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March 29

Canola/biodiesel info meeting in Friona

There will be an informative meeting concerning canola production at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at 619 Main Street in Friona (next door to the Cham-

ber of Commerce). According to the Texas Cooperative Extension, canola is a specific edible type of rapeseed, developed in the 1970s, which

yields about forty percent oil and a high-protein animal feed. The term "canola" is a registered name by the Western Canadian Oilseed Crushers Association. Many of the production systems, i.e. Roundup and Liberty resistance, currently utilized in other crops are available. Canola is being considered as a possible raw material for a potential biodiesel plant to be located in the Friona area.

Biodiesel is the name of a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources, i.e. canola oil. Biodiesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend. Biodiesel is available nationwide. It can be purchased directly from biodiesel producers and marketers, petroleum dis-

tributors, or at a handful of public pumps throughout the nation. There are currently 13 distributors and 21 retailers located in Texas.

The Friona meeting will address general production issues, methods, and will give producers some indication if canola might be an alternative crop

suitable for their operation. Dr. Brent Bean of Texas Cooperative Extension will be the featured speaker. For more information about this meeting contact Chris Alexander, 806-250-3491, or the Texas Cooperative Extension office, 806-481-3300.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Coopera-

tive Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin. They will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. You should call as soon as possible to advise of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

Hospital replacement on May election ballot

On the May 13 election ballot, Parmer County Community Hospital will have two propositions up for vote.

The Parmer County Community Hospital District board of directors is recommended that the present hospital facility be replaced. The present hospital does not meet current building codes and regulations. Many areas of the facility do not meet code standards adopted by Medicare.

Hospital administrator Lance Gatlin says the timeframe for operating the hospital in its current condition is growing short as Medicare routinely adopts stricter guidelines.

On page 16 of today's Friona Star, Lance Gatlin and Heidi Eichenauer have published a list of 10 questions and answers about the proposed replacement of the hospital and the importance of the May election propositions. It is recommended reading for all interested citizens. Further information is available by contacting Eichenauer or Gatlin at 250-2754.



dana d jameson photo

Yes it is senioritis time already. St. Teresa's Catholic Church hosted the first of several FHS senior class banquets last Monday with plenty of Mexican food and fun. Seniors Magaly Leyva and Javier Sanchez share a laugh at the serving window.

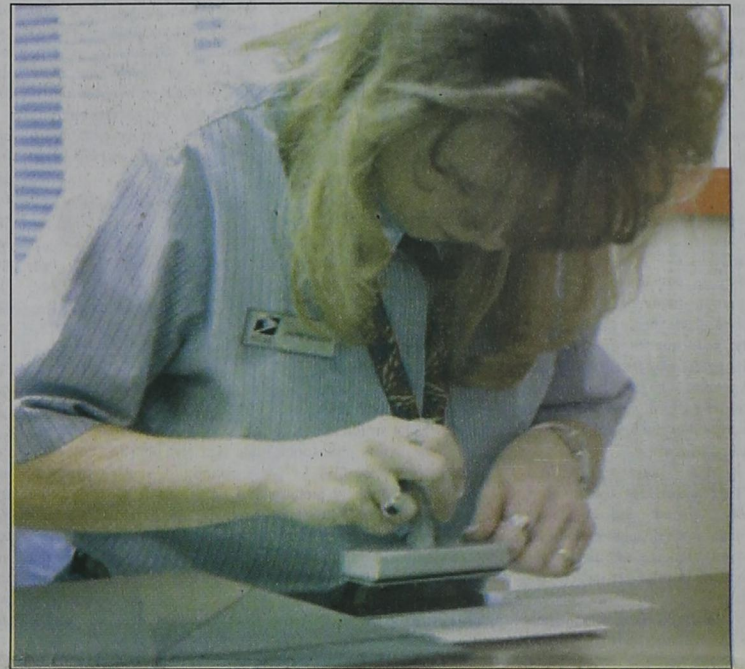
Most moisture since August '05

BY BILL ELLIS

The Sunday night/Monday morning rain measured .70 inches in Friona's official gauge. It was the most moisture for a single day since October of 2005.

Previously, a total of .18 inches had been measured on four different dates in March, to make the month's total .86 inches.

The smiles about the rain were tempered a bit by high gusting winds Monday afternoon, which topped the 50 mph mark, and no doubt dried out part of the good that the showers had done.



dana d jameson photo

Friona Post Office employee Cherie Maddox takes great care while issuing one of the Friona 100th anniversary cancellation stamps March 16 during a reception at the post office.

Ag Week in Texas

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 19 to 25 is National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to pay tribute to the hardworking men and women whose work in agriculture make Texas a giant in the industry and a model for other states to follow.

"It's a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy," Combs said. "Many people don't realize the impact agriculture has on their daily lives, whether it's through the food we eat, the clothes we wear or the plants we tend in our own backyards."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs about one out of every seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

"It's an industry that gives a huge boost to the state's economy, but it stays true to its roots by the sheer nature of the dedicated families who live, work and breathe farming and ranching," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways."

National efforts are underway to educate Americans about how food, fuel and fiber products are produced and about the role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Today's farmers and ranchers have built the industry over the decades with advances in research, technology, production and marketing. Through its food, fiber and horticulture products, Texas agriculture is evolving to meet the changing demands of consumers.

"We've come a long way thanks to the spirit and drive of our farmers and ranchers," Combs said. "We must be thankful to our agricultural pioneers for their vision and for dedicating their lives to this larger-than-life industry."

EDITORIAL

Last week's front page headline said something about renaming all of Friona's streets.

That is not what it said but that is what some people read. Most newspaper story headlines are not exciting, often just bland and factual. You might notice on occasion we come up with a headline that is provocative and gets your attention. Like last week.

We like those kind of headlines. Our thinking is that more readers will stop and read the story if the headline demands it. It is never the intention to be false and misleading in our headlines or stories, just to be creative and have some fun when we can.

Some people probably called city hall to ask whether their street was going to have the same name come Monday morning. Others had visions of mass renaming of Friona streets for no good reason. Neither of which was the intent of the story. The good thing is, a lot of people read it. We like folks to read our paper, clip out our pictures, and even gossip about our opinions.

We appreciate the city government, school officials, and others when they provide us with news to keep our readers informed of goings-on in the community. Thank you all for your continued support.

A citizen asked the Friona city council about the possibility of renaming Cleveland St. to Spring St. As he says in the letter to the editor on page 2, Don Spring was the culprit. We don't think he is a culprit, just a citizen interested in the history and future of Friona and Parmer County. We need more citizens like Don and Gladys.

Anyway, the city council realized there was not a procedure in place to consider a request for renaming a street. So they got busy, discussed it, and wrote an ordinance to cover the situation. In order to rename a street one of the provisions is at least 75% of the people who live or own property on the street have to agree to it.

There are some other renaming regulations, as there should be. We don't believe there will be a wholesale renaming of streets in the city and we applaud the council for taking the appropriate action to address the issue, especially during this centennial year.

And we appreciate our readers who read at least part of our headline last week.

ron carr



dana d jameson photo

Chris Haile is Tom Jones and Jordan Jamerson is Sophia Western in the Friona High School one-act play production, The History of Tom Jones. More one-act play photos on page 16.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

if all we're going to do is fuss and fight, we shouldn't have a dance

My mother and I were talking about Medicare Plan D.

She was thinking about signing up but like all other senior citizens in America we don't understand Medicare Plan D and not many people can explain it so we can understand it.

That led to a discussion of how you know when you are finally old as opposed to getting older. You can't just keep on getting older. Someday you have to be old.

She will be 87-years-old in May and I am 20-years behind her. She keeps chugging along but her mind goes faster than her legs will carry her sometimes. We didn't know if we are in the "older" or "old" category. We reckoned it depends on who you ask.

None of us older folks like to admit to being older. Mother and I finally decided that 90 is old. Anything less and you are still getting older.

Some of the old folks over at the Oneita Wagon Senior Center in Muleshoe have a different view. According to a story in last week's Muleshoe Journal, members at the senior center have been feuding over the inclusion of guests under the age of 60 at their functions. Apparently some "guests" at last Tuesday night's dance, who were under the age of 60, were asked to leave.

Elmer Davis was miffed. "This is bad for our community," Elmer said. It seems Elmer's granddaughter really enjoyed attending the dances and relating to the senior citizens there.

Mary Nell Bleeker, a member of the center's advisory board, said the younger set attending

the dances were for the most part couples in their 50s. "They're our kids," Mary Nell said. The story said there is a big sign at the center that cautions the equipment in the center is for the use of folks over 60 only.

The codgers on the board dug in and declared that as the governing body they would decide who got to dance. The story described the board's demeanor as crossed arms and stern expressions. "The board has the final say," center director Lavern Winn told them. "All these people who are over 60 worked to get this place and now you want to turn it over to the 50-year-olds to tear up," Lavern said. Some attitudes never change.

When board members were asked if a vote could be taken, Lavern told them "That doesn't matter." From what I have seen, that's pretty much the way seniors run a board.

It was pointed out that the disc jockey at the Tuesday dances wasn't over 60. Lavern said well, then, he couldn't stay either. At that point, Kenneth Henry expressed this thought: "If all we're going to do is fuss and fight, we shouldn't have a dance." That struck me as a pretty good philosophy for life.

In my mind I could picture the geezers on the Muleshoe senior center board. Arms crossed (mother does this when she's not happy), lips tight, an unyielding expression, and plenty of time to wait. Discussion is over. We are not budging. Don't have to. Got nothing else to do.

Here is another thought. You know you are older if the group you belong to has people with first names like Elmer, Mary Nell, and Lavern.

Older folks don't like change much. A good example is the aforementioned Medicare Plan D chaos. Seniors say they were doing just fine until the government stepped in and tried to help with paying for their pills. It is total confusion as exemplified by a news release we received last week from the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle. It said Medicare has recently hired 20,000 new staff to provide assistance to old folks trying to compare Part D plans and enroll. The government is not happy that more old coots haven't signed on.

I might be wrong but any plan that requires an extra 20,000 people to explain it to



me is a bad plan to start with. Especially for senior citizens. If we don't get it the first time around, don't bother coming back.

Older folks think about the past a lot. I got to use my windshield wipers Saturday. I was taking my daughter Megan down to Childress in a rain-storm. As I passed, a couple of

trucks spraying water all over us, it reminded me of the wipers on my first car, a 1949 Plymouth. Maybe you are old enough to remember too. Back then the wipers would stop in mid-wipe when you hit the gas to pass. Remember that? You had to let off a little so they would start wiping again. It was a pneumatic air hose something or other that ran off of engine compression.

All I know is the first time it happened it scared the heck out of me. A friend was in the office this week and asked if I remembered washing sticks. You are definitely older if you recall the stick momma used to push the clothes down in the hot water in a wringer washing machine. It was usually an old sawed-off mop handle.

I hope you remember because remembering is a big part of getting old and older. If you are old, God has already blessed you many times. You can be cranky, grumpy, cantankerous, or flat dab mean but getting older would be more fun for everybody if we remember Kenneth Henry's words:

"If all we're going to do is fuss and fight, we shouldn't have a dance."

p.s. after my kitty litter cake column last week, we received an email about a kitty toilet training device called "Litter Kwitter" invented by an Australian woman. It is to train your cat to use your commode instead of a litter box. If you want to see her cat Doogie doing it in the toilet, check out <http://www.litterkwitter.com>. Goodness gracious!

