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Happy Father's Day!

Over 90 survivors registered

Relay for Life set for Friday, June 23

BY RON CARR

Make plans now to join your many neighbors and friends participating in the Relay for Life cancer walk scheduled for Friday evening, June 23, at the Friona Chieftain football field. The annual event raises money for the American Cancer Society and the continuing fight against cancer.

The Relay for Life schedule of events is on page 7.

Over 90 local cancer survivors have registered for the walk. The survivors from Parmer County that have registered for the Relay for Life will enjoy a Survivor Celebration dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ. The survivor T-shirts will be handed out at that time to those survivors who attend.

Relay for Life chairwoman Jyl Grimsley says, "We would like to invite and encourage everyone in the community to

come out and enjoy the food, entertainment, and fellowship with their friends and neighbors." Mrs. Grimsley reports that over \$14,000 has been raised so far from county-wide individuals and businesses.

Luminaries to honor someone affected by cancer, or lost to cancer, are still being sold and will be sold up until 8 p.m. the night of the Relay. They are \$5 each. An order form is available from Friona Banking Center or you can go to one of these locations: Sugar Shack, Ingram's, Chamber of Commerce, or the Friona Library. Each of the locations has the luminary sacks which you can buy, take with you, decorate, and bring to the Relay.

Volunteers will put the sand and candles in the sacks at the Relay and place them around the football field. At about 9:30 p.m. the luminaries

will be lit and the names of the people represented by the luminaries will be read over the stadium PA system. During the luminary ceremony, all walking will pause. "The luminaries represent the hope that those lost to cancer will not be forgotten and those who face cancer will be supported," Mrs. Grimsley said.

Cargill Meat Solutions will again be grilling hamburgers and Parmer County 4-H will sell homemade ice cream. The concession stand at the football field will be open all evening. Mrs. Grimsley added, "This should be a great family night out or the perfect place to enjoy your evening walk. Come out and join the fun and support the American Cancer Society and Parmer County's fight against cancer."

For more information contact Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or any of the team captains: Sandy



2005 Star file photo

Cancer survivors led off last year's Relay for Life walk at Chieftain field. The 2006 Relay is Friday, June 23, and the walk will kick off at 7 p.m. with a survivor's lap to open the activities. The Relay schedule and information are on page 7, courtesy of First National Bank, Friona Banking Center.

Houston, Randie Hamilton, Neelley, LaVon Renner, Terry Cindy Butman, Margret DeWit, Gabriela Benavides, Kimberlee Brailiff, Patti Johnson (Farwell), Maria Loya, or Linda Marshall Jones, Erin Barnett, Connie Terry Hunt, Sharon Rector, (Bovina).



tyler jameson photo

The Friona Police department would like to find the owners of these bicycles. If you have a bike missing contact the PD. Otherwise the bikes will be given away or auctioned. See adjacent story.

Friona Police seek bike owners

The Friona Police Department has recovered or located several bicycles. If you lost a bicycle or believe that one of the following may be yours, please come to the police department by June 23, 2006. Otherwise, these bicycles will be either given away or sent to auction.

Recovered bicycles are as follows: Adult bicycles, black Next, blue Mt. Fury, red Excitor; Kids bicycles, maroon Next, purple Mongoose, purple Road Master.

espanol: El departamento de policia de Friona a recuperado

algunas bicicletas. Si ud perdio una bicicleta y cree que alguna de las siguientes es suya, porfavor venga a nuestro departamento, hasta el dia 23 de Junio estaran aqui. Si no, estas bicicletas seran

regaladas o dadas a una subasta. Bicicletas recuperadas son las siguientes: Adulto, Next color negra, Mt. Fury azul, Excitor roja; Ninos, Next color ginda, Mongoose morada, Road Master morada.

County burn ban lifted

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, June 12, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas.

Items considered were:

—Approved implementing in the Parmer County Tax Assessor's Office the option to pay by credit card for motor vehicle fees.

—Agreed to renew their annual lease between Parmer County and Efrain Balli for use of the dumpsite south of Friona where the roll-off boxes are located.

—Approved the contracting of Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott to collect delinquent fines in Parmer County Criminal Court.

—Allowed the request by the Parmer County Justices of the Peace to publish past due fines in local papers and contracting with Net Data to collect delinquent fines.

—Parmer County Insurance Coverage was approved through the Texas Association of Counties Insurance Pool.

—Lifted the burn ban in Parmer County and no additional restrictions were placed on the use of fireworks in the county.

The Commissioners meet in regular session again Monday, June 29, 2006 at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Fire in dryer at county jail

Sheriff Randy Geris reported that on June 7, just before midnight, smoke and heat detectors at the Parmer County Detention Center signaled a fire in the jail's laundry area. Jailers responding to the alarm discovered a small fire inside a dryer. Geris said a single load of laundry burned inside the tumbler compartment of the dryer.

Fire alarms, smoke removal systems, and sprinkler systems functioned as designed, Geris said. Inmates were moved inside the facility to secure areas per the jail's fire procedures. The Farwell fire department responded and assisted in putting out the fire and checking the facility.

Geris said there were no injuries to jail personnel or inmates during the incident. After the

smoke was cleared, inmates were returned to their cells. Damage to the facility included the dryer and some smoke and water damage.

The Sheriff said the cause of the fire is still under investigation but dryer malfunction has not been ruled out as the probable cause. Geris praised the jailers and dispatchers on duty at the time who responded and maintained the safety and security of the jail.

No estimate of the damage was available. Geris said, "The jail remains completely operable and secure, we are just having to make arrangements for laundry until repairs can be made." As of the Sheriff's report this week, the jail was operating at full capacity.

Co-op Gin hosts annual meeting

The Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin hosted its 44th annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, June 13, at the junior high cafeteria. The brisket/sausage and all the trimmings meal was prepared by Mark and Dierdre Osborn and family, who received a round of applause for the tasty dinner.

Co-op board president Ricky Rector presided over the meeting. Several special guests from PCCA and PCG were introduced. The financial report was given by Jimmy Rogers of the Rogers, Cross, Haney, & Co., LLC firm in Plainview. Gin manager Jerry Butman said it was the 29th year

that Mr. Rogers has prepared the co-op's audit.

Rogers told the gathering that in fiscal 2005 the Farmer's Co-Op Gin earned a net profit of \$589,000 and that was after almost \$300,000 of depreciation was taken. The stockholder pay back amounted to \$10 per bale,

60% of which was to be paid in cash and 40% in book credits.

Butman said that last year the gin spent about \$35,000 on tarps used to cover the cotton modules. The terms of Raymond Hamilton and Gene Welch on the board were expiring. The nominating committee submitted Alan Monroe, Kirk Frye, Welch, and Hamilton on the ballot to fill the two slots. Both Welch and Hamilton were re-elected to the board.

Other co-op board members include Rector, Mitchell Wiseman, Davy Carthel, Cris Ingram, and Dale Milner. Butman is gin manager. Co-op gin employee Erma Brown was lauded by Rogers for her record-keeping and cooperation with his auditing staff. Rogers said of all the cotton gins he deals with, the Friona Co-Op Gin records are always in the best shape.

The evening was capped off with a round of drawings for door prizes, giving away everything from water hoses to cash. The line of children drawing the names made out well too. Each child was given a crisp, new one-dollar bill each time they drew a name.



ron carr photos

These Farmer's Co-Op Gin stockholders help themselves to the brisket buffet at Tuesday's annual meeting. Left, gin manager Jerry Butman addresses the membership while directors, l-r, Raymond Hamilton, Dale Milner, and Davy Carthel look on.



Chamber needs \$\$\$ for fireworks

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is seeking contributions in any amount to help with the July 4 fireworks display. Donations can be mailed to 621 Main, Friona, TX, 79035, or dropped off at the Chamber office.

The 4th of July celebration will include food, fun, and games and will begin at 6 p.m. at the Friona city park. The fireworks display will be held at Chieftain Field at dark.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 15, and the First Annual Cheeseburger Festival, also at Friona city park. The fun starts at 9:30 a.m. and

will include the Pokey the Clown WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo in the afternoon. Yes, you will be able to sample the cheeseburgers. Rules and entry information for the junior rodeo are available at the Chamber office.

In other Chamber events, the 50th annual Maize Days parade and BBQ will be Saturday, September 16; the 3rd annual Chamber of Commerce golf tournament is Saturday, October 7; and Christmas in the Park will be Monday, December 4.

Call the Chamber office at 250-3491 for more info on any of these events.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

a surprise tax party for business?

Since I have been really busy and distracted and lazy so far this summer, my guest columnist this week is Carol Keeton McClellan Rylander "Grandma" Strayhorn. You will be hearing more than you want from Grandma Carol between now and November as she attempts to completely destroy the political life of Gov. Rick Perry.

Of course Strayhorn is running for governor herself so she can't really afford to say anything good about Rickie boy. She is even petitioning to have her name printed on the ballot as Grandma Strayhorn (I'm not making that up). Nicknames are not permitted on ballots so I'm not sure what they will do about the other nickname candidate, Kinky Friedman.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent a press release (which I have magically turned into a column) giving business owners a method to calculate the business tax that has been imposed by Gov. Rick's task force and the Texas Legislature. I don't know if Strayhorn's calculations and projections are accurate or just political meanness.

If Grandma is correct, and you own a small to medium business, you might want to pay heed to what she says you will owe the state by May 2008. It could

be a big surprise to your bank account and budget.

Besides it is fun to see just how mean and nasty Grandma Strayhorn can be to Gov. Goodhair now and in the campaign months to come.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn unveiled a tax calculator on her web site that will allow Texans who are in business to estimate how much more in taxes they will pay to the state under Gov. Rick Perry's business tax increase.

"I urge every businessman and businesswoman to use this useful tool to estimate their potential franchise tax liability the Governor has signed into law," Strayhorn said. "Businesses will have to pay the tax in May of 2008, but under Gov. Perry's plan, for some, the tax began June 1, 2006.

