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Burn ban in effect now

At their regular meeting Monday January 13 the county commissioners voted to impose a burn ban in the county for 90-days. No outdoor burning is allowed during the period. Parmer County continues to be extremely dry and windy. Violators of the burn ban are subject to citations and fines. County Judge Trey Ellis has the authority to lift the burn ban in the event the county receives ample moisture.

In other business, commissioners drew the names for the nine member salary grievance committee for 2014. The names are drawn from the grand jury pool. The jail received a surprise state inspection on January 7 and passed. The county has received a \$20,000 Homeland Security Grant for computer software from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to be used to scan fingerprints into a statewide database.

Chamber banquet announced

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture announced this week that the 58th Annual Friona Chamber Banquet will be Tuesday, March 4 at the Friona Community Center.

The event will feature a delicious dinner, auction/raffle and Jyl Wyatt Marshall, daughter of artist Kenneth Wyatt. Marshall will be performing "A Phone Call from God".

The Chamber is seeking nominations for Citizen, Man, Woman, Teacher, Boy & Girl Student and Most Courteous Employee of the year. Deadline for banquet award nominations is 3 p.m. on February 14. Nomination forms are available at the chamber office or online at www.frionachamber.com

The Chamber Board will be calling local businesses and asking for donations to the auction/raffle. Deadline for donating auction items is 5 p.m. on February 25.



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Esdras Rodriguez competed in the squat lift at the Bovina powerlift meet Saturday. Esdras and his teammates won first place at the meet. Seventeen teams competed in the meet. Friona will host a powerlift meet Saturday February 22 in the new activity center.



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City manager Patricia Phipps, left, swears in new city council member Nancy Davis at Monday's council meeting. From left are council members Alan Monroe and Martha Barker, Mayor Rick White, and councilman Greg Lewellen. Mrs. Davis was appointed to fill the term of Charlie Pope who resigned from the council late last year.

Council: Water tank repair to begin

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday January 13, 2014

in council chambers at 619 Main St. Councilman Bruce Fleming was out of town and not present.

New member Nancy Davis was sworn in for her first meeting since being appointed to fill the seat vacated by Charlie Pope who resigned late last year. Cris Ingram was appointed to represent the city on Farm Service Agency votes.

During discussion of accounts payable, city manager Patricia Phipps pointed out the city paid \$1400 to haul off 31,000 pounds of used tires collected by the city for recycle. The container for used tires is located at the city barn.

The council approved transferring of funds in the amount of \$329,672.00 for a February bond payment. Repair of the north water tank will begin soon. The tank located north on County Road 19 will be out of service for about six weeks resulting in lower

water pressure for some customers in the north part of the city.

A 13-foot variance at 1021 Pierce for a fence was approved. The location is at Gato's Truck Repair. Another variance of 16-feet for building a carport was approved at 1212 Washington at the residence of Gary and Mercedes Williams. A request to install a mobile home at 1115 E. 6th was discussed but no action was taken.

Approval was given to join the Association of Xcel Municipalities, a joint group of cities combining to protest the rate increase by SPS/Xcel Energy. Phipps said the cost is \$200 and will save each city legal fees.

Police Chief Frank Mooney gave a department report. In December there were six arrests, one DWI, one marijuana, and four warrant arrests. He also reported burglar-

ies with \$1,600 taken, 77 traffic stops, five thefts, and six suspicious vehicle reports. A new police vehicle should be delivered by January 20. It is a Ford Interceptor SUV assigned to Lt. Isidro Jimenez.

Chief Mooney said plans are for new tile throughout the police station. A firm from Amarillo has been contracted for the job. Recruit Andrew Aguirre will begin the police academy at Amarillo College January 21. He will graduate in August and join the Friona police department as an officer.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public. If you have a specific item that requires action by the council it needs to be on the official meeting agenda. Information available at city hall.

Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts
It's Bragging Time

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 13. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, sweethearts, and spouses.
Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Mon Feb 10.
Cost per photo:
1-2 people \$10
3 or more \$20
Photos may include names of parents and/or grandparents.
For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtr.net
Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm

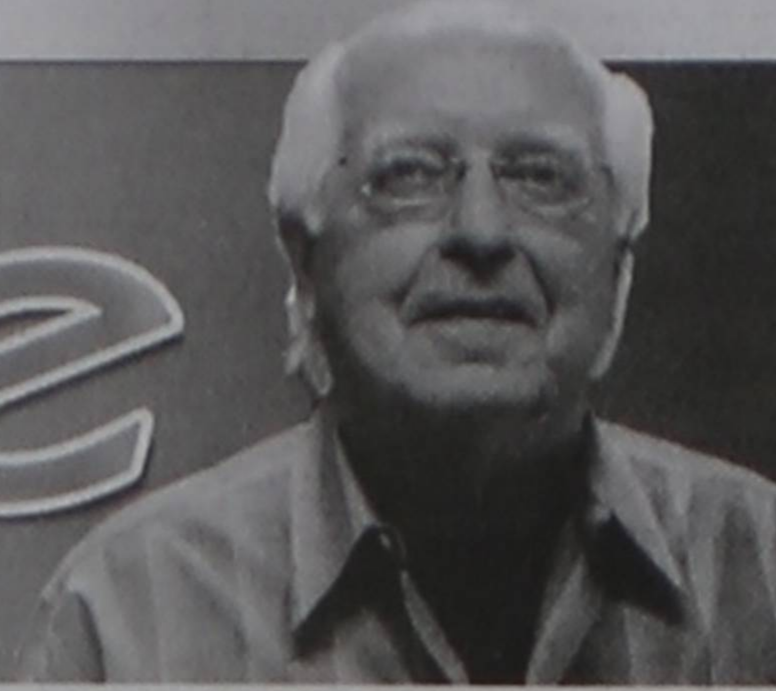


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The exhibitors at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show this week will be welcomed by all new pens plus foam insulation on the exterior walls. Cargill paid for the foam insulation which was provided by Hamilton Steel & Concrete. The pens were made possible by private and corporate donations. The Livestock Association replaced four outside doors. The stock show will have 440 entries this year. According to show superintendent Mack Heald this will be the 77th county livestock show.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



still paving after all these years

The headline in the September 3, 1937 Friona Star read: PAVING ASSURED FOR MAIN STREET. The accompanying article said:

"According to information received at the Star office a few days ago, the State Highway Commission has appropriated funds for the paving of a portion or all of Main Street in Friona, from Highway 33 south.

As the information reaches the Star, this information was contained in a letter from the honorable Harry Hines, chairman of the State Highway Commission to Walter Lander, County Judge of Parmer County.

According to reports the letter to Judge Lander stated that the sum of \$4,000.00 had been appropriated and set aside by the Highway Commission for the purpose of paving

as many blocks on Main St. here as that amount of funds would cover and it is expected the amount set aside will reach from the highway south, at least to the business section of the city and probably to the railroad.

It has been intimidated by state engineers that three blocks at the south end of Main already have a sufficient base to support the traffic under a black top surface such as proposed by the state and if that be true this will materially cut the cost of paving that portion of the street and thus enable the funds appropriated to go farther than it would otherwise go.

It is also expected that the contract for the street paving will be let in connection with the contract for paving that part of Highway 33/60 that passes through Friona."

This 1937 article seems timely in light of the pending major repaving on Highway 60 beginning sometime this summer. A meeting was held last Friday of city officials, a TxDOT representative, and business owners along Highway 60. TxDOT plans to remove the asphalt paving and pour concrete on Highway 60 between Washington and Summit Streets. They will work the south side of Hwy 60 first then the north side. The project is expected to take eight months or longer depending on weather.

During the first phase the intersection of Hwy 60 and Main will be closed on the south side. A turn lane from Main onto eastbound Hwy 60 will be constructed across the vacant lot at the intersection. Local folks will have to drive circuitous routes to reach

the businesses along that stretch of Hwy 60 and/or to cross Hwy 60.

Mayor Rick White explains more in his Mayor's Minutes below. The reason for the concrete paving is because the heavy truck traffic starting and stopping at the city's two stoplights damages the asphalt paving and requires frequent maintenance.

There are engineering drawings of the project on the wall in the city council chamber at 619 Main St. During the construction there will be two-way traffic on the Washington-Summit stretch of highway. Some of our routine driving routes will be disrupted for several months so plan ahead. And practice your patience.

As Mayor White and city manager Phipps say, "When it is completed we will really like the results."

DID YOU KNOW?

Amendment XVI

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census of enumeration.