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

A Call for Fiscal Responsibility - UPDATE

Readers may remember that I have been working with some of my colleagues in the House to push for greater fiscal discipline in the budget process. I offered an amendment that would have removed Gulf Coast recovery money from the War on Terror emergency supplemental spending bill. If my amendment had passed, it would have allowed Congress to take a closer look at how taxpayer dollars are being spent along the Gulf Coast. My amendment did not pass, and, as a result, the price tag on the legislation swelled to more than \$90 billion, much of which is being spent on items that do not qualify as emergencies. When it came time to cast my vote, I voted for fiscal discipline. Here is an excerpt from the statement I released following last Thursday's vote (full statement can be found at www.randy.house.gov).

"...I fully support our military as well as President Bush's request to provide further support for our troops as they fight the War on Terror. Unfortunately, the bill we voted on today in the House is a far cry from what the President sent to Congress. Along the way, this bill became unrecognizable, with \$20 billion inserted for hurricane relief, \$750 million for home heating assistance despite winter ending in four days, and millions more devoted to foreign aid. In the end, I could not support this bill because I could not in good conscience use our troops as an excuse to spend taxpayer dollars irresponsibly..."

Despite the result of last week's vote, I remain committed to the goal of fiscal discipline. It is my hope that last week's vote is the beginning, not the end, of the effort to bring serious reform to the budget process. My amendment garnered the support of 88 of my colleagues, and the number of members who want to restore fiscal sanity to Washington is growing stronger.

FINAL REMINDER: Academy Forums Slated for March 25

This is a final reminder that I will be hosting military academy forums Saturday, March 25 in Abilene and Lubbock. For more information, visit my website (www.randy.house.gov) or call my office toll free at 1-888-763-1611.

Thank You and Congratulations

I want to extend a special thank you and congratulations to

all who worked on the effort to bring the George W. Bush Presidential Library to West Texas. Unfortunately, the West Texas proposal is no longer in the running, but that should not diminish the hard work that went into the proposal and the community ties that were strengthened as a result of this process.

Telephone co-op annual meeting Tuesday Mar 28

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will hold its 52nd annual membership meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn Tuesday, March 28. Serving of the dinner of barbecued brisket, sausage, trimmings, and dessert will begin at 6 p.m. Rafter G of Umbarger is catering the buffet meal.

A business session will get underway at 7 p.m. and will include drawings for door prizes. The grand door prize will be a \$200 beef gift certificate. Co-op General Manager Tom Hyer will give his annual report for the preceding fiscal year which ended September 30, 2005.

Also on the agenda will be election of three directors to the Co-op board. Incumbent directors Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange and Charles Myers Jr.

of the Hub exchange will be unopposed.

The Parmer exchange director position will have three candidates: Danny Allen, Ben Osborn, and Jason Wright. Veteran Parmer director Floyd Schueler will not seek re-election to the board. He had served since 1985.

WTRTC employees representing a total of 130 years of service will receive tenure awards at the meeting. Patti Dirks and Gary Parker will be recognized for 20-years service. Receiving 15-year awards will be Heath Urbanczyk, Nancy Urbanczyk, Kevin McDowell, and Carlos Elizarraraz. Five-year awards will be presented to Brent Bullard, Chris Paetzold, Shelly Rauscher, Michael Holmes, Shannon Redwine, and Rick Bartels.

Tumbleweed Smith

Novelist Pat Conroy's early writing experiences

Pat Conroy's novels are filled with lyrical prose about experiences in his home state of South Carolina. The images produced by his words are strong and clear. His command of the English language has made him one of the most respected writers in America. Among his books are The Prince of Tides, Beach Music and The Great Santini.

His first book was about the Citadel, South Carolina's military college where he was a student. Pat went to his commander and told him he had written a book and wanted to get it published. The commander told Pat to look in the yellow pages. He found a printer who did business cards, invitations and books. Pat was told he could have 2,000 copies of the book for \$5,000. Pat was surprised. He had heard it was hard to get a book published. He went to his hometown banker and got a loan because the banker was excited about getting a book written about the Citadel.



The first edition was sold out before it was published. The second edition did well, too. Pat wrote another book, *The Water Is Wide*. Someone told Pat he needed an agent. Pat found New York literary agent Julian Bach and called him. After introducing himself, Pat said, "I'm from Buford, South Carolina and I've written a book I think you'll like." Julian replied, "I've never heard of South Carolina, never heard of Buford and never heard of you. Losers like you call me every single day of my life and I'm going to fire my secretary for letting you through."

Pat wrote Julian a letter the next day. "Dear Mr. Bach: Obviously New York has withered everything fine and wonderful and lovely about your soul. Whatever your mother saw in you as a child obviously has been ruined and broken in the canyons of New York."

Julian liked the letter. He wanted Pat to rush him a manuscript of the book.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ron:
Concerning the run off election we have coming up in April in Precinct 2 for the Commissioners.

Ron, in my lifetime, very few times have we had the opportunity to choose between 2 good men.

Now is the time!! Clayton and Hodnett are both good Christian men!! Let's spend time in prayer about this matter, then get out and vote our conviction!!

Opportunities like this don't come along very often.

Thank You,
Don Teague
Bovina, Texas



Dear Ron,
There has been a little fear and misunderstanding regarding the story about the street name change ordinance before the city council.

Let me try to explain. I'm the culprit who met with the council and suggested a street name change.

Over the past many years, I have watched this small community grow and prosper and reach out to many usually nomadic families. Nomadic as pertains to certain occupations, such as teaching. I've seen teachers move to town and stick, or move out and then return. Families such as Edelman, Cook, Gee, Caffey, Duggins, etc. etc. etc. I'm convinced the hard loving work that our pioneers gave to this community made living here pleasant and attractive not only for these folk but for countless others.

This year we celebrate the centennial anniversary of Friona, and I think it is important to recognize the spirit of our pioneers. I must admit to an ulterior motive. My grandfather moved to Parmer County in 1905 and farmed west of Friona. In 1927 he established a grocery store in Friona and ran it until 1958. He served his town well, as did my uncles, Frank, Paul and Lee. My Dad farmed west of town. Uncle Frank was president of Friona State Bank for many years; Uncle Paul and Lee provided medical services for the community for many years. My request was to rename Cleveland Ave., Spring Ave. While I'm sure President Cleveland was a fine gentleman, I doubt any direct welfare he provided to Friona. Most of the civic leaders over the years have received recognition in the form of a plaque or such but I think it not only honors those individuals to name a permanent street on their behalf, but it honors the fine city to show off it's native son's and daughters. I really hope to see many streets in Friona sport local family names in the near future. It just seems to me that the centennial year is a good time to start the ball rolling.

I hope this will allay any concern that anyone may have felt about the story. And when you see a potbellied old man wandering around Cleveland Ave. with a clipboard in his hand, just cluck kindly and chuckle appreciatively, 'cause its only me harassing the homeowners.

Sincerely,
Don Spring

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Around Town

To get your area events published, call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wrtt.net

CASA volunteer training dates set

Great Plains CASA for Kids, the local Court Appointed Special Advocates organization, will hold volunteer training in March and April. CASA volunteers advocate on behalf of kids who have been removed from their home and placed in the care of the state due to alleged abuse or neglect. Often CASAs are referred to as the eyes and ears of the court.

The volunteer training will consist of 20 hours of in-class training and 10 hours of independent study. There will be four training sessions that begin Friday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m., continuing on March 25 and April 21-22. For more information contact Elizabeth Holguin or Jackie Francis at 363-1211.

Who's Who in your family tree

Has your family history been relegated to a cardboard box in a closet? What is the difference between a tintype and a daguerrotype? Learn how and where to research your family history and how to best preserve irreplaceable family photos and papers. On Saturday, March 26, 2006 at 2 p.m., the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will present "Who's Who in your Family Tree."

Guest lecturers, Preservation Specialist Lisa Lambert and Ellen Lovett from the Family History Center will share tips on how to learn more about your ancestors and get them out of their shoeboxes forever. Then take a tour of the PPHM library and archive with PPHM librarian, Betty Bustos.

Fee is \$5 for PPHM members/\$10 for non-members (includes museum admission). For reservations and information, contact Aarika Hand at 806-651-2242, or email ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Ladies Spring Luncheon Apr 8

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Women's Division will host their annual Ladies Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Sylvia Ingram, owner of Ingram's, will present a Spring Style Show featuring spring fashions and accessories for children and ladies. Ladies in the community are invited to bring your favorite salad or dessert and enjoy a great style show.

3-on-3 basketball tourney April 15

Do you enjoy basketball? Do you like to play? Bovina High School will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, April 15, 2006. The tournament divisions are: 5th & 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, high school, and adult. All divisions are open to both boys and girls. Entry fee is \$40 per team and the deadline for signing up is April 12, 2006. For more information call Coach Shannon Shorter at 806-251-1317, ext. 242.

A tisket, A tisket, A literary basket

Baskets for the Friends of the Library Fundraiser will be on display at several businesses and some will be at the Friona Public Library

now until April 14, 2006. The baskets will then be on display at the Library for the week of April 17-21. The baskets are centered around a book and have many delightful things pertaining to the book. The "baskets" themselves are often something special to win. Buy as many tickets as you want for one basket or several baskets for more chances to win! Tickets will be sold for \$1 at the Library and at the Friends Fun Festival Fundraiser on April 23, 2006.

Citywide Easter egg hunt Apr 15

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a citywide Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the Friona City Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be divisions for toddlers through preschool; Kindergarten through 3rd grade; and 4th grade through 6th grade. All children are invited to attend and have a good time.

Breast screening clinic April 17

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on April 17, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Lazbuddie 3-on-3 tourney Apr 21-22

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride 3-on-3 shootout will be held Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasiums in Lazbuddie, Texas. Entry fee is \$50 per 4-person team and the deadline is April 15. To enter call LISD at (806) 965-2152, John Jones at (806) 965-2869, Debbie Weir (806) 965-2302 or Sarah Black at (806) 265-3861 or mail your entry to: Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride, Lazbuddie ISD, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



ron carr photo

Lions Club members, l-r, Clint Mears, sweetheart Breann Barnett, Larry Knowles, Dale Houlette, Robert Jones, and John Gurley talk with Friona firemen Bryan Harris and John Taylor during last Thursday's club tour of the fire station.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday, March 16, with 14 members and club sweetheart Breann Barnett present.

It was reported that Lion Albert Ricketts was at home recovering from back surgery and doing well.

After a Mexican pile-on lunch, members went to the Friona fire department where firemen John Taylor and Bryan Harris gave us a tour of the fire station.

Taylor said the Friona FD currently has 27 volunteer firemen and the department is fortunate to have about \$1 million in modern fire fighting equipment.

It was interesting to note the fire department has a heavy duty washer and dryer at the station to clean the fire suits they wear. Also the department has a generator that will run the building in the event of a power outage, a \$6,000 air compressor unit to refill the air tanks, and a heavy duty dryer to help in cleaning and drying fire hoses.

Taylor said the community has been very supportive of the fire department and made it possible

for Friona firemen to have some of the best equipment of any volunteer department in the Panhandle. Firemen Bryan Harris and Matt Osborn took a truck and joined firemen from Hereford and Bootleg and went to the McLean area during the massive wildfire problem last week.

Harris said they mainly patrolled a stretch of road near McLean to

prevent the fire from burning houses in the area. They left Monday, March 13 and returned to Friona the next day. It was an interesting tour and the club thanks Mr. Taylor and Mr. Harris for the tour and for their service to the community.