"More than 200,000 Texas businesses that currently do not pay taxes will have to pay or file taxes under the new law. Texans need to know now how much they will be paying and begin preparing today by setting aside dollars for the new tax," she said.

The new Franchise Tax Calculator is an easy way to give businesses an idea of what their franchise tax liability will be - especially those businesses that are not familiar with this new margin tax concept.

The tax calculator provides basic information provided by the businesses and automatically calculates the estimated tax. Results will vary from industry to industry and businesses within the same industry depending on specific financial data.

"The new tax calculator, available at the Comptroller's web site, www.window.state.tx.us, is a way all businesses affected by Perry's Tax Plan can get accurate and confidential estimates of their taxes, and better plan for the future," she said.

For example, a small manufacturer that had gross revenue of \$10 million last year will see a 50 percent increase in taxes, from \$21,400 under the old franchise tax to \$32,000 a year under the new Perry tax plan.

A convenience store that had \$10 million in gross revenue last year will see a 207 percent increase in taxes, from \$3,740 under the old franchise tax to \$11,500 a year under the new Perry tax plan.

A dry cleaner, considered part of the service industry and not subject to the old franchise tax, with \$1 million in gross revenue last year paid no taxes, will now pay \$6,120 a year under the new Perry tax plan.

"Gov. Perry's tax plan is a massive increase in business taxes that will increase the state's budget by \$6 bil-

lion a year, and includes an unconstitutional income tax on partnerships and unincorporated associations," Strayhorn said. "It leaves a \$23 billion hot check, increases the number of businesses that will have to pay or file taxes by 200,000, increases business taxes by 200 percent, and gives the average homeowner a \$52 property tax cut in school taxes only, this year, with most of our senior citizens and Texans with disabilities receiving no property tax cut at all."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent a letter to Gov. Perry on May 2, in which she stated: "First and foremost, the Bill will require 200,000 businesses that currently do not pay taxes to either file or pay taxes. Most of that astounding number of Texans will not realize they are in this group of new taxpayers until they are told before the tax is due in May, 2008.

"Among others, this group includes dry cleaners, lawn services, barbers, beauty shops, janitorial services and doctors," she wrote.

"To use the tax calculator, a business owner will have to know their annual business gross revenue and the cost of doing business in either cost of goods purchased for resale or payroll," she said.

Editorial

Congressman Randy Neugebauer and other Washington legislators were tooting their own horn and doing some backslapping last week. The source of their pride was the passage of the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act which toughens enforcement of broadcast decency laws in America.

What it really means is they have found another revenue source by fining broadcasters for indecent images and materials. Currently the Federal Communications Commission fines levied against broadcasters who violate decency standards are limited to \$32,500.

Neugebauer and his cronies raised the pot to \$325,000 per violation—a tenfold increase.

They did not, however, include a definition of broadcast decency in the bill. So TV and radio station broadcasters are left to determine what is decent. To us it is a form of decency roulette. All because some little kids might have caught a glimpse of Janet Jackson's right breast during the Super Bowl in 2005. Or was it her left breast in 2004?

The problem is people like Congressman Neugebauer that think they know best what is decent for your family. The problem is big government that

knows best what you should eat, drink, smoke, and watch. And the bigger problem is a general population that allows big government to legislate their daily lives.

Politicians like the emotional appeal of "the public, not private broadcasters, own the airwaves." It is a feel good thing for a politician to boast they are protecting us from evil.

No single body, be it political or religious, will ever be able to draw a definitive line between decency and indecency. If they could, most shows on television today would not be allowed. We

don't see a distinct dividing line for broadcasters to be assured that Big Brother won't show up and demand \$325,000 if someone says pee-pee during the family hour.

If you have a family you should be feeling a lot better this week. In Congressman Neugebauer's press release on the decency bill he states, "This bill is a win for families and provides real accountability for those broadcasters who choose to violate the law." That is all well and good Congressman, but there is just one question:

What is the law?

Strayhorn reports continuing rise in sales tax revenues

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state received \$1.54 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 5.8 percent compared to May 2005.

Strayhorn sent \$398.3 million in June sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.5 percent compared to June 2005. Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 15.4 percent ahead of last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$270.2 million to Texas cities, up 15.8 percent compared to June 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 14.5 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24 million, up 17.7 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 16.3 percent higher than last year.

State sales tax collections in May and local tax allocations

in June represent sales that occurred in April and were reported to the Comptroller in May.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, July 14.

Parmer County's June 2006 payment totaled \$36,448 broken down as Bovina \$4,690; Farwell \$10,535; and Friona \$21,223. In June 2005 the tax payment total was \$32,317.

Comparing June 2005 to June 2006 tax receipts were up - 12.78% broken down as Bovina is down -0.58%; Farwell is up 19.90%; and Friona is up 12.81%.

For the year 2006, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$241,737 as compared to \$270,883 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is down -11.22%; Farwell is down -34.79%; and Friona is up 5.65% for an overall decrease of -10.75% for the county.

Tumbleweed Smith

July 4th dances at the post

Marathon, the gateway to the Big Bend, was named by a retired sea captain who took up residence there and said the countryside reminded him of the area around Marathon, Greece. When it came time to start a Post Office, Marathon was chosen as the name of the town.

Marilyn Shackelford has lived in Marathon (population 700) all her life. She is amazed at how much real estate prices have shot up in Marathon recently. A few years ago she and her husband sold an old house for \$15,000. Recently that house sold for \$150,000. An old railroad house built in 1910 sold for more than \$250,000. It had been remodeled.

"People from California, Florida, Colorado and Louisiana are buying the property," says Marilyn. "We've also had some folks from Austin move in. Some people are buying the property for a second home, to stay here in the winter or summer, depending on where they live."

Marilyn and her husband have a ranch south of town that has giant yucca plants on it. They sell those plants all over the world.

Two good customers are in Spain and Holland. When the Olympics were in Barcelona, some of their yucca decorated the grounds.

Marilyn's grandmother was born in 1892 at old Fort Pena Colorado just outside of Marathon. The Army was still there then. The old fort is now referred to as "The Post" and has become a social gathering place for area residents.

"We have a dance on July 4th at the Post every year," says Marilyn. "Back in the forties, the dances were big dress up affairs. The women wore formals and the men wore suits. You didn't go to a dance on the 4th of July unless you had a formal or a suit. When I was four, Mama made me a little blue taffeta formal for me to wear. That was the first time I danced with my husband. He was five and I was four.

"Ranchers donated beef for a free barbeque and there was

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Ron,
 Just wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoy your "Out Here" editorials and "Town Talk" in the paper.

I've known your lovely mother for nearly 30-years and she is one of those special ladies who gets more beautiful every year. I know your family is very proud she's your mother. So I am always pleased you honor her by writing about your mother.

My mother wrote the Bethel News for the Castro County news for a number of years. Bethel is the community just west of Dimmitt where I grew up. It's a lot like the Rhea community except they raise lots more cotton and corn over that way and the big black birds are a pest because of the corn.

I've written articles for the Friona Star in the past about Rhea activities and family news and think very highly of Bill and Carol Ellis. Ron, you and your staff are doing a good job with the Friona Star. Everyone can hardly wait for Friday, and some call it "Friona Star Day". The articles about residents and employees at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates are especially a joy to those of us who work or live there.

May God bless you all at the Friona Star office.

Sincerely yours,
 Ceceilia Schueler
 (Mrs. Schueler is employed in the activities department at Prairie Acres and is a long time resident of the Rhea community.)

Friona Star,
 Thank you for keeping me on your subscriber list. I enjoy the Star as well as my friends I share it with.
 Doris Lange
 Houston
 (Thank you Doris. We appreciate you and all of our subscribers. rc)

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Students earn medals at state solo/ensemble meet

The Friornastar High School music department is proud to announce that twelve students earned medals at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Texas State University in San Marcos. The competition was held Monday, May 29.

Meghan Hendrickson received a gold medal for her vocal solo. Receiving silver medals for their vocal solos were Deirdre Johnston, Blair Smiley, Crystal Garcia, Aaron Hand, and Chris Haile.

According to choir director Allison Johnston, Friornastar High

school history was made as Meghan Hendrickson, Blair Smiley, Shayli Reed, Krista Graham, Caleb Miller, and Tolby Wilcox were the first FHS vocal ensemble to earn a gold medal.

Thirty-one students from the band and choir qualified to compete at the state level. "We are so very proud of all of the students who made the extra effort to learn difficult music necessary to compete at this level," Johnston said.

Mrs. Johnston said the students who earned medals are to be especially commended for their hard work. She added that Friornastar band and choir students were outstanding ambassadors for the school, the community, and their families.

"Mr. McWilliams and I are very proud to be able to work with such outstanding young people," she said.



Hardware store new in Bovina

Bovina Economic Development coordinator Jim Bob Swafford says that Bovina residents now have an alternative if they need hardware supplies.

Charles Oil & Gas, at the corner of Highway 60 and 3rd St. is now offering hardware items. Kenneth Waters recently purchased the inventory of a local hardware store and set up his hardware at the Charles Oil & Gas location. Waters said, "If you can't find what you are looking for, ask one of the staff and they will help you find it."

The new store offers basic items for household projects and a large selection of farm based items. Among the items are garden supplies, yard and household chemicals, air conditioner fittings, shovels, motor oil, gloves, paint, PVC and steel fittings, and hose connections. Waters said "We are just trying to offer a basic variety of items you would see in a hardware store to meet the needs of area and city residents."

Charles Oil & Gas will continue to offer fuel, oil change, tire service, lubrication, and vehicle inspections. The store is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, open until noon on Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

Volleyball satellite camp June 20-21

Lamar Community College will host a volleyball satellite camp at Friornastar High School gym June 20-21 for only 9th through 12th grade girls. Three sessions will be conducted each day by the LCC Running Lopes Volleyball team: Morning session- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Afternoon session-1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Evening session-5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 the first day of camp. For more information contact Coach Arnold Perez at 806-250-8800.

SDW inquires about adult production

Allison Johnston is seeking input as to revitalizing participation in an adult production during the Summer Drama Workshop that is held each summer. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Johnston at 250-5870.

