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## Senior steak dinner Apr 10

The senior class steak dinner will be Sunday April 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the all-night drug free party held after graduation.

Tickets are \$10/\$8 adults and kids in advance or \$11/\$9 at the door. Tickets are available from any senior and/or their parents. Takeouts will be available. Delivery is also available by contacting Kim Smiley at 806-626-6138.

## Library Friends annual meeting

Sunday April 17 is the date for the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. The event will be at the Redeemer Literacy Center, 1304 Virginia.

As in past years, baskets donated by various businesses and individuals will be raffled. With legislative funding cuts looming, the raffle ticket sales become even more important. Baskets are on display at the library. Tickets are \$1 each.

## Pudge Kendrick golf tournament

The annual H.K. "Pudge" Kendrick golf tournament will be June 25-26, 2011. The field is limited to the first 66 paid teams. The format is two-person scramble. Entry fee is \$235 per team with the club's carts or \$200 with your own cart.

Cash prizes with over \$4,000 added money. Tournament is flighted after Saturday play. A Saturday evening meal included for player and one guest. To enter contact Bobby Sansom at 806-250-3125. Checks payable to HK Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament and mail to Kendrick Oil Co., P.O. Box 788, Friona, Tx 79035, Attn: Larry Johnston.

## April school calendar inside

The Friona ISD school calendar for April is on page six. The calendar is provided courtesy of the school district administration office. April and May will be busy months as the school year comes to an end. We suggest parents and friends clip out the calendar and post it on the refrigerator or bulletin board to keep up with student activities.

## Circus tickets are available

The circus is coming to town Saturday April 9 at the Friona Community Center area. Show times will be 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$9 adult and \$6 kids 2-12 years. On circus day tickets are \$12/\$7.

Tickets are now available at the following businesses: Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Ivy Cottage, Blackburn Hardware, Fast Stop, Ingram's, Prairie Insurance, Hernandez Restaurant, Cargill, Reel Ticket Video, and the Friona Chamber of Commerce office.



ron carr photo

Passing the time at Tuesday's West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting at the Bull Barn in Hereford were Colton Riethmayer, left, and Sloan Osborn. The youngsters entertained themselves with Legos during the business meeting. Their dads Corbin Riethmayer and Ben Osborn are WTRTC board members.

## Hospital holds employee appreciation dinner

Parmer Medical Center had its annual Employee Appreciation Dinner at the Hereford Country Club Friday March 18. Service awards were presented and winners of the hospital's performance improvement contest and the 2010 Broom Award were announced.

Service awards presented were: 5-years to Elvira Salinas, housekeeper and Heidi Eichenauer, Director of Business Development and Human Resources; 10-years to Carla Moser, insurance clerk and Donna Ratke, pharmacist; and 15-years to Glendora Jordan, RN and Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Swing Bed and Regulatory Compliance.

Winners of an eight month contest open to all staff focusing on performance improvement were Teresa Hansard and Amber Bonds. There were 98 submissions over the eight month contest period.

In recognition of outstanding employees for 2010, the hospital used the service excellence theme and awarded two Broom Awards. Honorees were

Dawna Campos and Marci Castillo. The Broom Award follows the hospital's commitment to excellence and was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King who stated, "If a man is called to be a street sweeper he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well'."

The hospital's philosophy is to expect excellence of themselves and to ask the community to hold the hospital to that same standard.

Broom Award recipient Dawna Campos has been an employee since March 2010. She is an admissions clerk and is known to be friendly, kind, considerate, and caring to every patient she comes in contact with. She is eager to learn new jobs and new ways to improve the effectiveness of PMC systems.

Hired in December 2009, Broom Award winner Marci

Castillo, Medical Records Director, is very giving and always ready to help those who need her assistance. She has a supportive spirit and works well with other

departments and staff. She is very willing to share her vast knowledge base with others in attempts to improve PMC systems and processes.

Parmer Medical Center is very proud to recognize these two ladies as stellar employees. Photos of the PMC honorees elsewhere inside this issue



courtesy photo

Receiving the Parmer Medical Center Broom Award for excellence were Marci Castillo, left, and Dawna Campos. See related story for details of the award.

## DPS Amnesty deadline is April 7

The last day to apply for the Driver Responsibility Amnesty Program is approaching quickly. Eligible drivers have until Thursday, April 7 to sign up for the program that will allow them to pay only 10 percent of what they owe up to \$250 and reinstate their suspended driver licenses.

Thus far, only 13 percent of the 713,444 people who are eligible to participate in the DRP amnesty have signed up.

This one-time amnesty program applies to drivers who had a surcharge assessed between Sept. 30, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2008, and are delinquent on those payments. No other amnesties will be offered once the April 7 deadline expires.

Drivers are not required to make a payment when they sign up; however, they must pay off the total reduced amount owed by April 17, 2011, to retain their driving privileges. Failure to pay the reduced

amount in full will result in the reinstatement of the total amount past due and the suspension of driving privileges.

To apply for the amnesty program, see the surcharge website at [www.txsurchargeonline.com](http://www.txsurchargeonline.com) or call 1-877-207-3170. No requests will be accepted in person, by mail, e-mail, or fax.

Once the online or telephone application is approved, the surcharge suspensions will be cleared

on the applicant's driving record within three business days. After the 3rd business day, the applicant can review the reduced amount and begin making the necessary payment of the reduced balance, which must be paid in full by April 17, 2011.

The Driver Responsibility Program, which assesses fees for a variety of driving-related offenses, was passed by the Legislature in 2003, and directed the Department of Public Safety

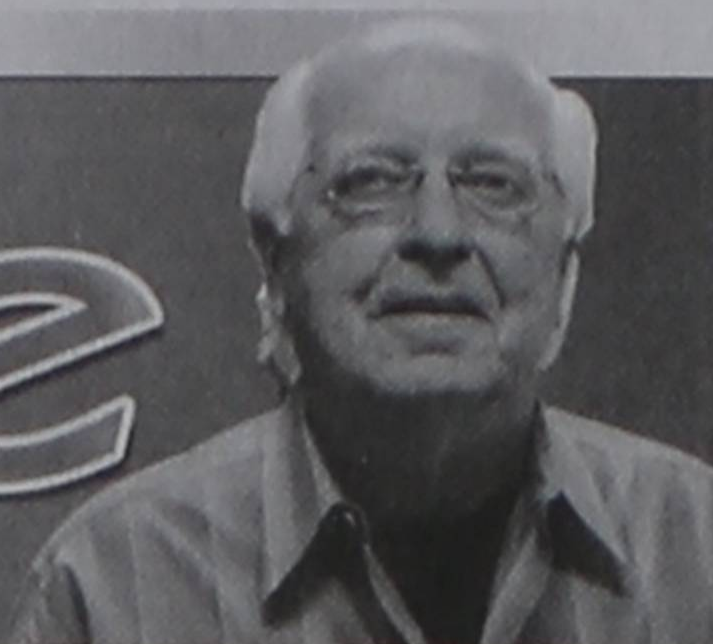
to administer the program.

Traffic offenses that carry an automatic surcharge for three years include DWI-related offenses, no insurance, driving while license suspended, driving without a license and point accumulation. For example, the fee for a first-time DWI offender is \$1,000 per year for three years. The revenue generated by DRP goes to trauma centers, emergency medical services, and the General Revenue Fund.



# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## texas stinks, or so he says

The Advocate is a quarterly magazine published by the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA), a teacher union associated with the National Education Association (NEA).

We receive the magazine as do most newspapers in Texas I presume. I never asked for it or subscribed to it but it comes anyway. It is a magazine devoted to educators. Because it is a teacher union magazine it is obviously biased towards teachers and critical of politicians. Unless of course politicians come across with lots of money, which seems to be the standard answer to better education.

In the most recent issue of The Advocate, TSTA Public Affairs Specialist Clay Robison wrote a rather scathing article about Texas and its treatment of education. He says Texas is a "very difficult, even dangerous, place for millions of people to call home." (Not sure what that has to do with education.)

He says Texas is dead last among the 50 states in the percentage of its population 25 and older with a high school diploma, "which is clearly not the fault of anyone in the education profession" according to Robison. I'll let you judge for yourself. Here is Robison's entire article. You decide if Texas really stinks.

**Grading Texas: Nowhere to go but up**  
By TSTA Public Affairs Specialist Clay Robison  
February 16, 2011

You Texas chauvinists who would rather wave the state flag than face up to reality may not want to read any further because you may be offended. Not that I really care but I am just trying to save you some time.

I (a Texas native, for the record) hope the rest of you have had the opportunity by now to have read or heard something about the state's latest report card. Not the rose-tinted one from the governor's office but the realistic "Texas on the Brink" report released yesterday by the Legislative Study Group.

It is realistic but not pretty. Similar to previous reports that used to be compiled periodically by former state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, the latest report shows Texas at or near the bottom in just about every quality of life category that can be considered good, and leading or near the front of the pack in most categories that are bad or ugly.

For longtime observers of state government, of course, this really isn't much in the way of news. It just reinforces the real-

ity that Texas—despite all the bluster of its political leaders—is a very difficult, even dangerous, place for millions of people to call home.

And this is before all the proposed cuts in education and health care that have been laid out for lawmakers during this legislative session.

Without reciting all the statistics I will note one that should be particularly galling for parents and business people, including some of the governor's top political donors. Texas is 50th—dead last—among the states in the percentage of its population 25 and older with a high school diploma.

This clearly is not the fault of teachers, school administrators, or anyone else in the education profession. This ultimately is the fault of the state's political leaders who, despite tons of rhetoric, have refused to adequately and equitably fund the state's school finance system. And, if the governor and legislative leaders have their way they will retreat even further from that responsibility this session.

