

# Friona Star

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## Hospital announces scholarships

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Parmer Medical Center on Monday, March 14, 2016, the decision was made to once again award four \$2500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Parmer County. Recipients will be students with intent to study and enter a career in the health care industry. In addition to satisfying other academic and eligibility criteria, recipients will have demonstrated exemplary leadership in high school and/or civic activities.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who wish to pursue health care related professions and to invest in future generations of health care providers in Parmer County. Interested seniors may receive applications from their school guidance counselor's office or from Parmer Medical Center. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016. For more information, contact Heidi Eichenauer at 250-2754.

## Guide updates needed soon

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and the FEDC (Friona Economic Development Corporation) is in the process of updating the Community Guide. The Chamber is often asked what services are provided in Friona and they would like to promote your business by providing an updated business information guide. Any and all business in Friona (small, large or home-based), local churches, civic organizations and clubs will be included.

If you are interested in this opportunity, the Chamber needs the following:

Name of business, organization, church, or club; Services offered; Business hours; Location; Contact information; and a picture, business card or logo, if possible.

This is a great way to showcase your business free of charge.

Submit information as soon as possible to: fedc@wrt.net or call the chamber at (806) 250-3491.



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Danny Campbell and Serafin Vazquez of Campbell Electric work on installing the electricity for the 10 new RV spaces at the city's RV Park.

## Council to decide closure of alley and street

The Friona city council will meet in regular session Monday April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main Street. All council meetings are open to the public.

The mayor will open the meeting with the reading of a Volunteer Firemen Appreciation proclamation.

A public hearing will be held for an alley closure/

abandonment of the north part of approximately 190 feet of the alley located in the 1000 block between Maple and Virginia. Petitioner is Danny Kendrick.

After the public hearing the council will consider and take action on approval of the ordinance vacating and abandoning the alley.

Next the council will consider and take action on

approval of an ordinance vacating and abandoning

approximately 140 feet of Virginia Street south of US 60, providing for severability, providing for repealer, providing for continuation of prior law, and providing for publication and effective date. This is the portion of Virginia Street that Kendrick Oil Co. plans to concrete for usage of trucks ac-

cessing the Kendrick Truck Wash.

Also the council will consider and take action on an ordinance providing for changes in the official zoning map of the City of Friona providing for change of use classification of specified property in the vicinity of Fast Stop Truck Wash.

Rounding out the agenda will be the monthly Police

Department report, approval of accounts payable, March financial statement, approval of quarterly financial statement and annual review of the City of Friona's 2015 investment policy.

This is the tentative agenda for the April 11 meeting and is subject to change. The final agenda is posted on the front window at city hall 72

hours prior to the meeting.

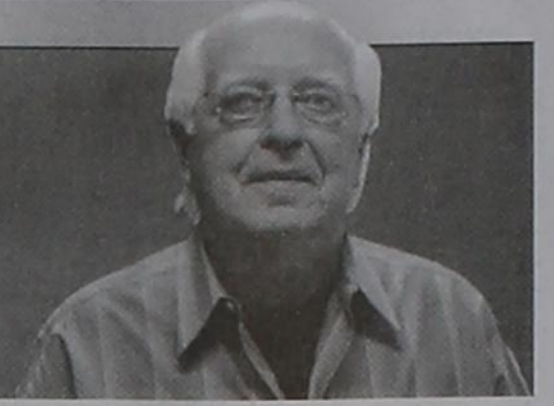


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A three vehicle accident at the Cargill plant entrance Tuesday about 2:30 p.m. sent the driver of the IROC Z to PMC. He was trapped in the car and Friona firemen extracted him through the passenger door. The car t-boned the pickup which was turning into the plant. The pickup ended up on its side and the SUV was leaving the plant when it was struck by the collision.

# Out Here

By Ron Carr



- Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wrtl.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127
- Apr. 8-FHS Track @ River Road
  - Apr. 9-JV/V Baseball vs. Dimmitt-Home-2:30/12:00
  - Apr. 10-5th Annual Blessing of the Bikes at FUMC in Hereford-8:45 a.m.
  - Apr. 10-FHS Senior Steak Dinner @ FJHS Cafeteria-11 a.m.
  - Apr. 11-Baptist Senior Dinner-1st Baptist Church-6:30 p.m.
  - Apr. 11-12-District Tennis @ Plainview
  - Apr. 12-FHS Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene
  - Apr. 13-14-FHS Girls Regional Golf @ Abilene
  - Apr. 14-2nd Grade Music program 2:30/6:30
  - Apr. 14-Friona Cemetery Association Annual Meeting-3 p.m. @ Friona City Hall Council Chambers.
  - Apr. 15-School holiday
  - Apr. 15-FHS Track @ TULIA-DISTRICT
  - Apr. 15-16-Best of Texas 2016 at Rex Baxter Building in Amarillo
  - Apr. 16-Snack Pak 4 Kids Benefit-6 p.m. @ Country Rose
  - Apr. 16-JV/V Baseball vs. Shallowater-Home-2:30/12:00
  - Apr. 16-17-Lubbock Arts Alliance Annual Lubbock Arts Festival at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
  - Apr. 18-Methodist Senior Dinner-6:30 p.m.
  - Apr. 18-19-FHS Regional Tennis
  - Apr. 19-20-FHS Choir UIL Concert @ WTAMU
  - Apr. 19-JV/V Baseball at Muleshoe-4:30/6:30
  - Apr. 20-FHS Track @ TULIA-AREA
  - Apr. 22-Earth Day
  - Apr. 23-JV/V Baseball vs. Littlefield-Home-2:30/12:00
  - Apr. 23-Junior League of Amarillo Kids in the Kitchen in Amarillo 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at the High Plains Food Bank
  - Apr. 24-Library Annual Meeting @ Redeemer Center
  - Apr. 25-29-School Board Election Early Voting
  - Apr. 25-6th Street Church of Christ Senior Dinner-6:30 p.m.
  - Apr. 26-JV/V Baseball at Dimmitt-6:30/4:30
  - Apr. 27-28-FHS Boys & Girls State Golf @ Austin
  - Apr. 27-ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
  - Apr. 29-School Holiday
  - Apr. 29-30-FHS Track @ Abilene-REGIONALS

Life is just a bowl of cherries. Judy Garland sang a song about it. Ethel Mer- man sang it first in 1931. Someone came up with the saying to make life seem more pleasant and tasty. After all, life is just a bowl of cottage cheese would not have the same meaning. It can be a sarcastic idiom also. After rattling off all of the negative things that happened, woke up late, had a flat tire, was late to work, etc., one

might exclaim "Nothing major. Life is just a bowl of cherries." A friend of mine used to say "Life is not all beer and Skittles." Erma Bom- beck wrote a book titled, "If Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries What Am I Doing in the Pits?" Another book claims "Life is a bowl of cherries with a few nuts thrown in." This analogy of life as a food struck me a few weeks back when I was at a banquet. The alleged

salad was brought out in a little Styrofoam bowl. It was lettuce. Maybe I am too old and grumpy but lettuce is not a salad. They should have said your meal includes a bowl of lettuce. Some days life feels like a bowl of lettuce. We all start off like a bowl of lettuce. Over time we strive to turn life from plain lettuce into salad. Our ingredients may vary but not everybody likes the same salad or dressing. I looked at that little

banquet bowl of lettuce and got a sad feeling. Threw some ranch dressing on it. The lesson learned: let- Shook some salt and pep- per on it. Tried my best to turn it into a salad. Looked across the room and ev- erybody seemed to be

enjoying their lettuce. So I pretended to enjoy mine. The lesson learned: let- tuce is not a salad and neither is life if you live it and work hard. Lettuce or cherries. Life is a choice. Add your own garnish.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Community Education Partner: We are currently planning our annual scholarship presentation assembly at Friona High School on May 1, 2016, which is two weeks earlier than past years. This is the twenty-eighth year our scholarship program has been in existence. Since the inception of our scholarship program, generous local merchants and citizens have contributed more than \$250,000 to Friona High School students. Our seniors eagerly anticipate the opportunity to apply for these local scholarships. Your contributions to our scholarship program make college an attainable dream for many of our students. If you would be willing to continue your scholarship tradition, or start a new one, please contact Imelda Saucedo at Friona High School 250-3951 by April 15th. A donation of \$100 or more will enable you to fund a named scholarship. However, smaller donations will be collected and combined in order to give out \$100 scholarships to worthy seniors. Feel free to name your own recipient from the Senior Class, or you may allow the Friona High School Scholarship Committee to name your honoree. We appreciate the generosity you have shown to our students on so many occasions, and we look forward to hearing from you again this year. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,  
 Pamela Nelson-Ray  
 Friona High School Principal



From Dr. Gary Cash: Happy, playful, young Fox.



