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iPads approved for Junior High

Last year the Friona ISD technology department began a long-range plan to get iPad minis into the hands of all students. The 2015-16 school year was the program's test year. Each 8th grader had an iPad that they took home with them every night. The iPads have improved productivity in the classroom, teacher/student relationships, and student initiative.

On April 7, 2016 the Friona ISD School Board approved the 1:1 program to move forward. Next year every student in grades 6-9 will have an iPad mini device.

The Friona ISD Technology Department will hold two parent meetings: an English speaking meeting on Monday, May 2 at the Jr. High auditorium, and a

Spanish speaking meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at the Jr. High auditorium. Parents of this year's 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are required to attend; parents of this year's 8th graders are highly encouraged to attend and fill out paperwork, but will not be required to do so.

Each student is required to pay an insurance fee of \$60 in order to be allowed to take the device home. Students that opt out of the \$60 fee will receive a device, but it will stay on campus at all times. These payments cannot be accepted until the iPad checkouts. The dates scheduled for checkout are August 2 and 4, they will be from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friona ISD Technology department thanks the community of Friona for their support during this time.

iPads aprobados para Secundaria

El año pasado, el departamento de tecnología de Friona ISD comenzó un plan de largo plazo para que todos los estudiantes obtuvieron las iPad minis en sus manos. El año escolar del 2015-2016 fue el año de prueba. Cada estudiante del 8° grado tubo una iPad que se pudieron llevar a su casa todas las noches. Las iPads mejoraron la productividad dentro de los salones, la relación entre maestro y estudiante, y la iniciativa del estudiante.

El 7 de Abril del 2016 fue cuando el Consejo Escolar de Friona ISD aprobó que se pusiera en marcha el programa del 1:1. Para el próximo año, todos los estudiantes del grado 6-9 tendrá un aparato iPad mini.

El Departamento de Tecnología de Friona ISD tendrá dos juntas para los padres: una en Inglés el Lunes, 2 de Mayo en el auditorio de la Jr. High, y una en Español el

Martes, 3 de Mayo en el auditorio de la Jr. High. Se requiere que asistan los padres de los estudiantes que estén en los grados 5°, 6°, y 7° este año. Animamos a los padres de los estudiantes del 8° grado para que asistan y llenen papeleo, pero no se requiere.

Se requiere que todos los estudiantes den un pago de \$60 para cubrir el costo del seguro del iPad. Esto se usa para que los estudiantes se puedan llevar el aparato a su casa. Para los estudiantes que opten a no dar este pago, se les dará un aparato pero lo tendrán que usar y dejarlo en la escuela. No se aceptaran pagos hasta que sea el día de obtener las iPads. Los días para obtener las iPads serán el 2° y 4° de Agosto, de las 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. El departamento de Tecnología de Friona ISD les da las gracias a la comunidad de Friona por apoyarnos durante este tiempo.

May DSHS Immunization Clinics

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for May 2016 in Friona and Bovina.

Please bring a copy of your child's shot record for immunizations to be administered.

The clinic in Friona will be open Tuesday, May 3 at the Migrant Center, 618 Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, May 9 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Services will also be provided at the DSHS Hereford Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic will be closed on the last two business days of each month. DSHS Hereford Clinic, 205 W. 4th, Suite 102, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-4579.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.



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Senior Chieftain Mason Mireles and his teammates will be preparing for the playoffs. The Chiefs will play Littlefield Friday April 29 at 1:00 p.m. in Muleshoe for playoff seeding. They finished tied for second place in district.



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Retired long time veteran firefighter Joe Mann, Sherri and John Taylor, and Carolin and Glenn Reeve enjoy the steak dinner last Thursday at the fire station during Friona Firemen Appreciation Week. Mayor Rick White did the cooking as the city honored our firemen and their families.



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At the 6th Street Church of Christ senior class banquet Monday evening, l-r, Lorena Soto, Salma Estrada, Dayana Prieto, principal Dr. Pam Ray, Erika Maldonado, Elizabeth Rocha, and Sierra Mendoza sit for a photo as the Class of 2016 school year draws to a close. Dr. Ray will assume the duties of Friona ISD superintendent in June.

Can the State Afford Tax Reduction?

Reprinted from the Equity Center

Last year, the Texas Legislature passed the largest budget in state history, but still had more than enough money set aside in surplus accounts to accommodate for worst case scenarios. But that budget was based on an oil price of \$49 a barrel, a price that has since plummeted, rising only recently to around \$40 a barrel. With the drop in oil prices and the potential for the state to have to pay out billions of dollars in response to court rulings, it is almost certain that lawmakers will have less money than they expected or will need. Though

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar says that Texas' economy is continuing to function, and function well, the state is facing economic difficulties.

During the 2015 Session, the Texas Legislature proposed an increase in the State Mandated Homestead Exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The Constitutional amendment was approved in November and dropped approximately \$1.2 billion from the state's budget for the biennium. It's safe to say that Texas lawmakers should have had a more comprehensive grasp on what the state could

afford before granting the tax reduction, but what's done is done. The issue now at hand is how the increase in the State Mandated Homestead Exemption plays out across the state.

Interestingly enough, the increase in the State Mandated Homestead Exemption only applies to property that is considered "owner-occupied." In order for a housing unit to be owner-occupied, the owner or co-owner must live in the unit. In Texas, a little more than 60% of occupied homes are owner-occupied and qualify for the increased exemption. From this

data, it can be reasonably concluded that nearly 40% of properties, including rentals of any kind, are not eligible for the exemption. In other words, 40% of Texas taxpayers will not benefit at all from the recent \$10,000 increase in the SMHE.

In taking this \$1.2 billion off of the table, the State Legislature crafted a tax reduction that excludes many Texas homes and businesses. Because these other taxpayers aren't benefitting from the increase in the exemption, they end up paying more than their fair share. If the state felt

that a tax reduction was the route to take, reducing tax rates for all property owners would be a far better approach. However, it's unclear whether it was advisable to grant the tax cut at all, considering that it only favors eligible homeowners \$10.67/month and has the potential to cost the state so much more. If worse comes to worst, Texas may have to dip into its rainy day fund to cover these potential costs. The whole scenario could have been avoided by holding off on the tax cut until the bills were paid.