Summer reading at The Book Shoppe

Come check out the great selection of books at The Book Shoppe by the Friends of the Library. The Book Shoppe, at 119 W. 6th Street, is open 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. We hope to see you next Tuesday!

Rector seeking input about 1975 reunion

Roy Don Rector is seeking information about setting up a

class reunion for the Class of 1975. If you are interested visit www.fhs75.org or drop Roy Don a letter at 2804 Pin Clover Court, Pflugerville, Texas 78660.

Prairie Acres seeks donations for chapel

Prairie Acres would like to transform a room into a chapel for family members, friends and staff and they need your help. If you are interested in donating funds or new furnishings to this project please contact Elizabeth Romero or Sabra Patterson at 806-250-3922.

Attention: Firework donations needed

Fireworks donations are needed to make this year's Independence Day celebration the best ever. If you would like to donate contact the Friornastar Chamber of Commerce at 250-3491 or mail your donation in any amount to: Friornastar Chamber of Commerce, 621 Main, Friornastar, Texas 79035.

Arm wrestling in Muleshoe July 4

Julian Dominguez, chief investigator for the Bailey and Parmer County district attorney's office, is organizing the 3rd annual strong arm wrestling competition to be held at Carolyn's Christmas Creations in Muleshoe July 4. The competition begins at approximately noon. Proceeds will be used to erect a memorial to honor the memory of Noe Anzaldúa.

There are 4 divisions, two junior divisions and adult men and women's divisions. Junior entry fees are \$5 and \$7.50. Adult entry fees are \$20. Deadlines for entry are Monday July 3 at 5 p.m. for juniors and Tuesday, July 4, at 10 a.m. for adults. Trophies will be

awarded to 1st and 2nd junior winners and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners in adult divisions.

Entry forms are available at Carolyn's Christmas Creations, 106 E. American Blvd.

Summer readers invited to exercise

The Friornastar Public Library has joined the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in their 50th anniversary year and as part of our Centennial Year activities. The library is inviting all the summer readers, including adults, to participate in including exercise in their daily activities. If you would like to participate in this program, please call the Library at 250-3200.

TDH immunization June schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for June 2006 in Friornastar and Bovina.

The clinic in Friornastar will be Friday, June 16, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Breast Cancer Clinic June 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital at 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friornastar, Texas on June 19, 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, mam-

mogram 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.

Squaws volleyball camp July 24-26

Would you like to hone your skills on the volleyball court? Coach Arnold Perez and the Friornastar Squaws volleyball will host a camp for girls in grades 4-9. Cost of the camp is \$25 for grades 7-9 and \$20 for grades 4-6, which includes a t-shirt. Morning session is for the 7-9 graders and runs from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session is for 4-6 graders from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Instructional topics will be ball control, passing (bumping), serving, setting and hitting. For more information call Coach Perez at 806-250-8800.

Hereford 10-K, 5-K memorial run Jul 29

The 22nd annual Greg Black memorial 10-K & 5-K run and 2-mile fun run and walk will start at the Hereford YMCA at 8 a.m. July 29. Fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 day of the race. Awards and ribbons will be given. Multiple age-division categories are available. For details and an entry blank contact the Hereford YMCA at 806-364-6990. Entrants registered and paid by July 22 will receive a free running cap.



FlashBacks

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Damage high

Hailstorm cuts swath at Black

A devastating hail storm cut a swath about two miles wide across the Black community last Saturday afternoon, destroying some crops and heavily damaged others.

Up to three inches of rain was received during the downpour, which assaulted crops and buildings with golf ball-sized hailstones for the better part of an hour.

Farms of Wesley Barnett, Charles Bass, Ed Clark, Travis Stone, Bruce Parr, Bill Carthel, Tom Lewellen, Clyde Hays, Johnny Mars and others all sustained heavy crop damage.

The hail battered young maize, corn and sugar beets. It also did extensive damage to wheat, which was nearing maturity.

At the Tom Lewellen place, a building being used to house an airplane and a trailer house was blown down by the gale-like wind which accompanied the storm, and extensively damaged the spray plane owned by Joe Lewellen, and the Lewellen's recently acquired trailer house.

The wheat was hardest hit, as it was near maturity. Much wheat was blown down, and will not straighten up. The 45-acre field of Sturdy wheat on the Charles Bass farm didn't blow down, due to its short stature, but probably half of the wheat grains were knocked from the heads. Bass had a 60-acre field completely under water until Monday, after the hail and rain deluge.

Pockmarks were still evident at mid-week in the fields, giving evidence of the large-sized hailstones.

At the Wesley Barnett farm, knee-high corn was battered, with all stalks broken off in one devastated area.

On the Johnny Mars place, a beautiful test field of Triticale, also nearing maturity, was smitten, and much of the crop was lying on the ground.

The storm blew in about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. In Friornastar, only a trace of hail accompa-

nied the cloud, which left 1.30 inches of rainfall in the official gauge.

Ironically, the storm came almost a year to the day after the tornadic storm, which caused over a million dollars in damage at Friornastar in 1971. That storm

was on June 11, and last Saturday's date was June 10.

To the north and northwest, hardly any rain had been received by midweek, and again, in areas south of Black, another inch-plus of rain was logged on Monday afternoon.



Inspect damage...Charles Bass, who farms near Black, surveys the damage to a wheat field on his place, which was about ready for harvest when last Saturday's storm hit. Many stalks and grains were beaten to the ground. The dark area Bass is pointing to is an indentation from a hailstone, which was easily as large as a golf ball.

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Area students on the President's List are: Eduardo Godoy, sophomore; J Lond Jarecki, senior; Dorothy Powers, junior; and Katherine Thompson, senior.

Area students named to the spring Dean's List are Misty Adams, sophomore; Matthew Gammon, sophomore; and Alexandria Roach, senior.

WT diplomas awarded to four area graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 685 West Texas A&M students during spring commencement exercises May 13 at the First United Bank Center in Canyon. The graduating class represented 19 states and 113 Texas cities and towns.

Area graduates included Diamond Aguirre, Bachelor of General Studies; J Lond Jarecki, Bachelor of Science Sports/Exercise Sciences; Heather Reimer, Bachelor of General Studies; and Daniel Rosales, Bachelor of Arts in History.

Barnett graduates in San Angelo

Morgan Renae Barnett graduated from San Angelo Central High School Saturday, May 27, 2006. She is the daughter of Dr. Chris and Renae Barnett. Her grandparents are Wesley and Doris Barnett and Clarence and Peggy Monroe all of Friona, Texas.



Morgan Renae Barnett

Morgan graduated in the top 5 percent of her class of 650. She was a four-year letterman in varsity soccer. She received 2003 2nd Team All-District, 2004 & 2005 All-District Honorable Mention, All Tournament San Angelo in 2003 & 2006, and 2006 Offensive Player of the Year. She was also the team captain this year and received the UIL Scholar Award.

She was a two-year member of the Central High School Cross Country team where she was a Regional Qualifier in 2003 & 2004.

Morgan was also a member of the National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar, and National Honor Roll student. Her honors classes included Chemistry, History, English, Biology, Government and Economics.

She was awarded the Athletic Academic All State, the Minton White Award (highest GPA for all Winter Sports in 2006), and the English IV Advanced award in 2006. She was a member of the Student Council and Spanish Club.

As a senior she was a nominee for the Central High School Outstanding Leader Award. Other activities she was involved in were being a three year member of Tri Hi Y, a YMCA Service Organization requiring a minimum of 25 service hours yearly, vice president in 2006 for the Taupha Turtles, and playing Select Soccer for the Attack Club team from 2002-2006.

Morgan was a Rotary International Exchange student to France the summer of 2005 and continues to be an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and their Youth Group.

She will be attending the University of Texas in the fall.



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from May 31, 2006 to June 7, 2006:

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ron carr photo

Drawing for dollars. The kids at the Farmer's Co-Op Gin annual meeting drew the names for door prizes and earned one-dollar for drawing. Top, l-r, Jenny Riethmayer, daughter Kamryn, and Jerry Butman. Below, Truman Hough draws for Jerry and co-op director Cris Ingram.



Greg Black memorial run in Hereford Jul 29

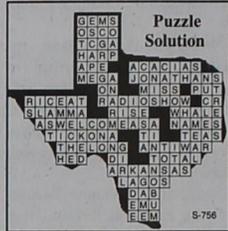
The 22nd annual Greg Black memorial 10-K and 5-K run plus a 2-mile fun run and 2-mile walk is scheduled for July 29 in Hereford. Starting time is 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th St.

Both the 2-mile walk and run are open class. Send \$12 entry fee to Race director, Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th St., Hereford, Texas, 79045.

The phone number for the Hereford YMCA is 806-364-6990.

The entry fee is \$12 in advance per person, \$15 the day of the race. All entrants registered and paid by July 22 will receive a free running cap. Showers are available at the YMCA facility.

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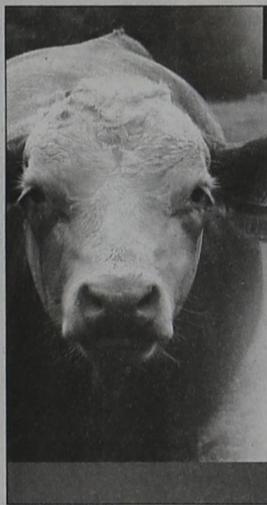


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TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

Is it just me or is there more traffic coming through town on Highway 60 these days? Seems like vehicle activity has increased. Maybe it is because it is summer and people are traveling on vacation. All the more reason we need a turn signal at Highway 60 and Main St.

Even though there doesn't seem to be any TxDot construction on Highway 60 between here and Hereford, the work zone 60 mph speed limit signs are still up until you reach Deaf Smith County. No word on how long the confusion will last.

Alvin and Glenda Downey are home recovering from injuries received in a car accident June 2 near Childress. Details we reported last week were not entirely accurate. The driver that pulled out in front of them was a 42-year-old female, not a 14-year-old; they rolled their vehicle two times, not five; and Glenda was flown to Lubbock in an airplane, not a helicopter.