## School Menu April 11-15

- Monday**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, fruit punch juice, apples, milk.  
 Lunch: Hot dog, Doritos, fresh tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk.
- Tuesday**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk.  
 Lunch: Roasted chicken, roll, baked beans, French oven potatoes, pineapple, milk.
- Wednesday**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, apple juice, raisins, milk.  
 Lunch: Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, carrots, tropical fruit, milk.
- Thursday**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, oranges, milk.  
 Lunch: Cheese pizza, broccoli, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, milk.
- Friday**  
 No School

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### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1 cut cover during healing
- 5 TXism: "dark as a \_\_\_ of black cats"
- 6 TXism: "will miss \_\_\_ you blink" (small town)
- 7 past Ranger slugger Gonzalez is from this territory: Puerto \_\_\_
- 8 TXism: "\_\_\_ should have zagged" (made a mistake)
- 17 iced \_\_\_
- 18 TXism for "celebrated" (2 wds.)
- 21 org. of nations
- 22 Possum Kingdom Lake feature: "Hell's \_\_\_"
- 23 Gulf sailor
- 24 1983 UH basketball team: "Phi \_\_\_ Jamma"
- 29 eye part
- 30 TXism: "\_\_\_ donkey fly?" (no)
- 31 army who fought the TX revolution (abbr.)
- 32 TX Nolan '92 autobiography (2 wds.)
- 34 San Marcos is the seat of this county
- 35 chewing \_\_\_
- 36 in Hidalgo Co.: \_\_\_ City
- 37 TX Hyer film: "The \_\_\_ of Katie Elder"
- 38 TXism: "you \_\_\_ out your welcome"

**DOWN**

- 1 these claim to talk to the dead
- 2 Dublin, TX newspaper
- 3 costliest TX hurricane (1983)
- 4 cause confusion
- 9 wheat or cereal crop
- 10 TXism: "he \_\_\_ high on the hog" (wealthy)
- 11 TX Tanya's "Texas When I \_\_\_"
- 12 noted TX jockey, Shoemaker (init.)
- 13 TXism: "if \_\_\_ giddyup, you'd better go" (mean)
- 14 this Tom was an Astro pitcher (1993)
- 15 assoc. of college athletic programs
- 16 TX Lyle Lovett's "Here \_\_\_" (1990)
- 19 "Hill Country State \_\_\_ Area"
- 20 TXism: "\_\_\_ driller" (dentist)
- 22 art deco theater in Dallas
- 24 comes before med.
- 25 fleur-de-\_\_\_
- 26 TXism: "snug as a bug in \_\_\_"

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*"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."*  
 President Barack Obama  
 July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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## Town Talk II

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Fireman Terry Sharrock and I were talking at the baseball game Saturday about how we have been fortunate to not have any fires lately. Guess we jinxed it because a few minutes later the firemen were paged out. There was a loader/hay fire at Cattle Town. Friona and Hereford fire departments responded. Terry said the loader burned up and they pushed a few hay

bales into a hole and covered it up. It is being dry and hot so be careful. The county burn ban is still in effect.

The Clovis News Journal reported that Clovis will be getting a Chipotle Restaurant. The newspaper did not know the location but construction should begin soon. I'm told that Hereford will be getting a Domino's Pizza,

Burger King, and a Carl's Jr. The Carl's is said to be in the new Love's Truck Stop that is planned on Hwy 60 across from the Best Western. No word on where the Domino's and Burger King will be. Will let you know when we find out.

Mike and Tammie White are moving to Lubbock. They are having a garage sale Sat-

urday April 9 at 1110 Etta. Starts at 7:30 a.m. until...? Mike says they have a fridge, stove, twin beds, entertainment center, and lots of household items. Many years ago Tammie worked here at the Friona Star before taking a job at Hi-Pro where she has been for 16 years. Two of their kids and grandkids are in Lubbock so should be a happy move. All the best to Mike and Tammie.

There was a three vehicle accident at the Cargill plant entrance Tuesday about 2:30 p.m. during shift change. It is just one of many accidents we have covered there over the years. A pickup turning into the plant pulled in front of an east bound car that plowed into the pickup's passenger side. A third east bound vehicle almost collided with the other two. No serious injuries thankfully.

April 15 is the deadline to submit your property tax rendering form to the Parmer County Appraisal District. I might have mispronounced the actual form but you get the idea. Any questions better call the Parmer CAD at 806-251-1405.

Received a subscription renewal from the Swafford in Bovina with this note: "Thank you for all your Bovina coverage. We appreciate it." Thank you too Kay and Jim.

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales will host a Junior Preview Day on Saturday April 16. The event gives high school juniors a chance to learn all about ENMU. Door prizes including two \$500 scholarships will be given away. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Music Building.

At Prairie Acres the Resident of the Month is Bob Prather. The Employee of the Month is Jennifer Baize. She has been a nurse at Prairie Acres since August 1997.

The baseball Chieftains beat Muleshoe Saturday 13-9 and beat Littlefield there Tuesday 8-2. The Chiefs are now 2-1 in district and host Dimmitt here Saturday April 9 at 12:00 p.m. I've been to a few games and these boys play with a lot of enthusiasm and are getting the bat on the ball often.

It has been determined that Freddy Walker suffered a stroke over the weekend. He is still in the hospital in Amarillo and will be doing rehab in Amarillo. Our positive thoughts go out to Freddy and his family for a full recovery.

You might remember I upgraded to a smarter-than-me phone a few weeks back. Tuesday I had a doctor's appointment at the clinic. I

discovered my new phone was handy for passing time while waiting on the doctor. Got an allergy shot and some non-itchy creme. It is always allergy time out here. This was my first visit to the clinic since they completed the remodeling. Looks very nice and efficient now. I continue to realize how fortunate we are to have such a nice medical facility and staff here in our little town.

The Hailes, Allan, Patty, John David, and Nathan attended the Final Four basketball games in Houston over the weekend. They all had an exciting time and enjoyed being together.

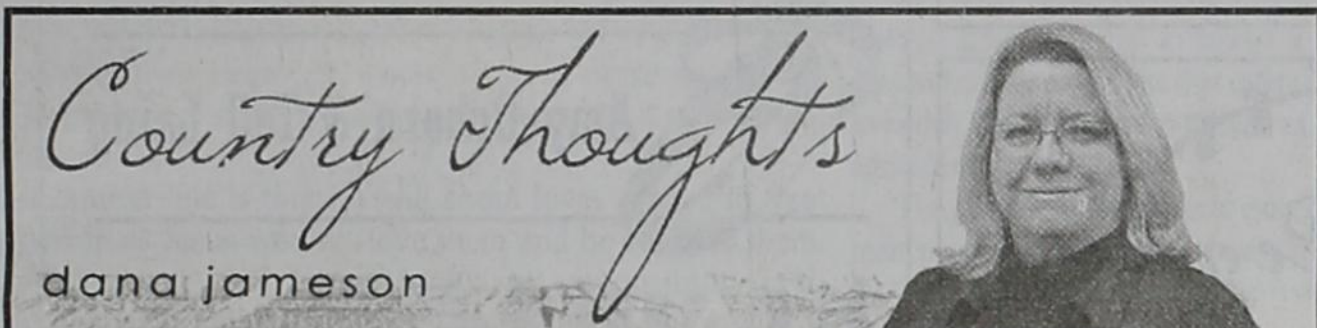
Our Friona Star Fan Page on Facebook went over 2,500 friends this week. We have 2,507 to be exact that follow our page. Thank you for that. If you are not our friend go find the Friona Star and "like" us. We like to be liked.

Sunday April 10 is the big annual senior steak dinner at the junior high cafeteria. Get a ribeye, baked potato, green beans, roll, drink, and loads of homemade desserts for \$15 in advance or \$16 at the door. Proceeds help finance the all-night drug free party after graduation. The weather should be good so come on out and enjoy Sunday dinner. I will see you there. Until then!



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PA-C Lynette Jubay and her father, Dr. Felipe Jubay, stopped to pose for a family picture during the Physician's Day reception on Wednesday, March 30.



### Sonny, can you turn down the music?

I have come to the realization that I have gotten old in my way of thinking. This realization came to me over the weekend when my apartment windows rattled repeatedly from the music emitted from the passing cars. I also realized that I am probably what they call a "Cranky Granny" or some other derogatory term that is not suitable to print.

I love music as much as the next person but if the beat is so loud it rattles windows two blocks away I can't see the enjoyment. This takes 'feeling' the beat to a completely new level.

