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Free pre-natal classes

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign-up for free pre-natal classes Saturday March 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the Parmer Medical Center conference room. All expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the free classes which are held in both English and Spanish.

The coalition will also be accepting donations of new or gently used baby items at the meeting. Contact Heidi Eichenauer at 806-250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 295-8291 for more information.

Local elections sign-up deadline Mon, March 14

The sign-up period for the city council and school board elections ends Monday, March 14, at 5 p.m. Three council seats are up for election. The terms of Jim Atwell, Charlie Pope, and Mark Osborn are expiring. At our press deadline Jim Atwell is the only official candidate signed up for the election.

Two seats on the school board are up for election. Terms of Danny Hand and Tracy Bunker are expiring. Hand has decided not to run for re-election. So far five candidates have signed up for the school board election. They are incumbent Tracy Bunker, Greg O'Brian, Ben Osborn, Freddy Moreno, and Wade Schueler. The election will be Saturday May 14 in the city council chambers at 619 Main St.

Prairie Acres, election, and softball field on council agenda

The Friona city council will meet in regular session Monday March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda is short with five business items to be considered. After reviewing minutes of the previous meeting, they will hear a departmental report from Prairie Acres/Friona Heritage Estates regarding budget, expenses, personnel, and upcoming activities and events.

A resolution, #11.03.14, appointing the election officials for the May 14, 2011, city officers election, setting the rate of pay for the election officials, the maximum number of election clerks for the polling place, and designation of the early voting ballot board, will be considered.

The council will consider and take action on approval of the continuing agreement with the Friona Independent School District regarding the adult softball field. Approval of the accounts payable and the financial statements for February 2011 will also be considered.

Item 3 on every council agenda is "hear public comments". The public may be heard during this time on city issues of concern. However, by law, the council is not allowed to take action and make decisions on public comments given during the public comment time. For information on how to get an item on the official agenda contact Friona city hall at 250-2761.



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These Friona high school students will spend part of their spring break, March 13-15, competing in Austin at the state CX Debate competition. From left are Skyla Stormes, Weston Wyly, Rachel Dickson, and Tenna Montana. Congratulations and good luck.

Barnett, Campbell, man and woman of the year chamber names citizen awards at annual banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture's annual banquet was held Tuesday March 8 at the Friona Community center. Chamber board president Jon Surman was the master of ceremonies.

The Friona Girl Scout Troop posted the flags and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Calvary Baptist Church pastor Rick Burton gave the invocation.

The meal of prime rib, baked potatoes, cole slaw, and dessert (prepared by Canna Ray) was served. The meat was donated by Cargill and prepared and served by Cargill employees.

Allison Johnston and the Friona High School choir, and Erin Barnett's high school Folkloric Dancers provided entertainment. Miss Friona Brittany Her-

bert and Little Miss Friona Emma Schueler assisted with handing out programs and citizen awards. Miss Herbert also entertained with a song.

Surman announced the 2011 citizen awards and Season Salinaz, owner of All-Season's Boutique, was selected as a new Chamber board member.

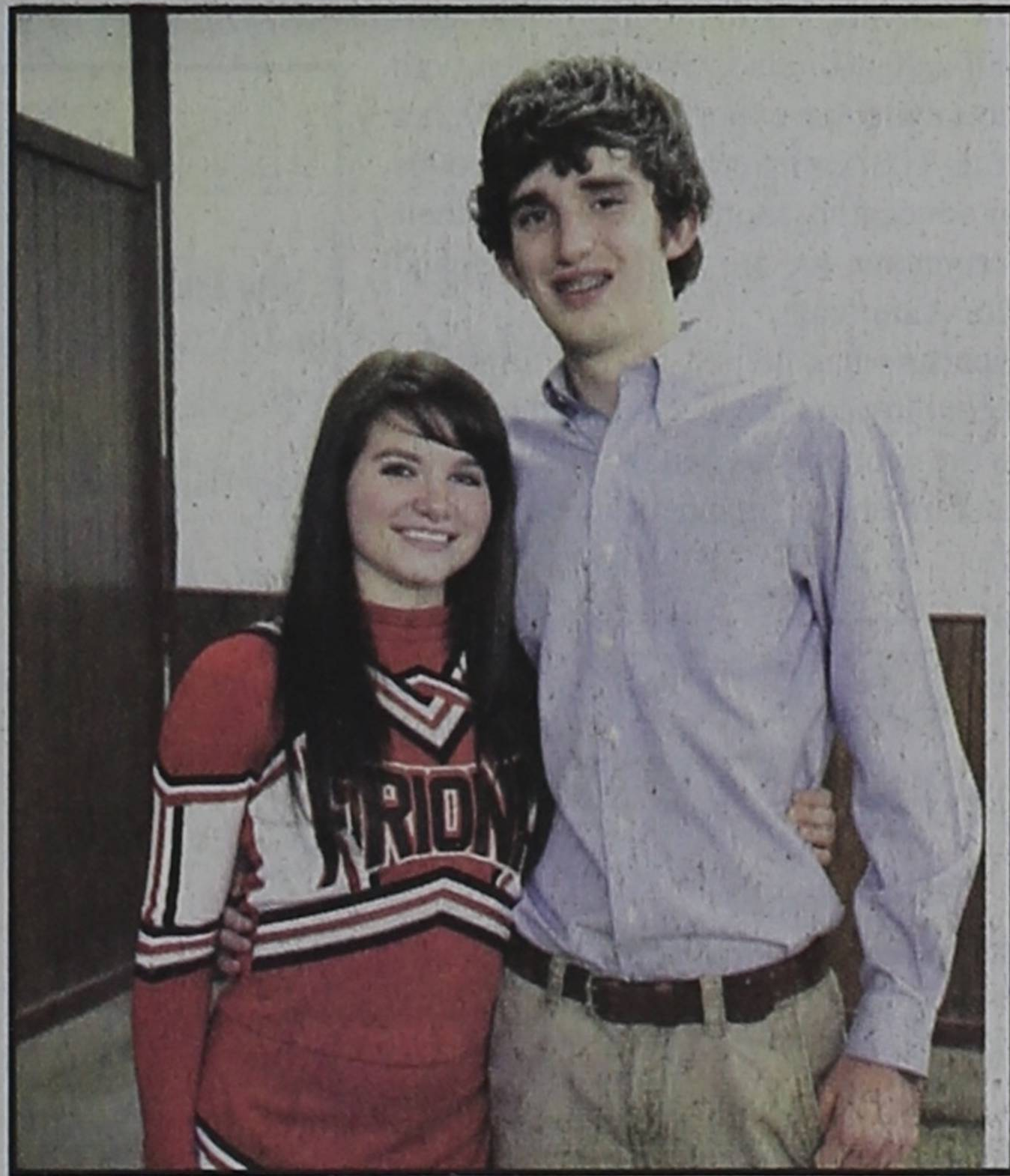
Gold Sponsors for the banquet were Cargill Meat

Solutions, CHS, Inc., City of Friona, First National Bank - Friona Banking Center, Friona State Bank, Hi-Pro Feeds, Kathryn Gurley Law Office, Kendrick Oil Co. Paco Feedyard, Ltd., Parmer County Implement, Underwood Law Firm/City of Friona, and XCEL Energy.

The Citizen Awards for 2011 were: Joyce Loflin, Employee of the Year; j

Gurley and Laci Austin, Boy and Girl Students of the Year, Terry Hunt, Teacher of the Year, Joe Bowers, Citizen of the Year, Holly Campbell, Woman of the Year, and Ricky Barnett, Man of the Year.

Additional information about each 2011 award winner on page nine. More photos from the banquet available on our Friona Star website frionaonline.com.



Laci Austin & J Gurley
Students of the Year



Joe Bowers
Citizen of the Year



Ricky Barnett & Holly Campbell
Man & Woman of the Year

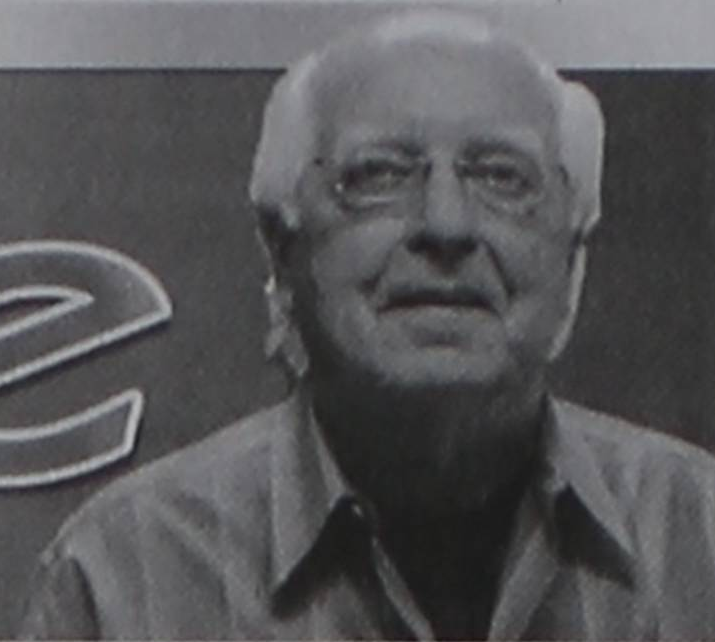


Terry Hunt
Teacher of the Year

Joyce Loflin
Employee of the Year

Out Here

By Ron Carr



messing with texas folks

Enough about Washington D.C. politics, there is some pretty nasty stuff going on in Austin.

The Texas House nanny police, with the blessing of Governor Goodhair, have approved sonogram legislation. This is ugly stuff. Simply put it means a woman considering an abortion would be forced to have a sonogram, and I suppose actually look at it, in a state-mandated guilt trip to try and change her mind.

Governor Rick said, in a press release, "The decision to choose life becomes clear when someone has access to all the information." All of what information? Who would be paying for the sonogram? He doesn't say. What if the woman takes a look at the sonogram then decides to have the abortion anyway? What next?

What if a doctor performed an abortion for a woman without having her look at a sonogram? Does the doc go to jail, lose a license, etc? If the sonogram bill becomes law, will women be seeking abortions in neighboring states, perhaps with unscrupulous doctors?