Yes, education requires more than money. It also requires dedicated teachers, strong curricula, and administrative efficiency. But dedication does not pay the teachers' bills, build classrooms, buy textbooks, purchase computers, and equip science labs. And efficiency goes only so far.

It is not part of this report but Texas ranks 37th among the states in per-pupil expenditures on public education.

Texas' horrible graduation rate also is directly impacted by some of the other poor statistics on the state's report card, notably the fact that Texas leads the nation in the percentage of children without health insurance and is fourth in the percentage of children living in poverty.

Simple survival—not a high school diploma—is the No. 1 priority of children and families constantly struggling with illness and hunger.

Not so incidentally, Texas ranks 47th among the states in tax expenditures per capita. That may make some short-sighted politicians proud but it is shortchanging millions of their constituents—their taxpaying constituents.

(That's the end of Mr. Robison's rant. Hope you feel better now about teacher unions. I'm told most Friona teachers do not belong to TSTA. See you next week. Ron)

## Lance cooks Italian

BY RON CARR

This recipe for manicotti is on page 43 of the Scrubs & Grubs Cookbook produced by the local medical community. Lots of good suggestions in the book. I reckon you can still buy one at PMC.

This recipe was submitted by Parmer Medical Center administrator Lance Gatlin. I'm not sure if Lance is a cook or whether Belinda handed him the recipe and said, "Here, put this one in the cookbook" as he was rushing out the door.

You'll need to choose a marinara sauce if you don't already have a favorite. Have patience stuffing the pasta shells. It will all be worth it. If not, call Lance.

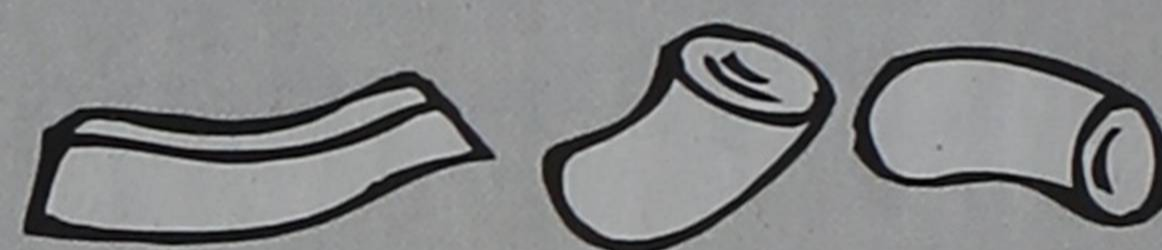
## Manicotti

- 1 box manicotti noodles
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 sm onion diced
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 egg
- 1 lb ricotta cheese
- 1 lb mozzarella cheese grated
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup parmesan cheese (to taste)
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 tsp parsley finely chopped
- salt & pepper to taste
- jar of favorite marinara sauce

Preheat oven to 350. Start large pot of water to boil for shells and follow directions on box. Brown beef, add salt and pepper, then set aside. Saute onions & garlic in butter or extra virgin olive oil. Add onions and garlic mixture to beef, then mix in egg, cheeses, crumbs, parsley, and seasonings.

In 9 x 13 baking dish spread small amount of marinara sauce on bottom of dish. Once shells are cooked and slightly cool, begin stuffing shells with meat/cheese mixture. Place stuffed shells in pan.

Pour remaining marinara sauce over shells to taste. Sprinkle top with shredded mozzarella and parmesan cheese. Bake in oven until cheese is melted and hot through shells.

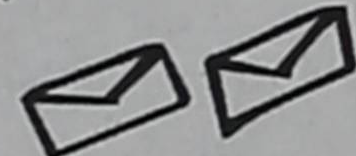


# Letters to the Editor

To the volunteer firefighters who fought the grass fire on highway 2397:

You never think much about volunteer firefighters until the fire is in your backyard. Well, the fire was nearly in our backyard last Saturday night. Larry and I want to publicly say a heartfelt thank you. We give God the glory first and you firefighters second. You will never know how much we appreciate you. We were gathering up our "Important Stuff" just before you put the grassfire out. If you have never been there, that's scary!!! Again, thank you and God bless you.

Larry and Brenda Taylor



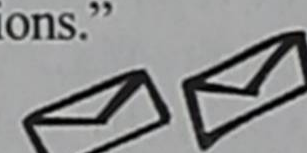
(Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding the National Taxpayers Union Foundation's (NTUF) ranking of the largest and smallest House spending agendas in the 111th Congress. Neugebauer ranked fourth with an agenda to cut \$295.6 billion of government spending, based on the legislation he cosponsored and voted for last Congress.)

"My House spending agenda in the 111th Congress would have cut \$295.6 billion in government spending. Although not all of this legislation was signed into law, we must continue our pursuit to cut the outrageous government spending that has led to a national debt over \$14 trillion.

"I will continue to support legislation that cuts government spending, reins in the over-reaching policies that are putting us deeper in debt, and protects consumers and taxpayers from government-sponsored entities that have been on the government payroll for too long. I hope the totals for the 112th Congress will be numbers twice as large, as the new Republicans continues to cut government spending."

(U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) issued the following statement in response to an AP report that political operatives in the Obama Administration are screening Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests:)

"Citizens have a fundamental right to know what their government is doing and political operatives should not be interfering with legitimate requests by citizens and journalists under the Freedom of Information Act. I am deeply disturbed that Obama Administration political operatives filtered FOIA requests based on the political or professional affiliation of those requesting the transparency guaranteed to our citizens under federal law. And I commend the House panel for doing its job of oversight of the executive branch, and I hope they get to the bottom of these allegations."



I was a hired judge for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament held 3-09-2011 thru 03-12-2011 at the Flower Mound High School in the DFW metroplex. Brent Hinkle, an FHS graduate, was also there since the tournament was using his Joy of Tournaments (named after Joy Morton) software to organize the matchup postings and results.

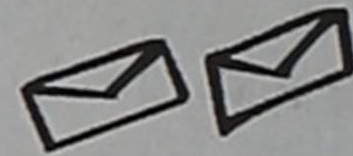
Brent was even able to get me a TFA logo lapel pin that was not given to judges. We got to have lunch together the last day of the tournament. The best part was having distant students from WT's camp recognize me, say hello, tell how good their season had been, and having the TFA VP ask me to attend TFA State 2012 in Amarillo.

Please support our FHS Speech and Drama by attending their events and supporting their fundraisers. I can personally vouch for the pecan cobbler. I wish I had one now.

Zachary J. Zachary

Governor Rick Perry issued the following statement on the House passage of Senate Bill 14, relating to voter identification requirements:

"I commend the Texas House for passing legislation regarding photo ID requirements that are necessary to uphold the integrity of our state's electoral process and ensure our state has the proper protections against voter fraud. This issue is important to Texans, and I look forward to this legislation reaching my desk very soon."



Navigating construction can be difficult, not to mention risky, for both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time. To raise safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration April 4-8 to observe the 12th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week.

Work zones can be hazardous for both motorists and highway crews working to improve Texas' highways. However, because of increased safety measures and public outreach, TxDOT has seen a 35 percent decrease in work zone fatalities in 2009 from the previous year.

While there has been a significant decline in work zone fatalities and crashes, there is still work to do. In 2009, 108 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas. Since 1938, there have been 200 TxDOT employees killed in work zones.

In 2009, the Lubbock District had one work zone fatality and 574 crashes. Four out of five of those killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited.

Safety is TxDOT's first priority, no matter what job—behind the desk or on the highway.

- Slow down and follow posted speed limits.
- Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.
- Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.
- Plan ahead. Leave early to reach your destination.

Drive safe to be safe.  
Doug Eichorst  
District Engineer, P.E., Lubbock District, TxDOT

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

- this Meharg was 1st TX woman secretary of state
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ a pinch"
- LBJ's last words: "\_\_\_ Mike immediately!"
- Culberson Co. peak: "\_\_\_ Capitan"
- picking the first 3 horses at Lone Star Park: \_\_\_fecta
- exceed other donors?
- TXism: "cold as an outhouse \_\_\_ in January"
- proclaiming widely
- TX Ernest Tubb did this "across Texas" in song
- after TX independence, Santa Anna \_\_\_ leg fighting the French
- song by TX gospel singer Kirk Franklin: "Be \_\_\_"
- Houston rock singer: "Meat \_\_\_"
- MLK 17-min. speech: "I Have \_\_\_"
- egg dish
- sign the back of a check
- TX Willie held Farm Aid \_\_\_ in '86
- TX Collin Raye's 1st album
- TXism: "Panhandle \_\_\_" (dust storm)
- TXns call it beer

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ than bark on a tree" (frugal)
- more littered
- TX Roy Orbison tune: "\_\_\_ Wears My Ring"
- medicine amount
- TXism for "friend" (shortened form)
- Cowboys or Texans objective (abbr.)
- spinning object, like a pinwheel: \_\_\_ligig
- Indian tribe of NM or CO cowboyless horses (2 wds.)
- TX Pride's "All I Have to \_\_\_ You (Is Me)" ('69)
- old Houston Oilers league (abbr.)
- \_\_\_ Grande
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- film co. (abbr.)
- ex-Oiler kicker Zendejas (init.)
- TX Tech award given to rancher of year
- poker query: "\_\_\_ out?"
- carpentry clamp
- inheritance settled on heirs in a family
- \_\_\_ off the light
- TXism: "drawing a \_\_\_ on it"
- more plucky
- in Stars game, the neutral \_\_\_ is between blue lines
- Yo-\_-Digo Creek
- Gov. Hogg's daughter
- Encinal FM radio
- Waxahachie is the seat of this county
- tallness measure
- TX sika deer was imported from Southeast \_\_\_
- not common
- TXism: "try your hand \_\_\_ it"
- actor Beatty of "Big Bad John" film with TX Jimmy Dean
- Houston suburb: Bell \_\_\_
- Stetsons
- frighten away birds
- price of ticket on TX-based Southwest Airlines
- 1st Spanish mission in TX: "San Francisco \_\_\_ Tejas"
- TXism: "let '\_\_\_ rip!"