The next meeting of the Friona Noon Lions will be Thursday, April 6. Prospective members and visitors are always welcome to join us.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many of the Indian camps that are found in Parmer County belong to the nomadic people of the horse. On the northeast side of almost every playa lake in the county a person can find some indication that the Indians were here first. They preferred to camp on the northeast side to catch the cooling southwest wind. After a sandstorm or rainstorm a person may find a burned rock, a piece of pottery, an arrow point (a long lanceolate point from the spear of "Clovis Man").

Parmer County History c. 1981 (Harley Merritt, The Indians in Parmer County)

Happy Birthday

March 26, 2006-April 1, 2006

- Mar. 26-Kent Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Johnson, Joan Grimsley, E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson
- Mar. 27-Billy Sanders, Randy Allen, Keven Clark, Jon Goddard, C.B. Eddins, Macy Diana Reeve, V'Leshia Wilcox, Alysa Cooper, Jessie Stone
- Mar. 28-Robert Osborn, Gaylene Sunderlin Vamer, Neola Reed, Alan Clark, Dean Butler, Joel Van Valkenburg, Kay O'Brian, Geri Taylor, Jo Osborn, Kaleb Steen, Juanda Murphy, Robert Osborn
- Mar. 29-Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brookfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Soto, Stephanie Williams
- Mar. 30-Jana Barnett, Leonard Coffey, T.J. Reed, Vernon Roberts, Annette Loflin, Feller Hughes, W.D. Buske, Margie Bridges, Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Baker, Andrea Villareal, Jan Hazelwood
- Mar. 31-Wayne A. Jones, Trisha Gibson Duff, Kathy Steen, Kelly Wied Mann, Jeremy Layne Schueler, Billy Joe Jackson
- Apr. 1-Sue Proctor, Hanna Cammichael, Elpidio Gonzales Jr., Christi Herbert, David Gonzales, Kelby Monroe, Steven Hunt, Whitney Tasillo, Ty Grimsley, Stan Miller, Evangelina Casas, Emma Schueler

FlashBacks

65 Years Ago March 21, 1941

Friona-Dr. R.J. McReynolds, who was mentioned in this column last week as the medical doctor who was located here permanently for the practice of medicine, arrived Monday afternoon with a portion of his office equipment, and he opened his office Tuesday morning for regular practice.

50 Years Ago March 23, 1956

Friona-The recent dust storms in Parmer County have taken their toll in wheat damage, according to Agricultural Agent Joe Jones, who pointed out that reports from scattered sections of the county indicate that here and there some farmers have had their wheat blown out.

45 Years Ago March 23, 1961

Friona-A postmaster appointment that didn't materialize after it had been announced had Frionans shaking their heads in wonderment this week. Roy V. Miller, who received word last week that he was to be installed as acting postmaster, received another letter Friday that revoked the first order. In investigating the incident, this writer learned that several Frionans had been asked to write letters to postal authorities asking that

Mrs. Roy Clements receive the appointment.

40 Years Ago March 24, 1966

Friona-Junior Martinez, son of Mrs. Norma Martinez of Friona, was serving aboard the destroyer USS Mason last Wednesday when the vessel picked up the United States' two latest astronauts. Martinez, who

was employed at Gib's Cleaners prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy, has been in the service about three years.

20 Years Ago March 23, 1986

Friona-Mendan Dixon and Sonia Lafuente were named Mr. and Miss FHS in the "Who's Who" elections held this week at Friona High School.

TEXAS AG WEEK FACTS

•Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

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"This web site gives our customers one more way of interacting with us," said Bobbie Pierson, Parmer County Tax Assessor Collector. "Residents will be able to renew their registration when it's convenient for them, day or night."

This online service is limited to vehicle owners who have received a Registration Renewal Notice from the Texas Department of Transportation. The registration must be due within 90 days but cannot be expired. Current liability insurance coverage is also required and there cannot be any traffic warrants or other questionable notations on the motor vehicle record. Emissions compliance is also required where applicable.

Motorists who renew via the Internet will be asked to enter a minimal amount of information, including their address, their vehicle, insurance coverage, and the credit card they will use for payment. The Parmer County Tax Office will then process the information to ensure that all requirements are met. It will take tax office staff approximately two business days to process an approved online transaction and mail the renewal sticker to the customer. Site users will pay a nonrefundable \$2 service fee and a \$1 mail-processing fee for the service.

The website also allows registered vehicle owners to change the recipient address for their registration renewal notice. There is no fee charged for this service and it is available to all registered vehicle owners regardless of their county of residence.

"We're excited to be part of this innovative program," said Pierson.

American Cancer Society offers services to cancer patients

In the fight against cancer, the American Cancer Society places great importance on cancer patient services—hoping to ease cancer's impact on people's lives. The fact that people are surviving cancer today more than ever before—over 60 percent live at least five years—reinforces the need to help people get back into life's mainstream.

The American Cancer Society helps people with cancer and their families in every Texas community through a toll free number that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By calling 1-800-ACS-2345, a cancer information specialist can offer assistance.

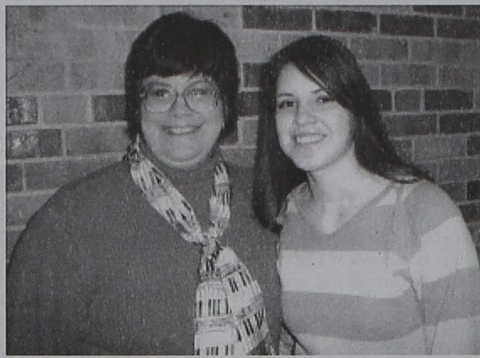
Resources can also be found on the American Cancer Society's web site at www.cancer.org. With a click of the mouse, patients and caregivers can log onto the Cancer Survivors Network and seek support. The site offers discussion groups, personal stories, and communication with others via email, and resources such as suggested books, articles, and web sites.

The Society offers limited tangible services such as medical equipment, comfort pillows, wigs and other gift items. Temporary housing is available through the Guestroom program for cancer patients who must travel for treatment. Volunteer drivers transport patients through the Road to Recovery program.

Volunteers who have experienced cancer, visit patients and their families to support them in adjusting to their diagnosis. The Reach to Recovery program is for breast cancer patients, and support groups are held in hospitals, churches, and other facilities that help cancer patients and their families. The American Cancer Society also offers a bereavement support group called Life After Loss.

If you or a member of your family is in need of these services, or if you want to volunteer or need more information, please call your local American Cancer Society office or 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.



Teacher and Student of the Month for March, Allison Johnston and Sandra Godoy.

Teacher and student of Month at FHS

Friona High School principal Denver Crum proudly announced the Teacher and Student of the Month for March, Allison Johnston and Sandra Godoy.

Allison Johnston is a hard working teacher that works with the FHS Band and Choir students. Mrs. Johnston has done a remarkable job building both band and choir programs. Her band and choir students both advanced in competition this year. Mrs. Johnston's choir students presented an outstanding program in the Veterans Day Celebration last fall that really touched the hearts of many in our community. Mrs. Johnston is a positive role model for the students and is extremely friendly and very helpful. She has a tremendous amount of energy for her students and is always ready to help and inspire others.

Sandra Godoy is a very responsible and hard working student. She challenges herself by taking many advanced classes which include Chemistry III, AP Biology, and Pre-Calculus. She also works very diligently on her schoolwork and has attained a very high level of academic achievement. Sandra is always very friendly, outgoing and has a great attitude towards the staff and other students.

"We are proud of both of these outstanding individuals and Friona High School is extremely fortunate to have them as part of our school community," said Crum.

Friona band to host karaoke fundraiser

The Friona Chieftain Band will hold a fundraiser to help with expenses for the band's spring trip to Houston in May. Between the band and choir, FHS had 32 students that qualified for the state solo and ensemble competition.

The fundraiser will be a karaoke night at the high school cafeteria Saturday - March 25 from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. The contest is for all ages with a \$2 per entry karaoke fee. You don't have to enter the contest to sing. You can sing all you want with your paid admission.

Soft drinks and popcorn will be available for purchase. Help support the band. Bring the family for a night of fun.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 9, 2006 to March 15, 2006:

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Elmer Langford Estate-Leon Langford, S304.5 AC S9 BLK A, SW/4 S10 BLK A

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Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Sheriff Randy Geries office:

March 13, 2006, Debbie Norwood, 44, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 15, 2006, Ronald Ortega, 45, of Portales, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft, pending County Court.

March 15, 2006, Maria E. Gonzalez, 23, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with violation community supervision (possession of a controlled substance with intent), pending District Court.

March 15, 2006, Servando Garcia, 30, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with failure to appear-driving while intoxicated, pending County Court. He was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending District Court.

March 15, 2006, Jose Rodriguez, 24, Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

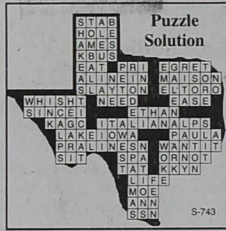
March 17, 2006, Alverto Cortez, 21, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court.

March 18, 2006, Bernardo Nunes, 25, of Dimmitt, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

March 19, 2006, Amanda Ferguson, 26, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, pending Grand Jury.

In 287th District Court on March 7, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

David Craig Hughes, 43, of Texico, New Mexico, charged with theft under \$20,000, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$316 court costs, \$500 fine, \$350 attorney fees, \$300 collection fee, and \$3,367.65 restitution.



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3. Cotton (Lint and Seed), \$1.5 billion
4. Nursery, \$1.4 billion
5. Milk, \$976 million
6. Timber, \$715 million
7. Feed Grains, \$711 million
8. Food Grains, \$452 million
9. Vegetables, \$366 million
10. Hay, \$355 million
11. Horses, \$310 million
12. Oil Seeds, \$207 million
13. Hogs, \$89 million
14. Potatoes, \$76 million
15. Pecans, \$67 million
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Chieftains on two-game streak

BY RON CARR

A piece of heavy equipment being used to install new lighting at the Chieftain baseball field got stuck Tuesday causing the district opener with Dimmitt to be moved back to Dimmitt. The Dimmitt team and fans who had made the trip to Friona for the 4:30 p.m. game, loaded up and returned to Dimmitt. The game finally started around 6 p.m.

The Chiefs and Bobcats played seesaw baseball the first 5 1/2 innings, with Dimmitt leading 7-4 and time running out for Friona.

The Chiefs put bat to ball and scored 5 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning, then held the Bobcats to no runs in the top of the 7th for a 9-7 Friona victory and a 1-0 district record. Nice way to start district play.

The starting pitcher was Sean Lookingbill, relieved by Kelby Monroe in the 4th. Hayden Patton relieved Monroe in the 6th and got credit for the win, his second of the season. Patton also hit a 2-run home run in the game, the first of the season for the Chiefs. Matt Martinez added an extra base double for the Chiefs who had a total of only 5 hits but made them count. Patton had 3 RBIs and Martinez had 2.

Coach Hazelwood said, "Martinez drew a walk to force in the winning run. I am proud of the team for fighting and competing and overcoming the trip to Dimmitt to win the ball game." Hazelwood said the Friday March 24 game set here with Tulia will be played in Tulia due to the damage to the Friona field.

There is good news though. After the return from Dimmitt Coach Hazelwood went back by the Friona ballpark. "I turned on the lights when I got back home and they work great. In

fact, I think the infielders might have to wear sunglasses. Thanks to Campbell Electric and Kid's Inc."

In a game Friday, March 17 at Bovina, the Chiefs pounded the Mustangs with 10 hits and 15 runs to score a 15-2 win. The Mustangs were limited to 3 hits and committed 6 errors.