This amendment modified Article I, section 9, of the Constitution. It was passed by Congress July 2, 1909 and ratified February 3, 1913

Mary Johnston

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

President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

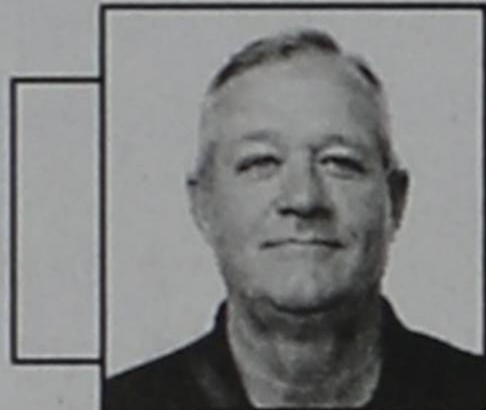
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Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Another year comes to a close and we open the door to a new year. We have great news to begin this new year. I mentioned in past Mayor's Minutes the possibility of a turning lane for trucks turning east onto Highway 60 off Main Street.

On Friday January 10 we met at city hall with Texas Department of Transportation representative David Harper, assistant area engineer. We discussed replacing the asphalt with concrete on Highway 60 from Washington to Summit. The concrete surface will help eliminate the

possibility of the highway being torn up by trucks stopping at each stoplight. We also discussed the turning lane off Main Street east onto Highway 60.

This construction is projected to begin in July 2014 and will take approximately eight months to complete. The completion date will depend on weather and the contractor performing the work. We realize this is going to be an inconvenience for businesses located between Washington and Summit but once the project is completed it will help the drainage in the area and

eliminate the wide turns onto Highway 60 by trucks turning east from Main Street.

Construction will begin on the south side of the highway and will be completed in one phase. The north side of the highway will be completed in two phases. This idea was suggested by George Frye a couple of years ago. He suggested the idea to previous mayor J.B. Douglas who took it to the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). Special thanks also to Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis who has been working with

TxDOT for two years on getting this section of the highway replaced.

The city has also been working with TxDOT to make this a reality. We realize this is going to be an inconvenience but please be patient during the construction phase.

We have been working with the American Red Cross to be better prepared if we experience a catastrophe such as a tornado. I have had conversation with Steve Pair, American Red Cross regional director and we have worked out a plan to store 200 cots here in Friona at several differ-

ent approved Red Cross facilities.

The cots were to be delivered to Friona January 15. One remaining detail is to designate and train volunteers that will be able to spring into action when the need arises. American Red Cross is planning a training day in March. We are in the process of identifying some volunteers to attend this required training. We would like to have approximately 15 people designated as a volunteer.

The million gallon water tank northeast of Friona will undergo major revisions beginning the first of February. The tank will be drained and the top will be cut off. The inside of the tank will be repaired and painted. Then a new roof will be placed back on the tank. This project will take approximately six weeks depending on the weather. During the construction water pressure at your residence and business will be lower. We ask you to minimize your water usage in the month of February.

Judge Deborah Campbell tried 38 cases in December. There were three juvenile cases filed and three community service filed. There was \$5,042.65 collected in fines and \$2,176.09 collected in court costs.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) had a total of 22 runs, seven 911 calls, eleven transfers, and four no transfers. There was \$25,231.20 billed to citizens that used EMS and collected \$12,027.23.

The volunteer fire department had two fire calls in the month of December. There was a small grass fire west of Cattle Town

and a small electrical fire at a residence.

The city pumped 11,769,200 gallons of water in December and sold 8,428,000 gallons. The city billed \$48,468.78 for water usage. It is normal for the water usage to be down this time of year. People are less likely to water their yards during the colder months.

The Friona police department received 192 calls for service during December. There were six arrests made, 39 citations issued, and 52 warnings handed out. The six arrests were one DWI, one possession of a controlled substance, and four arrest warrants. Chief Mooney continues his efforts to search for two officers. One officer will fill the position of School Resource Officer (SRO). The other officer will join the regular police force.

Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates continue to do very well financially. There are 48 residents at Prairie Acres and 13 residents at Heritage Estates. Billy Ray Johnston and his staff continue to do great work with all of the residents and continue to provide great care.

The Friona Public Library was very busy in December. There were 1,129 patrons that visited the library, an average of 63 patrons per day. It is great to see this many people using the library's services each month. The library serves our community very well. We applaud Darla Bracken and her staff for the great work they do serving our community.