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## Town Talk II

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Congratulations to Chieftain Nick Ortiz for being named to the Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread Class 3A-2A basketball team. The 5-11 senior hit 132 3-pointers and averaged 18.6 points and 3 rebounds per game in a tough District 2-2A. The Chieftains were 19-13 overall.

Ron Smiley was hospitalized in Amarillo over the weekend with heart concerns. He was scheduled to have a heart cath Monday afternoon and be back home by Wednesday if all went well. Ron has had several heart bypasses and stents over the years. We wish him speedy recovery.

I attended the Evening Lions Club meeting last Thursday to hear Cal-Maine Foods general manager Michael Gibson talk about the egg farm near Farwell. Canna Ray caters the meals for the Evening Lions, another good reason to attend the meeting. The Cal-Maine plant houses 1.7 million laying hens producing one-million eggs per day. In addition they maintain about 375,000 replacement pullets. The plant has 95 employees. They ship 21,000 cases of eggs per week. Each case contains 30 dozen eggs.

Last year the Cal-Maine nationwide company sold 205 million dozen eggs. Some impressive numbers and a fine asset for Parmer County.

At the high school baseball field some of the dads always stand on the ground near the east end of the home bleachers. Finally one of the dads, Chuck Teague, built a "hitching post" type rail out of pipe so at least the restless dads have something to lean against now when the old back gets tired from standing. Novel idea. See photo this page.

News from Monday's county commissioner meeting. They approved a new Sheriff department vehicle. Also are advertising for a custodian to clean the courthouse and detention center. (See the classified ad in today's paper). Due to budget cuts the extension office is now planning to charge for 4-H enrollment and any classes that offer CEUs.

I attended the senior class banquet at St. Teresa's Catholic Church Monday evening. Great Mexican food and the seniors were having fun playing musical chairs for prizes when I left. Next banquet

is Monday April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the 6th St. Church of Christ. The Class of 2011 will have 70 graduates at the May 27 commencement. Superintendent Kenny Austin said the next class in 2012 will have over 90 grads.

The TV coverage of the rebels in Libya show them often just firing their guns up in the air in celebration of something. Shouldn't they be saving their ammunition to kill people with? Wouldn't they think they have an endless supply of bullets.

The 6th St. Church of Christ hotline (250-3495) reported Tuesday the passing of Kenneth Hall. He had been battling cancer I believe. Also Tom Jarboe may be facing surgery for his broken arm and John Renner is recovering from pneumonia. Remember all these folks.

District Attorney Kathryn Gurley made a quick trip to Austin to speak with Representative Warren Chisum and Senator Kel Seliger about budget concerns that affect the 287th Judicial District.

Chisum took time Monday morning to meet with Kathryn to discuss the current House budget recommenda-

tions affecting prosecutors and agreed to file a bill to have the office of the 287th Judicial District Attorney included under the Professional Prosecutor's Act.

Seliger met with her in the afternoon and they discussed budgetary concerns. She said he was very receptive to the needs of rural prosecutors. Kathryn said the Capitol was a very busy place and it was apparent there is a lot of pressure on elected officials about decisions to be made this session. She said she was impressed with the attention and response she received from our elected officials.

A love fund has been established at First National Bank-Friona Banking Center to assist Larry Williams and family with medical expens-

es. Larry has been in a Lubbock hospital battling cancer. He returned home Friday after chemo treatments but must return to Lubbock daily for 5 weeks of radiation treatment. If able he will travel back and forth for radiation but arrangements have been made to stay in Lubbock for the treatments if necessary. Your assistance and thoughts and prayers will be needed.

I'll be traveling down state to Georgetown this weekend. My son Zac will perform in his final theater production at Southwestern University before he graduates on May 7. In the last four years Zac, a theater major, has performed in at least three productions per year while studying other subjects such as Hinduism and calculus. He spent two

summers at a theater workshop in Bulgaria. It all started way back during summer drama workshops here in Friona and continued through high school and now college. I fear reality is approaching.

At the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op annual meeting I received a gadget that measures rain and temperature and it is not digital. Imagine that. The rain gauge has a thermometer attached where the red mercury (I guess its mercury) goes up and down on a temp scale. Not sure I'll be able to read it but sure brings back memories. Keep us posted on news of local interest. We are easy to find. Thanks for reading the Star. See you next week. Until then!



ron carr photo  
Chuck Teague, l-r, Mark Sundre, and Chris Morrow try out the new "leaning rail" that Chuck installed at the baseball field for restless dads to lean against during Chieftain games. Some dads just do not like to sit still in the stands.

## Farmers and your affordable food

BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK

Visits to the grocery store have many Americans wondering about the price of food these days. We all know food prices are up a bit, but the reasons why are not simple.

Americans are fortunate to have a safe, abundant supply of food. But as food travels from

the farm to our tables, the price we pay is influenced by a number of factors along the way.

Energy costs are up, not only gas for our cars and trucks, but for tractors, combines, semis, ships, trains and cranes—all of the vehicles that help get food from the farm to our tables.

Refrigeration, packaging, processing and marketing also contribute to the final food cost in a grocery store or restaurant. Meanwhile, costs for fertilizer, animal feed, and equipment are up for family farmers and ranchers across the country. Floods, drought and political instability in foreign nations have also impacted prices.

In fact, estimates show that out of every dollar a consumer spends on food, less than 16 cents goes to a farm or agricultural business. So while many farmers have weathered the recession and are earning strong incomes, not all farm families are doing as well as they might. Small and mid-sized operations in particular continue to struggle.

And today, in spite of the many factors affecting food prices, farmers and ranchers are working hard to keep food affordable for consumers—for their neighbors, family and friends, and all of us who depend on their work.

Thankfully, U.S. farmers are the most productive in the world. They have embraced science and new farming technologies to produce about twice as much per acre as they did 50 years ago.

This record productivity has helped keep food affordable for American families. The average American household spends between six and seven percent of its income on food, while residents of nearly every other country in the world pay substantially more.

History shows that food prices will rise and will fall. As we weather this period of price fluctuation together, know that America's farmers are working every day to provide your family with the highest quality, most affordable food anywhere in the world.



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**John:** My name is John Doe and I've had a savings account with Friona State Bank for many years. How can I earn more interest?

**Shirley:** Mr Doe, with the interest rates such as they are, I understand that we need to earn every penny that we can. May I suggest a Certificate of Deposit? A CD would pay you more in interest and our rates are very competitive with other financial institutions.

**John:** Yes that sounds like what I need. Can you tell me more about a Certificate of Deposit?

**Shirley:** A Certificate of Deposit has a term that you will keep, such as 3 months, 6 months, one year, etc. At the end of the term, you may let the CD roll over to another term, deposit some or all of the CD or withdraw some or all of it. A CD is a very safe and secure way of saving your money at the best rates around.

We at Friona State Bank invite you to stop by and ask Shirley about investing your money in a Certificate of Deposit, because we want to be your bank.



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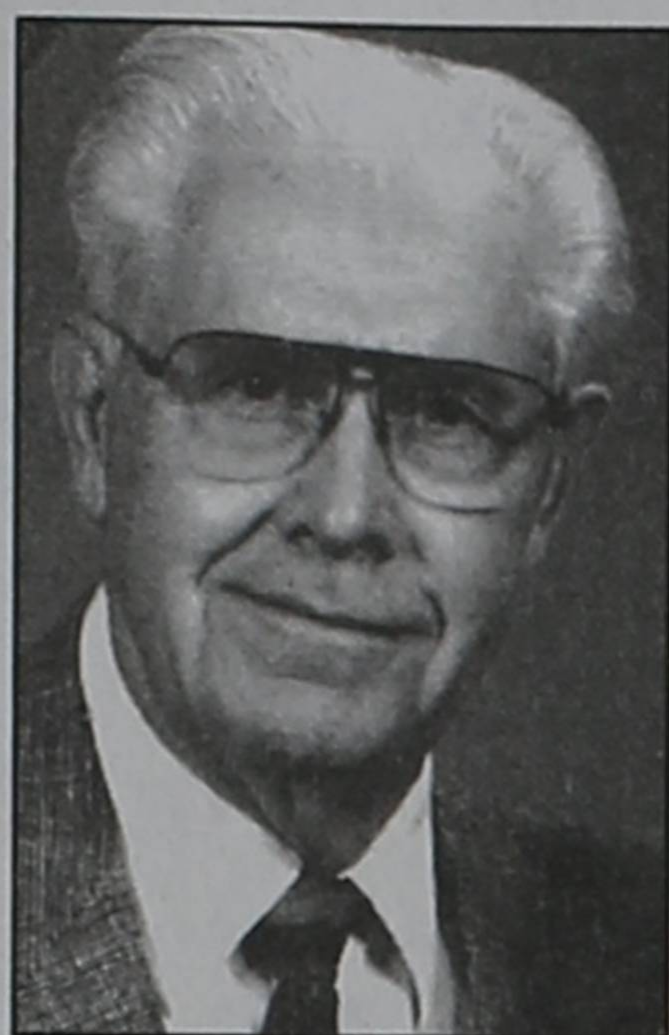




## OBITUARIES

### Loyd Arvil Shackelford

Loyd Arvil Shackelford, 90, of Austin, formerly of Friona, died March 23, 2011 in Austin. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011, at the Friona Cemetery, with Jeff Proctor, Minister of the 6th St. Church of Christ, in Friona, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



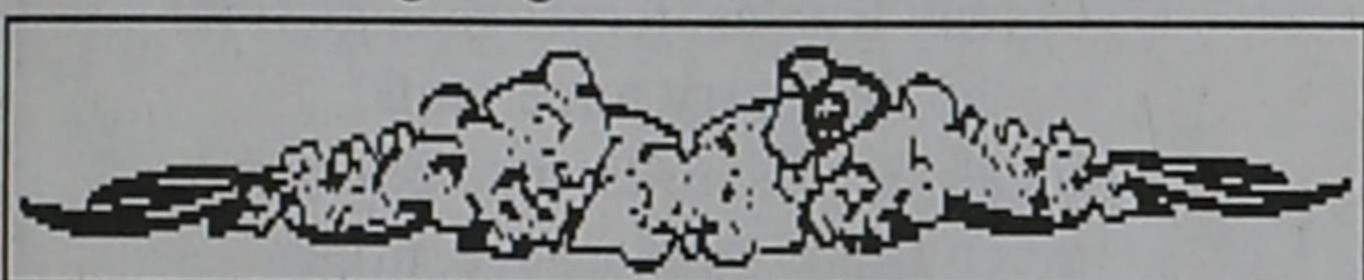
Loyd Shackelford

Mr. Shackelford was born June 25, 1920, in Plainview, Texas, to Otis Arvil and Florence Tennessee Pounders Shackelford.