Glenda told a friend they were not sure of details themselves until they received the official police report this week. Both are home battered but recovering and we wish them a short, speedy recovery.

For Amarillo restaurant aficionados, Macaroni Joe's will close after this Saturday, June 17, and reopen in about a month with a new theme and new owners. The waiter I talked to wasn't sure what the new restaurant theme will be. Macaroni Joe's has been voted Best Italian Food, Best Wine List, and Most Romantic in Amarillo Globe-News Best of Amarillo promotions. Sorry to see it go and will be interested in its replacement.

My tablemates at the senior lunch Monday were talking about David's Steak House in Amarillo being the best steaks they have ever had. They said it was expensive but good. It is off of So. Georgia St., turn at the WhataBurger, near the old K-Mart store. Hope that helps. I'll check it out and let you know if they were right.

Also at the senior lunch we sang happy birthday to Donita Martin. I can't say her age but her friends say she is really happy about the Medicare thing. Donita told me she and her cousin got sick on the Celebrity cruise ship during the Friona State Bank trip to the Panama Canal. Several passengers contracted the nausea and vomiting bug but she said the cruise line didn't charge her for on-board charges when she went to check out, and sent her and her cousin a voucher for a good deal on a future cruise. They are making plans to go again.

In case you don't get the Hereford Brand newspaper, they reported that KPAN's morning man for the past 16-years, Captain Billy, retired as of last Friday. So if there is a different voice on your alarm radio these days, that's why. He lives in Canyon and has commuted to Hereford all these years. So long, Captain Billy, and thanks.

In school news, Friona high school assistant principal David Newhouse has a new position. David has accepted a position as Bovina middle school principal and will continue to live in Friona. Former Bovina middle school principal Tommy Boatright has retired and will return to his home in Amarillo where his wife has one year left in Texas Tech's pharmacy school.

Second-year volleyball coach Arnold Peralez's wife, Gina, has finally joined him full-time from her position in Oklahoma. She has landed a job with Friona ISD as a special education teacher. The couple have a new baby and are excited to finally be a full-time Friona family. Glad to have you Gina.

Friona graduate and former native Wade Jameson and his wife Rhonda were in town last weekend for nephew Tyler Jameson's wedding. Wade is the brother of Coy Jameson, Tyler's dad. Also here was Wade and Coy's mother, Daisy Beversdorf. Wade, Rhonda, and Daisy live in Ft. Worth. Wade looks after his mom who lives down the street from he and Rhonda.

Mrs. Beversdorf told me she looks forward to reading the Friona Star each week to keep up with her family and friends and all the Friona news. We are glad to oblige and thank you for reading Miss Daisy (pun intended).

According to Ollie Pearl Taylor, Tiny Taylor, and Ruth Miller, the Taylor family held their annual reunion this past weekend with about 85 folks present. Ruth promised to send me a write-up about the activities but said she couldn't even begin to list all 85 names. The ladies said they announced to the younger relatives that they have to take over reunion planning if they wanted future gatherings. We'll look forward to Ruth's reunion report.

Here at the Star office we have a big supply of new Hereford, Dimmitt, Friona and area phone books published by Choice Directories out of Canyon. The company is headed by Brad Tooley, former publisher of the Canyon News. We have plenty of the phone books and they are free. Stop by and pick up a handful.

Housing has always been a concern in Friona but right now it seems to be at a crucial stage. A quick check with our real estate advertisers reveals there are virtually no properties for sale or rent in the city. The growth of the dairy industry has some effect but maybe people are just staying around longer. If you have been considering selling your home this is a good time to list it.

Albert and Jean Ricketts have moved to Canyon. Albert is recovering from some back surgery and had retired after many years with John Deere dealerships. He was a good Lions Club member and we will miss him there. Albert and Jean have children in Canyon, have bought a place there, and we wish them well. No word about what Albert will do with his antique restored tractors. Probably leave them in Roger Nelson's barn for now.

Send your news items, health concerns, or any news of local interest to frionastar@wrtt.net, or call us at 250-2211. We always enjoy hearing about what you have done, where you have been, and personal accomplishments. We appreciate you sharing. Thanks.

Pool News

By DaLinda Black



All is well at the pool. We have people joining us for lap swim every morning. Swimming lessons are underway. People are enjoying the water aerobics. We have had our first few pool parties. Our summer schedule is full of fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

We are offering days that are only for ladies or gentlemen. We have days set up for different age groups to enjoy. We have community service days in which the patrons of the pool can contribute to a good cause and receive a discount. We have days where we will team up with other businesses in Friona which allows us to collaborate and offer services that have never been offered before.

Safety is our first priority, but having fun is our second. We want Friona to enjoy our facility and use it as often as possible during the next couple of months.

Highlights at our pool this week include:

Friday, June 16 during our open swim (1-6) we will dedicate an hour to "The Sport of Champion." We are collaborating with the City of Friona Library and their summer reading program. For the next three Fridays we will be allowing the children to experience themes set up by the Library's summer reading program.

Saturday, June 17 from 1-6 is our "Girls just want to have fun" day. This Saturday has a set theme which will **Only Allow Females**. A great way to kick off a slumber party could begin at the pool. No need to be self-conscious about that swimming suit, only girls will be here. Now opportunities are available for mother and daughter to spend time together without the guys. A multi-generational girl swim could be great as well. There are many benefits to an all girl swim. Gentlemen, no need to feel left out, there will be an all male swim later on this month.

Next Monday, we will be starting our Level Three swimming lessons at 10 am.

Thursday, June 22. Bring in two canned food items, and get a dollar off admission. The food will be donated to Friona's Food Bank.

This week is full of activities and the following weeks will be full of adventure as well.

Revised 2006 Summer Pool Schedule

Monday

- 7-9 lap swim
- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 6-7 water aerobics

Tuesday

- 7-9 lap swim
- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 6-7 water aerobics

Wednesday

- 7-9 lap swim
- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 1-6 open swim
- 6-7 water aerobics

Thursday

- 7-9 lap swim
- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 1-6 open swim
- 6-7 water aerobics

Friday

- 7-9 lap swim
- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 1-6 open swim
- 6-7 water aerobics

Saturday

- 9-12 swimming lessons
- 1-6 open swim

Sunday

- 1-6 open swim

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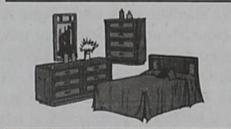
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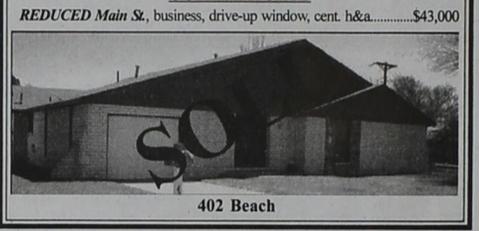
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Organic cotton? Getting the facts right

BY TOMMY HORTON, Editor, Cotton Farming Magazine

So you thought the cotton industry already had plenty of issues with WTO, Farm Bill, mid-term elections and numerous other hot button topics on the agenda for the next two years? Add another one to this long list.

Remember the word "sustainability." You'll be hearing it a lot in the coming months. True, sustainable agricultural production practices are helping the industry meet an ever-increasing global demand for safe food and fiber. This time, however, the word is being used in a completely different and misleading context - and that's probably an understatement.

The retail sector - including Wal-Mart - is injecting "sustainability" into promotional campaigns to describe why organic cotton is more environment-friendly than conventionally-grown cotton. This is an old argument that the organic

crowd has used for many years. But it's downright frightening to hear retailers announce that by increasing organic cotton clothing lines it will "help the environment and save money for our customers."

Our friends at Cotton Incorporated say this is only the beginning. Other retail apparel companies appear to be jumping on the bandwagon in an effort to take advantage of this so-called attentiveness to the environment. Space doesn't allow enough room here to rebut all of the misconceptions and



inaccuracies being spread on this topic. But we'll try to hit a few.

* Organic cotton is a small niche market. Last year world production amounted to 115,000 bales. That isn't even a blip on the radar screen.

* Some retail leaders claim that selling more organic cotton clothing will prevent excessive amounts of pesticide being put on cotton. Wal-Mart, in fact, reported on its Web site that its stores sold 200,000 units of organic cotton last year, and "this saved the equivalent of two jumbo jets full of pesticides." Really?

* In fact, according to EPA data for 2003, the average actually is one pound of insecticide and two pounds of herbicide applied to every acre of cotton across the country. Meanwhile, industry economists report that two jumbo jets full of chemicals would equate to 975 pounds of pesticides applied to each acre. We rest our case on that gross exaggeration.

* Since the 1980s, there's been a 50 percent reduction in insecticide applications on cotton farms in the country, and the industry has been relentless in its adoption of technologies that benefit the environment.

Remember when Wal-Mart promoted Made in the USA and was one of U.S. cotton's best friends? What happened? We don't know. But it's comforting to know that our industry is fighting back with plenty of facts.

If you have comments, send them to: Editor, Cotton Farming Magazine, 5118 Park Ave., Suite 131, Memphis, Tenn., 38117. Or send e-mail to: thorton@onegrower.com.

Future Chiefs



ron carr photos
FHS basketball coach Ky Graham, top, and his son, Kaison, at right, help the elementary boys during the annual Chieftain basketball camp conducted this week. Graham said a total of 39 boys participated in the camps.



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Wheat harvest short lived, weeds are big cotton pest

Monti Vandiver, Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management, reported this in a recent email:

Wheat harvest is underway and will likely be short lived. The Southwest Farm Press reports that the 2006 wheat crop will be the smallest in 35 years due to fewer harvestable acres and lower projected yields. Production is estimated to be 63% below the 2005 crop.

Vandiver also said thrips pressure continues to be high in most area cotton with up to 77 thrips per plant in untreated cotton and whole fields averaging 15 thrips per plant. In some fields adult thrips have been observed in very high numbers, 8 or more per plant, on cotton with a preventative treatment applied.