I confess that there are times I turn up the music when a song comes on that I love. I still want to enjoy the nuances of every instrument and the beautiful words that someone took the time to write down for posterity. However, listening to the bass so loud has to hurt your ears and make it hard to hear a normal, everyday voice.

I have not gotten to the point of running out of my house in my housecoat, curlers and slippers while waving my cane in protest. (I do not own a housecoat or curlers. I do have slippers and a cane.)

I have thought about calling the police but by the time I make the call and they dispatch an officer the offending 'beatmeister' is gone on to share the beat with some other neighborhood. I do not think I would hold a great favor if I asked the officers to roll down their

windows, stick their heads out and listen for the offensive noise.

I understand that by writing this I am opening myself up for a barrage of noise blasted my way in retaliation. However, maybe, just maybe I am not alone in this. I have neighbors.

I remember being young once and finding out that music could be played at a decibel much higher than my mother listened to in the car. It was cool.

I remember 'boom' boxes. They were great for making music portable. They were also really big and heavy.

Then came car amplifiers that were so large they took up all of the back seat and the trunk. There was no space to sit but the music was made even more portable and louder. And if played loud enough the car would vibrate and bounce.

I am sure my elders, back then, thought the same way I do now. Darn kids!

There I said it. Surely, there are no adults that have to listen to their music that loud.

Oh, wait a minute... Maybe it is adults my age that can no longer hear clearly because of listening to our music too loud long ago. Darn adults!

I guess I should be thankful I can see and hear. Oh wait... the words on my computer keep shrinking. Guess I have one more sense that is fading. Darn kids!

## Friona sales tax allocations up 7.08 percent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$591.4 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 2.6 percent more than in April 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Parmer County received an April payment of \$48,542.85, which is -0.12 percent lower than the 2015 payment of \$48,601.43. To date Parmer County, which received \$221,066.50, is a 4.21 percent increase over the 2015 payments of \$212,117.96.

The payments to Parmer

County are broken down as follows:

Bovina has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received an April 2016 payment of \$9,470.17, which is an increase of 4.31 percent higher than the 2015 payment of \$9,078.14. To date Bovina has received \$45,771.04, which is a 4.44 percent increase over the 2015 payments of \$48,823.69.

Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.500 percent and received an April 2016 payment of \$9,434.17, which is a -17.18 percent decrease from the 2015 payment of \$11,391.44. To date Farwell has received sale tax of \$42,226.24, which is a

decrease of -4.33 percent from the 2015 payments of \$44,141.76.

Friona has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received an April 2016 payment of \$29,638.51, which is an increase of 2.33 percent over the 2015 payment of \$28,131.85. To date Friona has received \$133,069.22, which is an increase of 7.18 percent over the 2015 payments of \$124,152.51.

For details on April sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

### News from the week of April 6, 1975

\*The City of Friona has called a \$350,000 bond elections for Tuesday, April 22, for the purpose of constructing a 60-bed nursing home facility in Friona.

The steering committee told the council that it plans a fund drive to raise \$150,000 toward equipping the nursing home.

\*Project Nursing Home in Friona statistics... There are 684 elderly citizens in Friona.

50 elderly citizens of Friona are residing in nursing homes outside our area at the present time. Many other families have aging relatives living far away.

A recent county-wide survey by the Texas A&M Extension Service listed "care of the elderly" at the top of the list of most-needed improvements in our area.

\*The contractor has begun

work on Friona's new post office building on North Main Street. Most of the dismantling of the old lumber yard buildings has been accomplished. Dirt work was begun this week by Sonny Blair, construction foreman.

\*A class in "Parent Effectiveness Training" will be offered beginning April 17 at Friona State Bank. This is an 8-week class in parent education which promotes the "No Lose" method of communication with children.

\*Harry Hamilton recorded the top corn yield in Texas in the 1974-75 DeKalb Yieldmasters Club. He harvested 214.43 bushels per acre with DeKalb XL-72a.

\*Weightmen... Friona Chieftains discus throwers Mitchell Wiseman and Davy Carthel have won every discus event they have entered so far this spring.

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## Apocalyptic Aftermath

**BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church**

An event of apocalyptic proportions took place in 586 BC as the Jewish nation of Judah was decimated by the Babylonian Army. An almost two year siege brought the nation to its knees, and the crushing defeat left the land desolate. Most of the Jews who remained were marched hundreds of miles into captivity, and the poorest of the land remained to care for what was left (2 Kings 25). A governor was appointed to keep watch over the area and it looked like the people left in the land were going to turn back to the Lord, because of His clear judgment on them through the Babylonians. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Sadly, when some people fall on such hard times that they have nowhere else to look but up, they persist in looking anywhere but up.

One would think that after such horrific circumstances the people would turn to God, but the opposite happened, just as is taking place in our day and age. In spite of the unfaithfulness of the Jews in the 6th century BC, and of us today, God is still faithful to His promises. God showed His faithfulness, in that the people were deported, not destroyed, and also in not allowing the line of David to be squelched out. Even in the apocalyptic aftermath of 2 Kings 25, God was faithful to His promises and merciful on His people, showing that He is a rock and fortress for those who will run to Him. In fact the same is true today, as the world has rejected Christ completely, those who run to Him discover that He is a sure refuge, an anchor for the soul amidst the raging seas of our time.



## It's All About Love

**By TEENA HUGHES**

I am facing a situation where I would really like to tell a loved one what I think of their thoughts, words, and actions. I have many things on my mind, and I would like to tell this person each and every one of these things!!! But, is that how Jesus would handle this situation?

The third section of Randy Frazee's book Believe addresses how we should live our lives as Christians. Simplified, God's greatest commands are to love Him and love others; so, the first area he details concerning living our lives as Christians is what it means to sacrificially and unconditionally love others. For me, that also means unconditionally loving those hard-to-love people we really don't feel like loving or want to love.

Frazee notes that Jesus "received the love of the Father and passed it on to us. It is God's love in us that gives us the capacity to love others...Living a life of love requires the presence of God's love and power within us. When we yield to this presence in our lives, it produces within us love for others."

God taught me years ago, through a long, drawn-out, tough time in my life, that love is always the answer; it never fails; it conquers all.

The bottom line is this: it's all about love. I need to treat this person as Jesus would: love them and be Jesus to them. It doesn't matter what I want to do; my responsibility is to listen to what Jesus wants me to do, and then be obedient. I have witnessed Jesus handle tough situations when I get out of the way and let Him handle them. Having witnessed Jesus at work already, if I don't obey, I will regret it, probably for the rest of my life, and only Jesus knows the damage I could do by not obeying and doing what I want to do. Thank You, Jesus for telling me what to do; help me to listen and obey; and help this person see the error of their ways.

**The Clothes Closet will be open Saturday,  
April 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the First  
Baptist Church, 404 West 5th Street.  
The Clothes Closet is free to the public.**

# OBITUARY

## Urschel Perkins

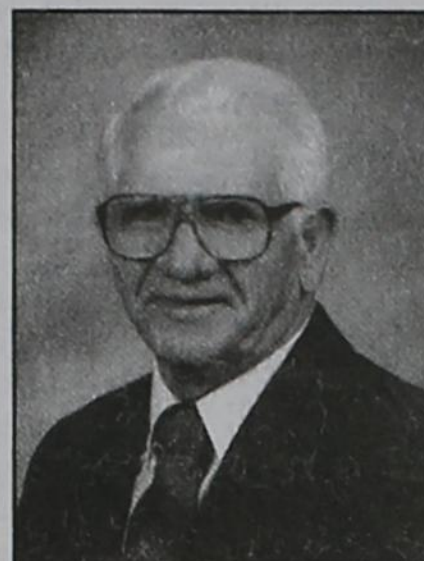
Urschel Perkins, 80, of Hooker, OK, passed away Thursday evening, March 31, 2016 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The 9th child out of five sons and three daughters of Audie Wade and Nettie Lee (Suggs) Perkins, Percy Urschel Perkins was born September 15, 1935 in Trousdale, Oklahoma.

Urschel and Iva Jo Brooks were united in marriage on October 1, 1955 in Friona, Texas. To this union, three daughters were born: Sue, Candy & Teresa. The family moved to the panhandle area in 1968 from Hereford, Texas. Urschel worked as a custom harvester and farmer for many years, retiring in 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Audie and Nettie Perkins; brothers: Bill, Cass and Randall; and sisters, Mildred and Melba.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Iva Perkins of the home; three daughters: Sue and husband, Spot Farley of Hooker, Candy Sharkey of Guymon and Teresa and husband, Bill Rhodes of Ardmore, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren: Michael Brown, Barbara Benton, Erica Sharkey, Kevin Sharkey, Brandon Rhodes, Brittney Spears, Rory Farley



and Kylie Puckett; nine great grandchildren: Kyle Benton, Emmy and Elly Brown, Payton and Lucas Sharkey, Cooper Rhodes, Sophia Farley and Harper and Lincoln Puckett; two brothers: Richard Perkins of Amarillo, Texas and Murray Perkins of Naperville, Illinois; one sister, Inez Bratcher of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. He is loved and will be missed by all.