He served the United States Navy in the South Pacific during WWII. He married Georgia Louise Tipton on June 8, 1945 in Amarillo. He was a jeweler, a longtime Doctor of Dentistry, with his first offices being in the Parmer County Hospital, he was voted Friona Man of the Year in 1967, was instrumental in getting the meat packing plant in Friona, and was a member of the 6th St. Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Gary in 1999; and his wife, Georgia in 2007.

Survivors include one son, Mark Shackelford of Austin; one daughter, Donna Simpson of Clovis, New Mexico; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



### Kenneth Hall

Church services for Kenneth Hall, 76, of Friona, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Leon Talley of Friona, and Jeff Proctor, Minister, officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Hall died on Monday, March 28, 2011. He was born on March 17, 1935, to Luther and Essie (Wilcoxon) Hall, in Needmore, Texas. He married Beverly Arnold in Needmore on May 29, 1954. He was a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, and a lifetime resident of Parmer County, where he farmed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a grandson, David Stewart.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly of the home; one son, Kevin Hall of Friona; one daughter, Karla Stewart of Bulverde, Texas; three sisters, Mary Beavers of Lubbock, Glenda Dale of Muleshoe, and Mona Sharrock of Friona; one brother, James Hall of Ft. Worth, Texas; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to your favorite charity.



### Olton ladies spring luncheon April 14

The Olton Chamber of Commerce invites all area ladies to join them for the annual Ladies Spring Luncheon at the Wild Plum Inn in Olton from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday April 14. The Wild Plum is located at 708 Main St.

A spokesperson said, "We want to invite all area ladies to be our guests and enjoy a wonderful meal plus a style show of spring fashions from Olton's two dress shops, Bizzell's and The Mini Mall. Door prizes will be given.

Limited seats are available. To RSVP call the Olton Chamber office at 806-285-2292 on Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If no answer leave your name and number.

### Martha Ann Ivie

Graveside services for Martha Ann Ivie, 74, of Roanoke, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in the Friona Cemetery, with Rodney Thomas of Lubbock, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. Mrs. Ivie died on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Ethicus Hospital in Grapevine.



Martha Ivie

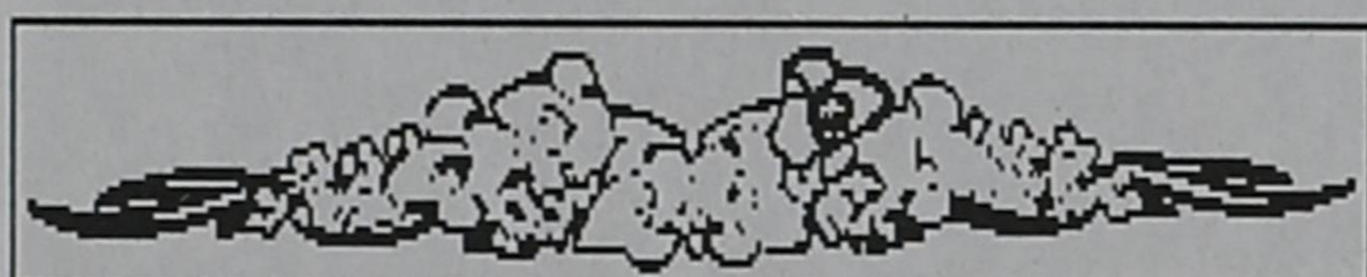
She was born October 20, 1936 in Lubbock, to Jack V. and Gleecey Woodruff Hayslip.

She was a 1955 graduate of Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech. She married Calvin Ivie on July 6, 1957 in Lubbock. She lived in Lubbock, Irving, and Roanoke. She worked in Section 8 of the low income housing for HUD for over 25 years. She was a member of the Roanoke Church of Christ. She was a very giving, generous, and loving individual, who loved to shop so she could give it to others.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christy Ivie; four brothers, Hyle, Jack, Billy and Maxie Hayslip; and three sisters, Jerneice Long, Hiawatha Stanley and Betty Rackler.

Survivors include her children, Shawn N. Ivie, Blaine M. Ivie, Stasia A. Ivie, and Rance R. Ivie and wife Karen; a brother-in-law, J.T. Rackler of Levelland; nieces, Debra Ann Land of Levelland, Michelle Thomas and husband Rodney, Jana Dimmick and husband Kevin of Lubbock, Shirley Stewart, Rebecca Burk, Brenda Buck and husband Mackie of Shallowater, and Debra Gann of Frisco, and Mackie's children, Mark, Kathy, John David, Karen, and Lisa; and nephews, Bobby Wayne Rackler and wife Norma, Larry Don Rackler of Levelland, Mike Long, Brad Long, and Jackie Hayslip of Houston.

The family requests memorials in the form of contributions to The Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Rd., Lubbock, TX 79403.



### Blinded by good intentions

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Being blinded by good intentions is the result of desiring to do good, and even great things, for the Lord, yet proceeding to carry that desire out in a way that violates God's Word or His Will. Have you ever done that? For example, in 2 Samuel 6, David sought to set the Ark of the Covenant into a rightful place where it could serve as the hub of Jewish worship.

This is a good thing that David is looking to do, but this first attempt is disastrous, even deadly because they failed to heed the Lord's Word in regards to moving the Ark. The three big problems are that David forgot to inquire of God in regards to this move, they placed the ark on a cart instead of having the priests carry it, and Uzzah touched the Ark, so he died.

Doing the right thing the wrong way is still wrong. When our wild hares and good intentions incite us to do great things, take your

**Thank You**  
We wish to express our thanks for the many acts of kindness, prayers, cards, and words of encouragement in the loss of our daughter, **Tarissa Rajon Thorn.**  
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**Garvin, Janette, Tray, & Triston Thorn and Family**

### Panhandle Parables

#### Satisfied

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

It must be a natural thing to not be satisfied. We have all heard the phrase about the "grass being greener on the other side". Well, I have known a horse or two that sure thought this phrase was true. They would stand in tall grass and stick their heads through the fence for that little three-leaved clump of grass that was hardly worth the effort.

Why bend the fence? Is it a need to test their boundaries? This is not an exclusive problem to horses. Cattle do plenty of fence-bending as well. A bull will leave a pasture full of cows to go to the neighbor's farm where there are only two cows. Why? I can't say that I sit and ponder this mystery for any real length of time, but it does strike my curiosity.

People do the same thing and although there are explanations, I still do not always understand. Is our appetite so large that we need more than what we have, when what we have is more than we need? We have somehow forgotten all is God given. Why do so many lack peace in their lives? They are too busy looking through the fence and not spending enough time enjoying the pasture.

Many have traded their own future for a three-leaved clump of grass that wasn't worth the effort, while standing in the bounty of the kingdom of God. Is all that God offers you enough? From the air you breathe into your mortal lungs to the salvation He has provided for your eternal soul, is it enough? The realization of this one answer could lead you to the real understanding of what it means to be satisfied.

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## Track results from Abernathy Antelope relays

The Friona varsity boys and girls and the junior varsity boys participated in the Abernathy meet Friday March 25. The teams will compete in the Littlefield Wildcat Relays Friday April 1. Events start at 2:30 p.m. Here are the Abernathy results:

**VARSITY BOYS:** 100m 2nd Marco Terrones 11.20; 200m 3rd Zack Fair 24.16; 800m 6th Paden Henry 2:23.54; 1600m 3rd Connor Woods 5:03.66; 3200m 2nd Connor Woods 11:27. 110m hurdles 1st Ryan DeWit 16.82, 3rd Michael Ortiz 18.13; 300m hurdles 1st Ryan DeWit 42.65, 2nd Michael Ortiz 44.13, 4th Sawyer Osborn 44.77.

400m relay 1st Dominique Kellum, Marco Terrones, Jose Rivera, Ernesto Monreal 44.34; 800m relay 1st Jose Rivera, Marco Terrones, Dominique Kellum, Ernesto Monreal 1:34.06 (new school record); 1600m relay 2nd Richard Rodriguez, Michael Ortiz, Eddie Garcia, Ryan DeWit 3:45.08.

Triple jump 2nd Zack Fair 42'11-3/4", 6th Sawyer Osborn

## Basketball all-district

Chieftain senior Nick Ortiz was named to the 2-2A all-district team. Ryan DeWit and Brenner Barnett received honorable mention all-district. Ortiz was also named to the regional all-district team, the Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread 2A-2A team and will participate in the Golden Spread All-Star tournament to be held in Amarillo in April.