As bad as thrips are, Vandiver stated, they are quickly

taking a back seat to weeds as the primary pest of concern for cotton. Environmental conditions have made herbicide applications tough and have made weeds even tougher. Reports of herbicide failure are abundant and are not limited to any particular product. Vandiver can be reached at the Extension office in Farwell, 806-481-3300.

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6:00-8:00	Luminary Sales - by Concession Stand
6:45	Welcome - Opening Prayer - National Anthem
	Survivor Lap
	Caregivers Lap
7:30-9:30	Food, Entertainment & Games
Approximately 9:30	Luminary Ceremony - All Walking Paused
	Lights Out
10:15-12:00	Walking - Team Games & Entertainment
11:00	Concession Stand Closes
11:45	Keep The Hope Alive Lap - Conclusion of Relay

Also Available:

Food
Dairy snacks, Hot Stuff pizza, Lions Club French fries, nachos, fresh fruit, popcorn, candy, desserts, hamburgers, tamales, ice cream.

Drinks

Soft drinks, bottled water, iced tea, hot chocolate, coffee

Games

Water falls mega racer, cake walk, go fishing, Plinko, ball toss, balloon dart throw.

For kids, a \$5 hand stamp will be good for all games, all night.

Luminary sacks are \$5 and are available at Ingram's, Friona Library, Friona Chamber of Commerce, WT Services, Sugar Shack, and Friona Banking Center. They will also be available until 8 p.m. the night of the Relay.

Facts:

This year there are over 275 participants and 16 teams signed up so far. Last year over \$38,000 was raised for cancer research. The community is invited to take part in the Relay for Life activities.

Parmer County Relay For Life Committee Members

Relay Chairwoman Jyl Grimsley; Sponsorship Committee, Terry Hunt, Cheryl Procter, Kimberlee Jones, Linda Marshall, Patti Johnson, Kenna Sluder, Barbara Grimsley, Amy Cook, Suzanne Bunker, Gabriela Benavides, Sharon & Larry Rector, Stormi Lookingbill, Cindy Butman, Sandy Houston, Margret DeWit, Varla Wilcox, Erin Barnett, Linda Welch; Publicity, Britny Pope; Concessions, Stormi Lookingbill, Luminaries, Amy Cook; Entertainment/Games, Suzanne Bunker; Survivors, Betty Reeve, Doris Barnett, Peggy Monroe; Treasurer, Cathy Spencer.

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Thoughts from the Pastor

By Pastor Steve Patterson, Friona United Methodist Church

I love the story about the man who told the preacher, one Sunday morning, "Preacher, tell them they can...tell them they can." There is nothing more important than believing that you can, and this is really one of the supreme messages of the Christian faith. Whoever you are, whatever failures there may be in your life, no matter how difficult and dark the future, you still can. Jesus looked into the face of a group of very ordinary men and told them that they could conquer the world. They believed Him and set about doing it. The Bible refers to those men as "these that have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6)

As I was thinking about this truth I was reminded of what Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "A man is what he thinks about all day long." I also thought about Marcus Aurelius, the wisest of the ancient Romans, who said it this way, "Our life is what our thoughts make it." Then I was reminded of what the Bible says, "For as one thinks in his heart, so they become." (Prov. 23:7)

When we get the idea that we can't succeed in life, we won't. But if we believe we can succeed, we will. And so, we need to tell ourselves...and we need to tell others...WE CAN!...and...WE WILL. Amen!

See you Sunday.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

New look for the church directory

There is a new look for our church directory page. We have discontinued the biblical drawings (some called them church cartoons), reorganized the church directory information, and plan to publish different photos of the local churches and pastors or other church news each week.

All area churches are urged to submit information about your times of Sunday School and church services, or any other church information you might want to submit.

Also if you are a local business and want to join the church page sponsors call us at 250-2211.

In the James Bond Church you really only live once

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

When I was a child, I loved to play spy games. I would practice my spiety (spying ability) by hiding in the bushes in front of my house and spying on unsuspecting persons while they walked down the street at night. Looking back, I realize I should have practiced my spiety with a flashlight, ultimately avoiding the uncool and non-spylike position of being sprawled out on a pile of doggy dungarous.

I even filled out an order form in the back of my comic

book and sent off for a spy telescope about the size of a pen. I wanted to be able to see a mile away. When it arrived, I could almost see the end of my porch.

The first recorded spy episode was the story of the twelve spies sent into Canaan. Ten of the spies got together, formed a committee, and made up a negative report. They sent back a parchment that said Canaan was a great place to visit, but the land was full of gnats. Well, it was not an inerrant parchment. The people thought it said giants, got really scared, and decided to form some more communities.

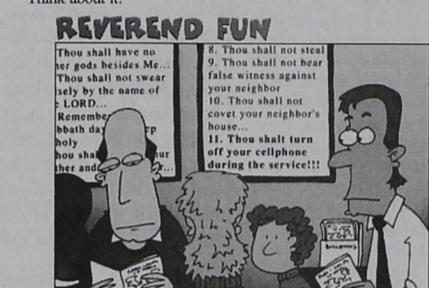
The most famous spy of all is probably James Bond, known as 007. The most recent Bond movie is about a plot to take over Buckingham Palace by a sadistic cleaning company. It is called *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. Hopefully it will be better than the previous film about a substandard English professor from Mississippi who wanted to rule the world through bad grammar. It was called *Dr. No*.

James Bond wears the finest clothes, eats in the best restaurants, has a great personality, is the epitome of class and charm, and never has a hair out of place. He is the prototype of the twenty-first-century minister of education. He has a gadget to bail him out of every situation, and he prefers his favorite liquid refreshment shaken, not stirred. Stirred changes the flavor.

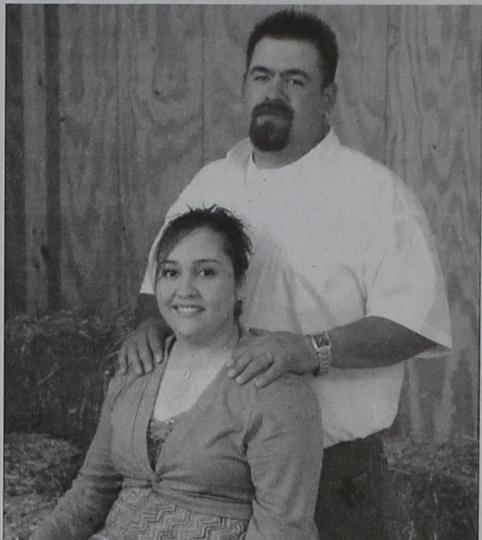
Did you know that we practice spiety in the church? Oh, I'm not talking about spying ability but superficial piety,

Much like the Pharisees of Jesus's day, we sometimes practice our spiety by saying all the right Christian words and having all the right "churchy" answers, but we never succeed in showing the outside world we genuinely care about people. We spout on Sunday and pout during the week. We fill a pew on Sunday but cause a "p.u." every day thereafter, thus leading some people to believe the church is full of hypocrites.

People everywhere get together on Sundays for Bible study and worship but return home unchanged and unmoved. It does not matter how many gadgets and gizmos we have in our church growth arsenal to attract nonbelievers. Until the believers inside the church make a heartfelt commitment to love people as Jesus did and take church outside the four walls, then the church will never be anything more than the James Bond church...momentarily shake, but not really stirred.



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Marisa Rodriguez and Mickey A. Ramon, Jr. Rodriguez~Ramon

Marisa Rodriguez and Mickey A. Ramon Jr. are proud to announce their engagement and approaching marriage on July 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Richard and Anita Bonham at 706 Ridgelea in Bovina, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Procoro and Hortencia Rodriguez of Friona, Texas. She is a Friona High School graduate and will be certified as a pharmacy technician in July 2006. She is employed by Bi-Wize Drug.

The prospective groom is the son of Mickey Sr. and Yolanda Ramon of Bovina. He is a Bovina High School graduate and is employed by 3-H Dairy in Progress, Texas.

Happy Birthday

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 - June 24-Mitch Smiley, James Anthony, Janet Buske, Diane Walser

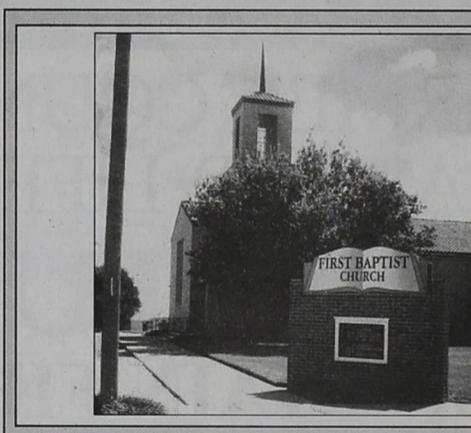
Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for the many gifts, cards, phone calls and visits during Kendall's recovery. Your expressions of love remind us that Friona is truly family. Kendall is doing great and counting the days until she can swim. We are grateful to be a part of such a loving town. Thanks again for your many thoughtful gestures, but most of all your prayers.

With love,
Ricky and Erin Barnett

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OBITUARIES

Vinnie "Bill" Nunn Rushing

Vinnie "Bill" Rushing, 90, of Clarksville, Texas, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2006 at E.T.M.C. in Clarksville. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2006 at Linderman Chapel with Rev. James Brown officiating. Interment was in Lane's Chapel.

Mrs. Rushing was born November 3, 1915 in Clarksville to Matthew Allen and Annie (Miller) Nunn.

She was an active member of the College Avenue Baptist Church, where she taught the adult ladies Sunday school and played the piano in previous years. She was a retired cook.

Mrs. Rushing was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Rev. John W. Brown; second husband, Rev. Levi Rushing; five sisters and one brother.

She is survived by three sisters: Adell Smith of Clarksville, Wanza Graham of Loraine, Texas, and Myrtle Melton of Friona, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Gary Travillion, Dwayne Graham, Wendell Davis, Mike Hemphill, Daniel Nix and Jimmy Mauldin.



