers, Glenn, Clayton, and Nathaniel Taylor; and a sister, Natalie Taylor Williams.

Survivors include children, Judy Goodhead and husband Bob, Jeanne Warner and husband Dale, Michael Taylor and wife Lynette; a sister, Helen Sachse and husband Bill; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at New Hope Funeral Home in Sunnyvale, Texas. Burial followed at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.



Ralph Otto Taylor

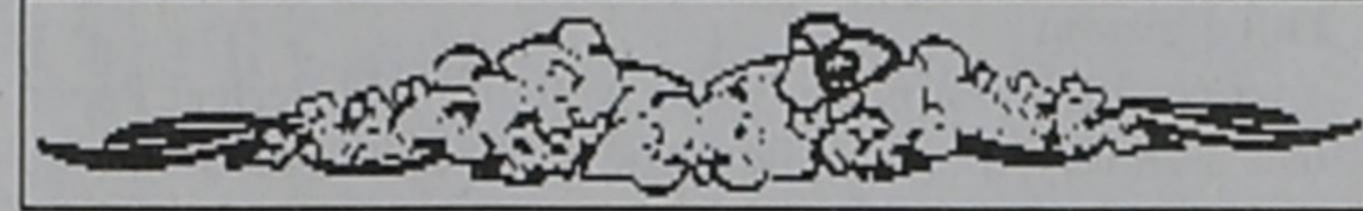
Dorothy Imogene Bethel

Dorothy Imogene Bethel, 92, of Friona, died Thursday, January 27, 2011 in Friona. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Willow Wild Cemetery in Bonham, Texas. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Bethel was born October 3, 1918 in Bonham, Texas, to A.W. and Lattie Francis Stubbs Henry. She married Herman Lee Bethel on June 8, 1935 in Bonham. He preceded her in death on November 1, 1976. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Monroe of Friona, and Dorothy Riggs of Ft. Worth; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th St., Friona, Texas 79035, and/or Corinth Baptist Church, 277 County Road 1150, Ravenna, TX 75476-5430.



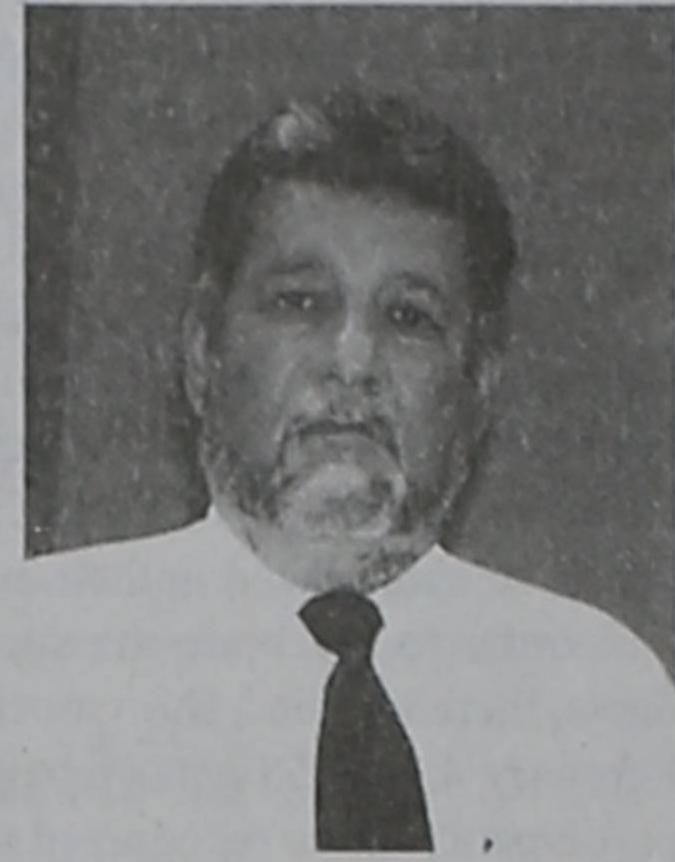
Jose Mesza, Jr.

Jose Mesza, Jr., 64, of Amarillo, died on Friday, January 28, 2011 after a lengthy bout with cancer. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at the Rector Funeral Home in Amarillo. He was laid to rest in the Field of Valor in Llano Cemetery East in Amarillo.

He was born on January 3, 1947, in Karnes, Texas, to Jose and Amelia Meza. He graduated from Bovina High School, served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam/Korean War from 1969-1971. Jose was a police officer for thirty years, serving in Friona, Hereford, Canyon, Claude, Cactus, Dumas, Clarendon and Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jose Meza, Sr., of Bovina, Texas in 1985.