## State powerlift results

Coach Jimmy Arias said the boys and girls powerlifters had a great year. Duncan Welch finished 6th at the state meet in Odessa. Clayton Smiley squatted 580 pounds and benched 345 pounds but did not score in the dead lift.

## Hole-in-one at Friona golf club

Friona golf club pro Bobby Sansom has reported that Friona high school student Stephen Albarado made a hole-in-one Sunday March 27. He made the ace on the 7th hole at 147 yards using a 7-iron. Witnesses were Patrick Albarado and Dollie Lookingbill.

37'5-1/4"; high jump 2nd Ryan DeWit 5'10", 3rd Michael Ortiz 5'8"; pole vault 3rd Dillon Kelley 12'; discus 6th Kolton Lucas 115'9"; shot put 6th Kolton Lucas 43'9".

Coach Victor Soliz comments: "The team placed 2nd overall with 154 points, 17 behind champion Plains. Many individuals improved their times and marks. The 800 meter relay beat the school record they set earlier in the year at the Plains meet. Ryan DeWit and Michael Ortiz performed well for the chieftains scoring 33 points and 25 points respectively.

**VARSITY GIRLS:** 200m 6th Yari Alvilez 28.49; 800m 4th Katie Osborn 2:42.69; 1600m 2nd Sajal Patel 6:27.75; 3200m 1st Katie Osborn 14:13.25, 3rd Chantelle Pruitt 14:58; 300m hurdles 2nd Regan Anthony 49.18, 4th Kalley Preston 51.85.

400m relay 2nd Regan Anthony, Laci Austin, Kalley Preston, Rachel Dickson 51.84; 800m relay 2nd Estibali Hernandez, Laci Austin, Erika Chavez, Yari Avilez 1:55.98; 1600m relay 1st Kalley Preston, Regan Anthony, Rachel Dickson, Erika Chavez 4:21.59.

High jump tied for 3rd Regan Anthony 4'10"; long jump 5th Kalley Preston 14'4-3/4"; triple jump 5th Laci Austin 29'11-1/2"; shot put 1st Kailay Lucas 33'9-1/2", 4th Adilene Adame 30'2-3/4", 5th Nohely Juarez 30'1-3/4"; discus 4th Julie Wiseman 94'2", 5th Adilene Adame 89'3".

**JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS:** 110m hurdles 5th Skyler Harris 21.15; 300m hurdles 5th Skyler Harris 52.03; 1600m 3rd Armando Flores 5:43.99; 3200m 2nd Armando Flores 12:15; 400m relay 2nd Brad Stowers, Michael Garcia, Andy Ortiz, Jesus Sanchez 47.83; 800m relay 4th Brad Stowers, Andy Ortiz, Jesus Sanchez, Abel Palacios 1:43.40; 1600m relay 5th Brian Garcia, Jesse Cumpian, Abel Palacios, Brad Stowers 4:10.44.

High jump 3rd Brad Stowers 5'6"; long jump 2nd Jesus Sanchez 18'2-1/2"; triple jump 3rd Jesus Sanchez 36'10-3/4", 6th Andy Ortiz 16'4"; pole vault 3rd Tuffy Henry 9'; discus 4th Daniel Meza 95'1".

JV notes from Coach Soliz: Team finished 4th with 75 points. Team works hard and some individuals had a good day at Abernathy. Jesus Sanchez and Armando Flores scored 20 and 14 points respectively and Brad Stowers had 13 points for the JV track team.

## Environmental Tip

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#### Tip of the Week:

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## SCHOOL MENU

### April 4 - April 8

#### Monday, April 4

- B) Cereal, fritatas, toast, sausage link, apple cherry juice, milk
- L) Steak fingers, rolls, mac & cheese, green beans, applesauce, milk

#### Tuesday, April 5

- B) Cereal, pancake & sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk
- L) Chicken nuggets, rolls, yummy potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, milk

#### Wednesday, April 6

- B) Cereal, biscuit & sausage assorted juice, milk
- L) Tacos, ranch style beans, Mexican rice, cup cake, milk

#### Thursday, April 7

- B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, graham crackers, fruit blend, milk
- L) Popcorn chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes, mixed veggie California, green gelatin, milk

#### Friday, April 8

- B) Cereal, bean burritos, orange pineapple juice, milk
- L) Cheese pizza, fresh veggie dippers, valentine pasta, canned fruit salad, milk

B) Breakfast

L) Lunch

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## Friona School Calendar for April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 -HS Track @ Littlefield -HS Tennis @ Amarillo -1 <sup>st</sup> Grade to the Discovery Center	2 -HS Baseball @ Lubbock Roosevelt 12:00 -HS Tennis @ Amarillo
3	4 -Girls Golf @ Tulia -Boys Golf @ Dimmitt -Senior Banquet @ 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Church of Christ -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math	5 -HS Baseball @ Littlefield 5:00 -Area OAP @ WTAMU -UIL Concert & Sight Reading @ Amarillo -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Reading -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Reading	6 -District Tennis @ Plainview -TTU Area Judging Contest -UIL Concert & Sight Reading @ Amarillo -Elementary Wellness Wednesday	7 -District Tennis @ Plainview -2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program 2:00 & 7:00	8 -District Track @ Abernathy -Elementary 200 Club Field Trip	9 -HS Baseball vs. Dimmitt 12:00 (H) -JH District Track @ Abernathy
10 -Senior Steak Dinner	11 -Girls Golf @ Muleshoe -Boys Golf @ Friona -Senior Banquet @ First Baptist Church	12 -HS Baseball @ Abernathy 5:00 -JH Lifetouch Student Portraits	13 -English III EOC -HS Tux Fitting 8:00	14 -State FCCLA	15 -5 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Ends -State FCCLA -Regional Academics & OAP @ Odessa -Regional Woodworking -Elementary DEAR Day -Early Childhood Screening	16 -HS Baseball vs. Muleshoe 12:00 (H) -State FCCLA -Regional Academics & OAP @ Odessa -Regional Woodworking
17	18 -6 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Begins -JV Baseball @ Idalou 4:30 -Regional Golf @ Odessa -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Preregistration -Kindergarten Early Registration	19 -Regional Golf @ Odessa -Varsity Baseball @ Idalou 4:30 -Kindergarten Early Registration -1/2 of Kindergarten to Amarillo Botanical Gardens	20 -Report Cards -Regional Tennis @ Odessa -Kindergarten Early Registration	21 -Regional Tennis @ Odessa -Elementary Awards Assembly -Kindergarten Early Registration -1/2 of Kindergarten to Amarillo Botanical Gardens	22 -Bad Weather Day/ No School-see District Calendar for explanation -HS Baseball vs. Floydada 12:00 (H) -Track Regional Qualifier (TBA) -Kindergarten Early Registration	23 -HS Baseball vs. Floydada 12:00 (H)
24	25 -Senior Banquet @ Friona Methodist Church -6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math -PreK/Headstart Early Registration	26 -6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Science -3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Math -PreK/Headstart Early Registration	27 -State Tennis @ Austin -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Social Studies -3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Reading -2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade to the Discovery Center -PreK/Headstart Early Registration	28 -State Tennis @ Austin -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade TAKS Science -PreK/Headstart Early Registration	29 -Elementary AR Swimming Party -PreK/Headstart Early Registration	30 -HS Prom



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# Julie Wiseman is DAR Good Citizens honoree

The Los Ciboleros Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to announce Julie Michelle Wiseman as the 2010-2011 DAR Good Citizens honoree. The daughter of Mitchell and Johnnie Wiseman, Julie is a senior at Friona High School.

Julie demonstrates the qualities of a good citizen by living a Christian life and by honoring God, home, and country. Her list of accomplishments is distinguished. She was a choir state qualifier two years and placed third in Team Division for Current Events in UIL. She is a state qualifier in FCCLA and LifeSmarts.

She participates in volley-



**Julie Michelle Wiseman  
2010-2011  
DAR Good Citizen**

ball and is a district and regional qualifier in track. She is a member of the National Honor Society and National English Honor Society and

was chosen as a student of the month at FHS.

Julie serves her community by being active in youth group at First Baptist Church. She helps with Bible School and with the Clothes Closet and Faith City Mission in Amarillo. Julie knows the importance of water conservation and shares her knowledge of playa lakes with local fifth graders. In her spare time she helped clean, paint, and fix up the Friona Historical Museum.

She plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall. The annual DAR Honors Tea will be held April 17, 2011, at 2 p.m. in the Herford Senior Citizens auditorium at 426 Ranger.

## Lions Club News



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The Friona Evening Lions Club met Thursday March 24 and welcomed Cal-Maine Foods general manager Michael Gibson, center, as guest speaker. Left is County Judge Trey Ellis and right is Mayor J.B. Douglas. The Cal-Maine egg farm near Farwell has 1.7 million laying hens and one-million eggs per day. The plant has 95 employees.

### 'Re-Born to the Land' conference in Amarillo

BY STEVE BYRNS

Essential natural resource knowledge for new West Texas landowners and managers will be the focus of an educational series to be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service on different dates in May at different locations.

Re-Born to the Land conferences will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Amarillo on May 18 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

"The Re-Born to the Land conferences are aimed at helping new landowners and managers be good stewards of their property," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo.

Cearley said participants will learn a broad array of land management concepts and strategies that will enhance their skills and ensure the future integrity of the land they own or manage. He said the programs will start with a presentation defining and characterizing the Re-Born to the Land demographic phenomenon.

Cearley said these landowners have little or no agricultural background, but do have a love for the land. Most had some connection to country life previously in their lifetime and now have the opportunity to return to the land.

Additional topics will include region-relevant presentations on managing wildlife, range and livestock; real-world economics and ranching; current and emerging GIS technology for land management; ranching diversification for habitat, rangeland improvement and ranch profitability; and various assistance resources available to land managers.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available, one in the integrated pest management category and one in the laws and regulations category.