As I recall, during the last Texas legislative session, our Rep. Chisum got a bill passed which was supposed to assure that people stay married. Seems you got a discount

on the marriage license fee if you attended some cock-a-doodle marriage seminar and committed to make it work. How did that nanny police effort work? Did anybody ever pay attention? I think not.

So once again our legislators are trying to form a perfect (in their view) society where we all stay married, have babies, and feed them healthy stuff in our school cafeterias. You might be surprised I have an opinion: it is none of the state's business if a woman chooses to have an abortion, or if a married couple splits. It is also not the state's job to make fat kids skinny.

Another House Bill would fine and imprison employers who hire illegal aliens but makes an exception for folks who hire illegals to work in a single family residence, i.e. maids, caretakers, and gardeners.

How ludicrous, stupid, and blatant is this bill? Don't bother my maid, gardener, and chauffeur. Go get the cotton pickers and chicken pluckers and others trying to make a living doing what I don't want to do. Enough said. This suggestion is not a law it is a comedy. I would be ashamed to even be a part of it.

There is a House Bill pending which would al-

low cities, counties, and school districts to either eliminate or cut back on printing public notices. In other words they would like to hide what they are doing with your public funds

This is at least as bad as the sonogram legislation. They are trying to sell the idea as a budget cutting measure. They say putting public notices on the city or school website (where you would have to know enough to search for it) would save a lot of money.

The current law requires a city, county, or school to publish a legal notice in the local newspaper where you are more likely to see it. Granted newspapers gain revenue from printing public notices but I can assure you, at least at this newspaper, while we appreciate the business, public notices are not a major percentage of our annual revenue.

Many municipalities and school districts would prefer to operate in their own "don't ask, don't tell" world. We do not think it is right and will make our opinion known in Austin.

Then there is the Texas Rainy Day Fund. The state has stashed a cash reserve. A savings account. With the current budget crisis at about \$25 billion the next two years, the state is crunching numbers and

threatens to crunch some school districts by reduced funding. Friona superintendent Kenny Austin and the school board do not know what the effect will be at FIRD. Kenny says the possibilities change every day, usually from bad news to worse news.

School districts could be faced with all sorts of budget cutting decisions. Most school districts have their own version of a Rainy Day Fund but sure don't want to use it for monthly expenses.

Teachers and other public employees threatened with reduced income want the state to tap into its Rainy Day Fund. Governor P says not going to happen. Here is what he said, "Our Rainy Day Fund is a valuable insurance policy against a future that continues to be uncertain on a national and global scale and must be used as an absolute last resort, not a quick fix."

Hiding public spending and purchasing notices, having an illegal maid as part of the family, or forcing a woman to undergo a sonogram is being debated into law by a bunch of men and women in Austin who think they know what is best for Texans.

The passage of any of these bills does not make Texas a better place.

Agricultural exports and the economic recovery

BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK

As the United States and global economies work to recover from the worst recession in decades, American agriculture is helping to lead our nation's recovery by shattering trade records, creating jobs here at home and ensuring affordable food for U.S. families.

Thanks to one of the most productive eras in history for U.S. agriculture and a reputation for high quality products, farmers and ranchers are breaking records for sales of U.S. farm goods abroad and looking forward to some of the best net incomes in decades. U.S. Agriculture even has a trade surplus, expected to be worth \$47.5 billion this year.

Agricultural exports mean jobs for Americans here at home - every \$1 billion in farm exports supports roughly 8,000 jobs in the United States in agriculture and related industries. This year, exports will support over a million such jobs. And for the rest of the nation, the quality, affordable domestic food supply means that the average American spends less than ten percent of their paycheck on groceries - less than in many other developed nations.

In the years ahead, USDA will work harder than ever to give agricultural businesses even greater opportunities to grow. We want farmers to know that opportunities exist beyond our shores. Today, only 1 percent of U.S. companies export, and yet 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside the borders of the United States. We can do better to reach those consumers.

Smart trade deals that increase exports, support job creation, and bolster the American economy can help build for our future. Right now, the Obama administration is working to move forward on proposed U.S. trade agreements with South Korea, then Panama and Colombia - nations with 100 million consumers. Successful approval would bring billions of dollars to U.S. agriculture and immediate benefits by eliminating tariffs on a range of agricultural products.

Since 2009, when I became Agriculture Secretary, USDA officials have negotiated hard to open markets for U.S. farm goods. Thanks to the President's National Export Initiative, which challenged U.S. businesses to double all exports by the end of 2014, USDA is now reaching out to producers and agribusinesses, especially small- and medium-sized enterprises, with information about how to tackle the export market. Whether it means directly connecting U.S. companies and trade groups with foreign customers or advocating more forcefully for their interests with other governments, we are working to expand economic opportunities for Americans.

For decades, U.S. agriculture has helped to feed a hungry world, added jobs to our economy and reduced our trade deficit. As we work to strengthen the economy to win the future, don't be surprised that American farmers and ranchers are once again helping to lead the way.

Spring Forward Sunday

Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13.

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

Daylight Saving Time will be in effect until Sunday, November 6.

Bananas and oatmeal all dressed up

This was copied from the March issue of Relish Magazine, page 4. Jill Melton wrote:

As much as I've tried my children don't share my love of a hearty bowl of oatmeal so I'm frequently left with half a pan of cooked cereal. Rather than throwing it out I decided to toss it into a cake.

The recipe I came up with is based on one from Jim Fobel's *Old Fashioned Baking Book*, my go-to book for old fashioned desserts. It uses left over cooked oatmeal and yields an economical and super moist cake. Thinking of breakfast foods I added some mashed banana and used coconut flakes and walnuts for a crunchy topping.

Serve this cake the same day it is made to savor the crunchy topping. It's great for tossing in a lunch bag and toting to work.

Oatmeal cake with crunchy topping

Serves 12

Cake

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup mashed banana
- 1 cup cooked oatmeal

Topping

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup uncooked old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350. Coat a 9-inch springform pan or a 13x9-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. To prepare cake, beat butter until fluffy. Add sugar and beat well. Add eggs one at a time and vanilla: beat well. Add flour, cinnamon, and salt; beat until just combined. Stir in banana and cooked oatmeal.
3. Spread batter in pan. Bake about 35 minutes. Remove cake from oven. Heat broiler.
4. To prepare topping, melt butter in saucepan. Add milk and brown sugar; stir until sugar dissolves. Add oats, coconut, and walnuts; stir well. Spread over warm cake. Place under broiler and broil until browned and bubbly, about 4 minutes.

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ACROSS

1 TX Mrs. Baird's job is to _____ bread

5 cattle auction submission (2 wds.)

6 Hillsboro outlet mall has _____ store

7 Edith Wilmans was elected state legislator on Ku Klux _____ ticket in '22

8 _____ River

9 TX Tom Kite org.

12 TXism: "happy as a pup with two _____"

17 TXism: "worthless as _____"

19 1st name of Uvalde

21 Twitty's "It's Only Make _____"

22 TXism: "hot as _____ stove"

23 TX backyard spa (2 wds.)

28 TX before the Civil War: _____ bellum

29 TX fire ant

30 to wake up _____

31 TX Autry TV series "Range _____"

35 photoelectric cell edibles of "Fiesta San Antonio" (2 wds.)

42 what a TXn will do with watermelon seeds (2 wds.)

44 Sonora is on the western _____ of Edwards Plateau

46 infamous Oswald

48 TXism: "happy as _____ slop"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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DOWN

1 Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)

2 home of Dyess AFB

3 former state rep.: _____ Garza

4 TX town or biblical garden

9 Judd Lewis was 1st TX _____ laureate

10 TXism: "close enough for _____"

11 TXism: "_____ some gravel" (fell)

12 iced _____

13 TX Roddenberry "Trek" line: "live long _____"

14 forerunner of the 7-11 "Slurpee"

15 TXism: "stretch your _____" (smile)

16 TXism: "_____ slinging drunk"

18 grain crib

20 TXism: "chompin' _____ the bit" (eager)

23 TX George H.: "The liberation of Kuwait _____ begun"

24 TX mine output

25 El Paso's Plaza Theatre has 15-_____ Wurlitzer organ

26 scuffle

27 TX Trevino won this in '68 & '71

32 TX Audie was hero of WW _____

solution on page 4

39 TX seal has live oak & _____ branches

40 TXism: "tall _____ the pack" (leader)

41 TXism: "_____ yarn" (tell a tale)

43 ex-Ranger pitcher Henke (init.)

45 Ranger broadcaster Nadel (init.)

47 Mexican day celebrated in TX: "Diez _____ Septiembre"

48 poor horse (2 wds.)

55 TXism: "looking to meddle"

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Set your clocks and watches and microwaves and cars and trucks forward one hour as of 2 a.m. Sunday March 13. Good old Daylight Saving Time starts and will be in effect until the first Sunday in November. Spring break is next week and spring officially begins Sunday March 20. After spring break the pace picks up until graduation. This year the Class of 2011 will graduate May 27.

Linda Black has undergone serious cancer surgery and is in the old Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Room 785 South. A love fund that was established for her husband, the late Danny Black, has been re-opened at Friona State Bank to help Linda and family with medical expenses. Your help would be appreciated.

The senior class steak dinner is Sunday April 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the junior high cafeteria. Tickets will be \$10/\$8 for adults and kids in advance and \$11/\$9 at the door. Carryouts will be available. The senior prom is Saturday April 30 and the 2011 All-Sports banquet is Tuesday May 10.

The Friona junior high track meet is today (March 10) starting at 2:30 p.m. The high school track kids will be in Plains Friday March 11. Cheerleader tryouts for next year's squad are also Friday. The baseball Chieftains play at Dimmitt Saturday the 12th at 12 p.m. The CX Debate teams of Skyla Stormes & Weston Wyly and Tenna

Montana & Rachel Dickson will head to the state competition Sunday in Austin. Spring school activities get hectic but it keeps life interesting.

The Chieftain Relays track meet was last Friday. I was out there most of the afternoon and into the evening shooting photos. About 7:30 p.m., half way through the running events, thunder, lightning, and rain descended so I took my camera equipment and headed home. The rest of the meet was soon canceled. We will post the track photos this week on our frionaonline.com website.