Survivors include his mother, Amelia Rodriguez Meza of Friona; his wife, Martha of Amarillo; two sons, David and Joey Mesza both of Amarillo; one daughter, Michelle Mesza Ray of Amarillo; four grandchildren, all of Amarillo; three brothers, Alfredo Mesza of Plainview, Texas, Domingo Meza of Adrian, Texas, and Jesse Meza of Lamesa, Texas; six sisters, Adelaida Hernandez of Tulia, Texas, Yolanda Cantu of Amarillo, Rosa Reyes, Sylvia Rios and Martina Rios, all of Friona, and Mary Ramirez of Dallas, Texas.



Jose Mesza, Jr.

Living a lie

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In the long run, being consistent with lies you have told is a difficult task. This is true today, just as it was for David in 1 Samuel 27. He is still on the run from wicked King Saul, when he has the bright idea to go to Philistine territory for refuge. David finds refuge in this territory held by his enemies, but he also finds himself succumbing to the temptation to lie, then maintaining the lies that he told. In fact, his lies almost place him smack dab in an enemy army, marching out to fight David's own people, the Israelites (1 Sam 29). Thankfully, though, God delivered him from that.

You see, this chapter depicts David not only as one who lied in what he said, but also as one whose life became a lie because of the image he was trying to portray. This is true of all who find themselves trapped in a web of lies. You get so wrapped up in the image you want others to see, that you lose track of reality.

One of the worst places a person could lie to themselves is in regards to their spiritual condition. If you hope to go to heaven for any reason other than Jesus Christ's sacrificial death on the cross, and victorious resurrection, then you are lying to yourself. Church attendance, baptism, good work, your preacher, the Pope, communion, or any other thing, cannot get you into heaven.

Only Christ can do that when you come to the end of your sinful self in repentance and trust completely in Christ to save you from your sins. If your hope for heaven is on anything else, you are greatly deceived, and you need to get things right with God, so that you could indeed say "My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood and righteousness."

Feed-grains marketing workshop Feb 16-17 in Amarillo

BY KAY LEDBETTER

One of the most fascinating years grain producers have ever faced lies ahead of them in the wake of tightest carryover stocks in history, expected increases in ethanol production and relatively high competing commodity prices, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

A two-day workshop is scheduled February 16-17 to help producers gain a better understanding of the fundamentals affecting the feed-grains market this year, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist and coordinator of the program.

The program, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. Attendees will look at cost of production, fundamentals of ethanol, feed use and exchange rates on exports, basis, technical analysis, cash and contract seasonality and marketing strategies, he said.

"The ultimate goal of the workshop is for the producers attending to develop a written marketing plan for the 2011 crop," Amosson said. "If producers just pick up one piece of information that helps them improve their marketing a dime, that's equal to \$10,000 on a section of corn production. I don't see how a producer can afford to miss this opportunity."

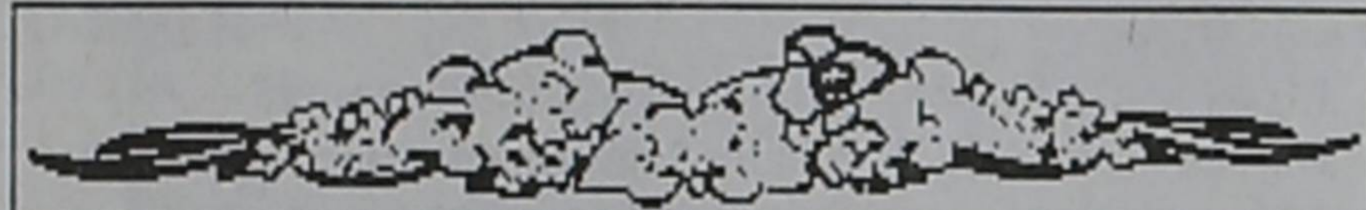
Amosson and Dr. March Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing specialist from College Station, will serve as the primary instructors. A local industry panel will provide additional insights into the 2011 markets.

"Given the tight supplies and expected use, it is almost impossible to predict where commodity markets will end up this year," he said.

"However, it is a given there will be extreme volatility, and where there is volatility, there is opportunity."

Amosson said it is critical for producers to understand what is expected for the upcoming year, and what marketing tools and strategies they have available to them to develop a sound marketing plan.

Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 60. The cost of the workshop is \$125 per participant and covers the costs associated with instruction, breaks, meals and materials.