Register online at <https://agrilifevents.tamu.edu> and click on keyword search "Landowner" or call Conference Services at 806-845-2604. Individual registration is \$75 until May 6 and \$90 thereafter. For more information, contact Cearley at 806-677-5600.



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WTRTC members enjoyed a meal catered by Rafter G at Tuesday's Annual meeting.

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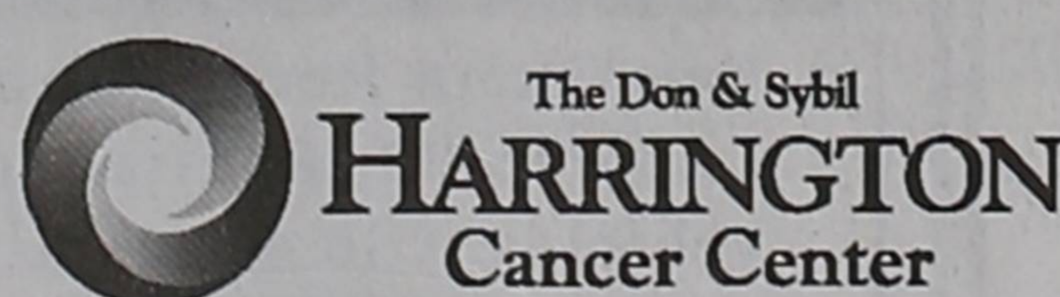
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# Water wars: comments due by April 1

## Producers sound off on water restrictions

BY JIM STIERT

Benjamin Franklin's remark about not appreciating the value of water until the well runs dry was easy to call to mind during the first of a series of public meetings March 23, in Hereford, on draft rules proposed for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's 16-county service area.

In a move to achieve the district's desired future condition of "50/50"—having 50 percent of the January 1, 2010 saturated thickness of the Ogallala aquifer available for use on January 1, 2060, the district has proposed draft rules that could limit pumping to 1.25 acre feet (15 acre inches) per year and require metering of water wells within its boundaries, among other regulations.

Those proposals prompted groundwater "have nots," those in areas with aquifer levels already severely depleted, to call for quick action by the district to conserve remaining groundwater in their comments Tuesday.

On the other hand, water "haves," with land and wells in areas of high depletion, but high saturated thickness remaining, called for the water district to slow down and provide economic impact data before implementing any restrictions on pumping.

"Having a short time frame for these meetings gets us a crowd out, far larger crowds than we've experienced, and we're getting your input. Being good stewards is the right thing to do for future generations and prolonging the viability of the agriculture economy in the High Plains region. In 2005, Texas law was revised, requiring us to establish Desired Future Conditions, and we're working to achieve that. Our proposed rules are only for the Ogallala aquifer at this time. The same procedure will be forthcoming for the Santa Rosa aquifer at a later date," explained Jim Conkwright, former Deaf Smith County rancher and farmer and manager of the High Plains UWCD.

Craig Solomon, of northern Deaf Smith County, compared the issue to a popular oil filter commercial of a few years ago.

"We can pay now, or we can pay later, but we're going to have to start paying toward water conservation if we're to pass anything on to the future. Even in marginal water areas there's high water use. We've got to start controlling abuse of the natural resource," Solomon said.

Andrew Gee, who farms in Deaf Smith and Castro counties, expressed concern that much of the land he farms will be designated as located in "high decline" areas.

"The high decline areas may be under-represented. The rest of the area is not going to be as impacted by pumping restrictions as the high decline areas. I think there might need to be a vote by folks in the high decline areas as to who would agree to compliance and who wouldn't," said Gee.

Robert Meyer, a Deaf Smith County farmer and president of the High Plains UWCD board, responded to Gee.

"The board has taken pains to be as fair as we can on these proposals and to set rules over the whole district. The rules are to be the same for everyone. We've come to you, to get your input from the high decline areas. We want to keep the keys to the water future in our own hands and not have that future taken away from us. We feel we have to do something," said Meyer.

Tony Beauchamp, representing a group of farmers from Parmer and Bailey counties, urged applying the brakes to the draft rules process.

"It's important that the rules are fair and reasonable. I think the district should slow down and develop good rules, and consider the intended and unintended consequences. All of the rules should be equal across the district. There are not enough district observation wells to be accurate across all of the farms involved. I believe an allowed pumping amount across all of the district with two years of mandatory usage metering and reporting would be better. Slow down and allow us to learn how to apply the requirements before regulation," he said.

Veteran Deaf Smith/Castro County farmer and long time irrigation pumping record keeper Charles Schlabs said water rationing is already a fact of life.

"Anyone who irrigates knows that it's happening—nature is taking care of that as the aquifer declines. We may not like proposed regulations, but if we let the courts decide, then everyone will be dissatisfied. I think being able to bank some of the water is a good idea. If we put on 15 acre inches in a season and need two more inches to finish a good crop but can't because of restrictions, then lose the crop, that's not efficient water use at all.

Brent Carlson, who farms in the Milo Center area of Deaf Smith County, also commented on "banking" water.

"We've been banking water in this area since before I was born. We are in a water "have" and "have not" situation now—is it my fault I didn't get mine and the neighbors did? We're borrowing from tomorrow for today now—where are we all the day after tomorrow? I don't want to pit one water faction against the other. All farmers are producing more corn yield each year on less water. I'm trying to look out for the family down the years. I'm not good at the math and trigonometry of this deal, but I'm darn good at turning a squeeze valve and watching the bubbles float through a sight gauge. We need to get together and make sure we're not abusing what was given to us."

Steve Hoffman who farms north of Hereford expressed his belief that conserving water isn't a death sentence for agriculture.

"Humans waste what is abundant. It would be nice to have water around for our kids and grandkids to use. I haven't seen an income decline because I'm using less water with conservation measures. In fact, in some cases the conservation farmer is subsidizing the high user."

Sabrina Leven of Enviro-Ag of Amarillo, who has worked with water districts on the North Plains, suggested that the High Plains gradually implement tighter pumping restrictions, such as allowing 1.75 acre feet in 2012, 1.5 in 2013, and 1.25 by 2014, to give farmers time to adjust to new rules and to avoid "economic devastation".

Upon questioning by several audience members, Conkwright assured farmers that cities will be treated the same as agriculture in regulations.

"Currently, small cities can use small areas, but in the future, they'll have to acquire more acres to satisfy production levels with the amount of land. All new city wells in the future will have to comply with district rules, just like everyone else."

Conkwright concluded the session with remarks to the gathered farmers.

"We know how heavy this issue is. We've got to spread this out to survive in the future. We'll go over what we hear in all of these meetings and in written comments and address things in the rules. We'll absorb the input and come back to the public at a future date for two more hearings in the north and south ends of the district."

Written comments may be mailed to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499, through April 1.

## Future conditions for the Ogallala

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 held five public meetings, from March 23-25, in Hereford, Littlefield, Dimmitt, Lubbock and Plainview.

The purpose of the public meetings was to present initial draft rules amendments designed to achieve the district's desired future conditions for the Ogallala Aquifer and to receive public comment on the draft rules.

"Participation throughout the District was outstanding and we received many constructive ideas. I look forward to working with the other Board members and constituents in the District as we move forward in this process," said Robert Meyer, Board President of the District.

The District received many valuable comments from a variety of water users in the District and will consider the comments received in developing its final rules amendments.

Some of the comments received during these public meetings relate to and include, but are not limited to the following: the timeline for implementing the process, moratorium on wells in high decline areas, reduction in allowable production rates, a phased-in approach to allowable production rates, and consideration of a "water banking" process.

The District asks for written comments to be submitted by April 1, 2011 in order for those comments to be considered in the next phase of the rulemaking process.

## Water regs impact people, not just water

The process of drafting new water use restrictions must consider the lives of people as well as the water in the aquifer, David Gibson, executive vice president of the Corn Producers association of Texas, said Thursday at a public meeting on proposed water regulations.

"If this process is only about water, with no consideration for people, then something has gone tragically wrong with our system of government," Gibson said.

The meeting in Lubbock was one of five public meetings held by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1 to hear comments on draft regulations approved by the district board on February 22.

"These draft rules have the potential to diminish economic activity, eliminate jobs, reduce land values, affect loan repayments, reduce revenue to school districts, cities and counties and crush prospering farms that hardworking families have worked for generations to build.

Gibson requested that the board delay final adoption of the

rules to allow time for affected individuals, businesses and communities to work with the board on modifications to the draft.

"Agricultural producers recognize that something must be done to conserve water and slow the decline of the Ogallala Aquifer. We realize the time has come and we are ready and willing to work with the board members to ensure the new rules will be fair and effective," Gibson said. "There is no required deadline the board must meet to adopt new rules, so there is no reason for not taking the time to get this right."

"All we ask is that you give us some time and let us work with you to make modifications to these draft rules so that they can be implemented fairly and reasonably without devastating consequences."

If residents are unable to attend these meetings to present comments, Gibson said written comments must be submitted directly to the water district by 5 p.m. April 1. For more information about the proposed regulations, visit [www.TexasCorn.org](http://www.TexasCorn.org).

## DAR interviews surviving WWII Navajo code-talker

Linda Knowles, her daughter Amy and son-in-law, Chad Stovell, recently traveled to Gallup, New Mexico, to interview a surviving Navajo WWII code-talker.

Amy is a member of the Alamo Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter in San Antonio and Linda is a member of Los Ciboleros DAR chapter in Hereford. Both are chairmen of the DAR American Indian Committee which prompted the trip to Gallup.

More information about the code-talkers museum is available at [navajocodetalkers.org](http://navajocodetalkers.org). Donations to assist the museum are accepted. Following is Linda Knowles' account of their interview.