We will begin planning our Class of 2011 special graduation edition after spring break. We hope to publish it on Thursday May 19. If you would like to have an ad congratulating your special graduate call or email us. We will be contacting folks in the days ahead.

The First Baptist Church newsletter for March announces a spring revival April 3-6 at 7 p.m. Dr. Stan Coffee from the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo will be the preacher. Stan Burleson from First Baptist in Perryton will be leading the music. The church is also having a soccer camp next week during spring break. March 14-16 at the junior high soccer field. Different times for different age levels. Call youth minister Joshua Heavin at 250-3922 for more info. (Interesting name for a youth minister.)

A power outage Tuesday morning left much of the west and north part of town dark. Fortunately our Friona Star power did not go out. We would have been stuck since the newspaper layout is done on computers. The grocery store, Fast Stop, and Allsup's stores were dark which meant cash registers and gas pumps didn't work. Power was back on in about two hours. Life is inconvenient without electricity.

Mark your calendar for the co-op meetings. The Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op meeting is March 22 at 5:30 p.m. and the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op meeting is March 29 at 6 p.m. Both are on a Tuesday and both are at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

More baseball injuries. JV Chieftain Blake Stowers broke a couple of fingers on his right hand sliding into home plate during practice. Varsity center fielder Valentin Rocha broke a thumb sliding into second base during the tournament at Ralls. Blake's mom Carolyn said he is supposed to see a bone specialist in the next few days when the swelling goes down. The Chieftains opened district play Tuesday here vs. Littlefield.

Several Friona folks have told me that the new Windmill City Dining restaurant in Hereford has great food and service. It is a fine dining restaurant that is open in the evenings and Sunday noon. Menu features steaks. Most

entrees in the \$20+ range but as always you get what you pay for. Mark Moulton is the owner and chef. It is located at 335 N. Miles. Phone is 806-360-2900. I will get around to trying it in the near future and give you a report.

Dr. Jeff and Becky Dickson have returned from a medical conference/vacation in Hawaii. They explored several islands, enjoyed hiking, sightseeing, eating, and even surfing lessons. I convinced Becky to let me print a photo of her surfer girl activities. She is a good sport and it is here on the Town Talk page. Pretty good form I'd say. At least she is standing up on the board long enough to get a photo. Thanks Becky. Hawaii is a great place to visit.

We received notice this

week that our newspaper printing costs are increasing another 3% effective April 1. This will be the fourth increase since 2008. Our printer, the Clovis News Journal, says newsprint cost has increased 19% since last year. The current increase in oil prices also has an effect on printing ink, metal plates, and other chemical costs used in printing. We will probably be increasing our advertising rates soon for the first time in almost eight years.

Had a nice time at the Chamber banquet Tuesday evening. Thanks again to Charlie Pope, Ricky White, and the Cargill crew for cooking and serving the prime rib. Thanks to the Hereford High School ROTC for assisting with serving and cleaning up, the Girl

Scout Troop for presenting the flags, the high school choir and Erin Barnett's Folkloric dancers for the entertainment. Special thanks to Chris Alexander and Betty Lamb and the Chamber board for all the hard work for a successful evening. (Thanks Chris for the special horseradish.) Most of all thanks to everyone who attended and to our citizen award winners. Cheeseburgers and Maize Days straight ahead.

We don't take a spring break here at the Star but we hope all of you who do have a safe and relaxing week. We will definitely see you later. Join our Friona Star fan page on Facebook and keep us in the loop for interesting local news and photos. Until then!



courtesy photo

Dr. Jeff and Becky Dickson visited Hawaii for a medical conference/vacation recently. While Dr. Jeff was in one of his meetings, Becky took surfing lessons. With a little persuasion she agreed to allow us to run this photo of her surfer girl activities. She described it as being shark bait but we thought it was a fun photo and pretty good form too.

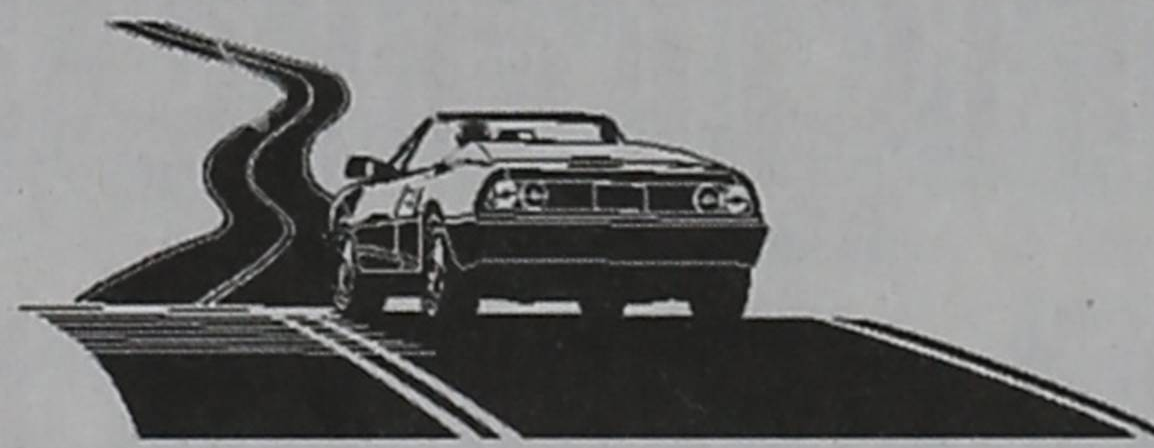


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St. Teresa's Catholic Church ladies, l-r, Dita Jubay, Maria Vega, Raquel Vital, Susan Gonzales, and Irma Pina get ready for the Sunday rush at the annual Mexican dinner. Serving tea and drinks and cleaning tables were, l-r Salma Estrada, Samantha Cruz, and Sylvia Ortiz.



How do you finance an auto?



Hello, my name is John Doe and I'd like information on financing a new pickup.

Carolyn - Hello, John. My name is Carolyn Dement and I'd be happy to visit with you about this. First of all, do you have a vehicle already selected? And what is the cost?

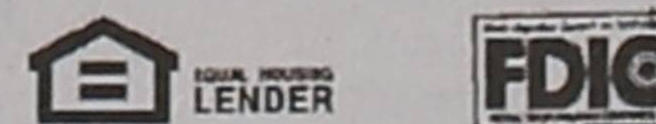
John - Yes, it is a brand new pickup. The cost is \$30,000 and I have a 1992 pickup to trade in.

Carolyn - I recognize you as one of our customers. That's great!

John - Yes, I've had a savings and a checking account here at Friona State Bank for several years. I have money directly deposited from where I work.

Carolyn - We have a great deal on new auto loans! We are offering a very low competitive rate. Please fill out this credit application and if you can wait, we'll give you an answer shortly.

This is how you start if you want information on auto loans. We at Friona State Bank would like to invite you to come in and visit with Carolyn if you are looking at a new vehicle. Our rates are competitive and we are efficient and discreet. And we want your business.



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Honoring
Jeanette Thurman's
85th Birthday
Come wish her well as she moves to Hereford
Saturday, March 12, 2011
Friona State Bank
2:00 - 4:00

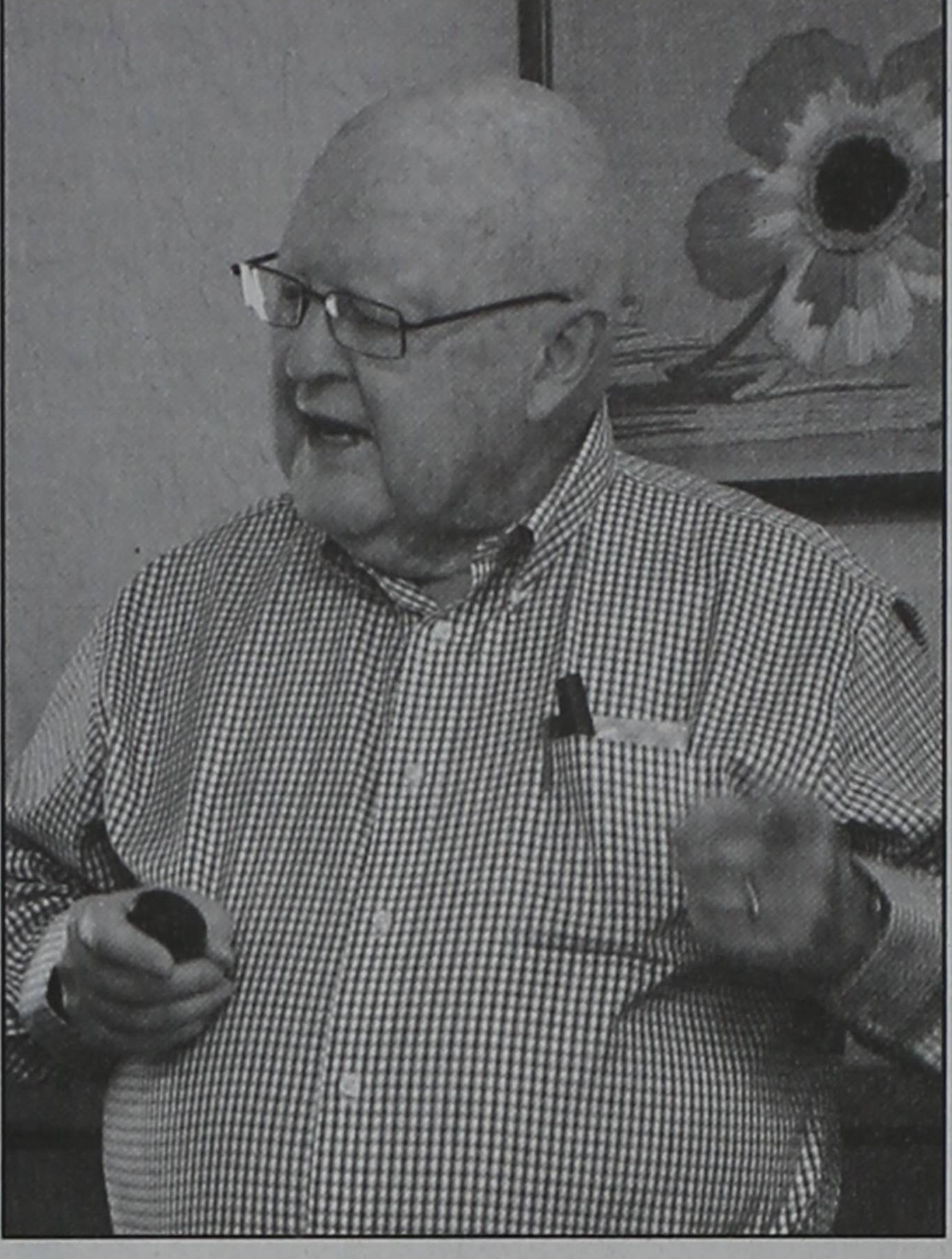
Birthday Invitation
Family and friends of
Thomas E. Jones
are invited to attend his 80th birthday
celebration on Saturday, March 19.
It will be held at the Senior Citizen
Friendship House from 2 to 4:30.
Refreshments will be served,
along with many shared memories.
Please join Tom, Wanda, and
their children for this special occasion.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from February 24, 2011 to March 02, 2011:
Six Irons Farms Inc. - Greg McClaran and Kelly McClaran, E/2 S5 T5S R4E.
Chad Scott Clayton and Danielle Marie Clayton - Steven Lee Cockerham and Sandra Marie Cockerham, S/2 S21 W/2 NW/4 S28 T7S R2E.
Chad Scott Clayton and Danielle Marie Clayton - Zachary Schilling and Wendy Schilling, N/2 S27 T7S R2E.
Chad Scott Clayton and Danielle Marie Clayton - Todd D. Ware and Leslie D. Ware, SWW/4 S28 T7S R2E; E/2 S17 BLK A.
Don P. Beck and Zeldia M. Beck - Roger A. Jesko, S11 JT JOWELL.
Mario Moreno and Martha Moreno - Ruben Salazar and Martina Salazar, L6-7 B49 FRIONA.