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- Apr. 29-30-FHS Track @ Abilene-REGIONALS
- Apr. 30-Ladies Spring Luncheon & Style Show-11 a.m. @ First Baptist Church
- Apr. 30-May 1-Circle of Love Roping, Cowboy Camp at Curtis Allen Arena
- May 1-FHS Senior Recognition & Reception
- May 3-DSHS Immunization Clinic-Friona
- May 5-NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- May 8-MOTHER'S DAY
- May 9-DSHS Immunization Clinic-Bovina
- May 9-Victory Family Worship Center Senior Dinner-6:30 p.m.
- May 10-FFA Banquet-7 p.m.
- May 12-FHS/JH Band Spring Concert @ 6 p.m.
- May 12-14-FHS Track @ Austin
- May 13-FHS Band Trip to Dallas
- May 16-All Sports Banquet @ 6 p.m.
- May 16-17-State Tennis @ Texas A&M
- May 17-FHS Choir Follies @ FHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.
- May 19-Friona Cemetery Association Annual Cleanup workday-5 p.m.
- May 19-All School Awards/Who's Who/Lip Sync
- May 20-Chieftain Challenge at FHS
- May 21-ARMED FORCES DAY
- May 21-FHS Prom
- May 25-Early Release
- May 26-Early Release/Last day of School
- May 27- Harrington Breast Center screenings at PMC
- May 27-FHS Graduation
- May 28-29-Cannon Air Force Base free Air Show-gates open at 9 a.m.
- May 30-MEMORIAL DAY
- June 19-FATHER'S DAY
- June 20-SUMMER BEGINS!
- July 4-INDEPENDENCE DAY
- July 4-Friona Fourth of July Festivities
- July 5-16-Summer Drama Workshop @ FHS Auditorium
- July 9-Annual German Sausage Festival in Nazareth
- July 16-11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival

School Menu

May 2-6

Monday

Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, orange pineapple juice, applesauce, milk
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans, corn, peaches, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Hot dog, Doritos, fresh tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, pancake sausage stick, grape juice, peaches, milk
Lunch: Roasted chicken, roll, cole slaw, pork & beans, apples, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pears, milk
Lunch: Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot sticks, pears, milk

Friday

Breakfast: Cereal, French toast sticks, orange pineapple juice, fruit cocktail, milk
Lunch: Fish, roll, broccoli, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, milk

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



What a difference!

Tires... I pretty much don't think about them but it seems every male around me does.

When I was a kid tires and car stuff was taken care of by my stepfather. I thought it was his responsibility to check all of the car stuff before a long vacation. He would use the air thingy (air gauge) to check the air in the tires and then he would kick them from time to time on the trip.

I am not sure what the kicking was supposed to do. I have kicked a tire and all I did was hurt my toe.

He would open the hood and check all the 'stuff' under there. Then he would put extra belts, oil and a gas can in the trunk with our luggage. It always seemed like he never brought along the right spare 'stuff' on those trips. Many a time we spent on the side of a road waiting for help.

Did I mention that my stepfather was a mechanic?

Anyway, I grew up and got married. The chore of checking out the car fell to my husband. He was really good about checking everything, all the time. He changed the oil and rotated the tires regularly. I never had to worry about any of that stuff.

The one thing he did was to teach me where the oil thingy was so I could check the oil. He taught me a lot about cars and I thank him for that.

Then came the time when there was no stepfather or husband to check all those important things and I learned to get the oil changed on a regular basis but tires were a foreign subject.

I know that you must have them to keep going forward and that running on the rims is a very bad thing. This

causes sparks and with the conditions being so dry I could start a wildfire by simply being uninformed.

Recently I had to start looking for new tires because mine could barely make it any farther or so I was told.

I never knew there were so many different sizes and

treads to choose. I had an idea that big truck tires go on big trucks so I was pretty safe in the thought I would not need those.

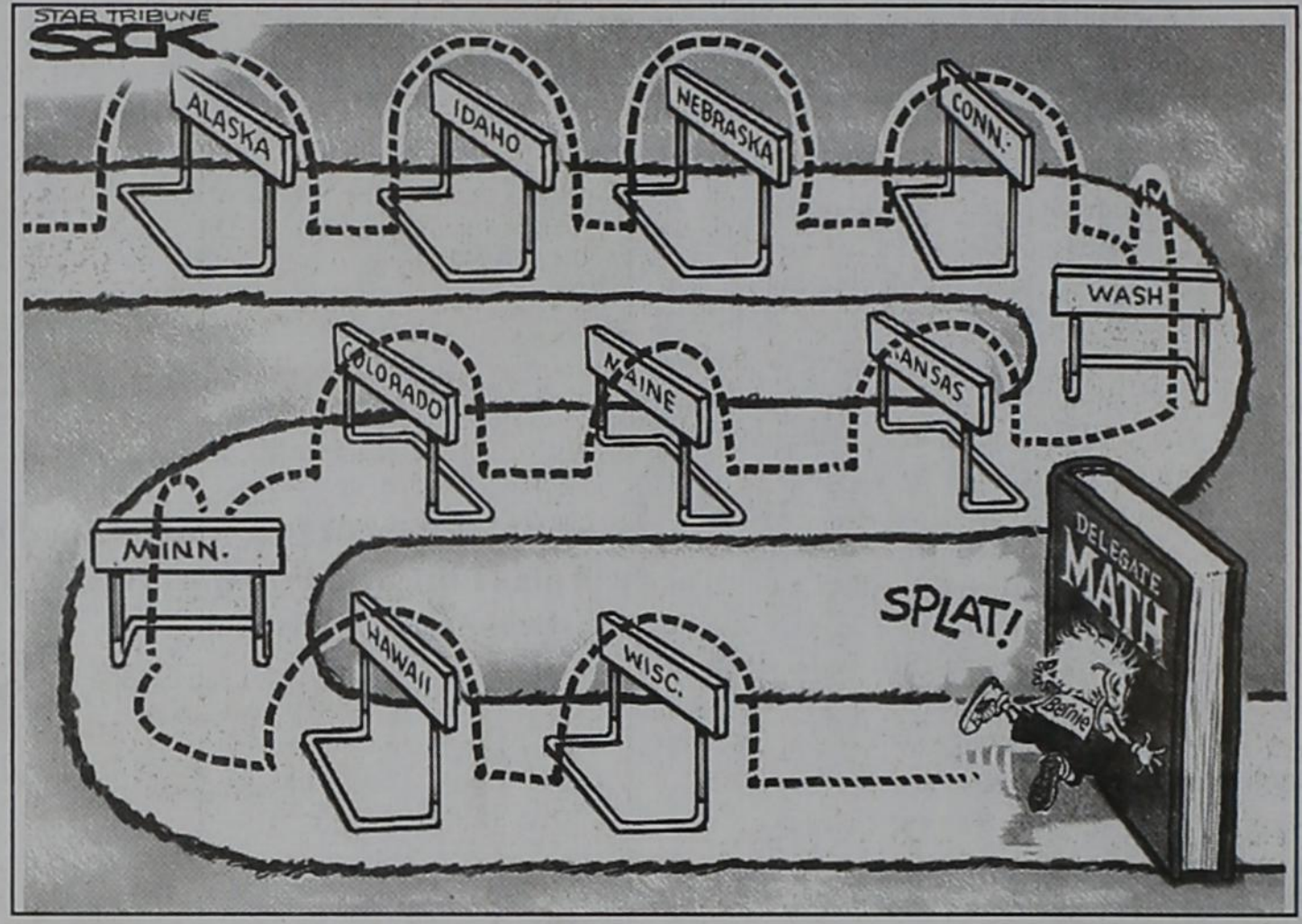
A very good friend of mine made the decision for me and the appointment. He (yes, I know I let another man do the thinking) called and told The ride was quieter, much smoother and the Escape

needed and fortunately they had them in stock. The next day we were sitting outside the place at the appointed time.