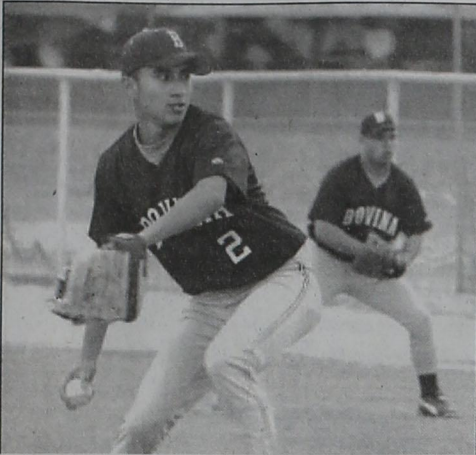
Lookingbill was the starter, Monroe came in in the 4th and Patton in the 5th finished the game. Stephen Campbell and Monroe had the top performances. Campbell was 3 for 4 at the plate, scored 3 runs and had 3 RBIs. Monroe was 2 for 4, scored 4 runs, and had 5 RBIs. The Chiefs recorded 9 stolen bases in 9 attempts, 3 by Antonio Monreal, 2 by Monroe, and one each by Patton, Martinez, Trent Hudson, and Phillip Saiz.

"We played very well defensively (no errors)," Hazelwood said. "We put the ball in play and took advantage of Bovina's errors. I was real pleased with the intensity we played with, we were more aggressive on the base paths."



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Chieftain senior Kelby Monroe rounds third at full steam to score one of his runs in the game against Bovina. Monroe had 5 RBI's in the game.



ron carr photo

Mustang pitcher Michael Ortiz throws hard against the Friona Chieftains. The Mustangs lost to Friona 15-2 and were defeated by Nazareth in a district opener Tuesday 10-2.

Powerlifters place

At the girls' state powerlifting meet in Killeen, TX, last weekend, Friona high school lifter Stephanie Barber placed 7th and Sabrina Barber placed 8th.



courtesy photo

2006 Friona boys powerlifting team, back row, l-r, A J Cordova, Daniel Aguilar, Ben Santiago, Fabian Dominguez, Jesus Gonzalez, Alex Vega; front row, Javier Sanchez, Lupe Gonzales, Coach Jimmy Arias, Ricardo Monreal, Victor Guerrero.

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Post office celebration



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At the post office open house were, l-r, Laura Hart, Gladys Spring, Richard Wilson, Wendy Carthel, Laura and Lexie Bracken, Terri Johnson, Darla Bracken, and postmaster Jack Glover. Right, post office clerk Vernie Schacher welcomes Valton Howard, who is retired from the post office and is now justice of the peace in Friona.



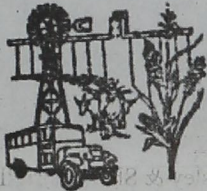
Friona post office celebrates 99 years

If you went by the post office last Thursday you may have noticed the extra traffic. The Friona post office celebrated 99 years of service to the commu-

nity with cookies and punch for all their patrons and a special commemorative cancellation stamp.

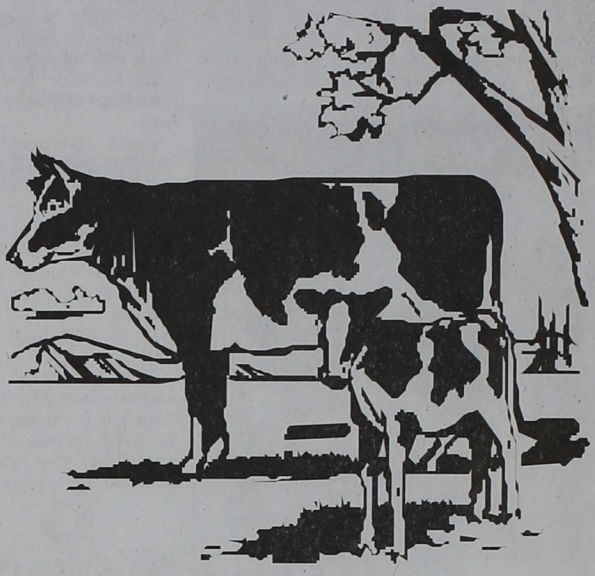
Richard Wilson, postmaster from 1972-1982, was on hand for the festivities. Terri Johnson, Friona City Manager, Darla Bracken, Friona Public Library librarian and Laura Hart, were also in attendance for the festivities. Valton Howard also came in to have a letter cancelled with the special stamp.

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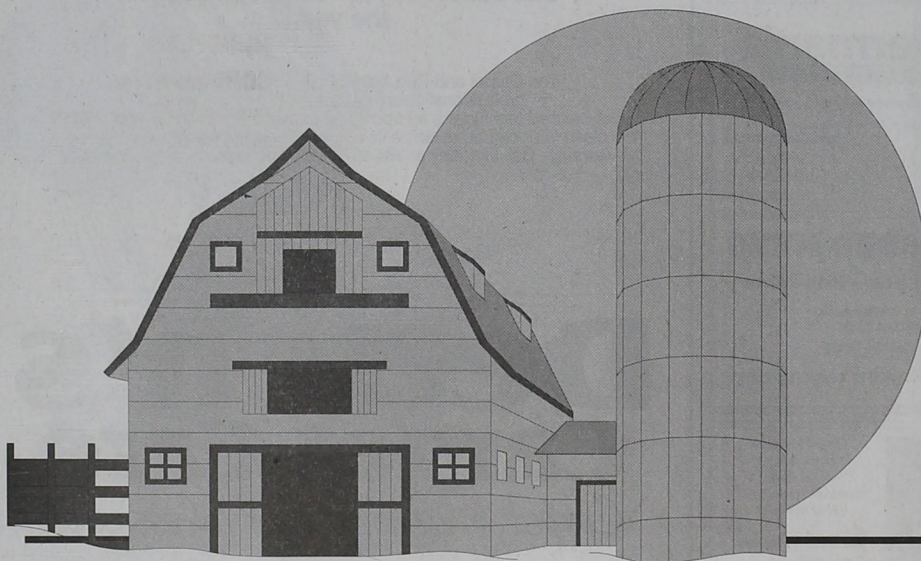
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- ⬇ Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.
- ⬇ Twenty-nine percent of agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.
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The couple will exchange vows Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the home of Donnie and Debbie Lewellen. The reception will follow.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Friona High School and is currently employed at Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Clovis.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Clovis High School and is currently employed at Kirkland Pump Company in Farwell, Texas.

Invitations will be sent.



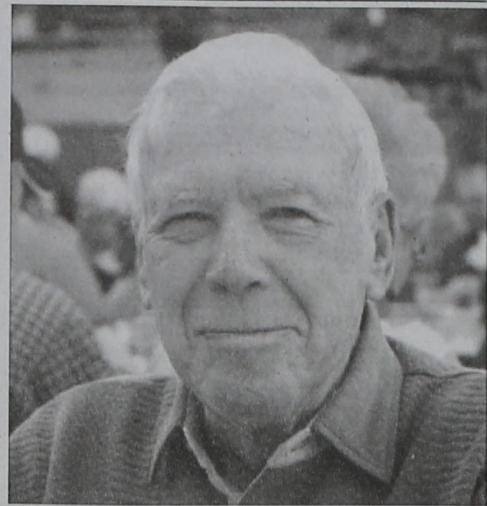
Valesha Powell and Kasey Frazier

Powell~Frazier

Friends and family are invited to attend the upcoming wedding of Valesha Powell and Kasey Frazier on June 24, 2006 in Paducah, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Troy and Rita Powell of Paducah.

The prospective groom is the son of Linda Thompson, of Trementina, New Mexico and Milton Frazier, of Bowie, Texas. He is the grandson of Max and Yvonne Jones of Friona.



Dave Thompson

Hole-in-one at Friona CC

An ace was scored at the Friona Country Club Tuesday afternoon.

Dave Thompson recorded the hole-in-one using a 7-wood on the 7th hole. He said he had been on the green at the hole before but never got close to a hole-in-one. Playing partners and witness to the event were Von Edelman and Junior Renner.

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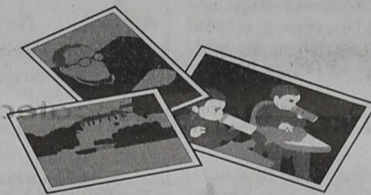
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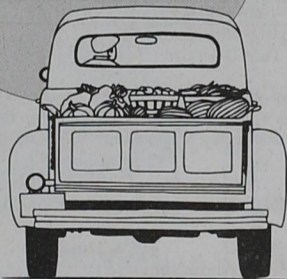
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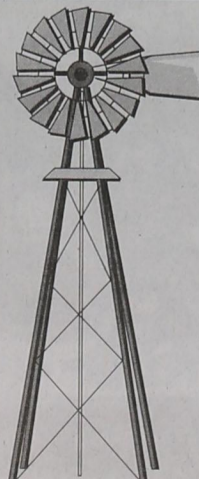
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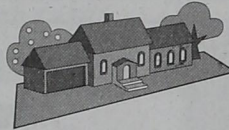
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At the St. Teresa's senior class banquet, back, l-r, Kayla Estrada, Molly Carthel, Crystal Garcia, Mareike Preyer; front, l-r, Breann Barnett, Kandace Frye, Claudia Candanedo.

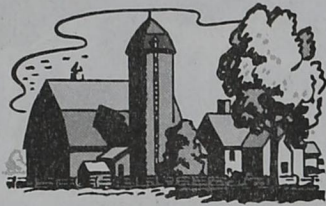


Enjoying the enchiladas and fun at the St. Teresa's senior banquet were these future grads, back, l-r, Luke London, Dustin Brown, Michelle Stanberry, Adrienne Anthony, Dollie Lookingbill, Lindsay Neill. In front are Morgan Leal and Kelby Monroe.

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Seniors, l-r, Ben Santiago, Fabian Dominguez, and A. J. Cordova, eye the food during St. Teresa's senior class banquet Monday night.

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The Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative annual meeting drew 458 official members and served 1458 meals at its annual member meeting Tuesday at Hereford's Bull Barn. The Flying J Wranglers from Ruidoso, New Mexico performed for the gathering. Co-Op president Steve Louder greeted the crowd and gave a business report. A door prize drawing with more than \$1,500 in prizes was held to cap off the evening. In the election for co-op board of directors, incumbents Donald Wright and Clark Andrews were re-elected. In the Position 2-Parmer County board post, incumbent Clarence Martin, who has served on the co-op board for 24-years was defeated by opponent Floyd Reeve.



Jack and Carolyn Rains of Bovina took home a griddle.