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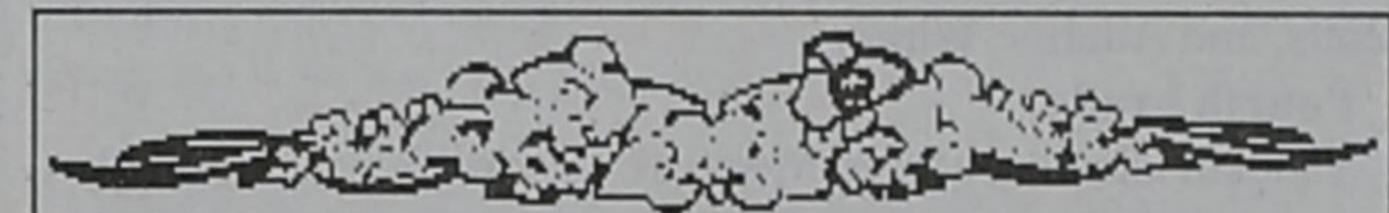
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Friona Elementary UIL Academic Awards

BY CHRISTINA WOODS, Assistant Principal

On December 8, several students traveled to Muleshoe to represent Friona Elementary School in the 2010 Academic University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition. The students selected for this honor put in many hours of their personal time in order to prepare for this competition.

Students participated in events such as Dictionary Skills; Listening Skills; Oral Reading; Story Telling; Writing; Number Sense; Music Memory; Art Smart; Maps, Graphs and Charts; and Spelling. We also had students who participated in the Reading Writing/Creative Writing competition that was held here in Friona on the 3rd of December.

This was an awesome experience for all those involved. The students went into each of their contest rooms and tried their very best. We couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to represent our school. Out of the many students who participated, several placed in their events.

In order to celebrate the success of these outstanding students, there will be a short assembly in the elementary gym on February 4, at 7:55 a.m. Awards will be handed out and each participant will be recognized at this time. Parents are encouraged to attend this event.

The list of participants is as follows:

Second grade:

Andrez Carrasco, Hector Cavazos, Lucas Dickson, Jessie Gomez, Alexia Herrera, Abby Isom, Kambree Kimbrough, and Colton Reithmayer.

Third grade:

Brianna Beristain, Katicia DeLaCruz, Truman Hough, Drew Montana, Anthony Padilla, Rogelio Palacios, Cutter Pohlman, Sarah Rando, Lizbeth Rojas, Alex Santiago, Preston Stewart, Jesus Torres, Alysia Albarado, Carly Drake, Brayden Potts, and Adaline White.

Fourth grade:

Vanessa Chavez, Marco Monreal, Socorro Viernes, Josselyn

Castillo, Elizabeth Grado, Jonathan Hernandez, Jacob Isom, Alondra Ovalle, Javier Rios Palma, Damian Rodriguez, Kessley Salinas, and Angelica Valencia.

Fifth grade:

Karina Acosta, Drew Bonds, Nuria Garcia, Sandra Gonzalez, Stephanie Maldonado, Verenice Mendoza, Maddie Morrow, Seth Murphree, Edwin Tzunux, Lydia Alexander, Bryce Bunker, Stephanie Corrales Ponce, Matthew Dickson, Ivan Duran, Brooklynn Johnston, Trushar Patel, Briana Padilla, Ilyanna Perez, Aaron Rocha, Laura Sanchez, Saidi Soliz, and Hadley White.

The following individuals placed in their events:

Second grade:

Alexia Herrera-2nd place Creative Writing; Nyomie Balli-3rd place Creative Writing; Lucas Dickson-6th place Creative Writing; and Hector Cavazos-6th place Story Telling.

Third grade:

Adeline White-1st place Music Memory and Perfect Paper Music Memory; Preston Stewart-2nd place Music Memory; Brayden Potts-3rd place Music Memory; Audrey Escalona-3rd place Ready Writing; and Alysia Albarado-4th place Music Memory.

Fourth grade:

Jacob Isom-1st place Art Smart; Kessley Salinas-1st place Art Smart; Josselyn Castillo-1st place Art Smart; Jonathan Hernandez-1st place Art Smart; Alondra Ovalle-1st place Music Memory and Perfect Paper Music Memory; Javier Rios Palma-1st place Number Sense, 3rd place Spelling, 3rd place Music Memory, Perfect Paper Music Memory, and Perfect Paper Spelling; Marco Monreal-3rd place Number Sense; and Damian Rodriguez-5th place Music Memory.

Fifth grade:

Briana Padilla-1st place Listening Skills; Edwin Tzunux-1st place Art Smart and Perfect Paper Art Smart; Saidi Sol-

iz-2nd place Dictionary Skills; Matthew Dickson-2nd place Dictionary Skills and 4th place Maps, Graphs & Charts; Maddie Morrow-4th place Oral Reading; Lydia Alexander-5th Dictionary Skills; Ivan Duran-5th place Number Sense; Bryce Bunker-5th place Music Memory; Seth Murphree-6th place Maps, Graphs & Charts; and Brooklynn Johnston-6th place Music Memory.

The following teams placed in their events:

Third grade Music Memory Team (1st place):

Adaline White, Alysia Alvarado, Carly Drake, and Preston Stewart.