I never really knew how important tires were until we drove away with four brand new shiny blackwall tires. The ride was quieter, much smoother and the Escape

handled much easier. I am told that with the new tires my gas mileage will improve. (That is a plus)

My education in Car-Ed is pretty spotty but I now know a bit more. Thank you to the males in my life who are much more educated on this subject and looking out for me.



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ACROSS

- 1 Iowa ____, TX
- 5 TX Roy Orbison hit: "It's ____"
- 6 TX H.E.B. section
- 7 TXism: "fit __ a fiddle"
- 8 large communications co.
- 9 TXism: "tight as a cinch ____ horse"
- 15 cookie sandwich
- 16 at daybreak, a TX rancher is this (3 wds.)
- 19 Gulf game fish
- 21 TX singer/songwriter, Griffith
- 22 this actress Alba once lived in Del Rio, TX
- 27 published in Kyle: "Hays ____ Press"
- 28 bullriding leaves a cowboy ____ for days
- 29 tie up again
- 30 female TX shot putter, Brown
- 32 this Noonan was a defensive end for the Cowboys (init.)
- 33 folks we send to Washington D.C. or Austin
- 36 superstar, e.g.
- 37 TXism: "let a sleeping dog ____"
- 38 riot control substance (2 wds.)
- 39 one USS San Jacinto was an ____ carrier

- 41 O.J.'s failed book: "If I ____ it"
- 42 TXism: "____ mark" (conform)
- 45 Liu of "Shanghai Noon" with TX Owen Wilson
- 46 Levi of blue jeans fame (init.)
- 47 this Ephron wrote TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- 48 hole in ____
- 49 TXism: "sweatin' bullets"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "two peas in a ____" (alike)
- 2 Greenville in Dallas, e.g. (abbr.)
- 3 akin
- 4 TX singer, actor, & songwriter, Kris
- 8 "Hill Country State Natural ____"
- 9 in 1917, she was the first female mayor in TX
- 10 our continent (abbr.)
- 11 TXism: "brave ____ a rodeo clown"
- 12 tornado (2 wds.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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- 13 "git'er dun!" (abbr.)
- 14 Gulf game fish
- 15 areas for citrus growing in the Valley
- 16 one who takes illegal drugs
- 17 make acid
- 18 brown and gray finch with red breast
- 20 nest eggs for retirement (abbr.)
- 22 TX Hagman's Ewing role on "Dallas"
- 23 Gulf long fish
- 24 old bed plank
- 25 ____-off shotgun
- 26 this "Rocket" played three seasons for the Cowboys
- 35 chow down
- 37 TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly ____"
- 40 "R" of stat for Adrian Beltre
- 43 very long periods of time
- 44 autobiography by TX director King Vidor: "A ____ Tree"
- 50 TX Fred Hansen won gold in the pole ____ in 1964
- 51 TX Kenny's "Love ____ Something Like It"

"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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Spring is definitely here. Heard this suggestion this week: Spring is here and people are warned to lock their car doors. It is the best way to keep people from giving you squash.

Our sympathies to the families of Tommy Jones and Jeannette Thurman. Tommy passed away last week in Amarillo. Jeannette died Friday April 22 in Hereford. Their obituaries are printed in this week's Star.

Mickey Griffin had quadruple bypass surgery at BSA in Amarillo last week. David Grimsley is back in Parmer Medical Center recovering from a staph infection after a hip replacement operation earlier. Dale Hart had hip replacement surgery at BSA Monday after suffering a broken femur in a fall over the weekend. Folks encourage your elderly family members and friends to be vigilant in avoiding a fall. Too often we have seen our elderly citizens suffer from broken bones when they fall.

Last week during my daily visit to the post office a lady said, "Hi Ron." I replied, Hi Melanie." A few minutes later when I got to the office it dawned on me that she was not Melanie. She was Melissa. Does that ever happen

to you? So I apologize to her and to everyone from now on whose name I might get confused. Thanks for your patience.

Mayor Rick White and the city council honored our firemen and families last Thursday with a nice steak dinner at the fire station in observance of the Friona Volunteer Firemen Appreciation Week.

Jake Ebeling is the new Chieftain head basketball coach. Jake was junior high coach last year and assisted with varsity football. Now he will be moving over to the high school. Jake is a nice young man and very energetic as I have witnessed. I believe he will do well with the varsity boys basketball. Coach Daniel Hutchins has left coaching and will be the assistant principal at Friona junior high beginning next school year. Hartley ISD principal Danny Finch has been hired as assistant principal for Friona high school.

The FHS senior academic awards assembly will be at 2:00 p.m. Sunday May 1 in the high school auditorium. Scholarships and top graduates will be announced. Everyone is welcome.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday April 21 with 12

members and club sweetheart Courtney Bunker present. It was decided to contribute to our John Cook scholarship for this year. We did not have a program just a short business meeting. The next Noon Lions meeting is Thursday May 5 at Headquarters Restaurant. Come join us.

Parmer County commissioners met Monday April 25 in Farwell. They approved a tax abatement and road use agreement with Scandia Wind Southwest. Construction on the Scandia wind farm project is proposed to begin in July or August. The quarterly treasurer's report was discussed and approved. The treasurer's quarterly report is included in this Friona Star. The next commissioners meeting was changed from May 9 to May 16.

I attended the Class of 2016 senior dinner at the 6th Street Church of Christ Monday evening. Thanks to church members and minister Jeff Procter for the Mexican pile-on meal and a super-sized piece of cake. The seniors are on the countdown, about 26 days away from graduation. The Victory Family Worship Center's senior class dinner will be Monday May 9.

Enjoyed the Friends of the Friona Public Library annual

meeting Sunday afternoon. Thanks to this dedicated group for their support of our first class library. After a short business meeting and committee reports, new officers were appointed for the next two years. President is Jeri Lynn White, vice-president Katie Gilley, secretary Candice Geske, and treasurer Darla Bracken. Others serve as various committee chairmen.

The basket drawings were held. Here are the winners and their baskets: primary school, Lane Ellis; junior high, Janice Richards; Milk House Market, Sue Wells; Frio Draw Driving School, Nate Rush-

ing; Book Shoppe, Riley Davidson; Larry Johnston, Ethan Rushing; Hi-Pro, Kathy Rebert; elementary school, Robert Osborn; Vet Industries, Ellen Gallman; Friends of the Library, John Jarecki.

Ladies don't forget about the Ladies Spring luncheon Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Admission is a salad or dessert. I believe there will be a style show too. This is for ladies but if any of you guys get up Saturday identifying as a woman I guess you can go too. Only kidding folks. Don't send me any ugly Facebook posts.

We received word of the passing of Steve Louder, general manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative from 1992 until he retired in 2014. Steve passed away in Lubbock with services and burial there Thursday April 28. Arrangements by Lake Ridge Chapel & Memorial Designers in Lubbock.

At Sunday's Class of 2016 senior awards assembly, the community has donated almost \$30,000 in scholarships to support our seniors. FHS principal Erika Montana sends thanks to everyone for the support. See you next week! Until then!



courtesy photo Friends of the Library president Jeri Lynn White presents John Jerecki with the Friends of the Library basket he won in the drawing at Sunday's meeting.