Lions Club News

The Friona Noon Lions regular meeting Thursday, March 3 had 15 members and two guests present. Local Xcel Energy employee Bryan Johnston was a guest of Lion Homer Haile. Guest speaker was Canyon author and retired WT A&M professor Harry Haines.
Mr. Haines gave an interesting "book talk". His latest fiction novel, *Collusion*, is based on the Enron fraud case. Mr. Haines was a WT professor for 22 years.
The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday March 17 at Headquarters Restaurant. Don't forget the Lions Club collects used eyeglasses. Drop boxes are at Friona State Bank, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, and the Friona Star.
The Noon Lions are always open for new members. We would especially like to have ladies join the club. Come to a meeting as our guest and consider becoming a Lion and helping with our community projects.



ron carr photo

Retired WT A&M professor Harry Haines, an author from Canyon, presented the program for the Friona Noon Lions Thursday, March 3. He gave a brief "book talk" and highlights of his latest fiction novel, *Collusion*.

Private pesticide applicator training and testing

A Texas private pesticide applicator training and testing program will be conducted March 17 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office for Bailey County in Muleshoe.
The office is located at 118 West Ave. C just west of 1st Bank. The training will begin at 9 a.m. and testing should conclude by 2 p.m., according to Monti Vandiver, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Bailey and Parmer Counties.
AgriLife Extension will provide the training and the Texas Department of Agriculture will administer the test. Attendees are encouraged to bring a calculator for use during the testing. Lunch will be provided and will be served between the training and testing sessions, Vandiver said.
A private pesticide applicator license is required if someone uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use

pesticides or regulated herbicides to produce an agricultural crop on personally owned property, rented property, property owned by his or her employer, property under his or her general control, or the property of another person if applied without compensation, other than the trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.
Individuals who want a Texas private applicator license must attend a private applicator training program offered by AgriLife Extension, pass the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and purchase a license. Additional study materials are available for the test but are optional.
Registration is \$20 at the door. For more information or to obtain optional study materials call AgriLife Extension at 806-272-4584.

Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerries office:
March 2, 2011, Sue Haye Ramos, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with motion to revoke (theft), pending District Court.
March 5, 2011, William Upshaw, 22, of Texarkana, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with violation of community supervision (burglary of a building), pending District Court.
March 6, 2011, Fernando Ramos, 33, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol charged with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age, pending Grand Jury.
March 6, 2011, Jose Simonton, 46, of Portales, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department charged with failure to identify, pending County Court; and tampering with a government record, pending Grand Jury.

A look at cotton diseases

BY BENJI HENDRSON, Parmer County Extension Agent
There are several cotton diseases that commonly occur on the Southern High Plains and were found in Parmer County last season.
Verticillium wilt was found in many fields and affected much of the cotton produced this past year. Losses to verticillium wilt have increased over the last several years. Leaves of plants infected with the verticillium wilt pathogen appear wilted and exhibit a yellowing between the veins before becoming necrotic.
As the disease progresses stems of infected plants will have a discoloration of the vascular system. Infected plants will also appear stunted and in some cases may defoliate prematurely and death may occur.
The fungus survives in the soil as specialized structures which germinate in response to moisture and root growth. There are some varieties that are showing resistance to this disease. At this time the best method of limiting your loss from verticillium wilt is through varieties or partial resistance to the disease.

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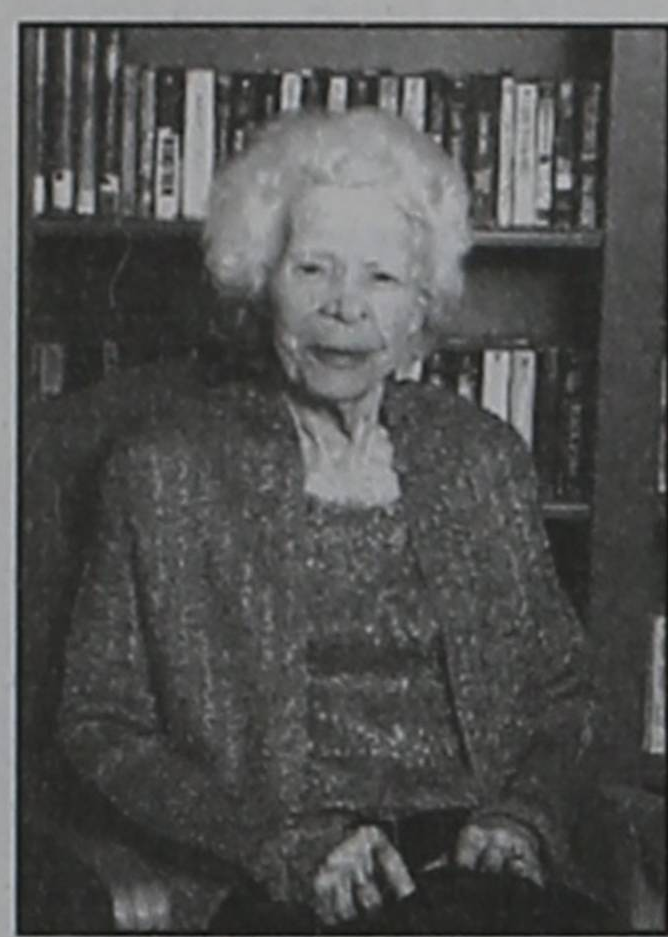
Puzzle Solution

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OBITUARIES

Jean Ballard

Jean Ballard, 86, of Hereford, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the Conner Hospice House in Canyon, Texas. Celebration of Life services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Hereford, with Reverend Joe Shultz officiating. Interment followed at West Park Cemetery in Hereford, under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.



Jean Ballard

Jean Ballard was born October 15, 1924 in Phoenix, Arizona, the daughter of Buren and Bessie Spande. She graduated from Adrian High School and attended West Texas Teachers College.

She married Labry Edwin Ballard on November 11, 1946 in Adrian, Texas and moved to Hereford in 1954. In 2008, Ms. Ballard moved to Canyon.

Ms. Ballard was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hereford and served on the Administrative Board and the Parsonage Committee. She was also a member of the Hereford Study Club and served on the Board of Directors of the Hereford Senior Citizens.

Survivors include three daughters, Beth Welty and husband Ron of Canyon, Susan Martin of Dumas, Texas, and Amy Cook and husband Fred of Friona; seven grandchildren, Labry Welty, Todd Welty, Ronna Wells, Cory Ott, Chad Welty, Brian Herring and Trent Cook; fifteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Labry Ballard; a daughter, Laura Leslie Ballard; her parents; and three sisters.

The family requests memorials to the First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Main, Hereford, TX 79045, or the Hereford Senior Citizens, 426 Ranger, Hereford, TX 79045.

Valdemar C. Ortiz, Sr.

Valdemar C. Ortiz, Sr., 77, of Bovina, Texas, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Levelland, Texas. Mass of Catholic Services were held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Hobbs, New Mexico, with Deacon Sam Navarrete as celebrant. Interment followed in Plains Cemetery, Plains, Texas. Rosary was recited on Monday at Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.



Valdemar Ortiz, Sr.

Mr. Ortiz, Sr. was born on April 11, 1933 in Three Rivers, Texas, to Francisco and Elisa Carrasco-Ortiz. He was a lifetime member of the Bovina community. Mr. Ortiz worked as a farm laborer, enjoyed fishing and family cook-outs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Rudy Ortiz I, and Ray Ortiz; two brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include daughters, Velma Powell and Belinda Ortiz; sons, David Ortiz, Victor Ortiz, Valdemar Ortiz, Jr., Robert Ortiz, Ricky Ortiz, Armando Ortiz and Rudy Ortiz II; sister, Francisca Salas; brother, Ismael Ortiz; 25 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; stepsons and stepdaughters, Ignacia Bermea, Jose Reyes, Rosendo Reyes, Irma Turley, Isabel Espinoza, Juan Reyes, Mary Chapman, Anita Easley, Constantino Jr. Reyes, Eliza Espinoza, Juanita Carrizales, Gloria Mesza, Raquel Reyes and Ray Reyes; 38 step-grandchildren; 32 step-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Alvaro Q. Martinez

Alvaro Q. Martinez, 61, of Bovina, died Monday on February 28, 2011, in Amarillo. Mass of Christian Burial services were held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 2, 2011 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Burial was later in the week at the Municipal Cemetery San Francisco de Borja in Chihuahua, Mexico. Arrangements were by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Martinez was born December 20, 1949, in Chihuahua, Mexico, to Alvaro and Petra Quezada Martinez.