Fourth grade Music Memory Team (1st place):

Damian Rodriguez, Alondra Ovalle, Elizabeth Grado, and Angelica Valencia.

Fourth grade Number Sense Team (1st place):

Marco Monreal, Alondra Ovalle, Javier Rios Palma, and Kessley Salinas.

Fourth grade Art Smart Team (1st place):

Josselyn Castillo, Jonathan Hernandez, Jacob Isom, and Kessley Salinas.

Fifth grade Dictionary Skills Team (1st place):

Lydia Alexander, Matthew Dickson, Trushar Patel, and Saidi Soliz.

Fifth grade Music Memory Team (2nd place):

Bryce Bunker, Hadley White, and Brooklynn Johnston.

Fifth grade Maps, Graphs & Charts Team (2nd place):

Seth Murphree, Hadley White, Lydia Alexander, and Matthew Dickson.

Fifth grade Art Smart Team (2nd place):

Edvin Tzunux, Drew Bonds, Nuria Garcia, and Karina Acosta. After all the scores were added together for each district, Friona Elementary placed second in the competition.

Congratulations to each one of these students. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments!



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7th grade Maidens basketball, back, l-r, Danielle Perez, Jasmine D Rodriguez, Courtney Bunker; front, l-r, Evelyn Lozoya, Jay Soto, Erika Maldonado, Kyra Davis, Anahi Gomez, Arianna Izaguirre.



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7th grade Maidens basketball, back, l-r, Emily Ramos, Perla Trevino, Lizet Pina, Lily Meza; middle, l-r, Keila Gable, Yodeli Castillo, Jasmine N Rodriguez, Graciela Lopez, Dayana Prieto; front, l-r, Lupita Chavarria, Salma Escamillo.



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7th grade Maidens basketball, back, l-r, Eva Alvidrez, Karen Meza; front, l-r, Sierra Mendoza, Jayde Ryan, Laura Robles, Makayla Pierce, Alondra Flores.



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8th grade Maidens basketball, back, l-r, Jozelyn Ryan, Cassidy Malone, Candice Malone, Clara Salinas, Coach Dawn Schulz; front, l-r, Julissa Gallego, Fransuanette Sanchez, Airam Chavez, Kayla Alexander, Promise Tapia.



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8th grade Maidens basketball, back, l-r, Emily Barraza, Samantha Davila, Aubrey Williams, Jessica Vital, Coach Dawn Schulz; front, l-r, Alison Bonds, Kayla Castillo, Ashley Rickard, Alexis Alvarado, Andrea Juarez, Cassie Rocha, Arianna Moreno.

SCHOOL MENU

February 7 – February 11

Monday, February 7

- B) Cereal, donuts, fruit, juice, milk
- L) Nachos, lettuce & tomato, Mexican rice, pineapple, milk

Tuesday, February 8

- B) Cereal, bean burrito, juice, milk
- L) Chicken pattie sandwich, fries, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, February 9

- B) Cereal, pancake breakfast sandwich, fruit, juice, milk
- L) Hamburger steak, rolls, broccoli, rice, peaches, milk

Thursday, February 10

- B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, juice, milk
- L) Chicken nuggets, rolls, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mousse milk