Your Mayor

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: " nuff ____"
- 5 "love" south of the border
- 6 Boerne s "Kid ____ Fiber Fair"
- 7 TXism: "quick on the ____"
- 8 TXism: "he shoots from the ____"
- 9 TXism: "play possum"
- 12 imperfection (2 wds.)
- 17 TX Nash s " ____ Clearly Now"
- 19 TXism: "your barn ____ open" (unzipped fly)
- 21 Stephens of Cowboy cheerleader movies
- 22 "Texas Troubadour" Tubb
- 23 words yankees think TXns say
- 28 Midland-Odessa FM
- 29 TX Roy Orbison ballad
- 30 WWII military track vehicle that moved on land or water
- 31 Oak ____ Boys
- 35 TXism: " ____ enough to pucker a pig"
- 36 kid area at "Six Flags Fiesta Texas": " ____ Springs"
- 42 TXism: "aggressive as ____"
- 44 ____ Rivers, TX
- 46 TV ratings co.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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DOWN

- 1 in the winter, you can see one at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge (2 wds.)
- 2 title for TXns Phyllis George & Shirley Cothran: "Miss ____"
- 3 in Wichita Co. on hwy. 370
- 4 this Cowboy Pearson caught the "Hail Mary"
- 9 many TXns fought in Southeast ____
- 10 major Dallas artery ending with "way"
- 11 golf peg
- 12 citrus drink
- 13 TXism: "hell bent ____" (determined)
- 14 "The ____ Ranger"
- 15 Denton s 940 code
- 16 UT famed formation: " ____ bone"
- 18 seize a crook
- 20 Dublin celebrates ____ Patrick s Day
- 23 TXism: "how ____ doing?"
- 24 Gov. ____ Roberts (1878-82)
- 25 San Antonio university (abbr.)
- 26 Switzerland tourist resort town
- 27 NASA event in Space Shuttle era
- 32 TXism: "the rodeo ____ over" (finished)
- 33 TX singer Henley (init.)
- 34 TX president: ____ Bush (2001-09)
- 36 TXism: "take a look ____"
- 37 Livingston is seat of this county
- 38 series of items
- 39 TX Mickey Gilley sang " ____ I've Said It Again"
- 40 an Astro messed up
- 41 Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo ____"
- 43 "Billy the ____"
- 45 ex-Cowboy RB (init.)
- 47 silent film? (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "lower ____ a snake s navel"
- 55 TXism: "ain t"

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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr • Phone: 250-2211 • Fax: 250-5127 • Email: frionastar@wtrt.net

County commissioners have reinstated the burn ban effective for 90 days. No outdoor burning of any kind. Violators are subject to citation and fines. County Judge Trey Ellis is authorized to lift the ban in the event of any significant moisture.

Monday January 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. the Booster Club will have a big t-shirt sale in the football concession stand. All t-shirts will be \$5.00. They are selling old football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball shirts, plus some "Fear the Spear" and junior high shirts. Long and short sleeves available. Stop by and help the Booster Club reduce its inventory.

Monday January 20 is Martin Luther King Day. Banks and the post office will be closed. City hall will be open. Friona Star and most other local businesses will be open.

January is School Board Recognition Month. It is time to thank our locally elected school board members who serve the

community without pay. They spend long hours working with parents and educators to develop local school policy and standards for students. They deal with financial uncertainty while still providing excellent education experiences for all of the children.

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees are Mitchell Smiley, Tracy Bunker, Ricky Barnett, Becky Riethmayer, Andy Montana, Antonio Rocha, and Wade Schueler. If you see one of these folks around town tell them thanks for their service to the community and school district. A group photo is included elsewhere in this Star.

In a chat with volleyball head coach Bryan Masse last week, he said he spent time during the holidays as a ski instructor at Ski Apache in Ruidoso. He has been a ski instructor for many years. Bryan came here from Roswell several years ago. He still has a camper trailer at the ski area that he maintains and uses during his instructor days.

Saturday about noon our volunteer firemen were called to Prairie Acres. Someone reported smelling an electrical wire overheating. It was determined to be a small electric motor overheating. No fire was found but it is better to err on the side of caution. Thanks to our firemen for being on call to respond.

I had a busy weekend starting with basketball Friday night, powerlifting in Bovina Saturday, and the Friona livestock show on Sunday. You can see the results of our efforts with all of the photos in today's Star. At the livestock show I joined many others at the concession stand for a tasty brisket plate with the brisket cooked by popular chef Charlie Pope. For \$5 we got a brisket sandwich, chips, a drink and a couple of cookies. A good meal deal for an old bachelor on a Sunday afternoon.

At the stock show Sunday I enjoyed watching Lori and Ben Osborn

try to keep up with their twin boys, Robbie and Jack. The little guys were pretty energetic to say the least. A photo is on page 5. Cute kids and future stock show participants no doubt.