He married Francisca Chavez in 1980 in California. He worked for Cargill Meat Packing Plant and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

Survivors include his wife of Bovina; four sons, Alvaro E. Martinez, Hugo Martinez, and Frank Martinez, all of Amarillo, and Danny C. Martinez of Juarez, Mexico; three sisters, Evangelina Martinez, Guillermina Martinez, and Ninfa Martinez, all of Chihuahua, Mexico; three brothers, Francisco Q. Martinez of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Pedro and Alberto Martinez, both of Chihuahua, Mexico; and two grandchildren.

Elmer William Anglin, Jr.

Elmer William Anglin, Jr., 98, of Friona, formerly of Farwell, died on Saturday, March 5, 2011, in Friona. No services are scheduled. Arrangements are by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Anglin was born March 25, 1912, in Harlingen, Texas, to Elmer William Anglin, Sr. and Mamie Emma Davidson Anglin.

He married Minnie Maude Causey in 1941 in Uvalde, Texas. He was an area rancher, a member of the Elks Lodge of Laredo, Web County Cattlemen's Association, the Laredo Lions Club, and the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Yvonne McPeak of Farwell, Wanda Gutierrez of Stockdale, Texas, and Joyce Ibanez of Laredo, Texas; two sons, E.W. (Dub) Anglin III of Charlotte, Texas, and James (Jimmy) English of Yorktown, Texas; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Panhandle Parables

Prairie dogs

BY JEFF PROCTER, Pastor, Sixth St. Church of Christ
A prairie dog may seem cute to some folks, and harmless by others, but if you know anything about ranching you see these little critters in a whole different light. Prairie dogs although small, are prolific, and "before quick", a town is born and you have a problem. They destroy pastures with their holes, injuring livestock, in the process. Small, yes, but they cause big problems. Once they claim a pasture it is not easy to reclaim it.

Funny thing though, lies are not much different than prairie dogs. One or two lies don't seem to do much harm, but lies have away of spreading and before you know it, you have a "town" and then you have problems.

Lying to cover lies becomes a field full of holes. Lies have left families crippled and broken. Lies eat away at the soul. Eradication may seem costly with all the apologies, shame, and work, to rebuild lost trust, but we are talking about your soul, not some pasture to be abandoned and labeled worthless!

Christ died to redeem us from our sins. If Satan can convince you to fear the truth enough to dig a hole, then don't be surprised when he helps the ones you love the most to step in it and get hurt. What does your pasture look like? What does your life and soul look like? Don't believe the biggest lie of all, "I can fix it tomorrow"! Tomorrow never seems to get here.

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Grief support group meeting

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet Tuesday March 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th in Friona. Anyone in the community seeking grief and bereavement support is welcome to attend.

Blood drive results

The Friona blood drive for Coffee Memorial Blood Center on March 3 had 44 donations. Thanks you to everyone that helped with the blood drive and special thanks to the 44 donors. The next Friona blood drive will be in May.

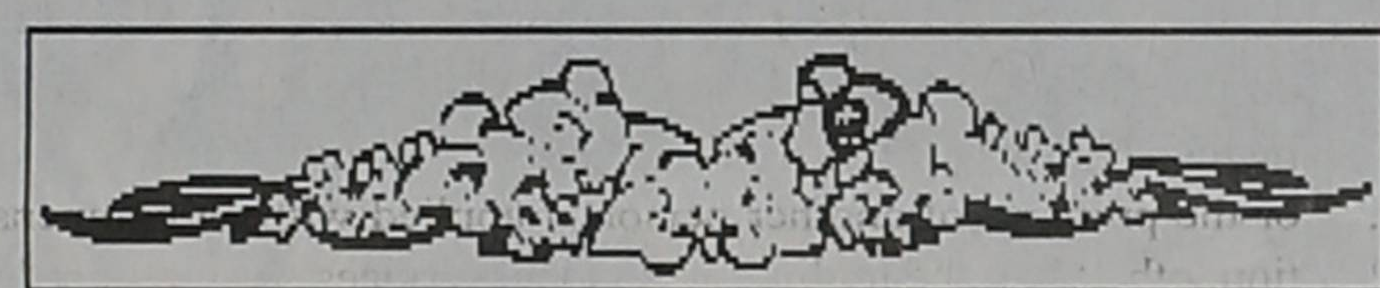
You can't please everybody

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church
In 2 Samuel 3, David's emerging monarchy is on the brink of weldin g the divided nation of Israel back together. Peace agreements have been forged, leaders have been conferred with, and David has taken decisive steps to make this happen.

You would think everyone would be excited, but that is not the case, Joab, David's nephew and chief commander, is furious over the developments. Joab berates David, murders the key player in the peace agreement, and places the entire plan in peril.

Although David's wise actions, to solidify the people, infuriated those close to him, he trudged on amidst the criticism. His goal was not to gain approval from his peers, but to reign a united Israel, even at the expense of being unpopular among those near him.

Are you a pure bred people pleaser, or a ferocious follower of Christ? Have you made pleasing men a greater priority than pleasing Jesus Christ? Jesus said, "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?" (John 5:44). May you place more value on pleasing the Lord than on anyone else.



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Chieftain Relays final track results

The annual Chieftain Relays track meet was held at Chieftain Field Friday March 4. The action began at 2:30 p.m. with field events and the 3200m run. Running finals began at 6 p.m. but the meet was called off about 8 p.m. because of rain and lightning. Several running events were not held.

Bushland won the varsity girls and varsity boys and Levelland won the JV boys. Friona finished 3rd in varsity girls, 2nd in varsity boys, and 3rd for JV boys. There were 10 different schools entered in the meet. Here are the Friona participant results:

VARSITY GIRLS: 100m dash 5th Yari Alvarez 13.95; 800m run 4th Katie Osborn 2:41.30; 3200m run 5th Sajal Patel 15:06, 6th Chantelle Pruitt 15:17.99.

400m relay 1st Laci Austin, Regan Anthony, Erika Chavez, Rachel Dickson 53.33; 800m relay 4th Yari Alvarez, Cindy Chavez, Erika Chavez, Laci Austin 2:02.02; high jump 3rd Regan Anthony 4'06"; shot put 2nd Kailey Lucas 34', Adilene Adame 30'1"; discus 5th Julie Wiseman 81'11", 6th Amy Osborn 80'02".

VARSITY BOYS: 3200m run 1st Connor Woods

10:58.55; 110m hurdles 2nd Ryan DeWit 16.83, 4th Michael Ortiz 18.36; 400m relay 1st Dominique Kellum, Ernesto Monreal, Jose Torres, Marco Terrones 44.58; 800m relay 2nd Dominique Kellum, Zack Fair, Jose Rivera, Marco Terrones.

High jump 1st Ryan De-

Wit 5'10"; pole vault 1st Dillon Kelley 10'; Paden Henry 9'; triple jump 3rd Sawyer Osborn 34'7.5", 5th Paden Henry 33'08"; shot put 6th Kolton Lucas 41'08"; discus 2nd Duncan Welch 132'10", 5th Kolton Lucas 115'05".

JV BOYS: 3200m run 1st

Esdras Rodriguez 11:45, 4th Jose Flores 12:41; 400m Relay 2nd Andy Ortiz, Valentin Rocha, Ediladio Garcia, Daniel Garza 48.70; 800m relay 2nd Andy Ortiz, Ediladio Garcia, Alex Ovalle, Daniel Garza 1:43.83.

High jump 6th Brad

Stowers 4'08"; pole vault 5th Skyler Harris 7'06", Alex Ovalle 7'; long jump 1st Jesus Sanchez 17'04.5"; triple jump 3rd Jesus Sanchez 33'04.75", 5th Andy Ortiz 32'04"; shot put 1st Todd Padilla 40'03"; discus 4th Todd Padilla 97'01".

FHS golf tournament results

The Friona Invitational high school golf tournament was held March 2-4. The girls team finished with a 446 for 3rd place and the boys team finished with a 418 for 5th place. Golf coach is Jeff Isom.

Individual girls: Caitlin Bronniman 107, Brittny Herbert 113, Abby Jones 113, Kendall Kimbrough 113, Kami Kerby 120. Individual boys: Clayton Smiley 88, Sergio Soliz 94, Duncan Welch 104, Trent Hickman 110, Stephen Albarado 111, Simon Zajicek 114, Caleb Monroe 115.

From the Farwell tournament: Girls won 1st place with a 442 team score. Individual scores; Brittny Herbert 107, Kendall Kimbrough 124, Abby Jones 116, Caitlin Bronniman 95. Caitlin won top medallist for the lowest score.

Boys team total 371 and won 1st place. Individual scores Duncan Welch 95, Caleb Monroe 93, Simon Zajicek 91, Trent Hickman 116, Clayton Smiley 92, Sergio Soliz 106, Derreck Hernandez 135.