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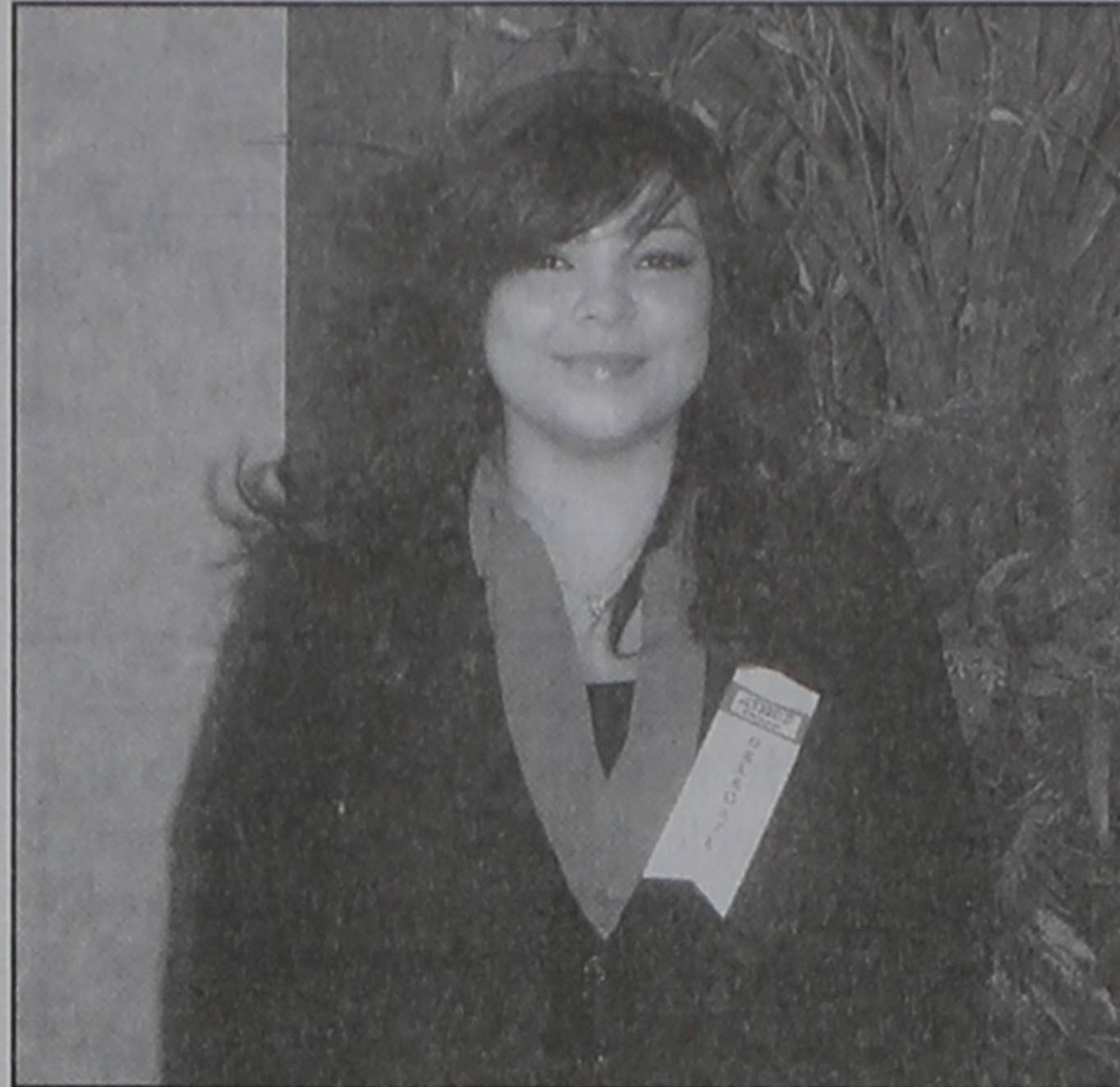
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The Food Innovations team of Kelsey Davis and Nicolette Guerra placed 1st at the Region I FCCLA meeting in Odessa. The team developed a new snack food, a trail mix called Traveling Trails.



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Friona FCCLA member Jessica Moreno was elected Region I Vice President of Competitive Events during the Region I meeting at Odessa January 27-28. Jessica is a sophomore at Friona High School and the daughter of Mario and Martha Moreno.



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Kelsey White and Julie Wiseman placed first at FCCLA Region I in Odessa with their National Programs in Action project. They presented information about Cyber bullying to the junior high students in Mr. Isom's class.



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Eduardo Rojas and Richard Rodriguez competed in the Illustrated Talk Contest at the Region I FCCLA contest in Odessa. Their project was titled "Better Eating Makes Better Athletes." This group had 14 entrants and they finished 5th and will advance to the state contest.

Going to State!



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The Chapter Service Team of Cristina Silva, Cristi Hernandez, and Maria Calvillo placed first at FCCLA Region I competition. Their project included teaching FISD teachers about service learning so they could develop projects in their classes to reduce bullying.