Charlsie Eubank

Charlsie Eubank, 99, of Bovina, Texas, passed away, Wednesday, June 7, 2006 in Friona, Texas. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Morton Memorial Cemetery in Morton, Texas with Rev. Jim Green of Lubbock, Texas officiating. A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Bovina. Arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Eubank was born January 5, 1907 in Greenville, Texas to Edward D. and Sarah E. (Weston) Courtney. She married Gilbert Eubank July 12, 1925 in Slaton, Texas. He passed away June 4, 1973.

She moved to Bovina in 1957 and worked in the Bovina School Cafeteria for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina and the Bovina Senior Citizens.

She is preceded in death by a daughter, Beth, in 1948, and two sons, Raymond, in 1997 and Carroll, in 2004.

Mrs. Eubank is survived by two sons, Ben Eubank of Tatum, New Mexico, and Clyde Eubank of Hereford, Texas; two daughters, Betty Loy of Kimberly, Wisconsin and Shirley Wright of Coalinga, California. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, LaFern Jerigan of Lubbock, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren and thirteen great great-grandchildren.



Charlsie Eubank



Georgia Coldiron Porter

Georgia Coldiron Porter, 82, of Plano, Texas passed away Thursday, June 8, 2006. Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel with Pastor John Love of Trinity Fellowship officiating. Burial followed in Memory Garden Cemetery.

Born Georgia Nell Coleman, after her grandmothers, on September 29, 1923, in Elk City, Oklahoma. Her family moved to western Deaf Smith County, Texas near Bootleg Corner about 1930. In high school in Friona, she became a gifted singer and studied voice at Texas State Women's College in Denton, Texas. After a year away from home, she chose to return to the Panhandle to start a family.

As a homemaker in Amarillo throughout the 1950's, she was a church choir stalwart and soloist for holidays and weddings. She became a bookkeeper in the 60's and a real estate broker in the 70's, and then continued to manage her rentals throughout the 80's and 90's. She generously volunteered regularly during the 80's and 90's at Harrington Cancer Center, WETC, Trinity Fellowship, and Bethesda Outreach Center. She retired to Plano, near her son, Dave, from 2001 to 2006, expecting to return home this July.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray James and Ruth Pinkerton Coleman, and her younger brother, Bruce Coleman.

She is survived by an older brother, James Ray "Bay" Coleman and his wife, Marilyn, of Big Spring, Texas; two sons, David Earl Coldiron and his wife, Pat, of Plano, and Ronald Wayne Coldiron and his wife, Barbara, of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Todd, Doug and Ryan, all of Amarillo, Texas, Jana McCaughan, of Little Rock, and Allyson, of Austin; her great-grandchildren, Stanton, Brison, and Payton, all of Amarillo, Kadel of Muleshoe, Texas, and Jill and Caiden of Little Rock; as well as nephews and nieces, friends and their families.



Georgia Coldiron Porter



Lauren Ceelee "L.C." Rodriguez

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 6 p.m. in Friona Cemetery for Lauren Ceelee "L.C." Rodriguez, infant daughter of Luis and Yvonne Marquez Rodriguez of Dimmitt, Texas. Burial was under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona, Texas.

L.C. is survived by her parents; a sister, Brittney Rodriguez of Dimmitt; grandparents Felix and Maria Elena Rodriguez of El Paso, Texas, Myrna Barraza of Friona and Joel Marquez of Dimmitt.

Kevin Louis Koelzer

Kevin Louis Koelzer, 44, of Orleans, Nebraska, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2006 at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Nebraska. Graveside services will be held Friday, June 16, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Orleans Cemetery in Orleans with Fr. John B. Birkel officiating. Burial will follow in the Orleans Cemetery under the direction of Banta-Torrey Funeral Home of Alma, Nebraska.



Kevin Louis Koelzer

Mr. Koelzer was born July 21, 1961 to Daniel Louis Koelzer and Martha Ann (Hanson) Koelzer at the Parmer County Hospital in Friona, Texas.

Mr. Koelzer was baptized in infancy and later confirmed at the St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Bovina, Texas. He attended schools at Bovina and graduated from high school in 1981. He drove a truck all his life and was presently employed by the Justa Trucking Company of Lexington, Nebraska since October 2000.

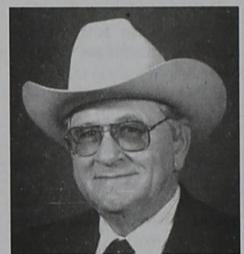
Mr. Koelzer was a former member of the St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Bovina.

He was preceded in death by his father on March 1, 1994.

Mr. Koelzer is survived by his mother, Martha Koelzer of Hereford, Texas; one son, James Koelzer of Orleans; two daughters, Sherelle Pruitt of Friona, and Marissa Koelzer of Orleans; and one stepdaughter, Lauren Mitchell of Alma. He is also survived by a brother, Bernard Koelzer of Fort Stockton, Texas; three sisters, Clara Dye of Amarillo, Texas, Catherine Craig of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Anna Zelante and her husband, Anthony, of Amarillo; and other relatives and many friends.

Don McDonald

Don McDonald, 71, of Lazbuddie, Texas, passed away June 13, 2003 in his home. Church services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006 at Lazbuddie Methodist Church with Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Al Jennings officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe, Texas.



Don McDonald

Mr. McDonald was born September 24, 1934 in Brownfield, Texas. He married Marlene Cargile in Lazbuddie on November 21, 1954.

He was a longtime resident of the Lazbuddie community moving there in 1941 from Brownfield. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. McDonald was active in the community serving on the school board, Federal Land Bank Board and a member of the National Farmers Organization. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Muleshoe. He loved and supported the kids and the school in all of their activities.

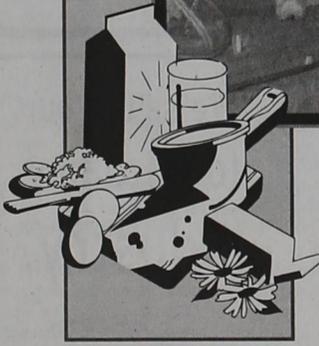
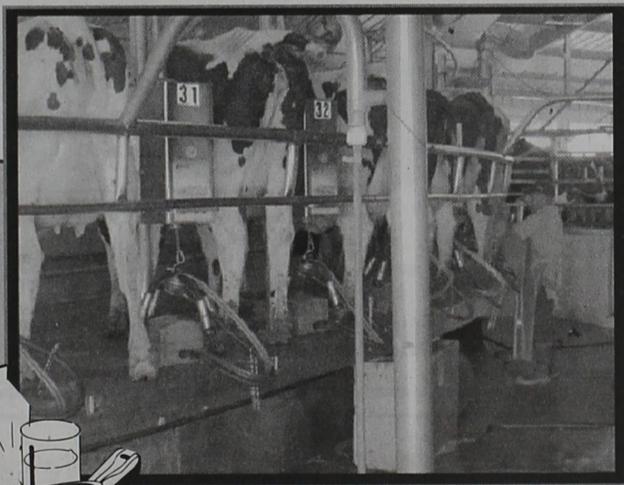
He was a farmer and the co-owner and manager of the Clay's Corner Gin. He was a member of the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Ophell McDonald, one sister and two brothers.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife; two sons, Donald Jay McDonald and his wife Joann of Lazbuddie and Johnny McDonald and his wife Sharmy of Lewisville, Texas; two daughters, Connie Thomman and her husband, Jet, of Levelland, Texas, and Dana Rempe and her husband, Keith, of Muleshoe; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Leroy McDonald of Lubbock, Texas and Billy McDonald of Gainesville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department or Lazbuddie EMS or the Lazbuddie Methodist Church.

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Bank group transits the Panama Canal

The Friona State Bank hosted a thirteen-day trip to Panama March 31 through April 12. This report of the trip was provided by Marca Herring.

Those traveling were: Martha Mae Shelton, Billie Carpenter of Edmond, Oklahoma, Pat Holland, Stella Shirley, Valoris Osborn, Ann Osborn, Pat Martin, Donna Davis of Bayfield, Colorado, Jo Ann Ratliff of Canyon, Texas, Edythe Johnson of Raton, New Mexico and Jean Terry.

Also, Katherine Smith of Hereford, Texas, Dale Widner, Jim Roy and Paula Daniel, Joyce Veazey, Marie Wallace of Littlefield, Texas, Donita Martin, Carolyn Norbury of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Ruth Miller, Ollie Taylor, Lawrence and Carolyn Widner of Bovina, Texas, Clarence and Peggy Monroe, Wayne and Liz Jesko, Olive Massie, Marguerite Cole of Hereford, Beth Morris of Vega, Texas, and Mary Holloway of Hamlin, Texas.

And, Mary Broman of Hereford, Sue Music of Amarillo, Dave and Norma Thompson, Keith and Faith Bradley of Pharr, Texas and group leader Marca Herring.

The group flew to Houston the first day and spent the night before departing for the cruise on April 1. After boarding a bus they visited the NASA Space Center in Houston and drove to Galveston. The group took a city tour and saw several mansions and other historical buildings that had survived hurricanes. Most had been renovated to the majesty of their former years. They saw many of the hospitals in Galveston and drove a short way along the sea wall before

boarding the Celebrity's Galaxy ship.

April 2 was spent at sea. The group was given a tour of the vessel and found that the dining areas were at one end of the ship and the nightly entertainment was at the other end of with the cabins in between. The ship featured two pools, at least two whirlpools, an aqua spa, shuffle board, golf lessons, crafts, a bank, shops galore, medical facilities, photo gallery, more than one restaurant, library, computers, card room, casino, flower shop, gym, walking deck, and topless bathing.

Monday, April 3, the group enjoyed Cozumel, Mexico and the many activities they had to choose from. They went snorkeling with the dolphins, toured the island, shopped and visited the Mayan ruins.

Tuesday April 4, the ship arrived in Costa Maya, which is located within Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. The group enjoyed visiting the ruins and touring the countryside in rented golf carts and they saw sights of thatched roofs, beautiful flowers, and the white beach coastline.