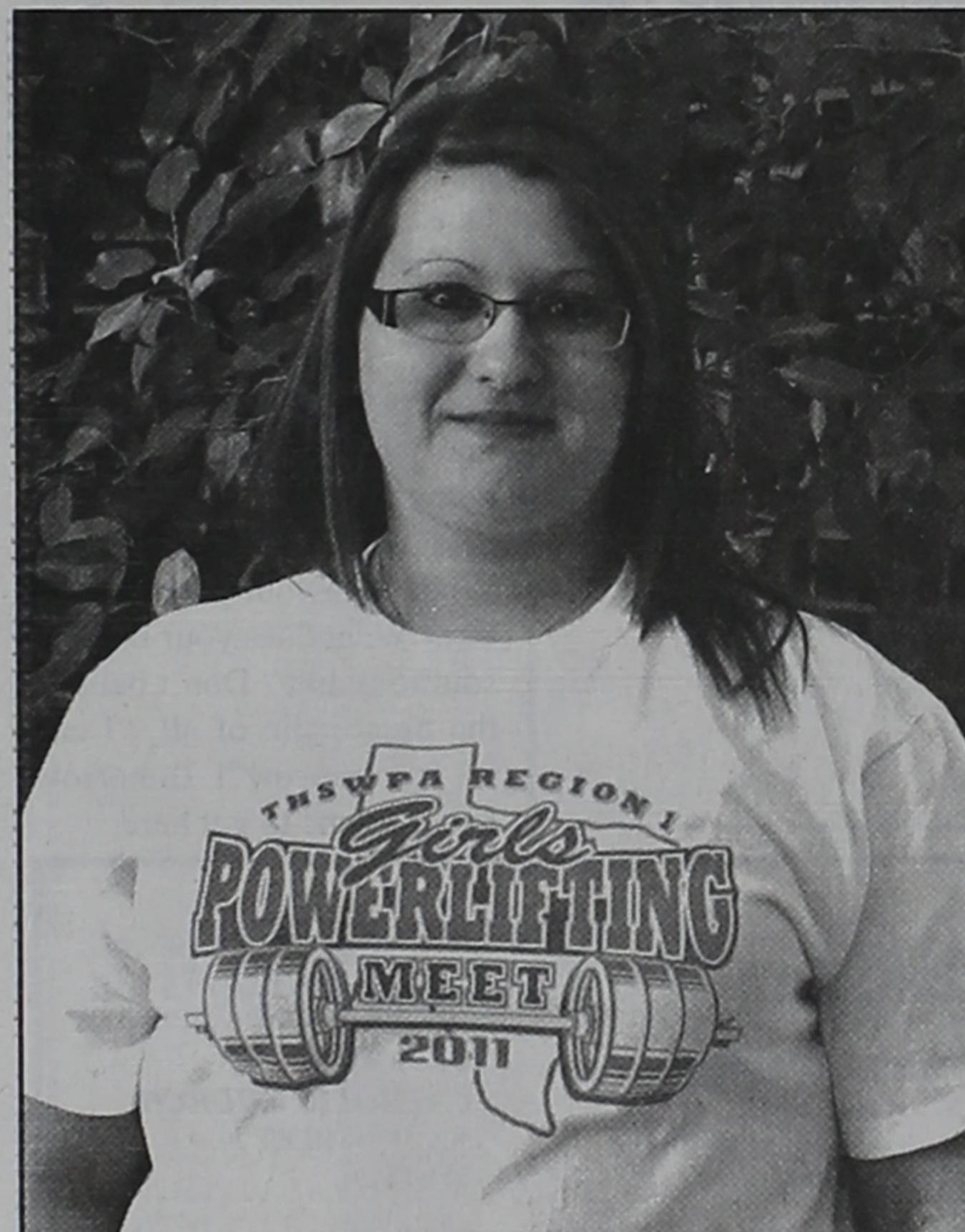
Both teams will be in action at the Olton Tournament March 21-22.

FHS powerlifting news, Cassie headed to state

Friona high school senior Cassie Barker placed 2nd in the 220 weight class at the girls' regional powerlift meet in Odessa March 5. The 2nd place finish qualified her for the state meet to be held in Corpus Christi March 19. She will be accompanied by Coach Jimmy Arias, Coach Jeff Isom, friend and teammate Elda Castanon, and her parents Vickie and Richard Samarron.

At the Bovina meet February 26 Friona high school boys powerlift results: 1st Duncan Welch, 1st Clayton Smiley, 9th Daniel Meza, 9th Adrian Prieto. The boys team finished 4th.

Four boys have qualified for the regional powerlift competition to be held at Sundown March 12. Regional qualifiers are Duncan Welch 198 class; Todd Padilla 242 class; Clayton Smiley and Daniel Meza, super heavyweight class.

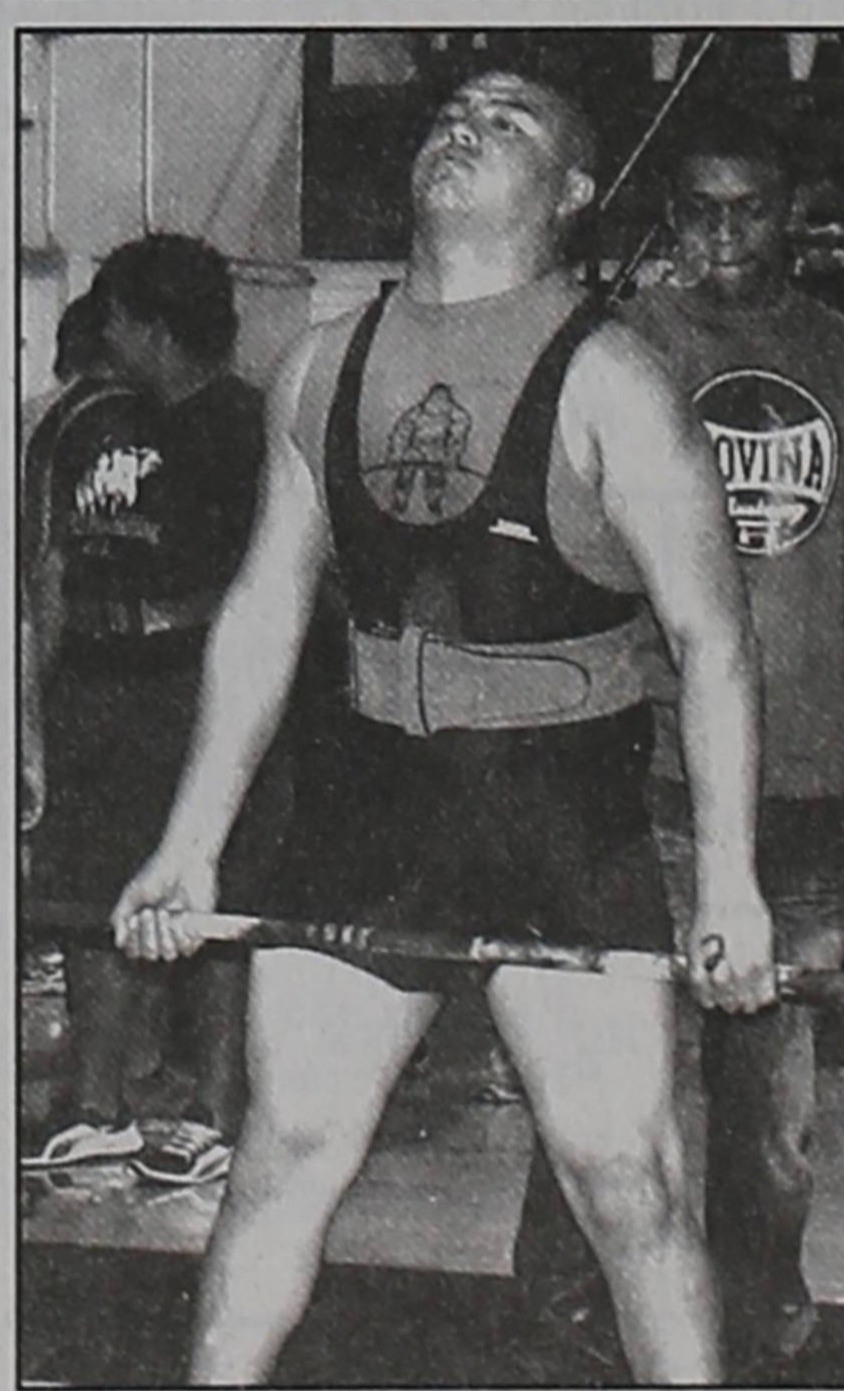
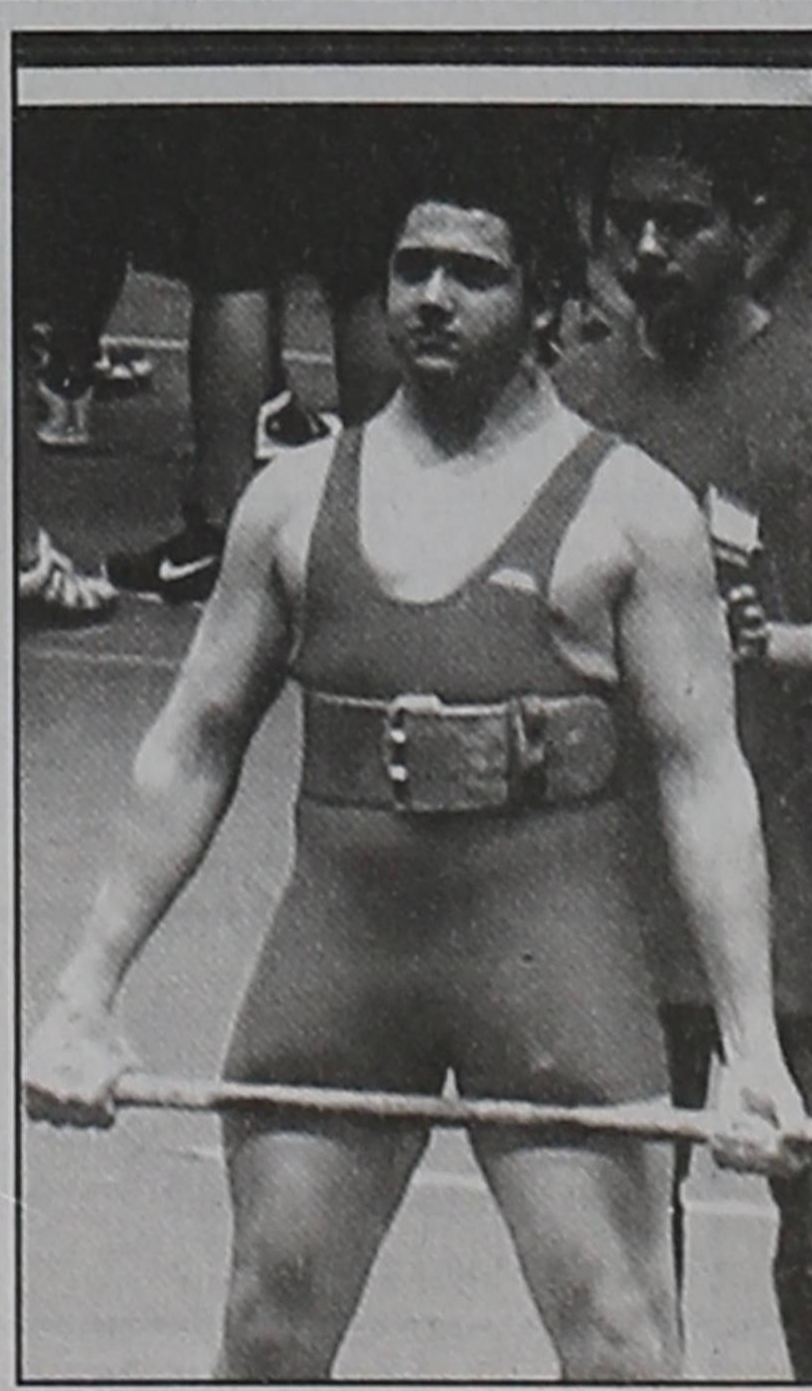
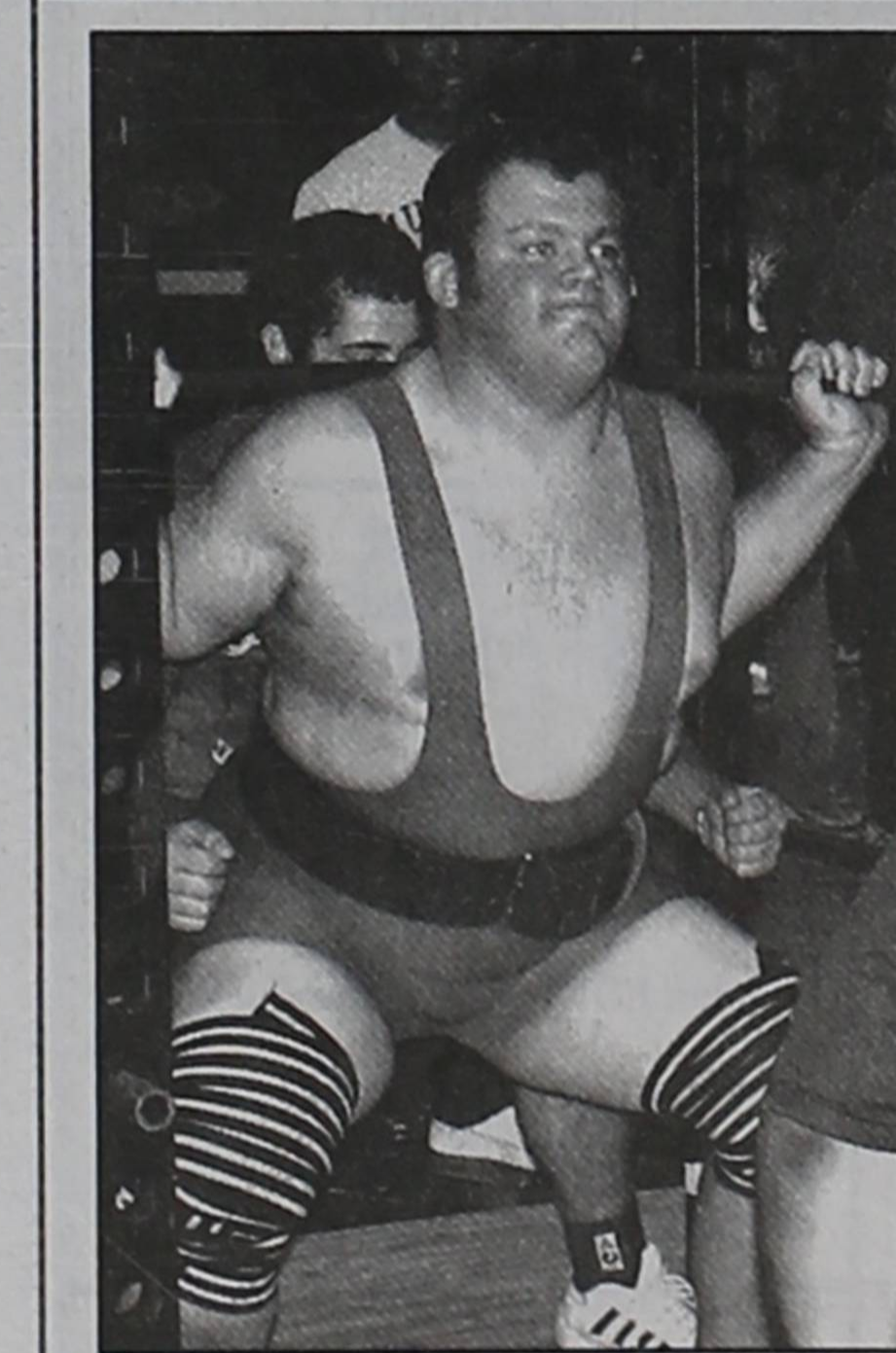