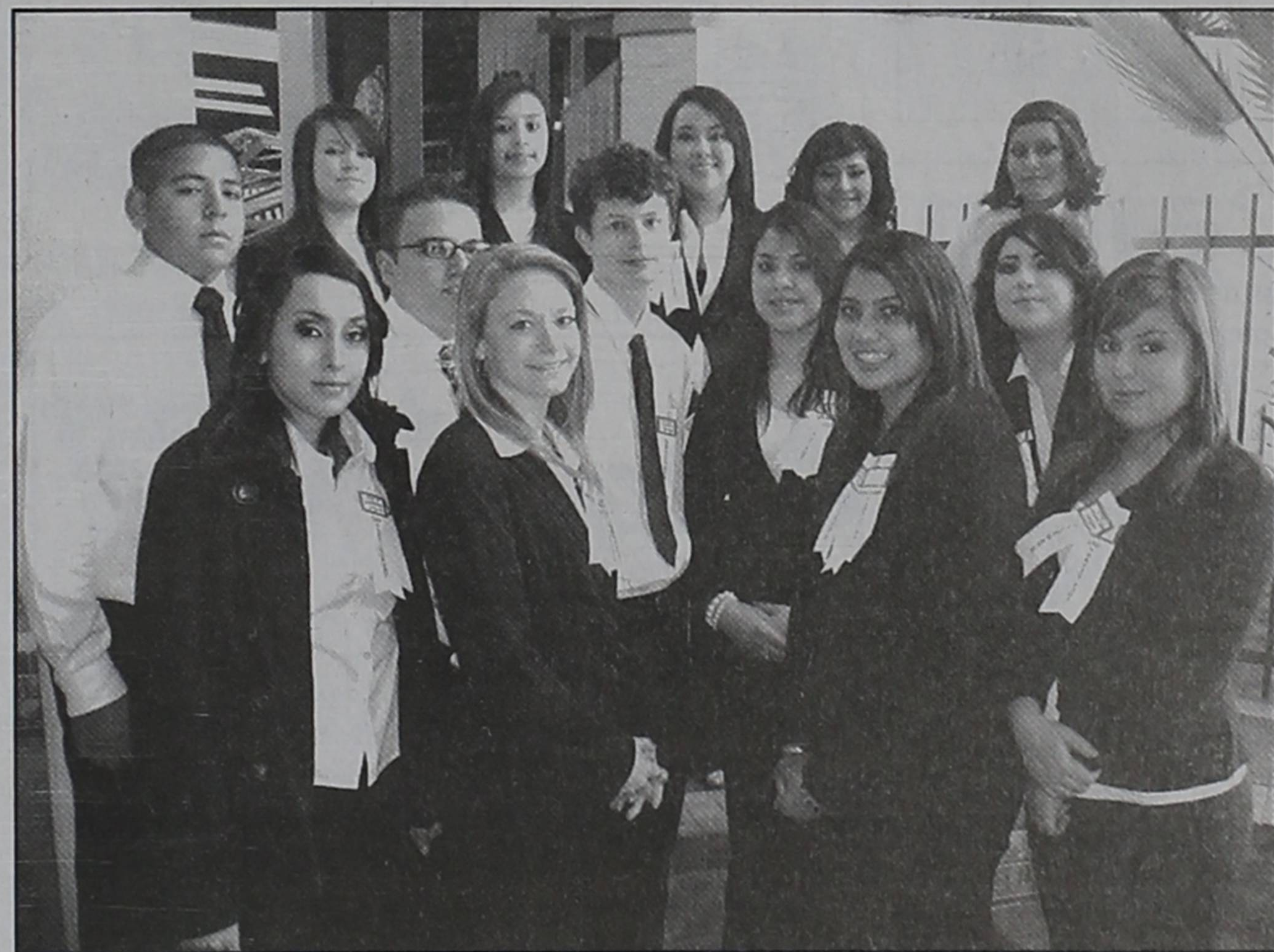
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The Environmental Ambassador Team of Marissa Lozoya, Jose Rivera, and Magali Morales won first place at the FCCLA Region I meeting in Odessa. Their project, "How Big is Your Footprint", includes the weekly article in the Friona Star, a web page on Ms. Murdock's website, a recycling project, earth day plans, and classroom presentations on the environment.



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The Interpersonal Communications team of Gabby Quintana, Isaac Gallardo, and Nohely Juarez finished 2nd at the FCCLA Region I competition in Odessa. The project was on non-violent ways to handle conflicts.



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The Regional FCCLA competition was held in Odessa January 27-29. All of the teams will advance to compete at the Texas State Leadership Conference in Houston April 14-16 with over 3,500 other FCCLA competitors. Competing in Leadership Enhancement Opportunities (LEO) which are written tests over leadership issues were: back row, l-r, Opie Vazquez bronze medal, Janet Calvillo silver medal, Linda Ramos bronze medal, Gaby Reveles silver medal, Elda Castanon gold medal, Amber DeLeon silver medal; middle row, l-r, Mario Vega silver medal, Cotton Fleming silver medal, Marissa Lozoya silver medal, Teresa Parra gold medal; front row, l-r, Cinthya Guerrero gold medal, Caitlin Bronniman gold medal, Magali Morales gold medal, and Izzy Fernandez participant.

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Squaws beat Tulia, lose to Dimmitt

As we might say in the Panhandle, Squaws senior guard Regan Anthony "let loose" at Tulia last Friday, scoring a season high 24 points including six 3s to lead the Squaws in a come-from-behind victory over the Tulia Lady Hornets.

Tulia led at the half 28-15 as the Squaws had a tough time getting points on the board. Friona stormed back in the 2nd half, putting up a 33-18 point run. With less than a minute to play and the score tied, Anthony was fast breaking when she spotted Tamra Stormes open under the basket. A perfect pass and an easy layup squeaked the Squaws to a 48-46 win. Scoring for the Squaws were: Anthony 24, Brianna Miller 8, Stormes 6, Liz Trevino 3, Maddie Murphree 3, Megan Sharrock 2, Kendall Kimbrough 2.