On March 15, 2011 we had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Keith Little, President of the Board of Directors of the National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center in his home on the Navajo Reservation in Navajo, New Mexico. He and his wife, Nellie, shared their warm home on a snowy, cold day as he recalled the beginning of his World War II military service.

On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland making the world a dangerous place. Fearing a United States involvement the Navajo Tribal Council at Window Rock unanimously passed a resolution pledging their support to the United States government.

On December 7, 1942, Mr. Little was a student at the mission boarding school in Tuba City, Arizona. The next day he listened to the radio as the president declared war on Japan. The students stood astonished as they wondered why the Japanese wanted to bomb Pearl Harbor since Hawaii was not part of the United States. He recalls that the white woman at the boarding school was whining, and he asked her why. She explained that the young men would be asked to go to war and many would not come home.

They were required to speak and to write English, and they were punished if they spoke their native language. The Na-

vajos were farmers and tended sheep, and according to Keith Little, they were far removed from the war as they lived on the reservation. Philip Johnston, a civil engineer, knew the U.S. had to find a way to keep the Japanese from decoding the troop communications. His father was a missionary on the Reservation, so he spoke the Navajo language fluently. Since the language was not written, he knew it would be very hard for the Japanese to break the code.

In February 1942, Mr. Johnston wrote Major General Vogel about using the complex language to create a Navajo word with a corresponding English word so that troop movements could be transmitted without fear of being intercepted. Four months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Marine recruiters selected the twenty-nine original Navajos to learn the code, and the 382nd Platoon, U.S. Marine Corps was organized.

Mr. Little laughed as he remembers being jealous of these radiomen. In 1943, he and a friend decided to enlist in the Marine Corp in Tuba City, Arizona. Unfortunately, Mr. Little was only seventeen years old and his friend was younger, so they had to have parental permission. They each knew their family would not sign the paper, so they traveled a long distance to ask an older Navajo called "Grandpa" to sign by placing his blue ink thumbprint on the document. They joined the Marine Corp and arrived at Camp Pendleton requesting to be placed in the infantry with the machine guns. They were selected to learn the code and serve as radiomen.

Mr. Keith Little was transferred to the USMC 4th Marine Division. He wanted to kill the enemy, but he never carried a gun just the radio. Mr. Little commented that he was punished for speaking the Navajo language in school, but he was expected to use the language during the war. He and his fellow Navajos always wondered who made the code. They were referred to by their comrades as the "walking code" since they memorized 200 words in the beginning and 600 words by the end of the war. He also said it was his job to learn the code and to do what was asked of him.

The code was never broken, and at the close of war in the Pacific, they were handed discharge papers with strict orders to keep the code project a secret. Even though they were instrumental in winning the war in the Pacific, they did not go home as heroes since the code was a military secret. No code talker won a medal because it would attract attention to the project. Mr. Little said he could not tell anyone of his role in the war until the code project was declassified in 1968. When asked if he realized how important his role was, he shrugged and said he was just doing his job, that's all.

In April 2000, New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman presented legislation to honor, at long last, the accomplishment of these brave patriots. He asked that the surviving original twenty-nine Navajo Code Talkers be awarded the Gold Congressional Medal, and the Silver Congressional Medal be awarded to any men who followed and learned the code. President Bush honored them at the Congressional Medal Ceremony on July 26, 2001 in Washington, D.C.



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Amy Stovell, left, and Linda Knowles with WWII Navajo Code-Talker Keith Little.



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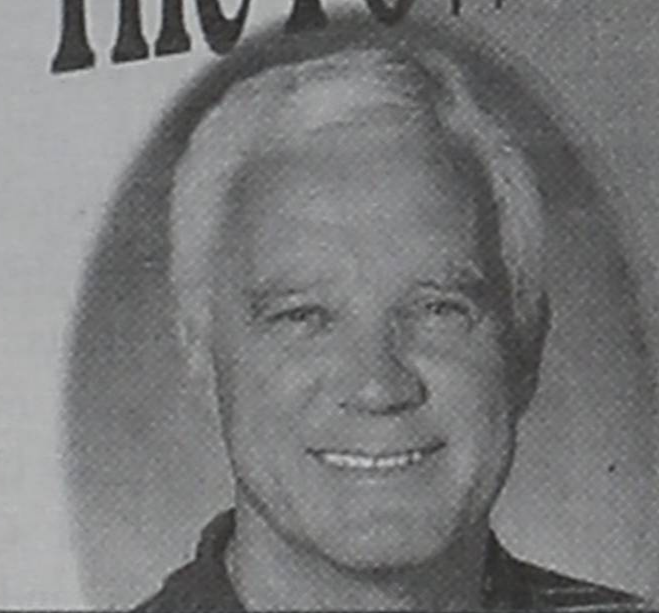


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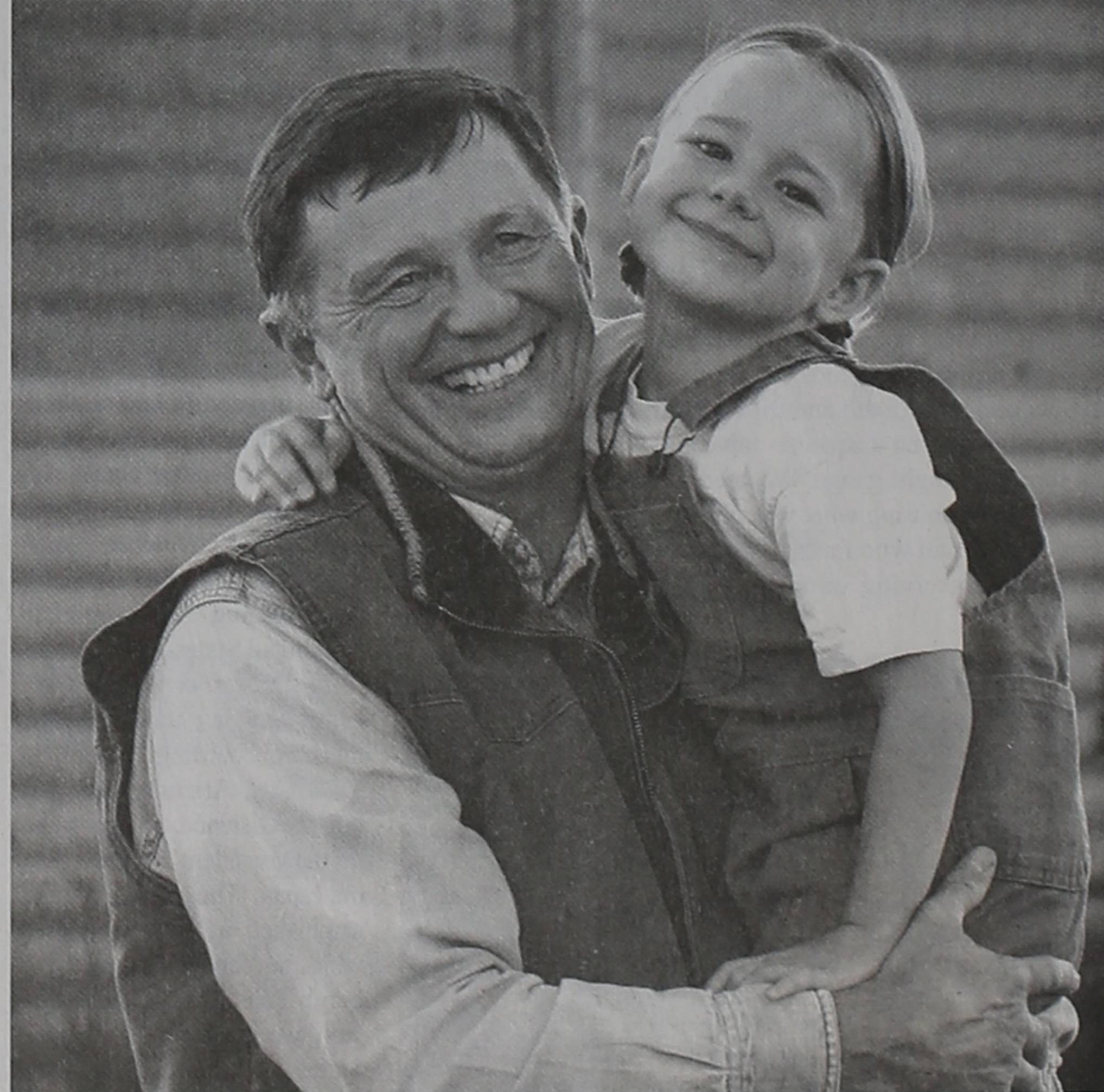
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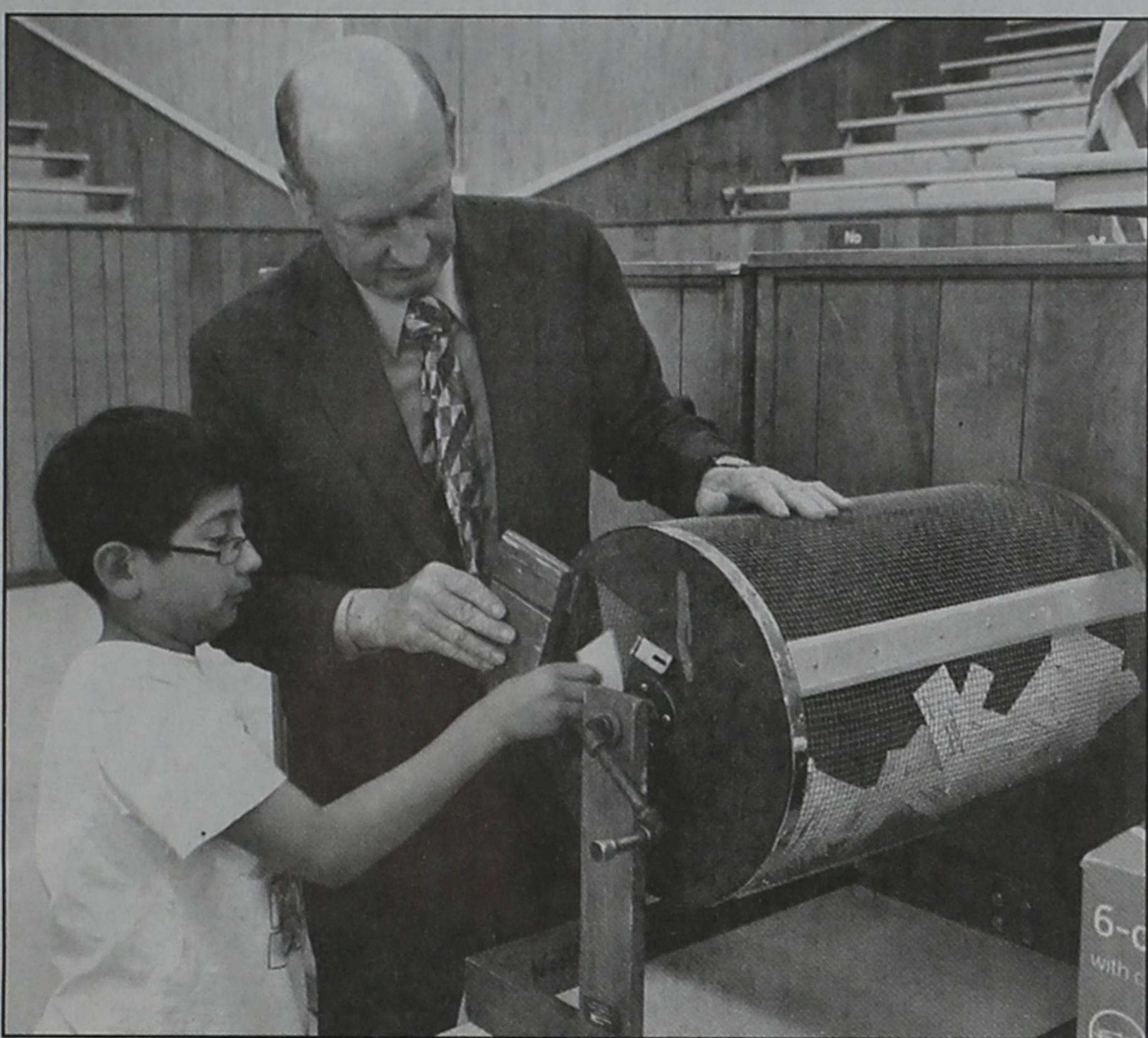
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Receiving employee service awards at the PMC employee appreciation dinner were, l-r, Carla Moser, Rhonda Wilkins, Glendora Jordan, and Heidi Eichenauer. Not pictured are Elvira Salinas and Donna Ratke.