ron carr photo

Friona high school senior Cassie Barker placed 2nd at the girls regional powerlift meet in Odessa and qualified for state competition in Corpus Christi March 19. Good luck Cassie.



Track photos at frionaonline.com/photos



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Advancing to the regional powerlift meet at Sundown March 12 are, l-r, Clayton Smiley, Duncan Welch, and Todd Padilla. The top two lifters in each class will advance to the state powerlift meet in Abilene March 26. Good luck guys.

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4/3/2 Brick Country Home w/3 acres, central heat & air, fireplace, metal roof, large kitchen, lots of extras, additional acres available.....\$192,500

3/2/2 Country Home w/siding on 7 acres, fireplace, original hardwood floors, fenced backyard, lots of trees, new well, nice barn with pens...Cont. Pend.

REDUCED: 3/2/2 Brick w/fireplace, central h&a, large game room, office, open floor plan, Spanish style home w/sprinkler front & back.....\$139,900

3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, fireplace, kitchen remodeled, sunroom with new heat & air, 2 stor. bldgs in fenced backyard.....Cont. Pend.


3/2/1 Brick w/central heat & air, fireplace, ceramic tile, close to high school, corner lot, fenced backyard with gazebo.....\$78,900

2/1 Country Home on 2.7 acres with 2 carports, barn, horse pens and very nice setup, great for horses, additional acres sowed in wheat.....\$65,000

Reduced: 4/3/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, fireplace, vaulted ceiling in living room, fenced backyard w/storage bldg. WESTERN Addition.....SOLD

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The Friona White LifeSmarts team finished 7th at the state LifeSmarts competition. From left, Vanessa Vital, Ester Sarabia, captain Kami Kerby, Abby Jones, and Tenna Montana.



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The Friona Red LifeSmarts team finished 2nd at the state LifeSmarts competition. From left, Magali Moralez, Brittney Herbert, captain Marissa Lozoya, Gaby Reveles, and Jessica Moreno.

Rabies reported in the county

Dr. James Alexander, regional zoonosis control veterinarian in Canyon, has advised that two rabies cases have been reported in Potter County, one in Castro County, and one in Parmer County in 2011. This is the first case for Parmer County since 2009.

On February 23 southwest of Bovina a property owner

killed a skunk standing about a foot away from his dog. The skunk was diagnosed February 24 with rabies.

Dr. Alexander says there is a definite need to remind people to vaccinate their pets and valuable livestock/horses, family milk cows, and 4-H/FFA project animals. Also people need to eliminate

skunk habitat around their property.

He states, "The recent wild-fires may reduce some of the case load by reducing the skunk population. However, it could have the opposite effect by depleting habitat and causing the surviving skunks to migrate to where food and water are easily found."

Water district schedules public meetings for comments on rule amendments

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has scheduled five public meetings in March to receive comments on proposed rule amendments to implement a "50/50" groundwater management goal for water pumped within the district's 16-county service area.

The public meeting dates and locations are as follows:

§ March 23, 9 a.m.-noon, Hereford ISD Banquet Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, TX.

§ March 23, 3-6 p.m., Robert Dysart Room, Lamb County Rural Electric Cooperative, 2415 S. Phelps, Littlefield, TX.

§ March 24, 9 a.m.-Noon, Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium, 1505 Western Circle, Dimmitt, TX.

§ March 24, 3-6 p.m., Plains Cotton Cooperative Association Board Room, 3301 E. 50th, Lubbock. (Entrance at southwest side of building).

§ March 25, 9 a.m.-Noon, Plainview Country Club and Conference Center, 2902 W 4th, Plainview, TX.

Copies of the proposed rule amendments are available by contacting the High Plains Water District office at (806) 762-0181. They are also available on-line at www.hpwd.com.

"The High Plains Water District has used water well spacing as a means of managing groundwater since the 1950s. However, dwindling surface water levels in area reservoirs and other contributing factors have caused more

dependence upon groundwater in our region. Because of this, the district cannot rely on well spacing alone—it must move forward with implementation of its "50/50" groundwater management goal of having 50 percent of the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer in 2010 available in 2060 to conserve the resource," said Jim Conkwright, High Plains Water District manager.

Among the proposed amendments are designations of high water decline areas in the district in 2011 based upon annual winter water level measurements; metering/reporting requirements for water wells in these areas; and implementation of an allowable production rate for all new/existing water wells beginning in 2012.

The Board of Directors strongly encourages residents to attend these meetings and provide input on proposed rules impacting future groundwater production within the district.

Persons may provide oral comments at the meetings or they may submit written comments to the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499. Deadline for written comments is 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2011.

Also, in accordance with State Law, the High Plains Water District must conduct at least one public hearing to receive comments on the proposed revisions before they can be adopted.

"For convenience of our residents, the Board will conduct a public hearing in the northern and southern portions of the district on these proposed rule amendments. The dates and locations have not been determined as yet—but this information will be posted to the district's web site and made available to news media as quickly as possible," Conkwright said.



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St. Teresa's Catholic Church served their annual Mexican dinner Sunday. Dishing up tempting platters of enchiladas and tacos are, I-r, Raquel Vital and Irma Pina. A large crowd took advantage of the nice weather to enjoy the meal.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE WATER MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE HIGH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT!!!

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has scheduled a series of meetings to receive public comments regarding proposed **DRAFT RULES** designed to achieve the Water District's desired future condition of "50/50," having 50 percent of the Jan. 1, 2010 saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer available for use on Jan. 1, 2060.

These proposed rules will impact all water users within the High Plains Water District's 16-county service area.

Public meetings are scheduled for the following dates/locations:

March 23, 2011 9 a.m. to 12 Noon--Hereford ISD Banquet Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford TX.