At Friona gym Tuesday the Squaws started slow and never gained momentum

against the Dimmitt Bobbies. Dimmitt had a 25-14 lead at the half and outscored the Squaws 21-16 in the last half to take home a 46-30 win.

The Squaws were only 4 of 18 from the free throw line. Scoring were Anthony

9, Miller 8, Stormes 4, Murphree 4, Trevino 3, Ashli Smith 2.

The loss drops the Squaws to 5-7 in district with two games remaining, Friday at Littlefield and Tuesday at home with Muleshoe.

JV Chiefs 54 Tulia JV 15

The Chieftain JV boys drubbed the JV Hornets at Tulia. Scoring were: M. Ortiz 10, Avalos 9, DeWit 9, Osborn 9, Pena 6, D. Ortiz 4, Gonzales 4, Henry 3.

JV Chiefs 28, Dimmitt JV 63

The Chiefs JV trailed 30-9 at the half and went on to lose to the junior Bobcats. Scoring: Avalos 13, M. Ortiz 9, DeWit 3, Gonzales 2, Henry 1.

Powerlift results

The Friona powerlift teams participated in the Abernathy meet last weekend.

The boys team finished 3rd. Individual results: Sergio Mendez 1st, Clayton Smiley 1st, Duncan Welch 3rd, Marco Terrones 4th, Daniel Meza 5th, Anthony Tapia 6th, Adrian Merino 6th.

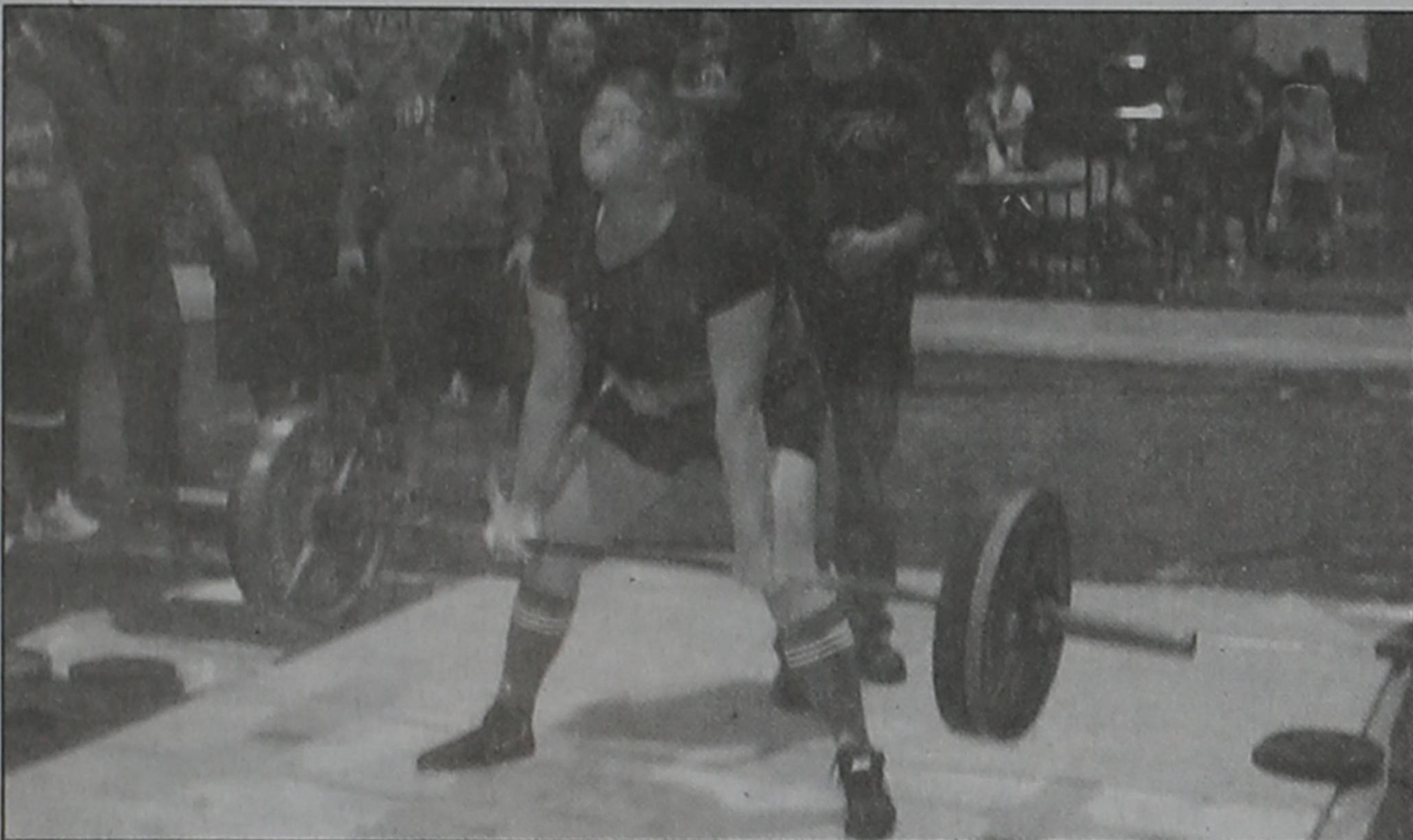
The girls team finished 4th. Individual results: Cassie Barker 1st, Elda Castanon 3rd, Estibali Hernandez 5th.