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Library Friends enjoy successful meeting

Friends of the Friona Public Library hosted their annual membership meeting Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Redeemer Center, 1304 Virginia. President Tracy Ellis welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized special guests: Mayor Rick White and his wife Diane, Star Editor Ron Carr and Endowment Committee members present Teddy & Jim Bob Jones, Karen Renner, Kitty Gallman and thanked them for their dedication and support to the Friends.

Library Director and Friends Treasurer Darla Bracken gave a brief overview of the 2015-2016 budget which included sponsoring the Veteran's Breakfast, new aprons & displays, Annual Meeting, sponsoring presenters for Summer Reading Programs, Endowment Form 990 preparation, Fundraising, Friendship Garden maintenance and plants, Literacy Center Operation, Equipment and Technology Costs, ESL Software, Founder's Memorial Scholarships for high school seniors, Postage, Bookmark Printing and Advertising, Special Projects for community support and volunteer appreciation: Books for 1st Graders, Newspapers in Education for Friona ISD, Primary Book Fair Support, HLC E-book collection, sponsoring Dia de Los Niños and Spanglish Packs for Friona ISD Migrant Center, Ancestry.com subscription, Book Shoppe maintenance and repair, sponsoring Writer's Workshop for Pens & Pages Writers Guild, Youth Programs including support for Drug Free Party for Seniors, Boy & Girl State support for American Legion, supplying Senior Citizens, Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates library outlets and Books for Beds services for Parmer Medical Center Rehab patients.

After years as an unofficial Chamber member, the Friends are now officially members.

The Friends will return approximately \$14,928 in goods, services and awards

appreciation to the community.

The Director welcomed a new library employee part-time Circulation Clerk, Angela Hernandez. She also introduced the new software program Biblioboard, which is coming soon to enhance local e-book access and also to promote and support new writers. She also stated that she has been very fortunate to serve as a librarian in a community so dedicated to the vision of the early library founders for lifelong learning and enhanced community excellence as well as inspiring that vision in others.

Committee chair reports included:

Membership Kathy Sandoval, stated 84 members after a very successful drive.

Literacy Chair Linda White reported on 27 ESL Students and classes and expressed appreciation for the software.

Book Shoppe \$995 raised to date and will be open 3 to 5 p.m. following the meeting by Connie Slagle, Chair.

Jim Bob Jones reported on the latest report from the Amarillo Area Foundation and the Endowment status.

Scholarship Chair Kitty Gallman gave an update on 2015 recipients Karina Hernandez and Lino Tarango,

and stated that this year the Friends will award two more \$1,000 scholarships.

President Ellis then presented the new slate of officers for 2016-2018 who have agreed to serve. These officers were elected by acclamation: Jeri Lynn White, President; Katie Gilley, Vice-President; President-Elect, Candice Geske, Secretary and Darla Bracken, Treasurer. Ms. Ellis also thanked Jyl Grimsley, Freshments Chair for the refreshments, Lucy Hernandez, Publicity Chair for the ads; Ruby Rodriguez, Archivist and Chair for the Scrapbook, and Jamie Wellen, Social Media Chair and Logo design and welcomed new Garden Chair, Sue Wells.

Jeri Lynn White then presented gifts to Tracy Ellis and Karen Renner, outgoing officers.

After expressing gratitude to this year's Literary Basket Donors, President Jeri Lynn White asked Jayden Morgan, 4-year-old granddaughter of Vickie and Dennis Field to help draw the winners. The 10 winners are listed elsewhere in the Star. Thanks again to everyone for your support!

Refreshments of punch and cookies were then served to 31 members and guests.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

News from Thursday, April 26, 1973

*High winds which blasted the area last Thursday toppled a portion of the former Continental Grain Company elevator. A landmark in Parmer County, the elevator had been scheduled for demolition as it has been leaning precariously since June 11, 1971 when a small twister bounced through Friona Leaving scattered damage. The elevator is located at the south edge of Friona on Highway 214.

*Donnie Wedellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewellen, graduated from TSTI in Amarillo Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. He completed a two-year course for Airframe and Power Plant Ratings. Donnie will be a

licensed mechanic for all types of airplanes.

*Mrs. Rita Stephenson is Teacher of the Week. Stephenson began teaching in Friona at the beginning of the 1965-66 school year is a native of Winters, Texas. At the present time Mrs. Stephenson is teaching special education in the elementary fifteen years.

*Following the completion of negotiations about ten days ago Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hamilton are the new owners of the Holiday Restaurant which is located at the corner of Cleveland and Highway 60.

*In formal ceremonies in Friona High School auditorium Friday, April 13, Annette Reznik was installed president of the local chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

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Crime of the Week

The Parmer County Crime Stoppers need your help. On April 22, 2016 in the early morning hours, two unknown individuals committed a Burglary of a Building. The two unknown individuals forcibly entered by a back door of the Headquarters Café in Friona on the Golf Course, causing damage to the door and frame. The owner walked in on the burglary in progress.

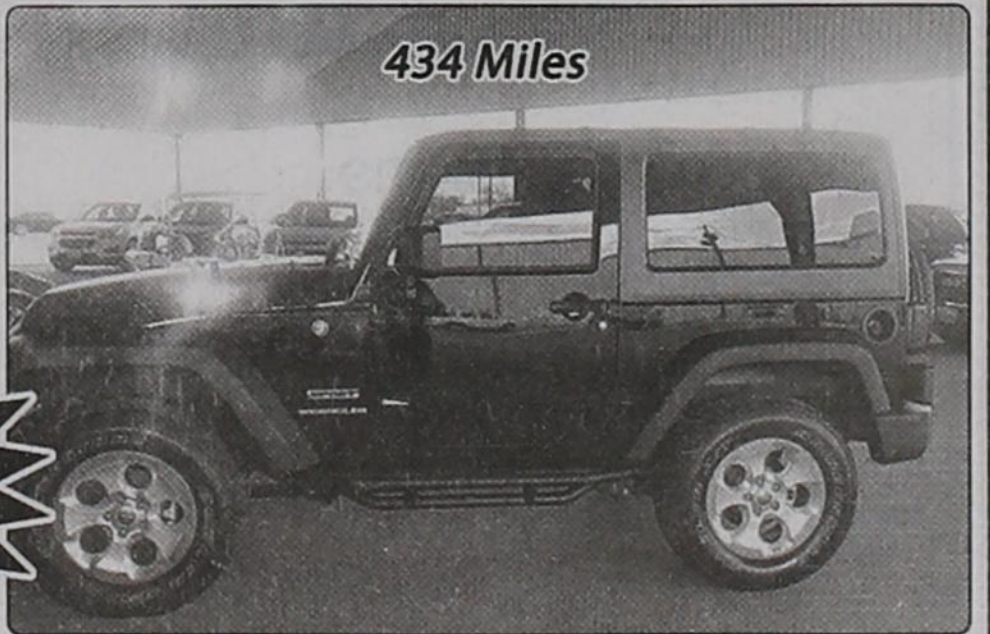
If you have any information at all about this crime, please call the Parmer County Crime Stoppers at (806)481-9178. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