Graveside funeral services were conducted April 5 at the Elmhurst Cemetery in Guymon with his grandson, Michael Brown officiating. Services were under the care of the Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Friends can sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at [www.bunchroberts.com](http://www.bunchroberts.com).

## Ranch TV website features new online video courses

**By Blair Fannin**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Beef Council have partnered to launch a new website, <http://ranchtv.org>, a comprehensive online site that offers video instruction and materials for livestock producers and ranchers, as well as 4-H'ers and high school agriculture students.

"The purpose of this site is to extend information on the best management practices that enhance our environment, food safety and food quality," said Dr. Dan Hale, AgriLife Extension meat specialist in College Station and website coordinator.

Hale said through the generous support of the Texas Beef Council, courses and videos offered on the site are free.

Livestock producers can receive Beef Quality Assurance certification as well as select from a number of courses to gain a better understanding of beef cattle production management and production systems, he said.

Courses offered include cattle nutrition and feeding, creating value through low-stress handling and market cow management. Those who visit the site can also view over 400 individual videos on various beef cattle and meat science production topics, Hale said. The majority of videos are 2-6 minutes long.

"We all have busy schedules and the video content and course offerings on the site allow livestock producers and ranchers the freedom to visit and receive instruction during their own time of choosing," Hale said. "We think we have a comprehensive offering of videos and instructional content that will help users understand all facets of beef cattle production."

For more information, go to <http://ranchtv.org/>.

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## Panhandle Parables Tangled Mystery

**By JEFF PROCTER**

**Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ**

This past weekend I had the opportunity to change around some TV sets. There are certain mysteries that simply baffle me. I unhooked TV #1 and moved it off the stand safely onto the floor. I went back to the stand to find 50,000 wires all tangled together. How could this be? When I plugged them all in several years ago, I thought I made a decent effort to plug each one in, in a very organized manner, but what happened back there. It looked like I made sure and wove them together so that if you grabbed one wire you got all of them. Before I could ever deal with placing the new TV in place I had to spend a half hour figuring out which of the 50,000 wires went to what. Don't get me started on the Christmas light mess! Been there too?

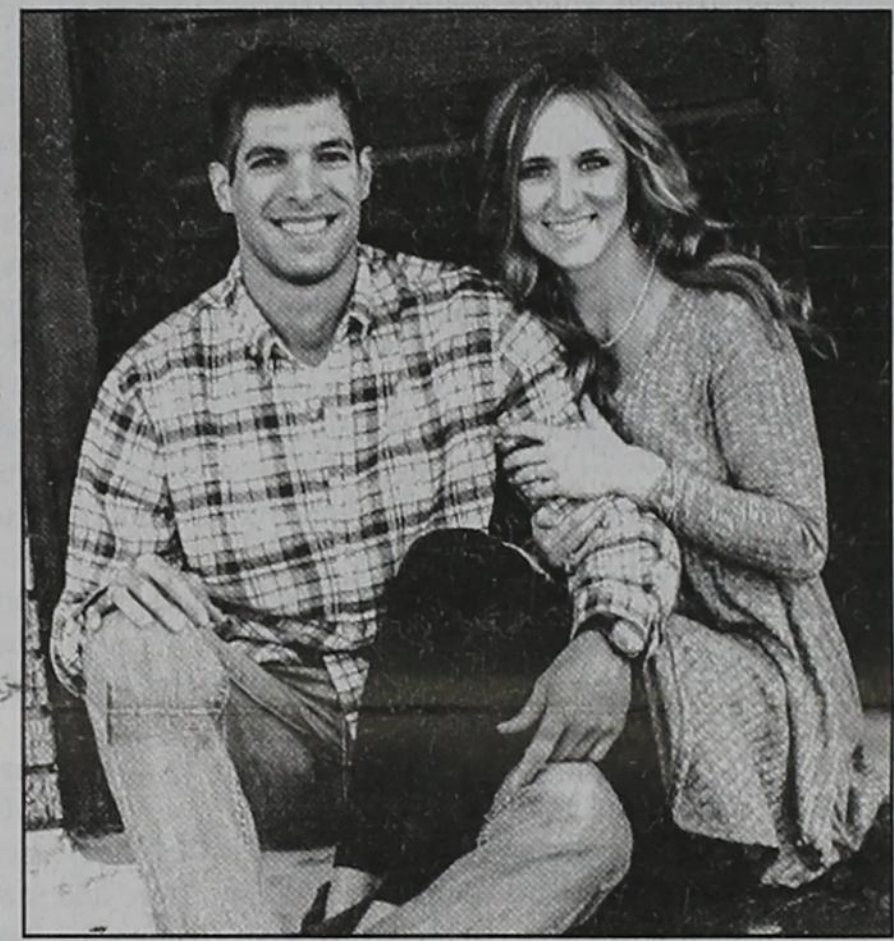
Life gets that way sometimes and I am not sure we realize it until we are in a mess and wonder just exactly what happened. How did my life get so tangled? I do not have an answer for the lights and wires, I do suspect I have an answer for my life.

We are living life at the speed of sound, rushing here and there in constant motion making decisions on the fly thinking the whole time we have it together only to find that relying on our own wisdom often fails and consequences stack up until we find ourselves in a knot. Part of that is human the other part is that we make decisions often in the moment and it causes tangles to form. Each of us get tangled in various things whether financial issues, sinful issues, time issues...

The Bible is full of people like us tangled and bound in need of a Savior. The Bible also gives us the answer: A Savior. So if your wires are all tangled call a friend to help, but if your life is all tangled call on the Lord.

As we start April my challenge is simple give your life to the One who can handle tangles. Stop making all life's decisions yourself and start following the One who can lead us safely Home.

## Engagement



**Reed-Smith**

Thomas and Lisa Reed, of Friona, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming nuptials of their daughter Shayli Anne Reed to Matthew Noel Smith. The wedding is scheduled for July 16, 2016 at the Chapel on the Hill in Abilene, Texas.

Shayli is a 2007 Friona High School graduate and a 2011 graduate of Abilene Christian University. She graduated with a Masters in Occupational Therapy from UTHSCSA in 2016. Shayli is currently employed by West Texas Rehab in Abilene.

Matthew is the son of Rodney and Nancy Smith, of Abilene. He is a 2007 graduate of Wylie High School and a 2011 McMurry University graduate. Matthew is currently employed by the Abilene Police Department.

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Frona High School hosted a Choir Camp on Saturday, April 2 with Dr. Sean Pullen, Director of Choral Activities at West Texas A&M University, as the clinician. Pullen, center, worked with the Varsity Choir as they continue to prepare for UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest on April 19-20. Kim Smiley, at piano, accompanies the choir. "The FHS Choir would like to thank Pullen, Smiley and the many community members who cooked and served lunch, helped clean and volunteered their time and made donations for the event," stated FHS Choir Director John Bonner. "Without all of these wonderful people, our camp could not have been successful."

### Texas to see increase in planted corn acres

By Blair Fannin

Texas is projected to see an increase of 300,000 acres of corn planted for 2016 following a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture expected plantings report, which confirmed a broad-scale increase in corn acreage across the nation.

Significant shifts have been seen on the western edge of the Corn Belt from North Dakota to Texas as corn acres are projected to be up 2.25 million acres, said Dr. Mark Welch, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service grain marketing economist, College Station.

Texas is projected to plant 2.6 million acres of corn in 2016 compared to 2.3 million acres in 2015. The 300,000-acre increase is attributed to wet conditions during the fall, which prohibited farmers in the Central Texas Blacklands region and along the Interstate 35 corridor from planting wheat, Welch said.

"That left many farmers leaning towards corn since the moisture was favorable and corn budgets looked better versus other commodities," Welch said.

The threat of the sugarcane aphid has left some Texas farmers to opt for corn with already record-high sorghum

yields booked in 2015. In his recent Feed Grain Outlook report, Welch said the USDA's expected plantings report, "if realized and yields are at or near trend line, corn supplies could reach 16 billion bushels and carry over 2.3 billion bushels."

Other grains will see fewer planted acres, Welch noted. U.S. wheat acres are projected to be down 5 million acres compared to 2015 and sorghum down 1.2 million acres. "We were already expecting more corn acres to be planted this year and the USDA report confirmed it," he said.