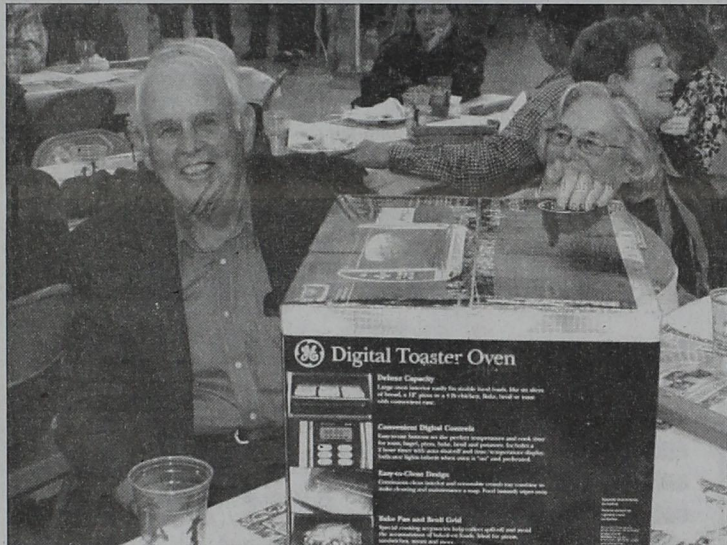
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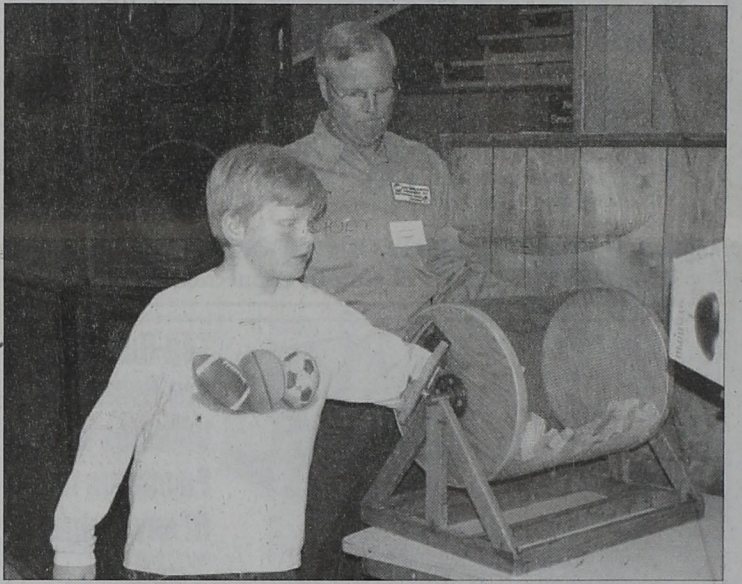
Sam and Donna Mears enjoy the ample meal catered by Danny's Hens & Fins of Lubbock.



From left, enjoying the fun and food at the DSEC meeting were, Loy McLellan, Jerry & Raye Jean London, and Lynn and Roger Nelson.



Von and Nancy Edelson were winners of a digital toaster oven.



Jacob Osborn of Friona, son of Robert and Jo Osborn, assists DSEC employee Larry McNutt with the door prize drawings.

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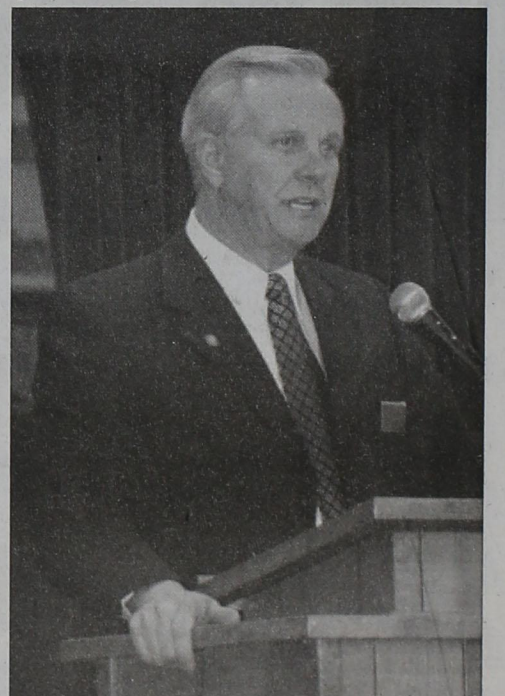
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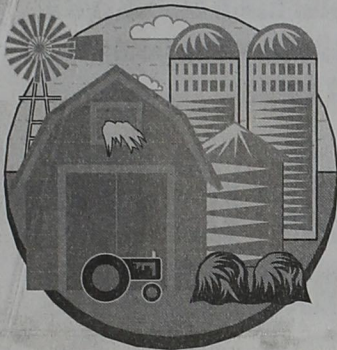
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Notes from a friend

Third Girl

by Agatha Christie

Reviewed by Donna Mears

If you like a good mystery story with a complicated plot then a book by Agatha Christie would be a great choice. She has two unique characters that she uses from time to time.

One is Miss Marple and the other, Hercule Poirot. Many of her books have been made into movies. *Third Girl*, the book I have chosen to write about, is a Hercule Poirot mystery. He is from Belgium, a short, rotund man, dark hair and eyes, with a magnificent mustache. He is a person of extraordinary neatness, liking everything symmetrical, solving crimes by using his grey cells. I usually do not like to see movies of books I have read but PBS-TV had a series of movies written by Agatha Christie and David Suchet who played the part of Hercule Poirot was exactly my idea of how Hercule looked.

The main characters in this novel are Norma Restarick, Claudia Reese-Holland, and Frances Cary, who share an apartment. It was common for one girl to rent an apartment and then find two other girls to help share the expense. Ariadne Oliver, a mystery writer, is a friend of Hercule and plays an important role in the book.

Some other characters are the father, Andrew Restarick, the stepmother, Mary and Norma's boyfriend, David Baker.

The setting for the story is mainly in London in the swinging 60's where there was a variety of drugs being used.

The story opens with Hercule, sitting at the breakfast table, wondering what he was going to do next. He had just finished his magnum opus, an analysis of great writers of detective fiction and now he needed something new of great mental activity. In walks his servant to announce that a young woman wanted to see him. Hercule asks what she wants and the servant said she told him she thought she had murdered someone. She then comes in to talk with Hercule. They visit a little bit, Hercule wondering all the time about the careless dress that girls have, seemingly not caring

about her appearance at all, then she blurts out, "You're too old. Nobody told me you were so old!"



Third Girl

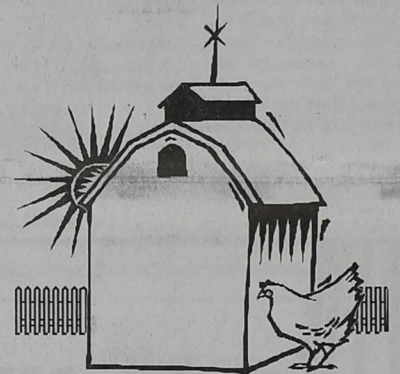
The girl leaves without telling her name. This definitely stimulates Hercule's brain activity and he starts on the trail of finding out who she is and what murder had been committed. He does this with the help of his mystery writer friend, Ariadne Oliver. She is the possessor of

a wealth of unrelated facts and is a very social person. Hercule describes what the girl looks like, she thinks that it sounds like Norma Restarick, whom she had just seen the past weekend and whose delinquent father has returned from Africa with a new wife. Hercule follows up on this lead and finds out that Norma had a love/hate relationship with her father and step-mother because of the way he treated her mother and had moved to London.

As they search for this girl it leads them to the seamier part of London where alcohol and drugs are prominent. Ariadne meets with a near fatal accident because she thought it would be thrilling to follow Norma's boyfriend to find out what she could from his lifestyle that might be of benefit in helping Norma.

It is the identity of the third girl who shares the apartment that solves the mystery. It makes an interesting story and if you use your "little grey cells," you might actually solve the mystery as soon as Hercule does. In *Third Girl*, Agatha Christie gives lots of clues along the way.

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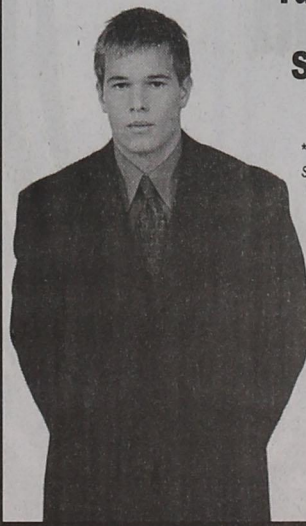
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Track 2006 soil temperatures on PCG website

BY ROGER HALDENBY

It's the time of year when soil temperatures become of interest to cotton producers across the Texas High Plains as they ready for the planting season.

We're providing some useful resources again this year, through our web site, to assist growers with background information that should help them with their planting decisions.

Data on soil temperatures are available from the National Weather Service and its cooperators, the West Texas Mesonet, and the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network.

We'll be collating all the available data on our web page

Cotton count in Parmer County

Plains Cotton Growers released a report on cotton running bales ginned in PCG's 41-county area crop year 2005.

The report said there were 134,150 bales ginned in Parmer County. Bailey reported 127,950 and Castro County 101,950.

at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/weatherdata/index.php>

You should be able to find the latest high and low soil temperatures, at either the eight inch or six inch depth, along with the ten day average minimum

temperature for a reporting station near your farming operation within PCG's 41-county area.

As of today, 13 stations are listed. However, we expect to add a lot more before the end of March.

FSA loan funds for disadvantaged

The U.S. Department of agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds—assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Thomas Taylor, farm loan manager for Parmer County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice, without regard to individual qualities. FSA has identified socially disadvantaged groups as women, blacks, American Indians, Alaskan natives, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific islanders.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock, and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil or water conservation practices, or in some cases refinance debt.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs contact the Parmer County FSA office at 806-481-3349 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>.

Houston & San Angelo livestock show results

Houston Livestock Show results: Breed champion Duroc Barrow Caitlyn Stancell; Reserve Breed champion Limousin Steer Hayden Hadley; 1st place Class 7 York Jennifer Deleon; 1st place Class 1 York Lincoln Devault; 1st place Class 3 Hamp Jill Johnson.

3rd place Class 1 York Bianca Terrones; 4th place Class 6 York Abby Johnson; 6th place Class 12 Cross Dan Patterson; 6th place Class 2 Spot Taylor Stancell; 6th place Class 7 Hamp Ray White; 7th place Class 10 Cross Caleb Christian; 7th place Class 11 Cross Cambry Devault; 8th place Class 5 Cross Levi McCormick; 9th place Class 7 Duroc Zacarey Stancell;

10th place Class 4 Cross Audrie Terrones.

Also showing at Houston were Colton Christian, Ryan Deleon, Cassidy Devault, Drew Johnson, Chase Mitchell, Russell Schilling, Tyler Schilling, Bretton Stancell, Emily Stancell, Abriel Terrones, Marco Terrones, and K'Leigh Jo White.

San Angelo Stock Show results: 2nd place Class 2 Cross Drew Johnson; 2nd place Class 4 Duroc

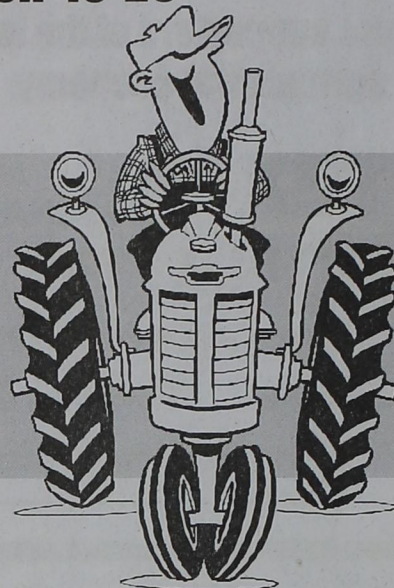
Drew Johnson; 2nd place Class 2 Cross Abby Johnson; 3rd place Class 3 Cross Jill Johnson; 4th place Class 3 Cross Dan Patterson; 5th place Class 4 Hamp Abby Johnson; 5th place Class 1 Hamp Dan Patterson; 9th place Class 3 Spot Russell Schilling; 12th place Class 2 Hamp Tyler Schilling.