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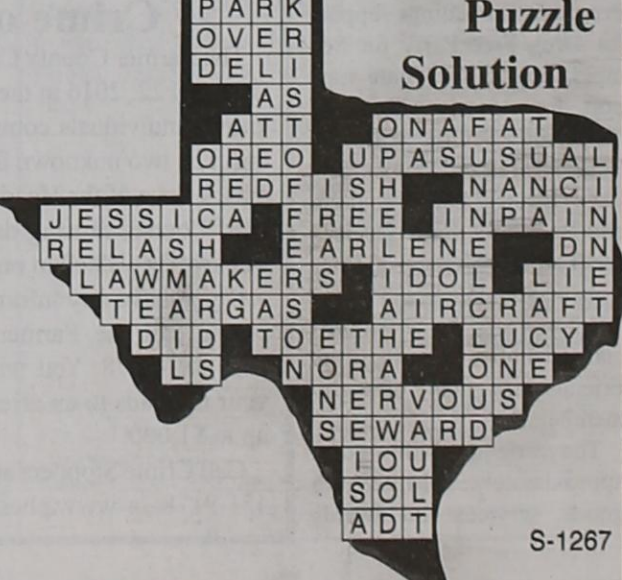
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Puzzle Solution



S-1267



Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

April 20, 2016

Jesus Valadez, 23, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for failure to appear, DWI 3rd or more and assault. Pending district court.

April 22, 2016

David Dewil, 44, of Hurst, Texas was arrested by the Bovina police for driving while license invalid, pending county court.

April 23, 2016

Joshua Ramirez, 26, of Bovina was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Randall County warrant and released to Randall County.

In 287th District Court on April 12 with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Jaime Vallejo, 26, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth) was sentenced to two years in the state jail division probated for five years, \$389 court costs, \$625 attorney fees, and \$360 restitution.

Bobby Soliz, 57, of Lubbock, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth),

was sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, \$389 court costs, \$550 attorney fees, and \$180 restitution.

Noel Ortiz, 32, of Bovina, charged with deadly conduct, was sentenced to three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for three years, \$329 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$650 attorney fees.

Luis Miramontes, 26, of Clovis, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, \$389 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$180 restitution.

Adrian Rivas, 29, of Friona, charged with burglary of a building, was sentenced to 18 months in the state jail division, \$304 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$3,305 restitution; charged with failure to register as a sex offender, was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Division Criminal Justice (TDCJ), \$304 court costs, and \$1,000 fine; charged with assault, family violence enhanced, was sentenced to 8 years TDCJ, \$304 court costs, and \$1,000 fine.



Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds reported by the County Clerk's Office:

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SD Baize, Robin Baize, Danny Baize, Randy Baize-Jose Refugio Olmos, Patrocinio Salas Jaramillo L2 N20' L3 B2 McMillen and Fergus.

Xcel Energy ready for spring storms

Spring storms bring needed rain to Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico communities, but also an increased chance of power outages and property damage. A basic understanding of the region's power grid and the ways in which Xcel Energy keeps it working can be beneficial to customers who might be affected by an outage.

"We enjoy extremely high reliability on our system, but when we do experience a power outage, we have a finely tuned process that ensures customers won't be inconvenienced for long," said David Hudson, president of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "With each passing year we gain more knowledge of ways to prevent outages, and we employ more effective response processes when they do occur."

Xcel Energy routinely stages employees and supplies in key locations ahead of storms when possible, and has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in upgraded power systems in the past five years to improve reliability and provide more options to reroute power on the expanded network, Hudson said.

In the event of a power outage, customers should report their outage online at xcelenergy.com or call 1-800-895-1999. Xcel Energy relies on customer reports to determine what equipment is out of service. The information is transmitted to a central dispatching center, where automated reports assist dispatchers in determining the scope of the outage based on the number and location of reported outages. Dispatchers then radio line and service personnel to initiate a restoration process.

Hudson said Xcel Energy customers understand that storms can cause outages, but they may become frustrated from a lack of information if

the outage is long in duration. That is why the company now posts outage locations and estimated restoration times on the Xcel Energy outage map found at xcelenergy.com. The estimates are based on the amount of time it should take to restore an outage given the equipment that is out of service. Customers may also opt to receive emails, texts or phone calls with updated outage information by going to "My Account" at xcelenergy.com or by calling 1-800-895-4999.

Outages affect different parts of the system, and some can take longer to restore based on the origin. Some common types of outages include:

•Transmission Line - The high voltage network is made up of transmission lines that move power from generating plants to large concentrations of customers, such as towns or industrial areas. A transmission outage can affect thousands of customers, who can be restored quickly when the fault is cleared or when power is rerouted around the fault.

•Substation - The transmission network feeds into substations where voltage is stepped down to a distribution voltage and sent over the lines that run along major roads and up and down alleys. An equipment malfunction in a substation can also affect a large number of customers, but power can often be rerouted around the disabled substation and power restored to affected customers even before the substation repairs are made.

•Distribution Feeders and Taps - Distribution lines are broken into feeder lines and tap lines. A feeder line supplies power onto multiple tap lines. Feeder outages can also affect a thousand or more customers, while tap line outages can affect anywhere from 40

to 400 customers. When outages occur on the feeder and tap lines, linemen are first dispatched to patrol the lines to check for faults or damage. If the line is clear, a breaker can be closed back to start the flow of power again. If damage is found, the damaged area can be isolated through switches and power can be rerouted into the area from another direction to restore the bulk of the affected customers.

•Transformer and Service Level - Outages that occur at the transformer or service line level affect smaller numbers of customers. Overhead transformers are bucket-shaped devices mounted on a pole and typically serve 10 to 12 customers. Service line outages are generally caused by impacts to the overhead line running from the alley to the customer's meter box. If a storm affects a large number of transformers and service lines, the restoration can take longer since service personnel have to make many stops to get everyone back into service.

Hudson pointed out that outages caused by spring storms can also present hazards to Xcel Energy employees and the public. Customers should be aware of their surroundings at all times, and assume that any downed lines are energized. Electricity is extremely hazardous if not handled properly by a trained professional. Never touch any electrical power line or device. Also, be safe when digging by calling 811. Xcel Energy service personnel will locate underground lines and mark where it's unsafe to dig.

Downed lines should be reported to Xcel Energy by calling 1-800-895-1999.

"Safety has to be the top priority, and once we've established a safe zone in which to operate, we can move very quickly to restore power," Hudson said.



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Friends of the Friona Public Library held their annual meeting Sunday afternoon at the Redeemer Center.