Though corn prices have fallen due to U.S. farmers' intentions to plant more corn, farmers can offset that revenue loss with more volume, Welch said.

"If a farmer feels that they've got the moisture and there's favorable chances for moisture to continue through the growing season, they can make more bushels to make up for the lower price."

Another factor is the financial capacity of some farming operations. Welch said for producers carrying over large debt from the previous year, a big question is will they

have enough capital needed to plant a new crop?

"If not, will there be someone else to come in and pick up the land (in time before the planting window closes)?" Welch said.

Low commodity prices and increased loan demand are concerns for ag lenders across the country, Welch said. Several farm income safety net programs, such as crop insurance and the Agriculture Risk Coverage, or ARC, program in the farm bill, offer lower levels of security in times of low commodity prices.

"But that all depends on how each farmer is structured and their cost of production," Welch said.

Some farmers in Texas have been diversifying by planting oilseed crops to offset depressed prices in corn, cotton and other commodities, Welch said.

"Overall, the USDA report was a wake-up call in that we are capable of planting considerably more corn compared to recent years," Welch said.

Welch distributes a Feed Grain Outlook, which can be subscribed to via email at JMWelch@tamu.edu or by calling 979-845-8011.

### FHS Journalism team earns 1st place in District

Frona High School competed in the District UIL Academic Meet on Monday, April 4 in Muleshoe. The Journalism team of Taylor Stallings, Kendall Barnett, Hadley White, Lydia Alexander and Brooklynn Johnston placed first and will advance to Regional competition.

Twelve students placed at the UIL event.

Graci Stallings placed 1st in Feature Writing, 3rd in Ready Writing and advanced to regionals. Karen Meza placed 4th in Literary Criticism and is an alternate for regionals. Josh Barnett earned the top Physics score, 3rd overall in Science and advanced to regionals. Hadley White placed 2nd in Editorial, 4th in News Writing and advanced to regionals.

Taylor Stallings placed 2nd in Headline

Writing, 4th in Editorial and advanced to regionals. Lydia Alexander placed 1st in News Writing, 2nd in Feature Writing and advanced to regionals. Brooklynn Johnston placed 3rd in News Writing, 4th in Feature Writing, 6th in Headline Writing and advanced to regionals. Yodeli Castillo placed 5th in calculator and is an alternate to regionals. Kendall Barnett placed 5th in Headline Writing and is an alternate to regionals.

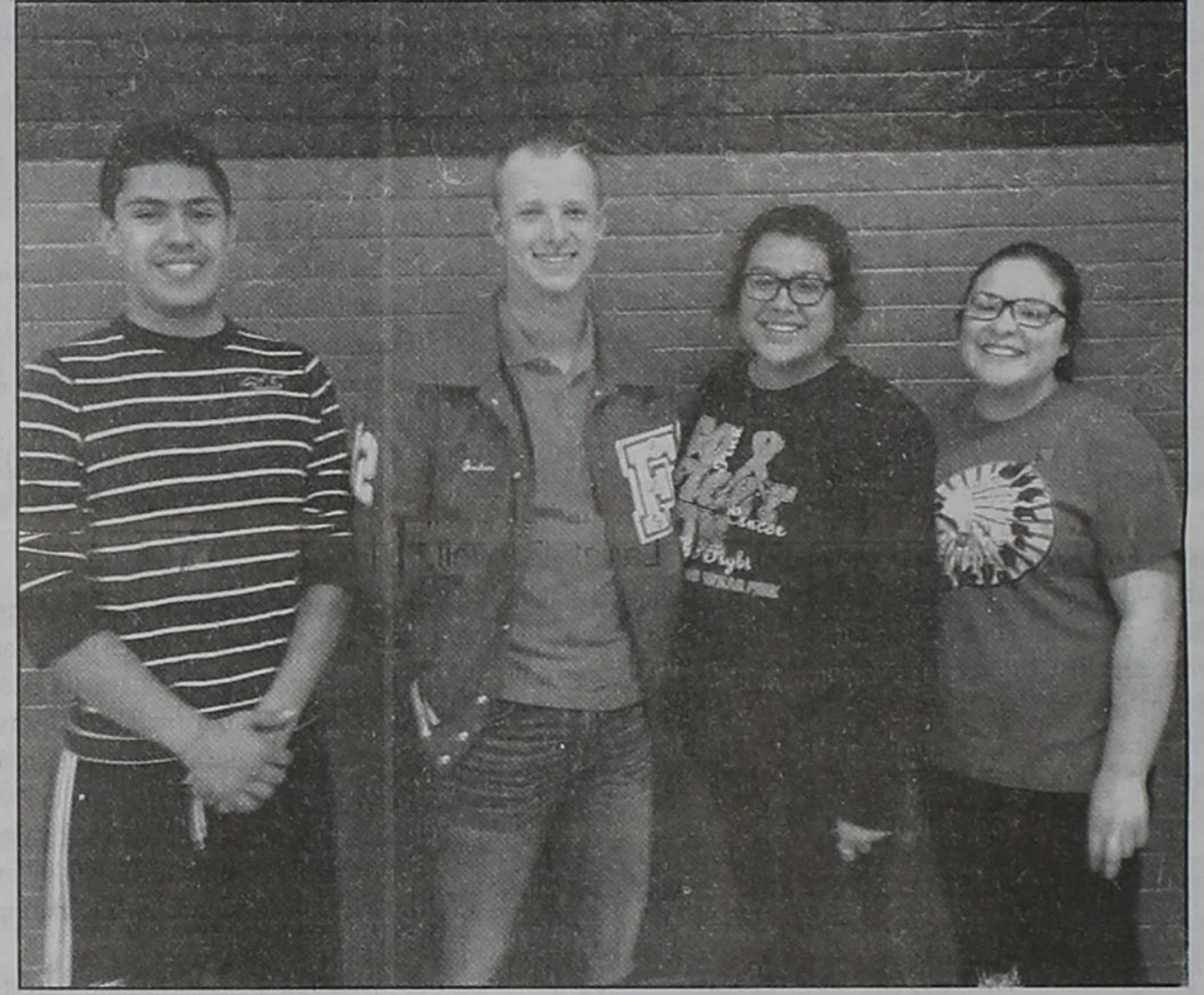
Jonathon Lucatero placed 4th in Computer Science and is an alternate to regionals. Blayke Mills placed 3rd in Informative Speaking and advanced to regionals. Edwin Tzunux placed 6th in Current Issues.

"Thanks for all who worked hard and represented Frona at District UIL," stated Tammy Gammon.



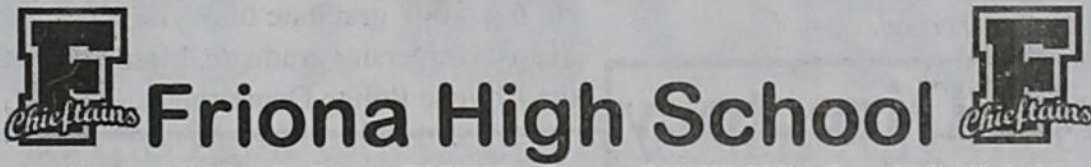
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The FHS Journalism team advanced to Regional UIL competition by earning a 1st place. Team members are, l-r, Taylor Stallings, Kendall Barnett, Hadley White, Lydia Alexander, and Brooklynn Johnston.



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FHS Academic Regional qualifiers are, l-r, Jonathon Lucatero, Josh Barnett, Karen Meza and Yodeli Castillo. Not pictured is Blayke Mills.



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March 30, 2015

Dear Parent,

As we prepare to turn the calendar to April, several important events are about to come up for your freshman, sophomore, or junior/senior re-tester. The STAAR End of Course Exams for Algebra I and Biology are coming up in May. As you know, students must PASS all of these exams in order to graduate from high school. As a result, with your cooperation we are taking the steps to make sure your student passes the STAAR End of Course Exams.

- If your child is in Algebra I or has not passed the STAAR Algebra I Exam, they will need to be here from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Monday's and Tuesday's starting Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- If your child is in Biology or has not passed the STAAR Biology Exam, they will need to be here from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday's and Thursday's starting Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>.

We only have 9 review sessions from now until the day of the test, so it is important that your child does not miss any of these sessions.

**The testing dates are:**

Algebra I – Wednesday May 4, 2016

Biology – Thursday May 5, 2016

US History- Thursday, May 5, 2016 (Reviews will take place in class.)

Thank you for partnering with our school in the education of your high school student. Children do well when parents stay involved and encourage them to do well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 806-250-3951.

Sincerely,  
FHS Staff

### April is busy month for Caprock Canyons

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of April.