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Amber Bonds, Director of Imaging at Parmer Medical Center was a winner in the hospital's 8-month performance improvement contest, shown here with hospital administrator Lance Gatlin at PMC's employee appreciation dinner.



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T.J. Coronado, left, draws names for the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op door prizes at Tuesday's annual meeting. WTRT Board member Charles Ray helps out.



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Teresa Hansard, accounting assistant at Parmer Medical Center, was one of the PMC winners of an 8-month contest focusing on performance improvement. She is shown with hospital administrator Lance Gatlin at the PMC employee appreciation dinner.

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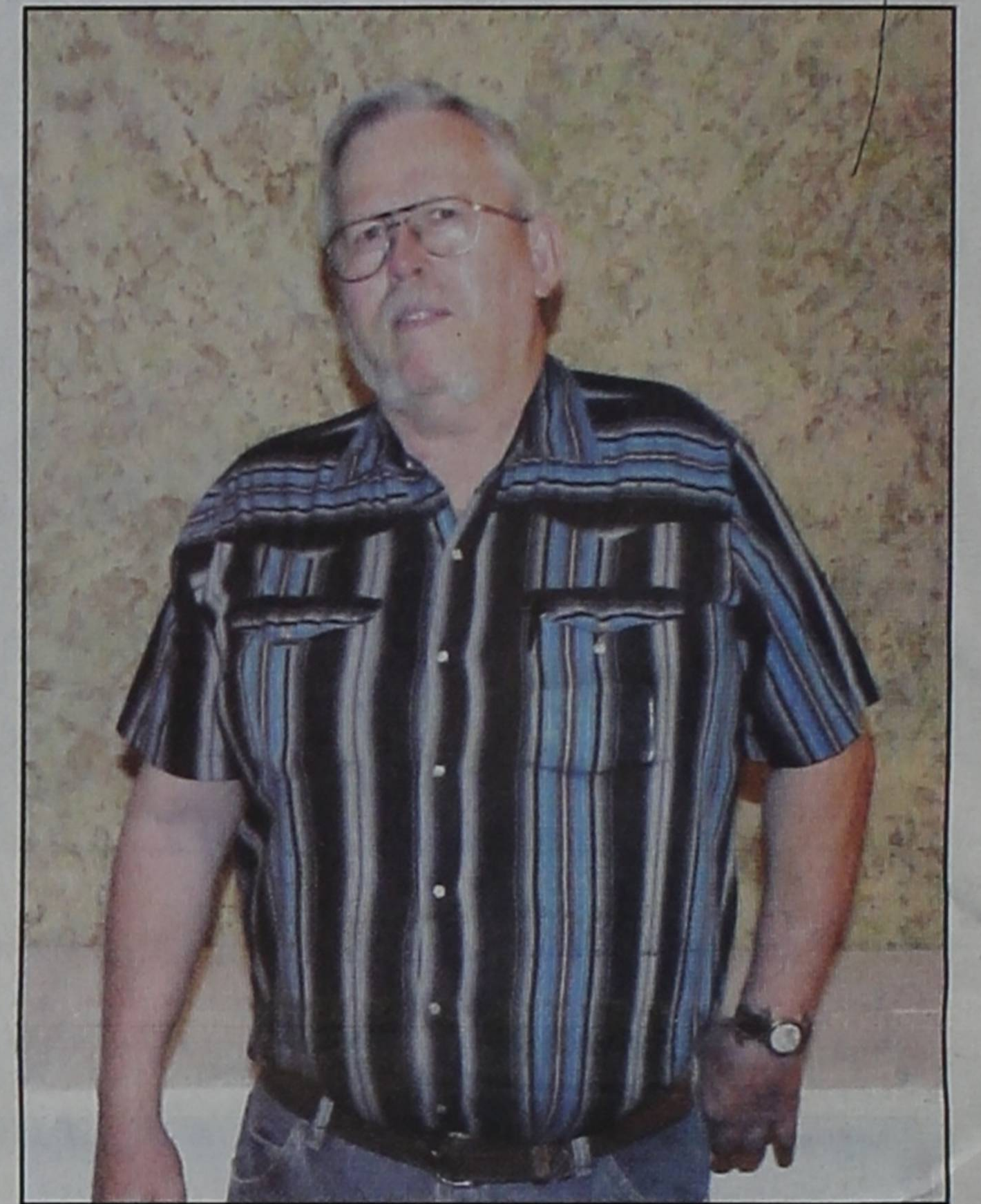
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Cargill employees receiving 25-year employment service awards are, back row, l-r, Rondee Clark, Rosendo Salazar, Michael Nance, Victor Espinoza, Carlos Delgado, Tim Brown; middle row, l-r, Guillermo Sierra, Emilio Degollado, Robert Lancon, Maria Pena, Sue Humberg, Benita Salazar, Felimon Salazar, Salud Tirado; front, l-r, Hector Tijerina, Raymond Ramos, Twila Brown, Guadalupe Estrada, Teresa Pineda, Delia Roth, Alejandro Espinoza.



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Cargill employees receiving 30-year employment service awards are, back row, l-r, Jesus Parra, Marcial Limas, Joe Chairez, Elias Siglas, Silverio Hernandez, Lucio Torres, Joe Dominguez, Idelfonso Garcia, Juan Herrera; front row, l-r, Boney Chavez, Pranom Lasner, Viseth Vongrasamy, Mickie Herring, Jesus Chairez.



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Cargill employee Coy Burch was honored for 40-years of service during the annual Service Awards Banquet Saturday evening at the Hereford Country Club.

## Cargill Plant Service Awards banquet honors employees

The Cargill Friona plant held its 2011 Service Awards banquet Saturday evening March 26 at the Hereford Country Club. The occasion was to honor loyal Cargill employees that have completed 40-, 35-, 30-, and 25-years of employment.

It is not a surprise the menu featured a filet mignon, with twice-baked potatoes, green beans, salad, and cobbler and ice cream. Cargill training manager Rick White organized the program. General manager Jon Surman welcomed employees and their families. A slide presentation showed each honored employee as their names were called. Department managers presented awards to their respective employees.

Departmental awards were presented to the following (not all honorees were present at the banquet):

**HARVEST FLOOR:** 25-years Fausto Mendoza, Carlos Delgado, Alejandro Espinoza, Rosendo Salazar, Guillermo Sierra, Adam Cisneros, Maria Pena, Guadalupe Jimenez, Michael Nance, Angie Gomez; 30-years Silvino Silva, Jesus Chairez; 35-years Jaime Lara, Antonio Rios, Juan Alfaro.

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Cargill employees receiving 35-year employment service awards are, back, l-r, Juan Camargo, Apolonia Murillo, Mariano Rodriguez; front, l-r, Jerry Barela, Antonio Rios.

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Saturday April 2  
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Benefiting Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers  
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