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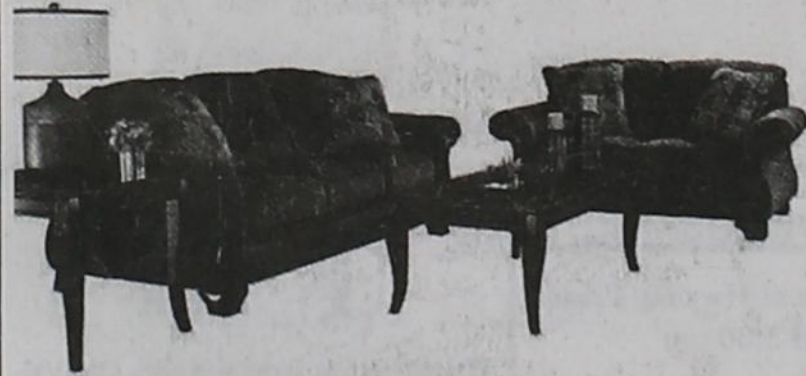
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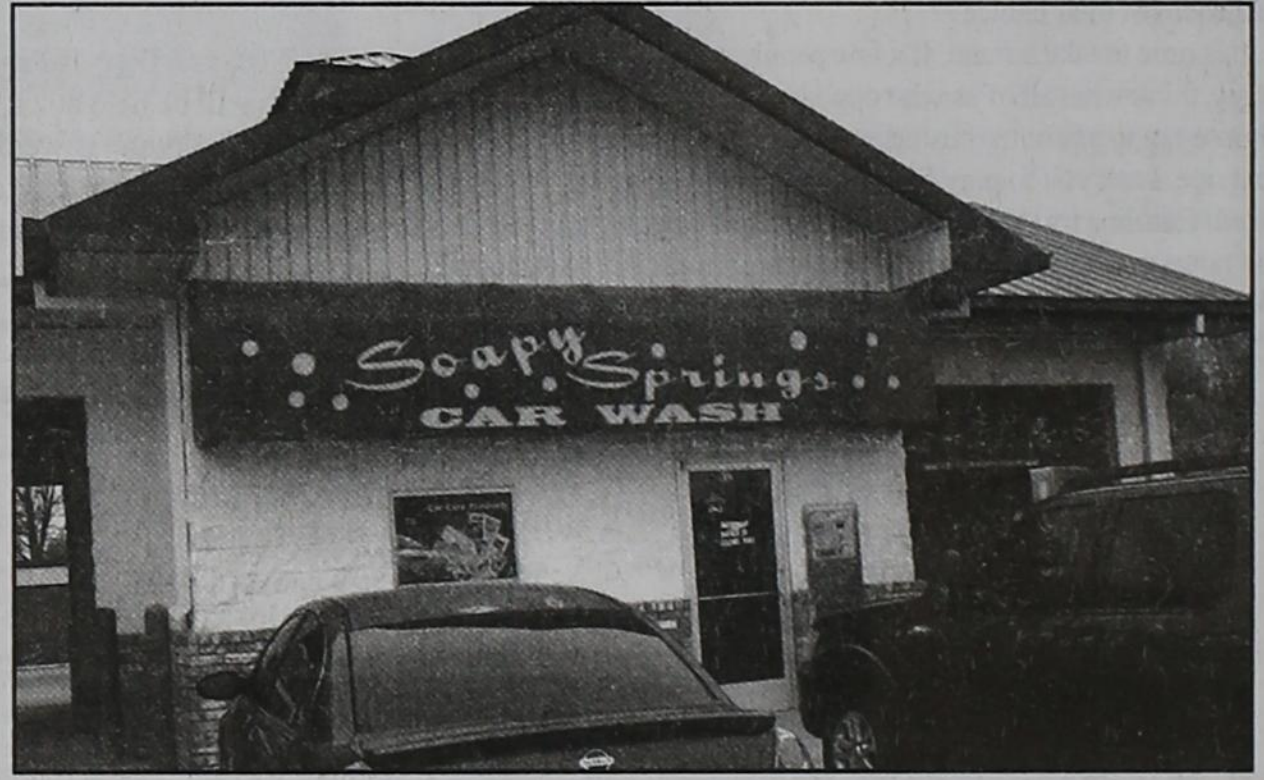
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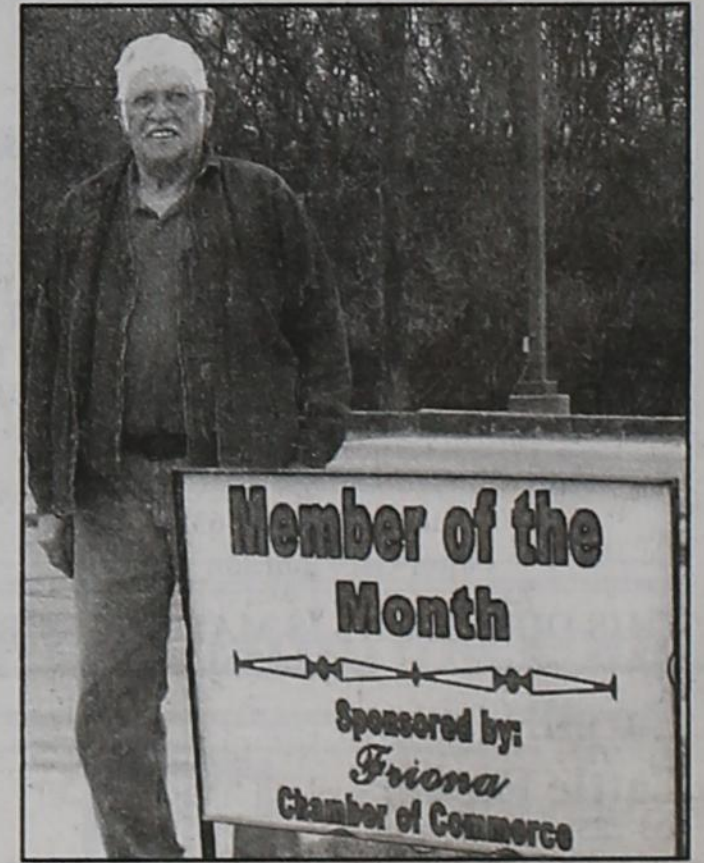
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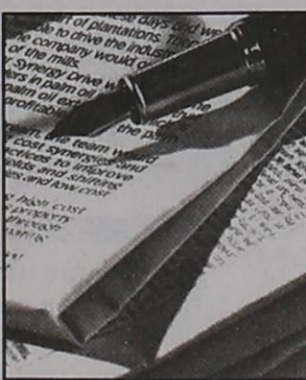
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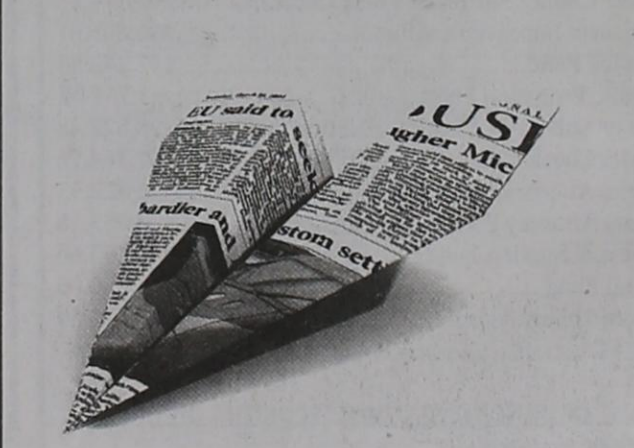
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Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 01, to March 31, 2016 Inclusive:

JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$67,746.53
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....13,331.72
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....1,349.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$79,729.25

GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2015.....\$1,579,815.35
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....2,569,720.41
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....1,067,688.78
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$3,081,846.98