On Saturday, April 16, a Trailway Tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tour one of the most scenic portions of the Caprock Canyons Trailway down to historic Clarity Tunnel during this guided vehicle tour. Space is limited so reservations are required. Charge for the tour is \$10 per person. Please call the park at (806)455-1492 to make your reservations.

Also on April 16, at 2:00 p.m. is Native American Games. Bring your kids to enjoy some fun-filled games played the Native American way.

Finally, join a special presentation entitled "From Bronc Fighters to F-4 Phantoms: The Cowboy Folksong in Vietnam" presented by special guest of the month Ken Baake later that same day on April 16 beginning at 8:30 p.m.

If you're new to birding or just want to join an avid birder with your same interests, then join Texas Master Naturalist and birder Drew Harvey for a "Beginner Bird Walk" on Sunday, April 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the new Wildlife Viewing Blind!

Make plans to attend "Music Under the Stars" on Saturday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. with musicians Cecil White and

John Walker. These two talents folks play in the musical style of Chet Atkins and Floyd Kramer.

Saturday, April 23, "Tracks and Traces" where participants will go on a short hike to discover the many different clues that animals leave behind at 10:00 a.m. Then there will be a special musical presentation by special guests of the month, the Dirt Storm Drifters. Whatever your taste in music, you won't be disappointed with this talented crew! Their performance begins at 6:30 p.m. so make plans to enjoy some music in the park!

Join in on a guided vehicle tour of the park at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 where anything from the history, geology, flora, and fauna of the park will be discussed. Tourists might even get to see one of the newest members of the Texas State Bison Herd! Space is limited so reservations are required. Please call the park at (806) 455-1492 for reservations.

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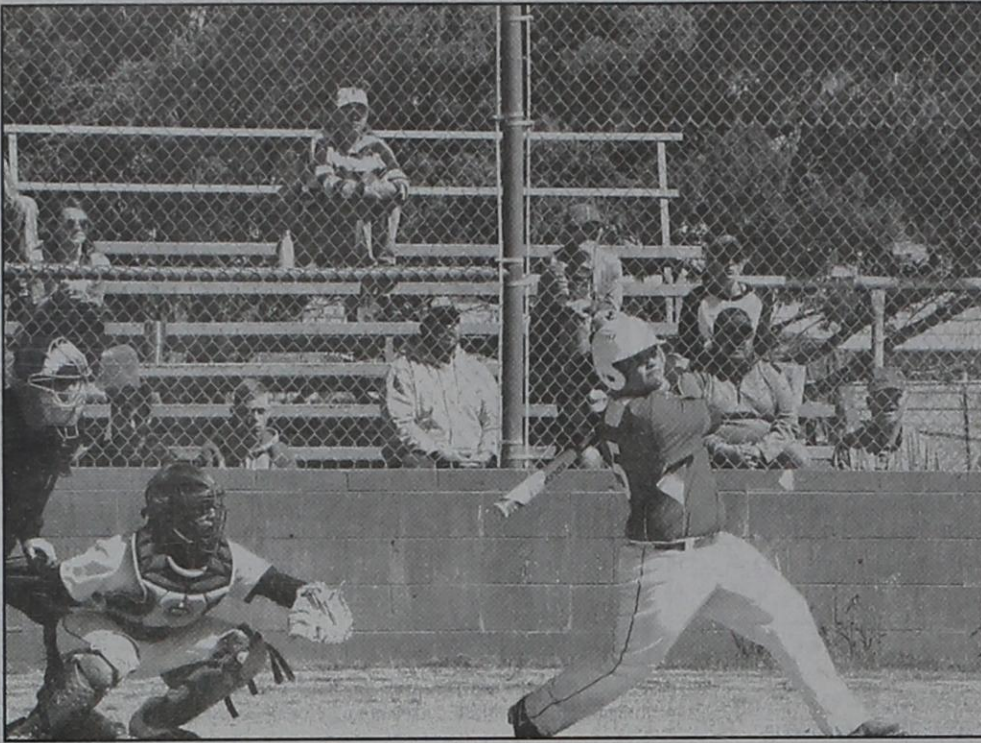
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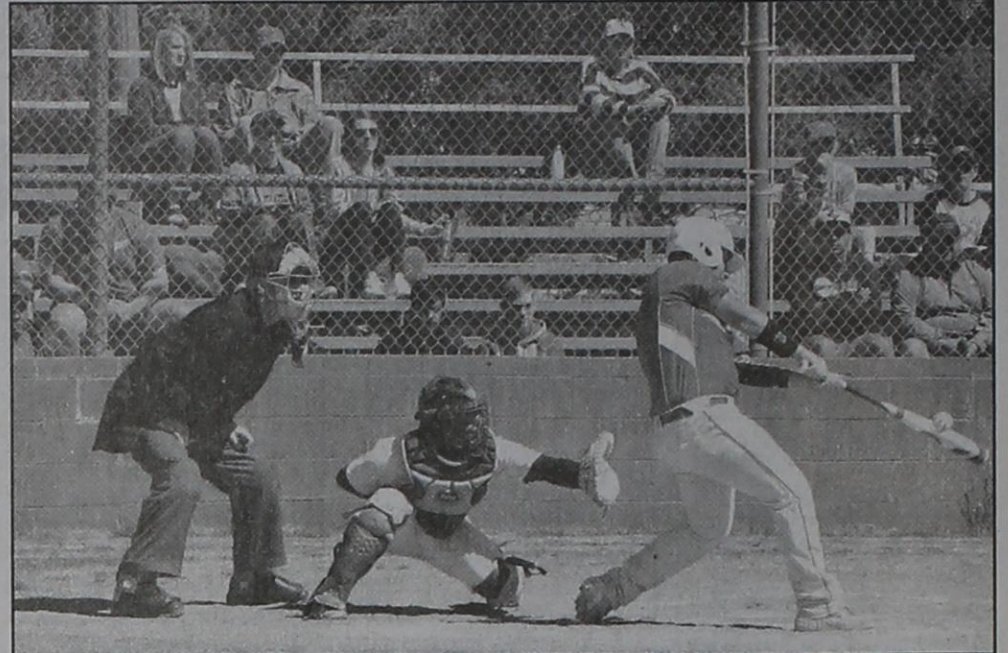
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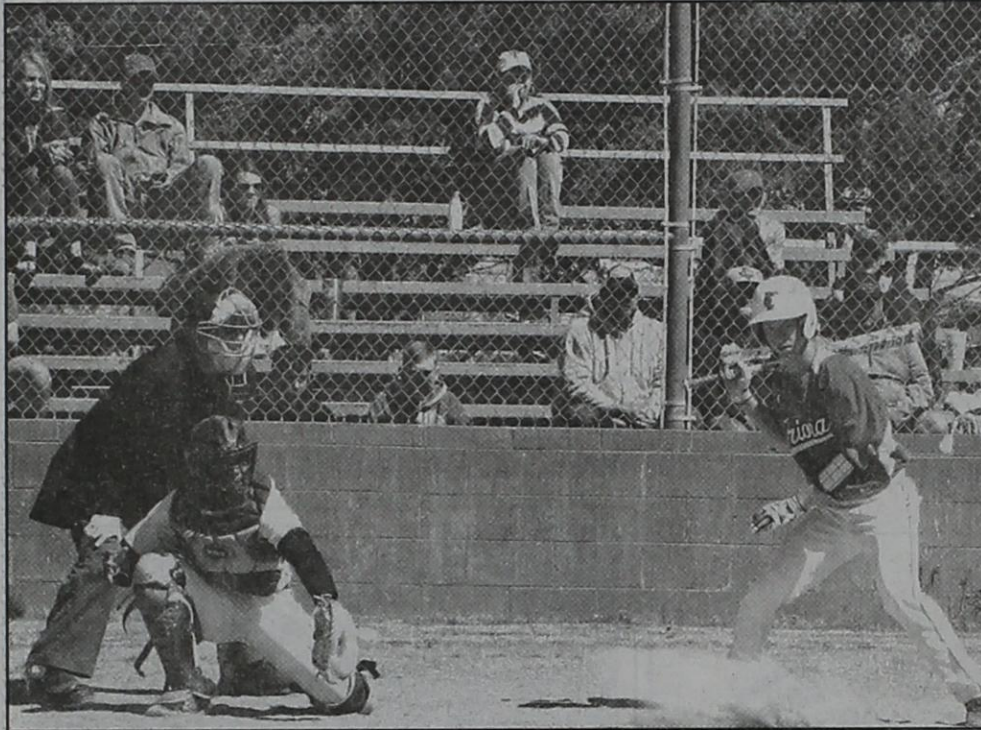
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Sophomore Chieftain third baseman Guillermo Quintana blasts a home run Saturday. The Chieftains beat the Muleshoe Mules 13-9 as Quintana, Josh Barnett, and Tristan Castillo all had home runs in the game. The Chiefs are 1-1 in district and play Littlefield Tuesday April 5.