The citizens of the ports enjoy entertaining the tourists by wearing traditional costumes and performing. They were fun to watch and wanted the tourists dollars.

The cruise continued on April 5 and 6 with the passengers seeing Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. Puerto Limon is the capital city of the Limon Province and not generally thought of as a tourist attraction.

The first sighting of Costa Rica was a view of the beaches and mountains. They visited pineapple farms and banana plantations, and they rode a train through the countryside and a boat down the Tortugero Canal where they saw wildlife and an abundance of flowers.

Friday, April 7 the group rose early to see the 8th Wonder of the World...the Panama Canal, and to watch their passage through the canal. They then reached Gatun Lake where some of the group boarded tenders for different excursions. Some of them rode a ferry through the 9



The 2006 Panama Canal tour group

mile long Gaillard Cut to the west end of the canal across the Continental Divide and then were lowered through the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores Locks to sea level and the Pacific Ocean. They then docked at Porta Balboa and road a bus back to Cristobal Pier.

Others of the group floated down the Chagres River to see the wildlife and took an ecological hike through the rain forest.

Some of the group shopped in Cristobal and found things to be ridiculously cheap. Others of the group visited Panama City to sightsee and enjoy the history of the city. A few of the group stayed on the ship as it made it's way back through Gatun Locks.

Sunday April 9 was Jamaica Day. They docked early in Montego Bay, which is the center of Jamaica's tourism and the second largest city on the island. The group enjoyed the sites including St. James Parish Church and the Town House.

About 20 of the group boarded two vans and toured the area. They drove into the hilly countryside and saw coffee bean plants, cocoa beans, and bananas. They didn't get to swim in the beautiful clear water because of a lack of time but they got to visit Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville. The last of the ports they visited was Georgetown on the Grand Cayman Island on April 10. The group spent the day snorkeling on the coral reefs and then some of the group went to Hell. Hell is so named area on the northern part of the island where black coral reefs have formed. They swam with the stingrays, went to a turtle farm, swam at 7 Mile Beach, toured the island, road a submarine to a depth of 110 feet below the surface, road a glass-bottomed boat and shopped.

The last two days of the trip were spent at sea. The group saw so many beautiful, amazing and interesting things and expressed that they would love to go back. A good time was had by all.

The next big trips for the bank group is October 10, 2006 to New England to see the fall colors and March 2007 they will be cruising in and around the Hawaiian Islands.



Dale Widner checks out the upper deck of the ship.



Marca Herring hugs a Jamaican native.



Olive Massie celebrated her birthday aboard ship.

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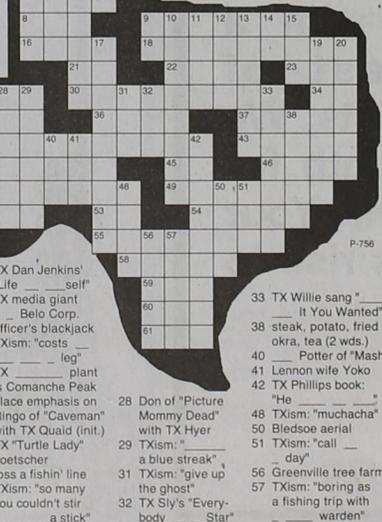
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 - 60 flightless bird
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 - 31 TXism: "give up the ghost"
 - 32 TX Sly's "Every-body ___ Star"
 - 33 TX Willie sang "___ It You Wanted"
 - 38 steak, potato, fried okra, tea (2 wds.)
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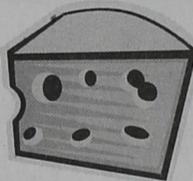
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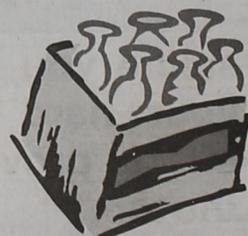
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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

Coming Home from War (Part 2 of 2)

By C.L. Vestal (with permission)

All day long, all night long, all day long and half the night we rambled and rolled on the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe steam locomotive, Woo-woo—wool down and across California, Arizona and New Mexico. About midnight of the second night, we were pulling out of Clovis, New Mexico. I knew this country now, so I got by the door so they wouldn't forget me when I got to Friona. An ole Negro porter came to me and said, "Sailor boy, is you that passenger what gets off at Friona?" "Well, er, yes I'm getting off at Friona," I answered. "Well now, Sailor boy, if you will just get back over in that chair, you will be in a much safer place and we ain't going to forget you." I let him know I wasn't just an ordinary passenger; I knew this country. "Say Porter, you know over here when we cross the state line at Texico and Farwell?" "Yes, sir,

up for a tip; it was turned over for a shake. I set my little black suitcase down and took that hand in mine. I heard him say, "Welcome home, Sailor boy and thanks, thanks for a job well done." Half embarrassed, I answered, "Huh, oh yeah, nice train you got here." I guess he was glad to know that I approved of his train. All trains going home are nice and wonderful. I've wondered if that ole black porter might have been Matthew 'Bones' Hooks with the personality he had. The night I left Amarillo for the Navy, 'Bones' Hooks gave me a letter of appreciation along with his carnation. I still have both in my sea chest. 'Bones' was a porter on the Sante Fe run from Amarillo west during the war. 'Bones' had been an early day cowboy and bronc rider on the big ranches of the Panhandle.

As I started walking toward Main Street, I couldn't help but

Then she turned me loose and backed up and said, "C.L., I've been praying for you." "Yes, Goldie, I know it and thanks a bunch." Now let me set the record straight, there is a lot more comfort in knowing you got a 'Good ole' Pentecostal friend back home who gets down on her knees every night to say her prayers before she goes to bed. She finishes up with, "Dear God, please take care of my boys that are all over the world." Then she calls our names, only this time, it's on a priority list, not alphabetical, and my name was among the first to be called.

You see, there may be a big battleship just over the horizon ready to blow whatever is bothering you plumb out of the water, but that battleship can't get down in a foxhole with you. God Almighty, who is much bigger and more powerful, is there with you with His arms around. As

ture and was trimmed in black—'lost over Germany its label read. Then there was one picture of a 'real handsome sailor boy' that was labeled 'somewhere in the South Pacific.' We then went back by Frank and Goldie's to get my sea bag and the 'little black suitcase'. As I put them in the pickup, I heard Daddy say something like, "Sure thank you." Frank answered and said, "Sure glad to do it," and Goldie said, "the blessing is all ours."

Then we headed out six miles south for home and Mamma. Wow! Another happy meeting! Now Mamma didn't butcher the fatted calf, but there was a new business in town called the 'frozen food locker'. One could rent a box there and butcher your animals or chickens and put them in there; then you could get out what you need to take home to use and the meat would be just as good as if it were fresh-killed. While she fixed dinner, I helped Dad unload his sack of laying mash. I'd never seen him with so many hundred pound bags of hen feed. They were all of the same design of material. This material was used to make dresses, a wartime effort.

My, what a dinner Mamma did fix! It seems that she tried to have some of everything. I had written home about being hungry for various things and she tried to meet that desire! There were mashed potatoes, and one of those fryers from the frozen food locker, black-eyed peas, chicken gravy—all the works. The folks even had a used refrigerator that they had bought from Wright and Jane Williams when Wright left for the Coast Guard and Jane tried to follow him. When we sat down to eat, Dad asked the blessing and I heard him say some-

thing about being thankful that 'someone' was home safe. When water gets in my eyeballs, my hearing kind of shuts off!

When I filled my plate (my eyes were bigger than my stomach), I ate a few bits and then said, "I'm sorry, Mamma, I'm full. I just can't eat anymore." You see, when all you've had to eat for months is powdered and dehydrated food, your stomach shrinks to fit that kind of so-called food. Then when you get real American and Texas food, you can't hold much of it. Same way with God's Blessings on you, some people can't handle it. The prayers I've had answered that was left up to God, after His saving grace through Jesus Christ came in the form of my teenage bride, Nola Faye, that blessing I've been able to have and hold forever!

While I was home, I went to visit our neighbor Mr. David Moseley, one afternoon. Now Uncle Red, that was what us kids called him, was in his shop working on a grain loader. Uncle Red was also a veteran of WWI. In fact, he had a piece of German scrap iron in his hip. We were talking about the wars. Uncle Red was a good Christian man who practices his Christianity more than he talked it. Uncle Red kept acting like he wanted to ask me something, but didn't want to embarrass me. So I said, "You know, Uncle Red, there were nights and times that I made it only by the Grace of God." His face brightened up and he answered, "How well I know it! There are times you just can't make it without asking for God's almighty help."

When my leave was over and the time came to get on that ole Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe, it was a Sunday afternoon and the folks made sure that I didn't slip

away this time like I did the Sunday afternoon the first time I left for the Navy. Also, down at the depot to see me off was my good friend, Mrs. L.L. Hill with a big Angel Food birthday cake for my 24th birthday that was coming up soon. How sweet and nice of her, but how was I going to have a birthday party on that train? I didn't know anybody on it, but guess what? You never saw so many service men get acquainted and make good friends with me so quick. My party was over and refreshments served by the time we topped Parmerton Hill!

Back on Treasure Island Naval Base, they got us fixed up to go back to the war, this time to the Philippine Islands. I crossed the Pacific three times in 1945 spending more than 101 days on a troopship. One was coming home from the war. There is one more homecoming for me, but I've got to wait for my ship and my harbor Pilot to pick me up. When I do cross Jordan though, I'm going to take that nail-scarred hand and say, "Thanks for riding herd on me all these years. Then I'll take my little teenage angel Celia Faye in my arms—and she'll say, "Daddy, what took you so long?" Then I'm going to look up an angel in blue faded overalls. I'm the same age now that he was when he left his earthly home. I'll put my arm around him and say, "Thanks, thanks for keeping a strong faith and setting a good Christian example during those hard depression, drought, dustbowl years when I was a teenage boy." The thing I wonder about the most is when I take that Nail-scarred hand in mine, will he be like that ole Negro porter and bid me welcome with, "Welcome home. Thanks, thanks for a job well done."