FARM TO MARKET FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2015.....\$965,898.08
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....887,458.37
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....363,942.16
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$1,489,414.29

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$161,133.16
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....195,250.72
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....0.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$356,383.88

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$42,300.72
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....1,813.11
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....0.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$44,113.83

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$153,572.24
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....52,128.37
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....8,805.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$196,895.61

REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$144,055.47
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....31,230.92
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....28,043.83
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$147,242.56

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015.....\$3,886.92
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....30.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....155.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$3,761.92

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$28,876.34
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....71.14
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....125.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$28,822.48

DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$4,969.54
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....2,450.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....2,654.78
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$2,764.76

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$79,023.53
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....46.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....2,647.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$76,422.53

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$4,753.18
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....0.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....0.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$4,753.18

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$148,940.94
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....180,279.22
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....209,987.50
 3/31/16 Balance.....\$119,232.66

LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015.....\$0.00
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....0.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....0.00
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$0.00

PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2015...\$8,072.56
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....536.00
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....1,828.02
 03/31/16 Balance.....\$6,780.54

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund.....\$79,729.25
 General Fund.....3,081,846.98
 Farm To Market Fund.....1,489,414.29
 Contingency Fund.....356,383.88
 Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....44,113.83
 Permanent Improvement Fund.....196,895.61
 Revenue Fund.....147,242.56
 Juvenile Probation Fund.....3,761.92
 County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....28,822.48
 District Check Collection - 287th Fund.....2,764.76
 District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....76,422.53
 County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....4,753.18
 Interest & Sinking Fund.....119,232.66
 Lateral Fund.....0.00
 Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion.....6,780.54
TOTAL.....\$5,638,164.47

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

Certificate of Deposit
 General Fund
 Jury
 Permanent Improvement
 Investments
TOTAL

TREASURER'S REPORT

PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS
 (THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington
 County Treasurer
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th Day of April, 2016.

Trey Ellis
 County Judge - Parmer County, Texas



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Vanessa Chavez, Amelia Sandoval and Brenda Jaramillo held a "We Bake So Tummies Don't Ache" bake sale to raise money for SnackPak-4Kids. The girls raised \$167. They also enjoyed helping fill sacks.



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Vanessa Chavez helped Jo Beth Gipson fill sacks for SnackPak4Kids recently.



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Friends of the Library incoming president Jeri Lynn White holds the container while Jayden Morgan draws the names of the basket winners at the Friends annual meeting Sunday. Jayden is the granddaughter of Vicki and Dennis Field. Her parents are Lucretia and Kyle Morgan of Perryton.



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Congratulations go out to UIL Regional medalists Graci Stallings, Lydia Alexander and Taylor Stallings. Graci placed first in Feature Writing and Lydia placed third in News Writing. Both have advanced to State competition. Taylor placed 6th in Headline Writing. The Journalism team placed 2nd overall. Team members are Graci Stallings, Lydia Alexander, Taylor Stallings, Brooklynne Johnston, Hadley White and Kendall Barnett. They are coached by Allison Johnston.

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AgriLife experts give tips on protecting from Zika

By Paul Schattenberg

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are informing Texans on how to protect themselves from the mosquito vectors that spread Zika and other diseases.

"The ongoing outbreak of the Zika virus has spread throughout most of South America, Central America and the Caribbean," said Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville. "The effects this virus will have on the United States are not entirely known, but experts are concerned about the possibilities."

According to health officials, more than 350 travel-associated cases of Zika have been confirmed in the U.S., with 27 to date being in Texas. All of these cases occurred when the affected individual traveled to an endemic location and was bitten by an infected mosquito.

"The primary means of contracting Zika virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito, but it can also be transmitted sexually through semen," Swiger noted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially confirmed Zika virus as the cause of the increased cases of microcephaly in newborns that have been occurring in Brazil and other countries since fall 2015.

"Microcephaly is a condition affecting unborn children where the baby's head is much smaller than expected," said Swiger, who recently coordinated the North Texas Mosquito Education Conference in Grapevine and is conducting workshops throughout Texas.

"This occurs due to the decreased development of the baby's brain while infected with the virus. Microcephaly can occur under other conditions but a significant increase of cases has been seen in Brazil since fall of 2015 and new cases are now being reported in Colombia."

Swiger said the CDC is instructing pregnant women or women who plan to become pregnant to not travel to endemic outbreak areas at this time. The CDC's website also has tips for men who plan to visit endemic areas at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>.

"Thus far, Zika is not here in the Texas mosquito populations, but what the future holds for Zika in the U.S. is not entirely known," Swiger said.

Previous diseases have entered the U.S. by means of travelers bringing them in, but have failed to infect the local mosquito populations long term, she said.

"The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the main vector of the Zika virus, as well as dengue and chikungunya," said Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County. Keck recently presented mosquito education programs in Bexar, Comal and Atascosa counties.

"Health professionals have established a strong connection between the Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome and microcephaly, as well as an autoimmune disease with neurological symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis," Keck said. "And while media reports tend to emphasize the risk to pregnant women, the virus holds potential dangers for people of all ages."

Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Brownsville have been identified by the National Center for Atmospheric Research as some of the highest-risk cities in Texas for Zika. According to public health officials, if it does enter Texas it will likely begin as small "pockets" of locally acquired human cases that are the result of infected travelers returning from countries where the disease is endemic.

"Currently the chances are slim for anyone in Texas to get a disease such as Zika or chikungunya, but there is a possibility these could become endemic through transmission by the Aedes aegypti, which is prevalent in this state," Keck said.

She explained chikungunya was recently brought to the U.S. by travelers returning from places where the disease is endemic. Its symptoms include fever and joint pain, headache, muscle pain and swelling.

Keck also noted the hundreds of cases of another mosquito-borne disease — West Nile virus — in Texas during recent years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2013 there were 183 human cases of West Nile in Texas. In 2014, there were 379 cases, and in 2015 there were 252 cases.

"The common denominator in each of these diseases is there is a mosquito vector that transmits them," she said.

Both Keck and Swiger said the best means to defend against any mosquito-borne illness is to eliminate the vector or, if that is not possible, to defend against it using what they call the "four Ds."

The Ds are to dress in long, loose-fitting, light-colored pants and shirts; drain any standing water from containers, ponds, tires, gutters, etc. around the home; reduce outdoor activity during dusk and dawn; and defend using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or CDC-approved insect repellent.

Keck recommended homeowners "attack the mosquitoes at the larval stage" by removing standing water and using mosquito dunks in areas where they might breed.

"Homeowners should apply their efforts to draining and removing the items that might make for a good mosquito breeding ground and/or putting mosquito dunks into any pools

of standing or stagnant water," she said. "A mosquito dunk is a small, brown donut-looking object that floats on water and slowly dissolves, releasing a bacterium that kills mosquito larvae."

Keck said generally it's a waste of time, money and effort for the average homeowner to try and control mosquitoes at the adult stage.