Also showing at San Angelo were Alisha Wauson, Michelle Wauson, Levi McCormick, and Chase Mitchell.



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Ag Week is Here

Texas Ag Facts:

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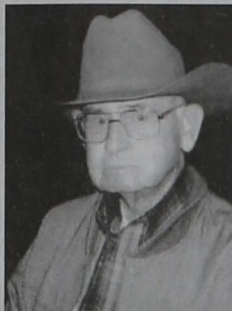
Arthur "Grandpa" Stokes, 90, of Friona, Texas, passed away Friday, March 17, 2006 in Friona. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 18, 2006 at 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Cecil Golden, Interim Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Mr. Stokes was an Army WWII veteran receiving several honors including the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. Mr. Stokes was a maintenance operator for Parmer County and area ranchers.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lena Stokes and a son, Charles Allen Zachary.

He is survived by four sons, Gordon Stokes of Arlington, Texas, Johnny Stokes of Clovis, New Mexico, Jerry Zachary of Woodward, Oklahoma and Gene Zachary of Friona; three daughters, Sylvia Gibson of Friona, Shirley Harris of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ruthie Hardin of Friona; one sister, Myrtle Barrett of Shawnee, Oklahoma; eighteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to Calvary Baptist Church, Prairie Acres Nursing Home of Friona or Odyssey Health Care, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.



Arthur Stokes

Candace M. Abeyta

Candace M. Abeyta, 9, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006, in an automobile accident west of Encino, New Mexico. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006 at The Church on The Hill with Anna Teeter officiating. Burial followed at Fort Sumner Cemetery under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home of Fort Sumner.

Candace was born September 21, 1996 in Fort Sumner to Josh and Elaine (Bishop) Abeyta. She was a second grade student in Mrs. Stacy West's class at Fort Sumner Elementary School. In an interview this school year Candace mentioned that she enjoys "hanging with her three brothers and her sister. She loves her mom's food and sitting at the table as a family. She likes living in Fort Sumner because it is small and it is where all her friends live. She enjoys sleepovers at her friend's homes. Her favorite meal is a nice cold Dr. Pepper and pizza. Her favorite color was red, because it was bright like her. Britney Spears is her favorite singer. The Sponge Bob Square Pants Movie is her favorite movie to watch with her friends and family. She also likes to play Pokemon. In the winter she is most likely to throw the first snowball, probably at her brother Abel. Springtime is the perfect weather to play on the trampoline with her friends, but most of all she likes summer because it is when her birthday is and she loves to have a party and get new things from everyone. In the fall she loves to play in the leaves, raking them into huge piles, and then jumping into them. When she is at school, she likes to do her math folder and play volleyball on the playground. When she grows up, her plan is to be a teacher in Fort Sumner so she can help others to learn. If she were to become a sports star, she would be the best server in the history of volleyball. This year she is on the A/B Honor Roll. Candace is always helping others, she has a good heart and this is something hard to find sometimes."

Candace was a member of The Church on The Hill, the "Kids on the Move", and Wednesday night children's church.

She is preceded in death by her mother Elaine Abeyta.

She is survived by her father; three brothers including her twin Anthony, Abel and Terrance Abeyta; one sister, Ashley Bishop; her maternal grandmother Bea Prather and husband Buddy of Bovina; her grandfather Danny Paul Bishop of Artesia, New Mexico; her paternal grandparents Louis and Laura Abeyta of Taiban, New Mexico; and her maternal great-grandmother Dorothy Northrup of Melrose.



Candace M. Abeyta

She is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, other relatives, her friends and classmates at Fort Sumner Elementary School.

Pallbearers were Louis Abeyta, Chad Abeyta, Franklin Gonzales and J.W. Daniels. Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Gonzales and her classmates, students and faculty of Fort Sumner Elementary School.

A fund has been established for Candace's brothers and sister at Citizens Bank of Fort Sumner under "Abeyta Children Benefit Fund", c/o Citizens Bank, P.O. Box 490, Fort Sumner, NM 88119.



Elaine Abeyta

Elaine Abeyta, 28, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006 due to injuries suffered in an auto accident. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2006 at The Church on The Hill in Fort Sumner with Anna Teeter officiating. Burial followed at Fort Sumner Cemetery under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home of Fort Sumner.

Mrs. Abeyta was born March 19, 1977 in Fort Sumner to Danny Paul Bishop and Bea Northrup.

She married Josh Abeyta on February 14, 1998 in Fort Sumner. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister and friend.

Mrs. Abeyta was raised and attended schools in Fort Sumner and Bovina, Texas. She graduated from Bovina High School in 1995. She was employed by WW Construction on a road construction job near Vaughn, New Mexico. She also worked as a driver for Fort Sumner Transit.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Candace.

She is survived by her husband; daughter Ashley of Fort Sumner; three sons, Anthony, Abel and Terrance, all of Fort Sumner; her mother Bea Prather and husband Buddy of Bovina; her father Danny Paul Bishop of Artesia, New Mexico; and five brothers, Darrell Bishop of Portales, New Mexico, David Bishop of Bovina, John Nelson of Portales, Pecos Prather of Bovina and Jim Bob Prather of Naples, Texas.

She is also survived by her mother and father-in-law Louis and Laura Abeyta of Taiban, New Mexico; her maternal grandmother, Dorothy Northrup of Melrose, New Mexico; and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were David Bishop, Darrell Bishop, John Nelson, Pecos Prather, Jim Bob Prather and Eric Northrup. Honorary pallbearers were Windell Bridges, Jim Franks, Gary Northrup, Bill Prather, Larry Williamson and Bobby Williamson.

A memorial fund has been established for Elaine's children under "Abeyta Children Benefit Fund" c/o Citizen's Bank, P.O. Box 490, Fort Sumner, New Mexico 88119.



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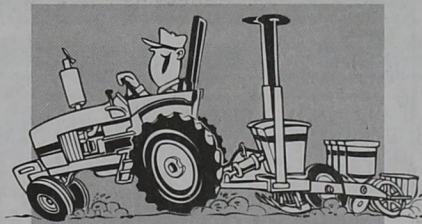
Franky is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Leola & Kevin Summerlin. He has a brother, Issac.

Franky likes playing outside. His favorite food is cheese pizza and his favorite color is red.

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Discipline Yourself

By Robert Kerby, Victory Family Worship Center

I think for many people a devotional time is viewed as "another thing to fit into my already busy schedule." So let's try to look at a devotional time differently. My Webster's dictionary describes the word devotion as an ardent, often selfless affection and dedication, as to a person or principle. So a devotional time could be described as a time to set aside for a person or principle that you are ardently dedicated to. Are you ardently dedicated to Jesus Christ? Devotional time is designed to impart comfort, wisdom, support, or general Christian guidance. This should be something we want to do, not something we begrudgingly have to do. After all, this is a time to "devote" to God.

At eight years old my son loves to play basketball and has large aspirations of becoming a college basketball player. I explained to my son that reaching his goal is not going to come easy. The only way he will be able to reach his goal is with desire, dedication, and discipline (the key word is discipline). I explained that he will have to discipline himself, and everything, including friends and play time will take second place to what he is ardently dedicated to so he can devote time for practice. Even if he just gets to practice for a few minutes a day, it is time well spent to him and he learns something new every day.

A personal devotional time is going to require you to discipline yourself to taking time out of your busy schedule and devote yourself to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even if it is only for a few minutes a day it will be time well spent and you will learn something new every day. I believe God is more interested in quality devotional time than a quantity of devotional time. But more importantly I believe God wants us to discipline ourselves into being consistent with our quality devotional time spent with him. I am reminded of Daniel 6:10, Daniel was ardently dedicated to God and disciplined himself to a devotional time three times a day to pray and give thanks before his God.

I challenge you to discipline yourself to the devotional time first. Next week you will gain insight on how to make the devotional time a Holy Time.

May God Bless you always and forever.

The Friona Christian Ministries (formerly the Friona Ministerial Alliance) submitted this article during the season of Lent.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

We would like to say thanks to everyone for all the prayers, visits to the hospital, phone calls, and cards during my hospital stay and recuperation at home. Friona is such a wonderful place to live and we are so thankful to all of our friends. Thank you also to all of the doctors and medical staff at Parmer County Community Hospital for taking such great care of us!

George and Aundrea Frye and Family

NEW ARRIVALS

Chloe Mae Whitten

Bret and Sherri Whitten, of Bovina, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Mae Whitten, on March 14, 2006 at 12:42 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo, Texas.

Chloe weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz and was 19 inches long. She has an older sister, Megan and older brother, Colby. Chloe's grandparents are Erma Brown of Friona and Earl and Norma Whitten of Bovina. Her great-grandmother is Luella Drake of Friona.

Come, let us spray

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb

Let's play a game called "Huh?" I will give you some clues, and you try to guess what I am talking about, sort of like listening to a college graduation speech.

They can smell human beings from 115 feet away—no, not New York City cabdrivers. They move at 1.5 miles per hour—no, not teenagers cleaning up their room. They love human blood—no, not daytime talk-show hosts. They like to breed in swamps—no, not used-car salesmen.

They have no teeth—no, not a professional hockey team—but they bite live animals. The females have a long mouth for piercing skin—nope, not an opera singer. They are becoming more prevalent pests as humans invade their habitats—nope, not in-laws. Give up? Well, if you said church secretaries, you were really close, but you should be ashamed of yourself. The correct answer is mosquitoes.

Like relatives during the holidays, it takes more than spraying to get rid of these pests (the mosquitoes, not the relatives). One resourceful farmer has invented a contraption similar to a bug zapper. His machine is heated to 100 degrees and releases a chemical that smells like cow's breath. This lures the generally uneducated and slow-thinking mosquito into thinking he is attacking a living, breath-

ing, warm-blooded victim. When he gets too close, he fries and dies. Sometimes he just shakes and bakes.

This confirms something I've always felt. Bad breath kills. Maybe you have a friend who feels compelled to be right in your face when he talks to you, and his breath smells like he just ate a walrus. One man has packaged that breath and is using it to successfully combat mosquitoes. Only in America. Give me liberty or give me breath.

How do you handle the mosquitoes that life sends your way? Oh, I'm not talking about the literal ones with wings, a bite, and a bloodthirsty look. I am referring to the figurative ones. They do not have literal wings or teeth, but once they grab you, they do not want to let go. These "mosquitoes" have names like impatience, stress, anger, discouragement, worry and a negative attitude.

The good news is that you don't have to wait for a farmer to invent something to take care of these pests. A Carpenter has already done it. He came, He lived, He loved, He died, He arose, and He ascended. But He did not leave us alone. He left us His Spirit, the Comforter. He does not eliminate the mosquitoes, but their bites heal more quickly.

At church we sing, "Holy Spirit, breathe on me..." Now, if we could just package that breath, we would be much better prepared to combat the mosquitoes in our lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Be slow to become angry

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

In addition to being swift to hear and slow to speak, we are admonished to be slow to anger (James 1:19) Anger is perhaps the strongest of all emotions, and if we want to be like Christ we must strive to keep it in check. James continues in verse 20 to say that this kind of anger "does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."

This divinely inspired admonition of James is very important. Why? Because God will render to every man according to what he has done. To those who by "persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger." (Romans 2:68)

Think about it.



Methodist news

The Friona United Methodist Church UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat is April 7-8 at Ceta Canyon. Registration is due by March 31. Contact Sharon White.

The Vacation Bible School leader's meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday March 29 at 4 p.m. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help there is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board. Or contact Adabeth Smith, VBS director.