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Chieftain Tristan Castillo (8) gets on base with a single and later in the game hit a three-run home run as the Chieftains beat Muleshoe 13-9.



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Josh Barnett looks at a ball in the dirt then blasted a two-run home run to help the Chiefs sink Muleshoe 13-9 in a district game Saturday.



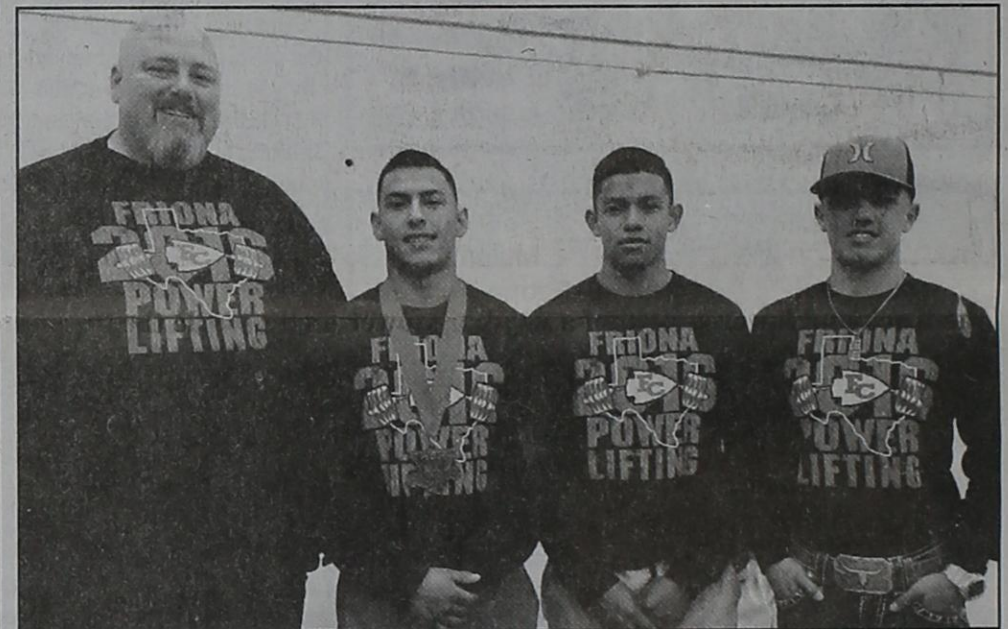
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Mason Mireles (22) slides home with another Chieftain run in Saturday's 13-9 victory over the Muleshoe Mules. The Chiefs host the Dimmitt Bobcats Saturday April 9 here. Play ball time is at 12:00 p.m.



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Sophomore Guillermo Quintana, left, senior Josh Barnett, and junior Tristan Castillo each hit a home run Saturday to defeat the Muleshoe Mules 13-9 for a 1-1 district record. With men on base the three home runs accounted for six of the Chieftain runs. This week they played Littlefield there Tuesday and will host Dimmitt here Saturday at 12:00 p.m.



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Friona Chieftain Powerlifting competed in state competition on April 1-2. Those attending were, l-r, Coach Daniel Hutchins, Luis Trejo, Salvador Santiago and Edwin Garcia (alternate in the 114 lbs. class).

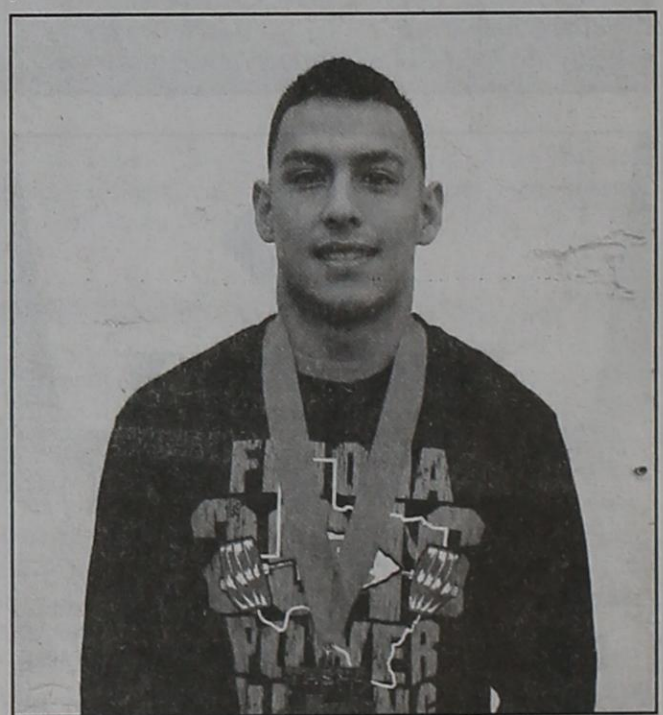
### FHS Powerlifting Update

By Coach Daniel Hutchins

Class of 2017 Friona Chieftain powerlifter Luis Trejo traveled to Abilene to compete in the 2016 Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Meet held at the Taylor County Coliseum and Expo Center on April 1-2. Luis competed in the Division 3, 132 lbs. class.

Luis brought home a 3rd place finish and a bronze medal for totaling 1,090 lbs. (squat (420 lbs.), bench press (250 lbs.), and deadlift (420 lbs.)) in a tough class behind Ray Aranda from Seagraves (1,245 lbs. total) and Cris Martinez from Bowie (1,105 lbs. total).

With 238 lifters across three classifications (A, AA, AAA), the Division 3 set of 132 lbs. lifters is one of the most competitive in the THSPA. On the day of the meet 554 lifters competed in three divisions.



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FHS Powerlifter Luis Trejo earned a bronze medal at the State Meet on April 1-2.

**Chiefs 13  
Muleshoe 9**

**Chiefs 8  
Littlefield 2**

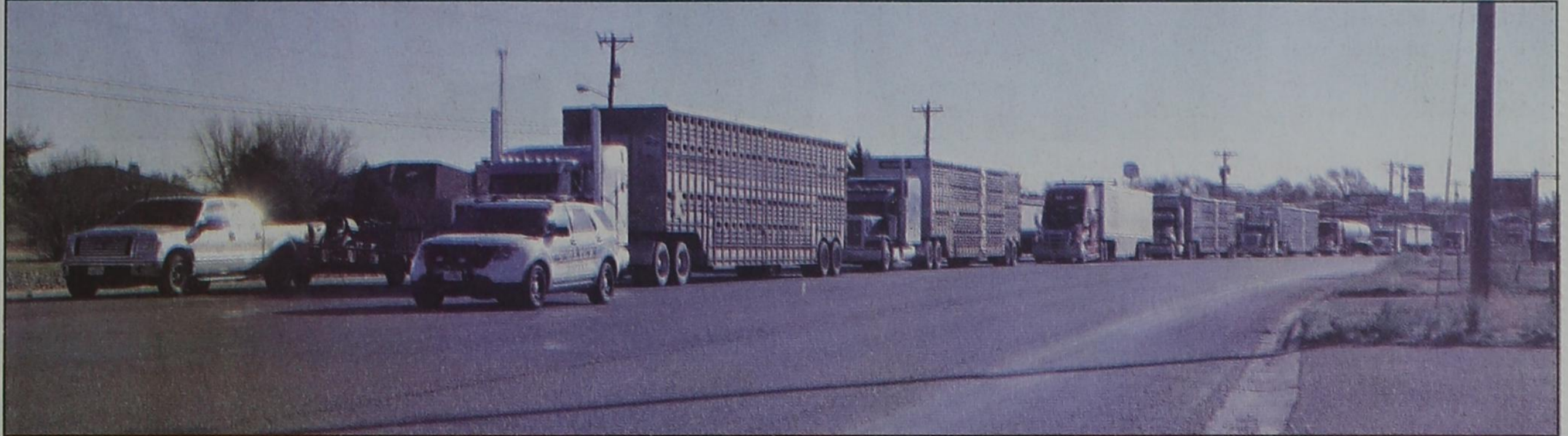
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The Windmills Are Coming...Traffic on Highway 60 came to a halt Wednesday morning as trucks delivering three sections of a windmill tower attempted to turn onto FM 2013.



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Friona Police halted traffic going east and west on Highway 60 for a time on Wednesday morning for three trucks that were delivering a windmill tower. Trucks and vehicles were lined up on both sides of the highway.



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The truck and lower section of a windmill tower finally made the turn onto FM 2013 after making a few adjustments after getting stuck on the first attempt at the corner.