Social Security, a super hero to many Americans

By Ray Vigil

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in El Paso, Texas

Summer movie season is about to start, and that means your favorite blockbuster heroes are about to do battle. Captain America is back to defend the country. The X-Men are joining forces to stop an impending apocalypse. And there will be another Independence Day movie, where the world narrowly escapes total annihilation — again!

In a lot of ways, Social Security is a super hero to millions of Americans. Like Captain America, we come to the rescue when disability strikes. One in four of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire. You can learn more about people with disabilities and how we help them at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

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with the right to earn retirement and disability benefits. Social Security is a lifeline for most retirees, keeping tens of millions out of poverty. Fifty-one percent of the workforce has no private pension coverage. Thirty-four percent of the workforce has no savings set aside specifically for retirement. You can learn more about the benefits you might be entitled to and about retiring online at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire.

Additional information on Zika can be found at these websites of the Texas A&M University System: <http://preventingzika.org> and <https://vitalrecord.tamhsc.edu/zika360>. For more information about mosquito types, biology and control, go to <http://mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/>.

Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Q & A

insurance policies with a face value of \$1,500 or less; your car; burial plots for you and your immediate family; and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for you and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for your spouse. Learn more about SSI at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.

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Answer: No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. There are no spouse's, children's, or survivors benefits. However, if your daughter is disabled, she might be eligible to receive SSI benefits. To learn more about SSI benefits, read our publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

Question: What are the limits on what I can own to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Answer: SSI provides payments for people with limited income and resources. We count real estate, bank accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds toward the limits on what you can own and still receive SSI. You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. If you own property you are trying to sell, you may be able to get SSI while trying to sell it. Social Security does not count everything you own in deciding whether you have too many resources to qualify for SSI. For example, we generally do not count: the home you live in and the land it is on; life

•Keep track of your earnings and verify them every year;

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•Get an estimate of your future benefits, if you are still working;

•Get a letter with proof of your benefits, if you currently receive them; and

•Manage your benefits:

•Change your address;

•Start or change your direct deposit;

•Request a replacement Medicare card; and

•Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

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Friona School Calendar for May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 -FHS Senior Recognition and Reception	2 -School Board Early Voting	3 -FHS AP Spanish Language and Culture Test -School Board Early Voting -Kindergarten Music Program 2:00/5:30	4 -FHS AP Literature and Composition Test -FHS STAAR EOC Algebra I	5 -FHS STAAR EOC Biology/US History -FHS Senior Class Trip To Lubbock	6 -4 th Grade Field Trip to Amarillo -Pre-K Mother's Day Tea 11:30 am	7 -School Board Election Day Friona City Hall 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
8	9 -STAAR Grade 3-4 Math Grade 5 Math (retest) Grade 6-7 Math Grade 8 Math (retest) FHS AP Music Theory Test	10 -STAAR Grade 3-4 Reading Grade 5 Reading (retest) Grade 6-7 Reading Grade 8 Reading (retest) FHS English III -FFA Banquet @ Friona 7:00 pm	11 -STAAR Grade 5 Science Grade 8 Science FHS Algebra II -Day Care EOY Field Trip	12 -STAAR Grade 8 Social Studies -Kinder EOY Field Trip -FHS State Track Meet @ Austin -FHS/JH Spring Band Concert 6:00 pm	13 -STAAR FHS Make-Up Sessions -JH Awards Assembly 2:00 pm -FHS Band Trip to Dallas -FHS State Track Meet @ Austin -FFA Area 1 Convention @ Amarillo 5:00 pm	14 -FHS Band Trip to Dallas -FHS State Track Meet @ Austin -FFA Area 1 Convention @ Amarillo 12:00 pm
15 -FHS Band Trip to Dallas	16 -Pre-K EOY Field Trip -FHS All Sports Banquet @ JH Cafeteria 6:00 pm	17 -FHS Choir Follies @ FHS Cafeteria 7:00 pm	18 -Elementary Honor Roll Swimming Party	19 -FFA State Scholarship Selection @ Austin -FHS All School Awards/Who's Who/Lip Sync	20 -First Grade EOY Field Trip -Elementary Science Fair -FHS Chieftain Challenge -FFA State Scholarship Selection @ Austin	21 -FHS Prom
22	23 -Primary Awards Assembly -FHS UIL State Academics @ Austin	24 -Primary Field Day -Elementary Field Day -FHS UIL State Academics @ Austin	25 -Early Release -Elementary Talent Show -FHS UIL State Academics @ Austin	26 -Last Day of School -Early Release	27 -FHS Graduation 8:00 pm	28
29 -FHS Choir & Band Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Austin	30 -FHS Choir & Band Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Austin	31				

4-H center offers variety of summer camps

By Paul Schattenberg

The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood has released its 2016 summer program schedule.

The center, which is owned by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is at 5600 Farm-to-Market Road 3021 near Brownwood. It is located on 78 acres on the western side of Lake Brownwood and features walking trails, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, a swimming pool, rope course and other amenities.

"We have programs ranging from our Horizons camp, a Mission Possible camp for disabled youth to county camps, Prime Time Camps and camps for sports like shooting and fishing," said Jenny Wilder, program coordinator for the center. "We try and design our camps to address a variety of youth interests and to be inclusive so as many young people as possible can share in the 4-H experience."

She said some of the camps are open to youth in specific grades, while most are open to youth from ages 8-18.

Wilder said enrollment is based on grade completed in spring 2016 and 4-H membership is not required for camp participation.

"There is a discount for camp registration by June 14," she said. "A deposit of only \$25 will hold the spot for a camp, and final payment will be due on June 14."

Wilder said two of the newer camps include the Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps.

"Prime Time Xtreme is in its second year and will feature an advanced challenge course, vet science and wildlife sessions," she said. "We will also be playing knockerball soccer this year."

"In the Beginner Shooting Sports camps, coaches will teach safety as well as accuracy. Kids will alternate between educational sessions about shooting and traditional camp activities such as kayaking and our challenge course."

Wilder said both Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps include team challenges and an evening dance.

In chronological order, the summer camps for 2016 will be:

—June 27-July 1, Horizons, grades 4-8. Youth fee \$280; adult fee \$135.

—June 27-29, County Camp I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

—June 29-July 1, County Camp II. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

—July 5-6, Mission Possible Mentor Training. Youth fee \$100.

—July 6-8, Mission Possible; Youth fee \$175; adult fee \$100.

—July 6-8, County Camp III. Youth fee \$190; adult fee \$90.

—July 11-13, Beginner Shooting Sports I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

—July 11-14, Prime Time Xtreme, grades 8-11. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.

—July 13-15, Beginner Shooting Sports II. Youth fee \$180, adult fee \$85.

—July 17-20, Prime Time I, grades 5-8. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.

—July 20-23, Prime Time II, grades 2-5. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$100.

—July 25-27, Fishing Camp, third grade and older. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

To register, go to "Camps" on the center's website, <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> and click on the "Register Now" button.



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Chieftain baseball coach Jesus Quiroz and catcher Mason Mireles in pre-game practice.



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Senior Chieftain Dallin Woods takes a big swing against Littlefield. The Chiefs will play Littlefield again Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Muleshoe for district seeding. Friona and Littlefield tied for second place in district.

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Stacy Paul
 Signature of Officer

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