To the community of Friona,

I wanted to say thank you so much for all of the prayers. During my illness and brain surgery I know that different churches and many people in the city were praying for me. It really helped me keep the faith. Even though I will be going back to San Angelo to finish my schooling it is nice to know that I have a great community to come back to when I visit my family. Thanks again for all the love and support.

Take care and god bless!
Bridget Soltero

Thank you

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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A MAN CALLED "BELOVED"

ONE OF THE MEANINGS OF THE NAME DAVID IS "BELOVED." THE SON OF JESSE WAS THE SECOND KING OF ISRAEL. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF EIGHT BROTHERS (1 SAMUEL 16:10-14, 17:12-14). MANY OF THE GOOD TRAITS IN DAVID'S CHARACTER WERE, NO DOUBT, INFLUENCED BY HIS MOTHER, WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HER GODLINESS. SOME OF THE PSALMS THAT DAVID WROTE WERE IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS MOTHER'S DEVOTION. (PSALMS 86:16, 116:16) DAVID'S ANCESTRAL HISTORY WAS PICTURESQUE AND INSPIRING ALTHOUGH, AT TIMES TAINTED BY SINFUL ACTS. (GEN 37:26-27, 38) IN PERSON, DAVID WAS RUDDY AND BEAUTIFUL TO LOOK UPON AND AS THE YOUNGEST SON, HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE DUTY AND CARE OF HIS FATHER'S SHEEP. HIS DISPLAY OF COURAGE IN THIS OCCUPATION, BY SLAYING BOTH A LION AND A BEAR WHICH ATTACKED THE FLOCKS, POINTED UP HIS GREAT BRAVERY. HE WAS ALSO POSSESSED OF MUSICAL GIFTS OF THE HIGHEST ORDER AND HE PLAYED SKILLFULLY ON THE LYRE AND WAS VERY ADEPT AT COMPOSING PSALMS. THESE NATURAL GIFTS WOULD CERTAINLY STAND HIM IN GOOD STEAD WHEN DESTINY BROUGHT HIM TO THE THRONE OF ISRAEL!

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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

"Uncle Andy" Wentworth Brought Life Experiences to Friona

by Darla Bracken

Background note: According to the entry in "A History of Pomer County" (1st volume), the A. N. Wentworths came to Friona in "about 1908" from Crisco, Iowa. They farmed for a few years and then sold the farm to the Whales. He established the first blacksmith shop and later the first waterworks for the town. He then owned and operated a cafe and variety store until he retired in 1931 and sold it to the E.V. Rushings. After his wife Laura passed away, he moved back to Iowa to live with a daughter. He lived to be 90 years old.

When he was 85 years old, he was interviewed in Friona by the News (as in Amarillo Daily News?) in a column known as "Line Ridin'".

Uncle Andy Wentworth, one of the earliest residents of Friona, has met perhaps more discouraging things in his life than any 200 of us will—yet today at 85 years old, he continues to maintain his optimism and broad outlook on life.

Thirty-seven years ago in Iowa, Uncle Andy fell off a 50 foot windmill, smashing himself up considerably. He still has a bad right arm that healed crookedly.

Four years ago and that was when he was 81 years old, Uncle Andy was attacked and trampled by a cow. He still walks with a crutch and cane from that attack, and it is doubtful his hip will ever heal enough to let him walk unaided again.

Only a few But these are only a few of the things that have happened to this stout-hearted old man who saw Friona when it was nothing more than a jumping off place in the land boom times.

He arrived in Friona March 4, 1906 when the town boasted one house, a store and a barber shop—and he has lived there ever since.

Uncle Andy remembers that at this time Harding had a ranch that covered 21 sections with two ranch houses on it—but we are getting ahead of ourselves.

Born in Canada Uncle Andy was born in Quebec Province, Canada. When he was 14, he came to the "states" settling in Iowa. Thirty seven years there as a blacksmith, and he came, along with several friends, to Friona. The George G Wright Land company was selling thousands of acres around Friona then, bringing hundreds of home seekers into the territory on special trains. You got a one-way ticket if you didn't buy land and a round-trip fare if you did buy land.

Uncle Andy bought 240 acres right off the bat, and stocked them with 100 cattle, which cost him \$18.75 a head, with 25 calves thrown in. The cattle had been brought from Mexico.

The next year Blackleg struck and as Wentworth says it, "I lost my nerve and sold out the cattle."

Bad Crop Years Then bad crop years struck in rapid succession, and while the pals who had accompanied Andy from Iowa sat around "swapped stories and cut up", he suffered reverse after reverse.

Eventually Uncle Andy had to sell his land, which had "taken 10 years to pay for and 10 years to lose." The veteran Frionian can remember when the land boom was at its height, with salesmen selling land right and left, that they planted feed crops on the Harding Ranch to show prospective buyers just how fertile a land it was.

"A crop like this will pay for the land and make you a tidy profit," was the cry of the salesmen and hundreds bought. Many later became discouraged and drifted back home, but the stout-hearted

and formed the Friona of today.

Recalls wild horses Uncle Andy can remember when accommodations were at such a premium that they took 100 guests south 18 miles to a ranchhouse to "sleep and feed".

He also can recall when wild horses inhabited the region and how, when one was caught, it would be brought into town. Then there would be a purse made up among the loungers, and a cowboy would try to ride the beast. "Very few stuck on," he remembers.

Uncle Andy is an old man now, and he says if he had the chance, he would leave the Panhandle, but his voice lacks conviction when he says it, and there is a proud look as he looks at the field of kaffir corn behind his house. He was hoeing that corn when I found him.

Editor's Notes: If my calculations are correct, Mr. Wentworth was born in 1869 and he lived to be 90 years old, so this article was written in 1954.

I want to express my appreciation for the late Edith Moseley Johnson's clipping and saving this

article; there are many historians among us.

Marie Sanders is shown with Mrs. Andy (Laura) Wentworth in Wentworth's Cafe and Variety Store. Marie, Mrs. Buell Sanders, was my next door neighbor for many years on Columbia Street and she also lived to be 90 years old. I only recently discovered that the Wentworths were her grandparents. The Wentworth house still stands today; it is the old house with the gingerbread trim on Prospect Avenue across the street from the back (or west) of the First Baptist Church. The unusual pattern of bricks on their old Cafe building can still be seen also on the west side of south main across from Lee's Barber Shop. See it for yourself. DB



Mr. A.N. Wentworth



Mrs. A.N. (Laura) Wentworth & her granddaughter Marie Holmgreen Sanders in the Wentworth Variety Store.



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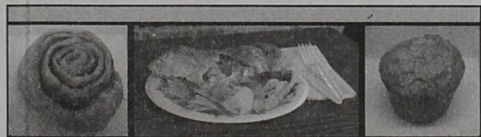
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- late TX astronaut "Deke"
- "the bull" south of the border
- hush!
- TXism: "I need that like I ___ a third foot"
- "___ on down the road"
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- furniture brand: "___ Allen"
- Bryan, TX AM
- mountains where TXns competed in XX Olympics (2 wds.)
- location of fatal plane crash of TX Buddy Holly: "Clear ___"
- TX actress Prentiss

DOWN

- TXism: "more than you can ___"
- Harris Co. most northern town
- Alaska islands
- Mrs. Truman
- this Gent wrote "North Dallas Forty"
- early name for the Rio Grande
- Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site" in Anderson
- Tex-Mex prison mafia: "El ___"
- TX Blue Bell flavor: "___ ' Cream"
- TXism: "___ so bad I could spit"
- TXism: "___ a spell"
- hot tub
- "believe it ___"
- "tit for ___"
- Plainview FM
- film: "The ___ and Times of Judge Roy Bean"
- Larry, Curly & ___
- TX actress Sheridan
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- Houston suburb
- this Coolidge sang with TX Kris
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- "he ___ out of here"
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- TXism: "all vine, ___ watermelon"
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- TXism: "fast as ___ TX jackrabbit"
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- ___ Chico
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PARMER COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MAY 13, 2006 PROPOSITIONS – QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH) is a 25-bed acute care hospital providing inpatient services, rehabilitation/skilled nursing care, out patient services including physical therapy, respiratory therapy, laboratory services, and radiology services (CT, MRI, X-Ray, Ultrasound, EKG). PCCH also operates a Level IV Trauma Center with 4 treatment bays. In December 1999, PCCH was the first hospital in Texas to receive Critical Access Hospital designation, a designation which provides a Medicare cost reimbursement model designed to assist rural hospitals.

In addition to the construction of a new physician clinic in 2001, PCCH has recently made significant improvements to the level of services we offer, including the addition of cardiac monitoring equipment, ultrasound services, MRI services, upgraded CT scanner, upgraded laboratory and radiology equipment, new IV pumps, new patient beds and a remodeled admissions area. We are continually planning and developing opportunities to improve our service to you, and we now find ourselves faced with some very important issues that will impact the future

of PCCH and our service area.

Due to the age and condition of our hospital facility, it is the recommendation of the Parmer County Hospital District (PCHD) Board of Directors that our existing hospital facility be replaced. To accomplish that objective, PCHD will have two propositions on the ballot in the election on May 13, 2006. In the discussion below we have attempted to address the major questions associated with the recommended facility replacement and upcoming election.

If you need further clarification or have additional questions following review of this material, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Gatlin at (806)250-2754. Also, we would appreciate the opportunity to conduct a presentation to any individual or group in the hospital district who wishes to be provided with additional information regarding this issue. To schedule a presentation, please contact Heidi Eichénauer at (806)250-2754.

1. Why must we consider renovating or replacing our hospital building?

In order for Parmer County Community Hospital to receive funding, we must adhere to numerous hospital building codes and regulations. There are many areas of our facility which do not meet the current building code standards adopted by Medicare, and the timeframe in which we will be allowed to continue operations in our current condition is growing short as Medicare routinely adopts stricter standards and operating guidelines.

2. Why not renovate the existing facility instead of replacing it?

In June of 2005 a team of healthcare construction engineers and design experts conducted a structural and operational evaluation of Parmer County Community Hospital in which they identified all existing building code deficiencies, structural and mechanical deficiencies and operating complications associated with our 50-year-old facility. They identified many issues which need to be addressed, and one major renovation to comply with one code requirement will likely trigger other code requirements which must be met. Further complicating any potential renovation is the existence of asbestos throughout most of the facility. While not harmful in its current undisturbed state, asbestos would significantly lengthen the renovation process, result in interruption of services during an asbestos abatement, and exponentially increase the cost of any renovation. The renovations required to bring the facility into compliance with the current building code standards adopted by Medicare would be so extensive and costly that the construction of a new facility would be a much more cost effective use of tax dollars, ensuring compliance with all building codes and continuity of healthcare services to our patients. In addition, the construction of a new facility would take less time than a renovation project, and, unlike a major renovation and asbestos abatement project, building a new facility around the existing structure would allow PCCH to continue services during the construction period without any major interruption in the delivery of care to our patients.

3. What are some benefits associated with a new facility?

- Opportunity to better serve our patients through facilities designed to accommodate our treatment needs and future development plans
- Improve access to healthcare for our area residents and businesses
- Ensure full compliance with all building codes
- Enhanced ability to recruit physician and clinical staff
- Ability to develop specialty outpatient clinics and additional lines of service
- Potential for local job growth

- Opportunities to gain market share and strengthen hospital finances
- Optimize current reimbursement model in which Medicare will participate in the cost of replacing the facility
- Ensure the ongoing existence and improvement of hospital services which are vital to the operation of other local healthcare services, including the physician clinic, nursing home, pharmacy and home health service
- Enhance the ability of Parmer County to attract business and industry
- Provide economic boost to Parmer County
- Provide long-term stability to the continuity of healthcare services in Parmer County

4. How would a new hospital facility be financed?

Currently, Medicare will fund approximately 42% of the new facility cost each year through reimbursement of interest expense and depreciation. The remaining 58% would be funded through general obligation bonds and operating gains. We anticipate increasing the hospital district tax from \$0.18 to \$0.28. This \$0.10 increase, which would be the first significant tax increase since the hospital district was created in 1990, would guarantee the bonds.