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The proposed draft rules are available for viewing during regular business hours at the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79411-2499. Copies may be obtained by calling the district office at (806) 762-0181 or may be viewed/downloaded from the district's web site at www.hpwd.com.

Persons are encouraged to provide oral comments (3-5 minutes) at any of these public meetings. In addition, written comments concerning the proposed draft rules may be mailed to the High Plains Water District office until 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011.

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Congratulations to these 2011 Chamber of Commerce award winners

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

Joyce Loflin

Employee of the Year

Joyce Loflin has been described as hardworking, kind, caring, compassionate and always friendly. She is always looking after the welfare of her employer, Paco Feedyard, and the other employees. She is her employer's head cheerleader and the energizer bunny. She is always on the go and the word slow, simply is not in her vocabulary. She consistently brings breakfast and lunch to her fellow employees who are too busy to leave work. She is always thinking of others and puts her family and employer ahead of herself.

Joyce has lived in Friona for 20 years and previously worked for a Ford dealership. She and her husband attend the Friona United Methodist Church.

She is married to Jerry and they have three children, Rick, Brent, and Teresa.

J Gurley

Boy Student of the Year

J Gurley excels academically and has earned 90 and above honors his entire high school career. He has been a four-year member of the Science Club and has won the Best in Region TSA award with his woodworking project his junior year. He contributes his time and talents to several organizations and activities while in Friona High School. He sang in the choir for two years, and was selected to be Team Leader of the FHS team competing in Dallas at the Volvo Construction Challenge.

He is a member of Friona United Methodist Youth and volunteers each year to help with Vacation Bible School. He often helps the Lions put out flags on holidays and helps them cook hamburgers and fries.

J has proven his talent for stage lighting, having won the Regional Medal for One Act Play Lighting his junior year, and helping the One Act Play advance to Area his freshman and sophomore years, with his skills at the control panel. His peers have voted him Most Likely to Succeed every year he has been in high school. His parents are John and Kathryn Gurley.

Laci Austin

Girl Student of the Year

Laci is described as a young lady who consistently exhibits all the characteristics that are admired in young people today. She is a smiling, pleasant, respectful role model for other young people. In addition to choosing sterling standards for her life, she has made unselfish contributions to her school, her church, and her community.

She really shines when on stage. She began as a child in Summer Drama Workshop and continued on to perform in every FHS musical. She is also an outstanding athlete. She has found her best talents playing volleyball for four years and participating in track. When she is not competing, she is cheering the teams on as a cheerleader.

As a volunteer, she has made numerous contributions to the community. Laci has helped with projects through FCCLA such as the Playa Lake Festival, visited residents at Prairie Acres, participated in Cleanup Friona campaigns, helped with the upkeep on the museum, and has read to primary school students. She is a member of the Friona United Methodist Church and its young ladies group. Her parents are Kenny and Lori Austin.

Terry Hunt

Teacher of the Year

Terry is described as hardworking, caring, and compassionate. She has extremely high expectations for her students. In her classroom, not only does she try to help the children become the best they can be, she tries to help them become useful, productive citizens.

She is the teacher who shows up at 7 a.m. on bad weather days to help the principal make sure the sidewalks are clear and safe. She has been teaching for 34 years and still cries on the last day of school every year.

She is very good about finding "common ground" with each of her students; she finds out as much as she can about who they are and their home life. By doing this, she gets to know the "whole student".

Terry believes that reading is essential in education. She gives each of her students a book for Christmas. She is very active in organizing the school's book fair each semester and she has raised countless dollars so that each student in the Primary School receives a hard-back book of their own. She is also very

active with the Friends of the Library, Relay for Life, Parmer County Livestock Show, and the Texas State Teachers Association.

She takes good care of her elderly neighbor and fellow teachers, never thinking of herself. She is always thinking of ways to help others.

She is married to Chris, and they have two children, Ashlee and Keith.

Joe Bowens, Jr.

Citizen of the Year

Originally from Alabama, Joe has made Friona his home for over 15 years. He served in the military for 25 years and has proven to be a servant to his country, community and family. He has organized, led, and participated in Veteran's Day celebrations, put together Military care packages to Iraq, helped to organize Safety Day celebrations, and joined in projects such as Habitat for Humanity, the Angel Christmas Tree for area nursing homes, Toys for Tots, and numerous school functions, just to mention a few.

He has a "can-do" attitude and an optimistic, up-beat personality, which gives you no choice but to admire him.

The producers of the TV reality show "The World's Dirtiest Jobs" didn't hear about two jobs that were done in the community this year, or they would have been here to film them. Joe was the key driver behind the cleanup of the cemetery west of Friona, and the cleanup of the Reeve Lake Park area.

He is married to Connie, and they have three children, Kevin, Jasmine, and Dominic. Joe is employed with Cargill Meat Solutions.

Holly Campbell

Woman of the Year

Holly is very active in her church at First Baptist. She is a member of the Friona Chamber of Commerce, the Booster Club, and serves on the Board of Directors Friona Cemetery Association and the Friona Hospital Auxiliary. She has also sponsored many ski trips and other outings for the youth.

She has lived in Friona all of her life and is the first person that many new residents have the pleasure of meeting. She is always quick to point out the good characteristics of Friona, such as the excellent schools, fine churches, and the good business people of Friona. She talks up the good quality of life Friona residents are blessed with.

After the tragic loss of her children, Sarah and Dustin, she has shared her testimony at churches over a wide area and has counseled with other mothers in Friona and the surrounding area, who have lost children. In 2005, she wrote and published her book "Rainbows Through the Storm" which has been distributed throughout the country, and has been an inspiration to an untold number of people.

Holly owns Property Associates and Friona Fitness Center and has served the citizens of Friona to make it an even better place to live.

Her parents are Dale and Laura Hart. She is married to Danny, and they have a son, Stephen.

Ricky Barnett

Man of the Year

Ricky has lived in Parmer County most of his life. He graduated from Friona High School in 1985, where he was involved in basketball, baseball, football, Thespians, and the National Honor Society, to name a few. He then attended and graduated from Texas Tech University with a major in Agricultural Economics. As a loyal Red Raider, he participated in campus clubs and activities. After graduation from Tech, and earning his real estate license, he moved to Dallas and was employed by Remax Realty. Rather than stay in the big city, he chose to return to Friona to farm and raise a family.

He is a member of the Noon Lions, a former Chairman of the Friona Little League, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Friona ISD School Board, was Master of Ceremonies for the Little Miss pageant for several years, serves on the Friona All-School Reunion committee, is the "Voice of the Chieftains" at home football games, and an announcer for the Cancer Walks.

In addition to service in the community, Ricky is past President of the Parmer County Farm Bureau and serves on the Board of Plains Gas Users. He was chosen to participate in the Great Plains Ag Leadership Program, which gave him an opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and call on senators and congressmen. He also traveled to New York City to gain first hand knowledge of the stock exchange.

He is married to Erin, and they have two children, Josh and Kendall.

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John Gurley and Mayor J.B. Douglas



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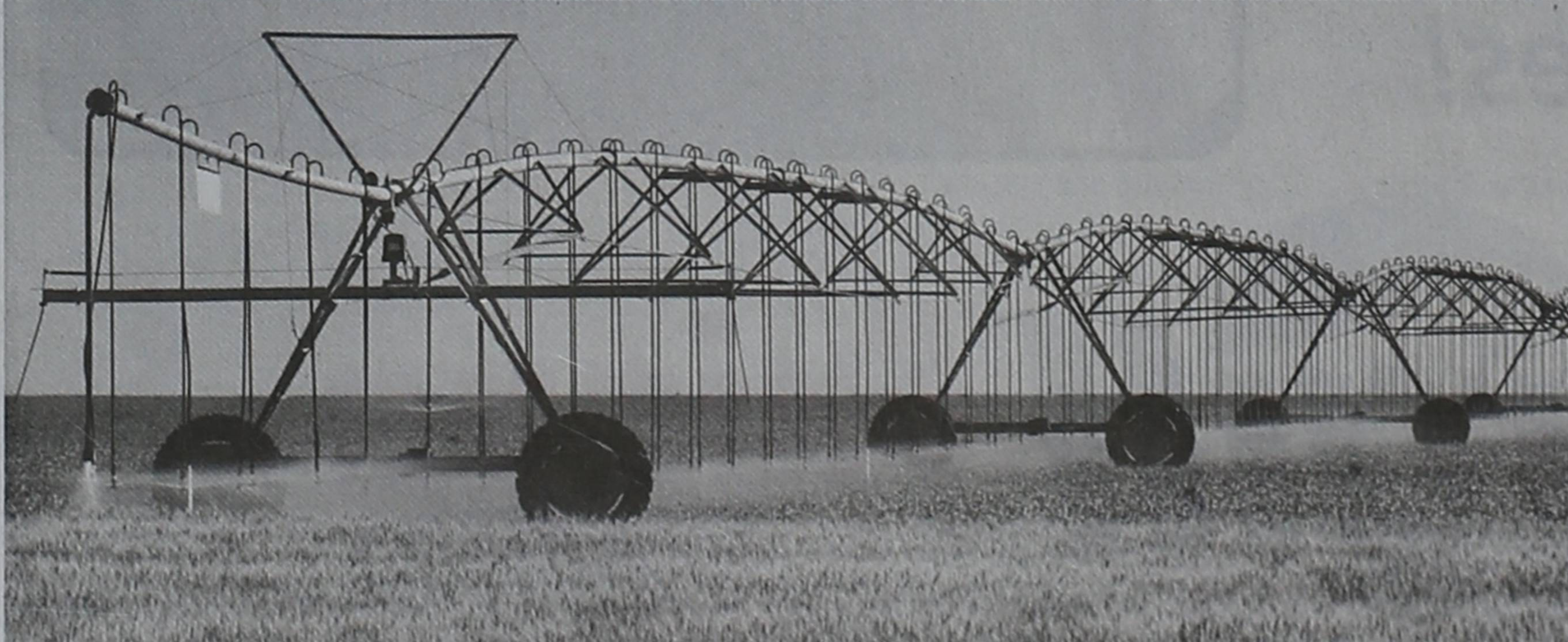
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