The Drug Store in the 1940's

I shore do," he replied. "Well the other side of the state line where the railroad tracks go northeast to Amarillo and southeast to Lubbock?" "Yes, sir," he replied again. "Is there any chance of the switch being thrown and us to go to Lubbock instead of Amarillo?" I was letting him know just how well I knew this country. "Sailor boy, that ain't never happened yet, and if it does, we will be in worse trouble than you." "Oh well," I thought to myself, "He doesn't know the kind of odds I run on."

We rambled and rolled on to Bovina where we stopped and picked up a can of cream, and then we labored and climbed up Parmerton Hill. The black smoke was rolling out of the smoke stack of that old engine. You see, I grew up just a few miles southeast of Parmerton hill and as a boy, I used to watch those trains climbing that hill and now here I was riding one. As we topped the summit of the hill, I was looking out the window toward the southeast kind of hoping that Dad might have left the yard light on that was attached to the windmill. He hadn't and as I backed up, "Sailor boy, does you see a yard light burning over there in some farmyard tonight?" the old porter was still riding herd on me. "No sir, but I know where I'm going." "How long you been gone, Sailor boy?" "Two and a half years," I answered. For some reason, I had begun to warm up to this ole porter. "Now Sailor boy, when we gets to Friona, you just keep your seat till I gets the door open and my step out and then I can help you down 'cause you is our responsibility till we gets you safe on the ground," he stated. You know he was right, when I bought my ticket, the railroad contracted to deliver me or my body to Friona.

As we slowed down, we could feel and hear the cars taking up slack in the couplings. We were slowing down for home, almost! When we got stopped, the porter got the door open and his step down. I started down and out, my sea bag on my left shoulder and my little black suitcase in my right hand. As I started down, I felt a strong firm hand on my arm. There in the dim light of the depot, I could see an ole black hand stuck out. It wasn't turned

notice that old steam engine that was pulling that train. It reminded me of a big one-eyed bull dog looking straight down the track. You could hear it breathing. We lost a lot when they pulled those old steamers off the tracks. They had personality all their own. The conductor gave her the hi-ball and they pulled out for Hereford, Amarillo, Oklahoma City and all points east, loaded mostly with soldier boys, sailors and marines—all homeward bound.

This may come as a surprise to you, but the thing I noticed most walking up Main Street at 2:00 o'clock in the morning in the middle of winter, was the scarcity of timber and skyscrapers in Friona. You see, the last ground I had walked on was in the jungles and the last street I had walked up was in San Francisco... When I got to the drug store, I turned left; they call it 6th Street now. Back then it was just the street going west from the drug store. With my sea bag over my left shoulder and my little black suitcase in my right hand, I passed the Baptist church and then the Church of Christ. Where I was going most all of us hometown boys when we left for the service were told, "If you get back some night and your folks are not there to meet you, come on up to our home. We will have an extra bed." This fellow, Frank Griffith, was an old WWI veteran. He and his wife didn't have any children.

I walked up to the back door and set my little black suitcase down and knocked. No answer, so I knocked again—I heard a coarse, but kind voice answer, "I'm coming, I'm coming, who is it?" "It's me, Frionie." "Who?" Oh my word. Here I was back in Friona and no one knew who Frionie was. "551-3—." No he wouldn't know my serial number either. Who the heck was I at home? "It's me, Vestal." The back door opened and there stood Mr. Griffith in his long handle underwear. He just laughed and said, "Hey, Mom, one of the boys is home!" The next thing I knew, I was all wrapped up in Goldie Griffith's arms, standing there in the middle of her kitchen. Goldie, in her long-tailed nightgown was "God blessing me" with one breath and "Praising the Lord" with the next.

my prayer was one time, "Oh Lord, let me live through tonight." The answer with a touch on my right arm right then was, "C.L., you will live through tonight." That was all had for. All we needed was one night at a time.

After going to bed, I had a hard time going to sleep. This bed was big and comfortable. There was no clicking of the train wheels on the tracks, no tossing and pitching of the troopship. If a plane had flown over, as The Wop would say, "It's friendly, I can tell by the sound of the motors. I thought of the nights I'd spent since I last slept in that bed during wheat harvest of 1940 and 41. There were nights that I had slept with a loaded 1903 Springfield lying across my belly and then a naked bayonet in my hand. Here now, all was at peace.

The next morning after breakfast as we sat at the table visiting, Goldie asked, "C.L., do you need Frank to take you out to your home?" "No, Pop Vestal has been in almost every morning checking at the depot and bus station and getting the mail early. You can just watch for him at Double A's (Crow's) produce house. He will be in for a can of cream or to get a sack of laying mash," Frank answered.

I walked downtown, and just before I crossed the street there at seventh, I saw an old pickup pull up to the produce house and a familiar looking fellow in blue faded overalls got out. I stepped behind a highline pole to watch. He looked down toward the bus station (the drug store) and then went in and got a sack of laying mash. He came out of the produce house and started down toward the Post Office. "Well, this has gone far enough," I thought as I stepped out from behind the pole and started across the street. "Hey, Dad, I'm home." Now what happened next there in the middle of main street Friona, I will leave to your imagination.

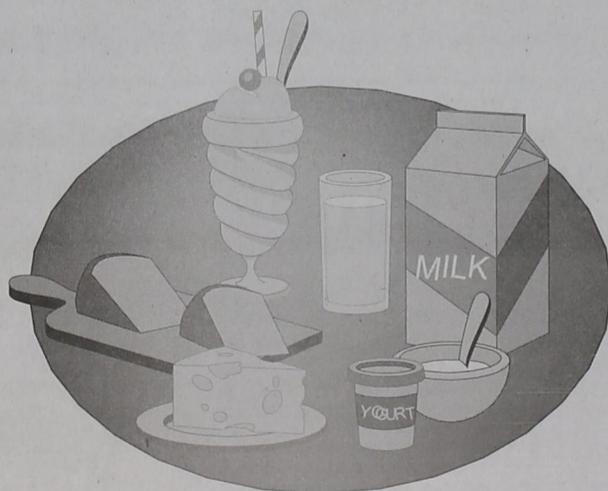
We got in the pickup and went by the school house and got to see and say "Hi" to my sister Wana, who taught school and then we went by my grandmother's apartment. There in Mam-ma's bedroom, she had the pictures of a bunch of service lined up on the wall. They were labeled, 'my grandsons.' One was an army, air force pic-

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The month of June is nationally recognized as Dairy Month. In honor of Dairy Month the Panhandle Dairywomen of Hereford will host "Hereford Dairy

Day" June 24 from 2-5 p.m. at the Spicer Gripp Fairgrounds. They have planned a day of fun with games and bouncers as well as a dairy contest featuring local teams such as the Chamber of Commerce, Hostile Herd coaches, HRH Insurance, and Miguel Dairy Services.

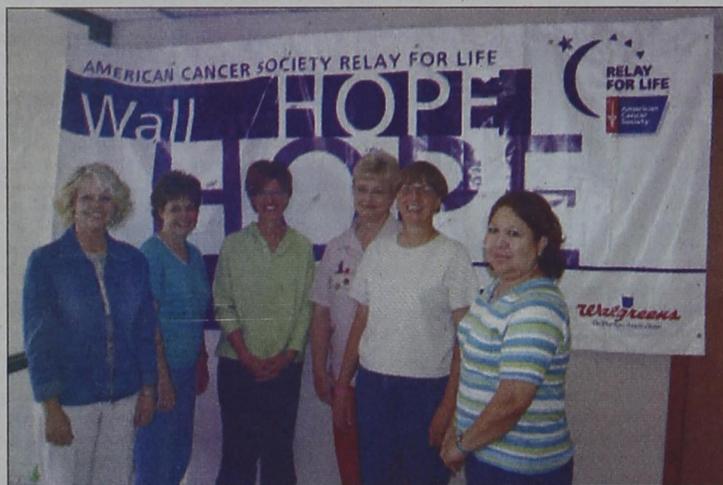
Complimentary dairy products will be distributed and there will be a concession stand as a lo-

cal youth group fundraiser. The Southwest Dairy Mobile Milk Wagon will also be on hand as a learning tool for all ages.

For more information please contact Leslie Heida with Milky Way Dairy at 806-578-4788 or Michele Lookingbill with Veterinarian's Outlet, Inc., at 806-676-6025.



dana d. jameson photo
According to Sgt. Rachel Cummings of the Friona Police Department, a subject pulling a 40 foot trailer was turning on to Main Street from Sixth Street and was unable to clear the stop sign and light pole. City of Friona employee Kenny Ford is shown, right, removing the damaged stop sign.



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Relay for Life committee members, l-r, Cindy Butman, Amy Cook, Jyl Grimsley, Randie Hamilton, Sharon Rector, and Maria Loya and the Wall of Hope banner at WT Services. Area residents are urged to go by and sign the banner.

Sign the Wall of Hope banner at WT Services

In conjunction with the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life, a Wall of Hope banner is on display until the Relay June 23 at WT Services in Friona. The banner is sponsored by WT Services and the Hereford Wal-Mart.

All Parmer County residents are encouraged to go by and sign the Wall of Hope banner which will be sent to Washington, D.C. in September for a mock relay on Capitol Hill.

According to Relay for Life chairwoman Jyl Grimsley, relay volunteers gather in the nation's

capitol to encourage our elected officials to vote positively on cancer related issues and legislation. The banner will boast the name of Parmer County and the signatures of county residents. Sometime before the September celebration on the Hill,

the banner will accompany a group of participants from our area to Washington D. C. Mrs. Grimsley said, "I encourage residents to go by and sign the banner. The entire county can be proud of the support they have given."

School board meeting change

Superintendent Jim Parker has announced that the regular meeting of the Friona school board has been changed from Monday, June 19, to Thursday, June 22.

The change is made to accommodate summer board member schedules. The June 22 meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the board room of the school administration office.

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