5. Why does the hospital district currently have a maximum tax rate cap of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation and why must that maximum rate be amended in order to build a new facility?

All hospital districts in Texas are allowed to tax up to \$0.75 per \$100, unless a particular hospital district adopts a maximum tax rate lower than the state-allowable cap. When Parmer County Hospital District was created we adopted a maximum tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100. Since our actual tax rate is currently \$0.18 and we are anticipating the need to increase that tax rate by approximately \$0.10 in order to partially fund construction of a new facility, we must amend the \$0.25 maximum tax cap.

6. How does the current tax rate of Parmer County Hospital District compare to other hospital-supporting tax districts in our area?

Parmer County Hospital District:	\$0.18
Muleshoe Area Hospital District:	\$0.40
Deaf Smith County Hospital District:	\$0.25
Castro County Hospital District:	\$0.44

7. If the maximum tax rate is increased to \$0.50 per \$100 valuation, will I actually be taxed \$0.50 now?

No. The hospital district is estimating that the actual tax rate currently needed to construct a new facility would be approximately \$0.28 per \$100. The proposed maximum tax rate of \$0.50 is

simply a cap, establishing a level that could not be exceeded without an election for registered voters. In the sixteen year history of Parmer County Hospital District, the tax rate adopted each year by the board of directors has never exceeded \$0.1822 per \$100, despite the fact that the maximum tax rate allowed has been \$0.25 per \$100. The Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors has a strong track record of fiscally conservative management of the taxpayers' money.

8. If we anticipate building a new facility for approximately \$10,000,000, why is the cap on the bond issue set at \$12,000,000?

Although we are projecting that a new facility will cost in the range of \$9 - \$10 million, construction costs have been increasing over the last few months due to the recent hurricane season, and these costs are expected to continue to rise over the next few years. Setting the cap on the bond issue at \$12 million allows room for unexpected costs or increases in costs from the preliminary estimate. In addition, actual construction would not start for approximately 12 months; therefore, costs will likely be higher than the initial estimate.

9. Will the hospital be forced to close if we don't replace the facility?

The hospital would not be forced to close; however, it would be forced to maintain compliance with code regulations. As discussed in Question #2 above, bringing our existing facility into compliance with current building codes will require extensive renovations, interruptions to the delivery of services to our patients, and increased costs associated with asbestos abatement, all factors which lead to the board's recommendation to replace the facility.

10. If I own property within the bounds of Parmer County Hospital District, can I vote on the hospital district propositions in the May 13th election?

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code, Title 2, Chapter 11, Section 11.001, the following qualifications must be met in order for an individual to vote in the upcoming hospital district election:

"Except as otherwise provided by law, to be eligible to vote in an election in this state, a person must:

- (1) be a qualified voter as defined by Section 11.002 on the day the person offers to vote;
- (2) be a resident of the territory covered by the election for the office or measure on which the person desires to vote; and
- (3) satisfy all other requirements for voting prescribed by law for the particular election."

Friona's one-act play cast & crew

Under the direction of Erika Montana, Friona high school thespians will present The History of Tom Jones as this year's one-act play. The public performance of the play was given last Tuesday.

Stage and lighting crew members are Julie Echevarria, Chance Lewellen, Allison Jones, Dollie Lookingbill, Crystal Garcia, Blair Smiley, Alan Huckins, and Victor Parra.

Most of the cast members show their versatility by playing more than one character during the 40-minute presentation. Cast members are Pedro Ramos, Caleb Hidalgo, Jordan Jamerson, Hollis Gurley, Kimberlee Jones, Deirdre Johnston, Hannah Stovall, Justin Echevarria, Meghan Hendrickson, Aaron Hand, Chris Haile, Ryan Geries, Alex Gurley, John Torres, Kathleen Wyly.

A photo album of the one-act play can be viewed at the Friona Star website, frionaonline.com.

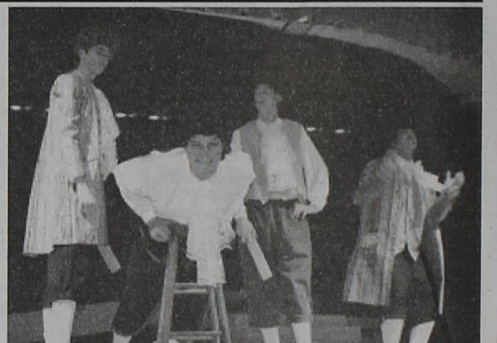


Hollis Gurley, John Torres, and Jordan Jamerson

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Sin Fronteras now open

Sisters Noelia Rocha and Valentina Meza opened Sin Fronteras Wednesday, March 15, 2006 in the old Obbie's Café location.

Both ladies were born and raised here in Friona.

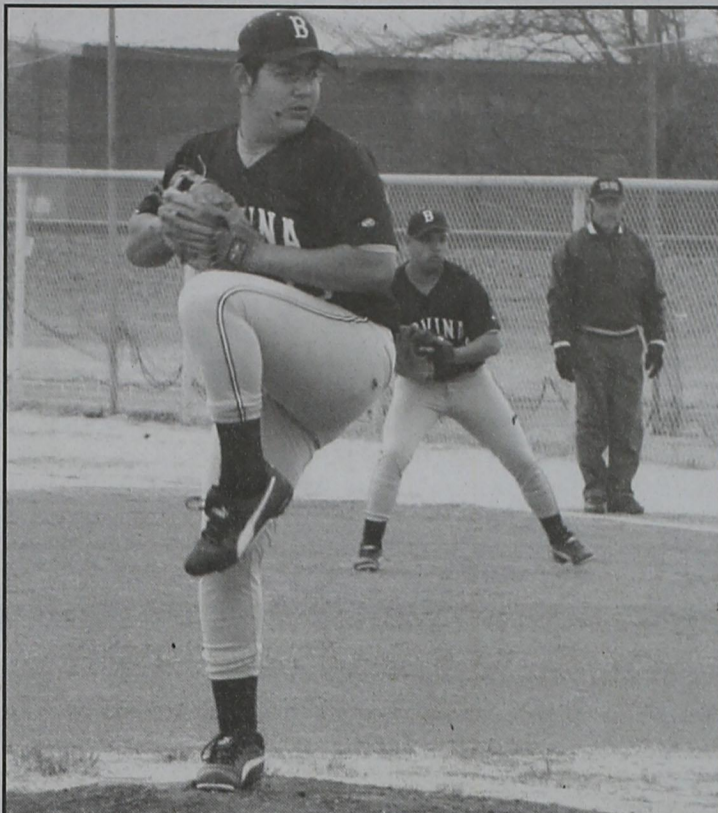
Valentina, in addition to the restaurant, is attending college studying to be a nurse. She at one point drove for R&R Deli in Summerfield. She delivered burritos to various locations. She is married to Rafael Meza and has three children, Kirsty Cruz, Sergio Meza and Karen Meza.

Noelia has worked at the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union and is now employed

by American National Life Insurance in Clovis. She is married to Aviu Rocha and they have three sons, Efrain, Valentin and Justin.

Sin Fronteras (translated: No Boundaries) offers traditional Mexican fare along with hamburgers and chicken fried steak. An added treat is breakfast featuring everything from pancakes and eggs to breakfast burritos.

Sin Fronteras is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call in orders at 250-5518. They deliver orders for a small fee.



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Mustang pitcher Rodrigo Nunez winds up to deliver in the Bovina vs. Friona game last Friday. Friona won 15-2.

Bovina firemen set propane safety training

On Monday, March 27, Charles Oil and Gas, Inc., in Bovina and the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Division will put on a free propane (LP-gas) training class for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. The Railroad Commission is the agency in charge of propane safety in Texas. The class will be taught by Thomas Petru, the Commission's direc-

tor of propane training.

"Using and handling propane safely is very important to us," said Kenneth Waters. "The Commission's propane safety training for local fire departments is designed to increase firefighters' knowledge of propane and help them respond effectively in any situation."

Charles Oil and Gas worked with the Railroad Commission

to custom-design a four hour class to meet local needs. The class includes propane safety topics ranging from barbecue cylinders to residential tanks and commercial bulk installations. Participating firefighters will receive hands-on experience with propane equipment as well as classroom instruction.

Kenneth Waters of Charles Oil and Gas says, "These volunteer firefighters play a vital role in propane safety in this community. That is why our company is committed to building a strong relationship with them."

Cesar Marquez, chief of the Bovina Fire Department, is inviting area volunteer fire departments to take part in the training. He is excited about the event and encourages all to attend. To learn more about how to use propane safely contact the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 800-64-CLEAR or visit www.rrc.state.tx.us and click on Propane/LP-Gas.

Bovina basketball tournament April 15

Bovina High School will host their 2nd annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the BHS gym.

Entry fee is \$40 per team and due by Wednesday, April 12.

Boys and girls are invited to participate in four divisions: 5th and 6th grade, 7th and 8th grade, high school and adult with non-eligibility.

For more information or to sign up, call Coach Shannon Shorter at 806-251-1317 ext. 242.





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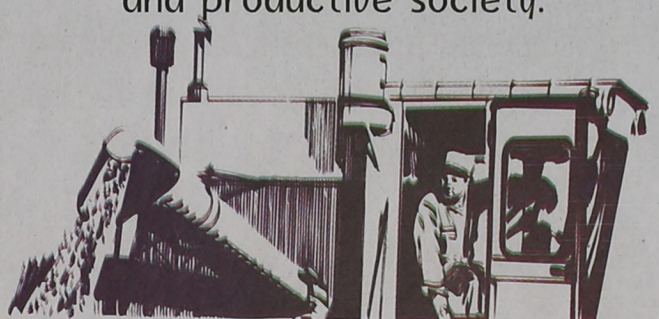
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It is senior banquet time already for the Class of 2006. In a festive mood at the St. Teresa's banquet this week are, l-r, Nadine Maldonado, Sylvia Ramirez, and Jessica Silva.



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Yvette Ramos, l-r, Natasha Lafuente, Beth Nava, Hillary Rando, and Karla Padilla are all smiles during the St. Teresa's Fiesta senior banquet as May graduation day approaches.



FISD school board meeting time change

The Friona ISD board of trustees will meet for the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 23, at 5 p.m.

The meeting date was changed to accommodate schedules for the district spring break and an earlier meeting time to allow additional time for personnel deliberations.

Items on the agenda will be professional employee contract recommendations from the administrative staff, a review of proposed band uniform samples, and miscellaneous administrative reports.

Can You Remember When, Matt?



HE DID WHAT??? ... Probably the most talked-about photograph ever printed in the Friona Star was this one in which Leslie Upton as Winnie the Pooh was shown SITTING in the lap of Christopher Robin, played by Matt Osborn.

Lordy, Lordy look who's 40!

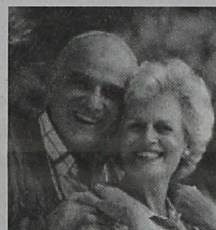
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