holly campbell photo
Squaws Liz Trevino (23) and Megan Sharrock (22) defend against a Dimmitt Lady Cat Tuesday night at Friona gym. The games started one hour early because of the winter weather. The Squaws lost 46-30.



holly campbell photo
Chieftain post Ryan DeWit (31) shoots over a couple of Dimmitt defenders. Brenner Barnett (11), Ernesto Monreal, and Nick Ortiz are also shown. The Chiefs beat the Bobcats 65-47 to remain in the playoff race.



courtesy photo

Friona senior Cassie Barker competes in the dead lift event at the Abernathy powerlift meet.



donna schueler photo

Cade Hurst had the Grand Champion Barrow at the Friona Livestock Show held January 16.



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Meagan Davis had the Grand Champion Lamb at the Friona Livestock Show held January 16.

Friona 4-H & FFA Livestock Show Winners



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Amy Osborn had the Grand Champion Goat at the Friona Livestock Show held Sunday January 16.



ron carr photo
The historic depot in Friona City park is always a photo opportunity when winter snows arrive.



ron carr photo
Vehicles weren't moving too fast at Fast Stop Tuesday morning after the blowing snow covered the parking lot. Temperatures remained near zero Tuesday and Wednesday with more snow added Tuesday night. A warming trend is forecast for the weekend with more snow due next week.



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The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District advises that once again it is time to place your order for windbreak trees.

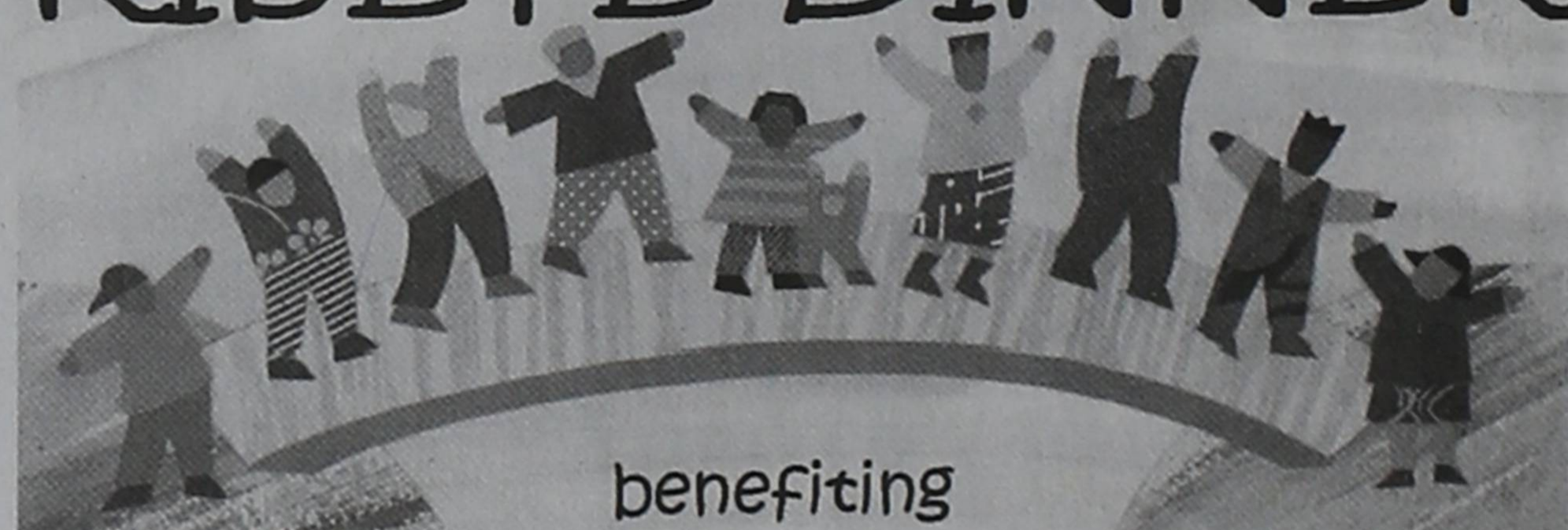
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