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## We need more fruits and vegetables

If Texans were to suddenly begin consuming recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables, there wouldn't be enough produce to go around. That's the conclusion of a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert who said the state has started looking into how to close that potential gap.

"Even if people wanted to comply with recommended consumption of fruits and vegetables, there's just not enough," said Dr. Luis Ribera, an AgriLife Extension agricultural economist in College Station.

"AgriLife's Healthy South Texas and other health-related programs are now pushing recommendations of dietary guidelines to reduce the consumption of fats and oils, fatty meats, enriched grains in favor of whole grains, and the increase of fruits and vegetables," he said.

To help meet the demand for more produce as those health programs succeed, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension have begun efforts to rejuvenate the South Texas industry with the recent dedication of their new Texas A&M Rio Grande Valley Vegetable and Education Building in Weslaco, Ribera said.

"The idea is to be competitive with both domestic and overseas producers in the production of fruits and vegetables," he said. "While South Texas probably won't be able to produce all the needed fruits and vegetables — the area can't produce bananas commercially, for example — it will help close the gap." And it's not just health-related programs that are driving up the demand for fruits and vegetables. Studies show that consumption is on the rise as the population increases, Ribera said.

"It's very simple: We'll have to either produce more or import more," he said.

Ribera noted that Mexican imports of fruits and vegetables have already increased dramatically recently, especially via trucks through Texas land ports of entry. More imports are also now coming in from Central and South America and other countries overseas.

"These increased imports are not a bad thing," he said. "They satisfy a year-round demand when Texas and other domestic produce is not in season. We need imports. In the past if consumers wanted to buy oranges, for example, they'd have to wait until Texas citrus was harvested in the fall and winter. Now we get citrus year round from other countries."

California and Florida, however, can't be counted on to fill any additional demand.

"California has been suffering a major drought and a devastating lack of water," he said. "As a result, the price of available water there has increased dramatically, from about \$140 per acre-foot of water in recent years to about \$1,100 per acre-foot. And Florida's production of fruits and vegetables has flattened out."

To lessen dependence on other states and countries, Ribera said AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension have increased their commitment to increase production of fruits and vegetables in Texas.

"The Rio Grande Valley and the Winter Garden area near San Antonio are more favorable areas for production than California, for example, because of lower regulatory and environmental costs, as well as lower water costs."

Even with a steady population growth in South Texas, there is considerable available irrigated farmland there that can be put into production, Ribera said.

"With improved cropping systems, which include improved yields using improved varieties of fruits and vegetables with disease and pest resistance, South Texas could help meet the demands," he said.

As part of their commitment, officials at AgriLife's Rio Grande Valley Vegetable and Education Building in Weslaco have already begun the process of assembling a team of breeders, plant pathologists, entomologists and other professionals.

"We have to figure it out because if the demand is there, the supply will come," he said. "AgriLife's efforts include reaching out to growers to get them on board because the South Texas produce industry has every potential of thriving again."

The community showed their appreciation to the local doctors at a reception held Wednesday, March 30 celebrating National Doctor's Day. Pictured are, l-r, Dr. Gary Webb, Dr. Robert Alexander, Dr. Felipe Jubay, Lynette Jubay, PA-C, Carmen Putman, FNP-C, Christy Romano, FNP-C and Clayton Halford, PA-C. Not pictured was Nathaniel Covarrubias, PA-C.



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The Ladies' Auxiliary hosted the Physician's Day reception last Wednesday. Members of the Auxiliary are, l-r, Sharon White, Nancy Edelman, Elizabeth McLellan, Holly Campbell, Mary Ford, Donna Schueler, and Mary Joyce Barnett.



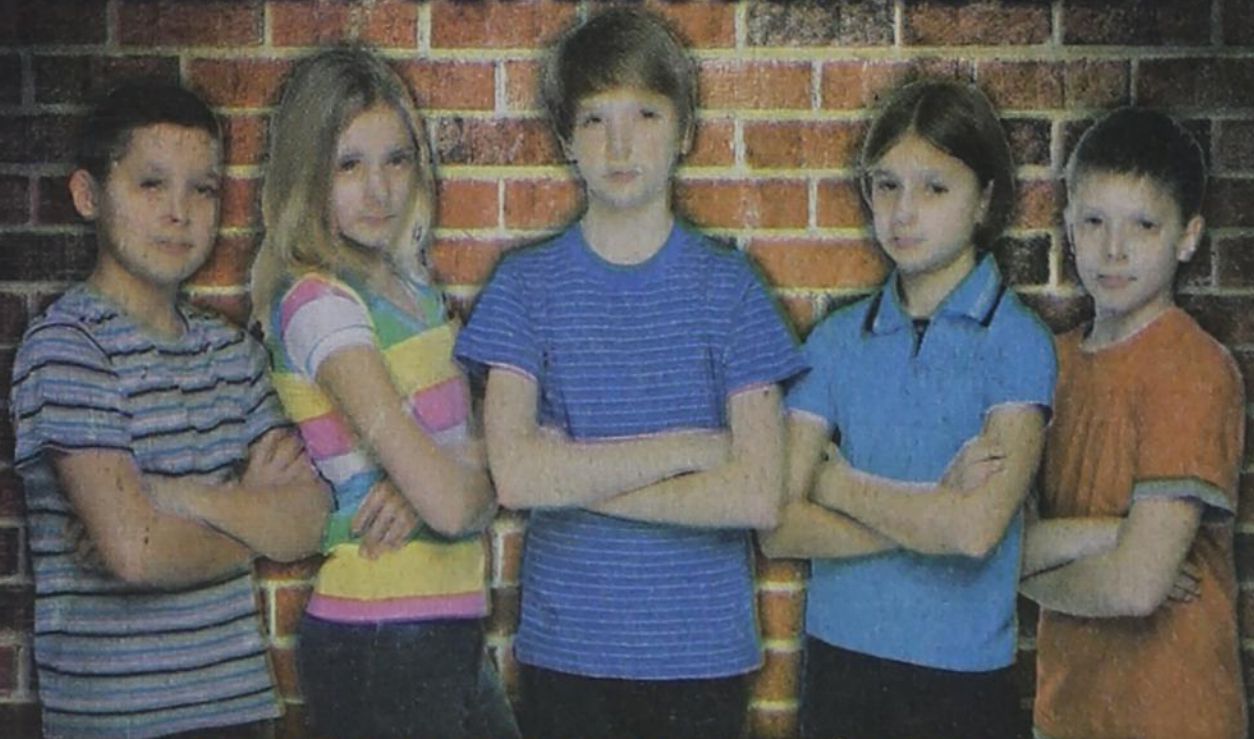
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Assisting the doctors at the Friona Rural Health Clinic are, l-r, Judy Rocha, Monica Dominguez, Gloria Aragon, Christina Donovan, Yolanda Trevino, Monica Villarreal, and Janet Balli.



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### Community Safety

## What to know in today's changing times

(StatePoint) Older generations may recall a time when doors were left unlocked. While that practice may no longer seem wise alongside today's headline news, you should have an expectation of safety and security in your community.

In these changing times, here are some things to know and consider about your family's safety.

#### Work and School Safety

Does your place of work

have a safety plan? Do you want to live in fear of the day that a worst case scenario will occur, but thinking about these matters can help protect workers and students in the event of emergency. Consider being part of efforts to create or amend actionable safety plans for the places your family spends time.

The Department of Homeland security offers free safety resources and tips for employers, workers, schools, parents and students.

#### Neighborhood Safety

If you're not already friendly with your neighbors, it's a good idea to develop a rapport with those who live nearby. Beyond the social benefits of having friends a stone's throw from your front door, neighbors are a natural safety net. They can keep an eye on your home when you're not home, noticing any unfamiliar vehicles or people on your property.

On a more formal level, consider forming or joining a neighborhood watch organization. A collective stake in the community can serve as an effective crime deterrent.

#### National and Global Safety

Individuals may not feel like they have strong roles when it comes to safety at the national and global level, but having a deeper understanding of the associated issues can alleviate anxieties and provide a nuanced look at the factors behind such threats.

For example, those interested in global terrorism can seek out new books like "Demand by Terror," the second book by Abayomi Nurain Mumuni, a fellow at the American Society of Criminology. Mumuni's second book focuses on terrorist demands. He uses case studies to build an argument in favor of negotiation strategies.

More broadly, Mumuni's books seek to raise awareness and understanding of what terrorism is and the extent of its existence. "Terrorism will not stay away from any part of the world simply because prospective victims do not know about it," he says.

Your family's safety is likely of the utmost importance to you. Take time to consider the ways you can stay safe at home and wherever you go.

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