There was a huge crowd at the Floyd Reeve auction last week. One estimate was about 3,000 people attended. Danae Reeve McLellan said equipment purchased went to 12 states and Mexico. It was quite a success with lots of family memories and emotions involved.

FHS senior and band drummer (percussionist) Kailey Lucas will be headed to San Antonio as a member of the 1A/2A all state band. Kailey qualified last week at the regional tryouts. Congratulations Kailey. I have enjoyed watching Kailey and her percussion band mates during performances of the Chieftain Band the last couple of years. She is a nice and talented young lady.

We have stacks of old newspapers here and have offered them to folks free. We have given papers to people to pack their boxes when moving and a couple of times to folks who

wanted them to spread down when painting. This week a lady came by and took a big carload of papers to be used for a high school physics project. The students have to build a chair out of newspapers strong enough for the class instructor to sit on and not bust his (or her) hiney. That should be interesting. We were glad to get rid of some old papers and hope we can grab a photo of the class project. If you need some old newspapers let us know.

Mickey Harrelson had back surgery this week. Daughter Goldie says he is doing well. Gene Welch and Jerry London had some health issues continue this week. Gene was in the local hospital and Jerry was in the hospital in Amarillo.

And I am sad to report that former Friona Star publisher Bill Ellis was admitted to Prairie Acres on December 31, 2013, his 77th birthday. Bill is diagnosed with Alzheimer's and could no longer be cared for at home. I worked alongside Bill (and Carol) for eight years before he retired and sold me the Star in 2003. He gave me the opportunity to learn the weekly newspaper busi-


ness and we shared many road trips to football and basketball games, the highlight of which was finding new interesting places to eat. I have good memories of those years and wish all the comfort and peace possible to Bill and his family.

Get ready for major work on Highway 60 between Washington and Summit streets beginning in the summer. TXDOT will dig up the road and put in concrete. First phase will be on the south side of Hwy 60 and take about four months. Then work will move to the north side for another four months. Access to businesses from Hwy 60 will be closed too. We will try to keep you updated.

We are ready to accept photos of your sweethearts for our annual Valentine's paper. It will be published February 13. Cost is \$10 for 1-2 person photo and \$20 for 3 or more in the photo. Bring your photos by the office Mon-Wed from 10-5 and we will scan them and give them back to you. Thanks for reading the Friona Star and we look forward to a great year of local news. Until then!

Country Thoughts

dana jameson



Got insurance?

Insurance is one of those things that when we are young we do not think we need.

I am not young anymore and things keep going haywire on me.

For many years, I did not have insurance and did a lot of praying that nothing would happen to me. Overall, praying worked.

However, I turned 50 a few years ago and things started not working like when I was younger.

I found that I could no longer run around being Superman anymore. Bending my knees became an adventure in groaning. My blood pressure decided it wanted to go from being excellent to achieving monumental heights. My cholesterol that was once below average and complemented was now creeping into a higher, less complementary range. Weight that had once been so easy to shed was now sticking like super glue.

I found out that having an anxiety and gall bladder attacks felt much like a heart attack. None of the attacks are any fun and require entirely too much prodding.

Insurance was there to help me with my aches and ills for the last few years. In fact, it got me through some rough times.

I am now one of the masses that have had to

go out and find insurance. Believe me, it was not easy and definitely not cheap.

I do not envy anyone that does not have insurance or Medicare. Healthcare and medications are expensive.

My adventure into finding insurance has been, at best, educational.

Every company that sells insurance has a price 'just for you'.

Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has at least 15 different plans to choose from and each one can be customized to your needs depending on what state you live in.

The other companies that were competing with BCBS only had five or six plans to be compared.

I had BCBS at my last job and it worked very well so I went with it again.

The application process took only a few minutes of answering probing questions.

The thing that bothered me about the whole process was that if I do not have insurance and I file my taxes I would be fined.

It just feels like the government is more 'up in my business' than they should be. I have listened for months as this has been debated and I know this is nothing new. I just cannot see how people that have a hard time making ends meet will be able to foot one more bill.

Are we going to receive raises to pay for this mandatory insurance? On the other hand, will we have to give up more to pay for this expense?

I do not think we will be seeing raises and I know that we will have to give up even more.

A few years ago, I worked for a pharmaceutical company. I took prescription orders from patients. I eventually had to get out of this business because it was very painful.

It was painful in that the people that were calling in their orders were having difficulty choosing between their medications and food. Often they would unload their problems while they were ordering.

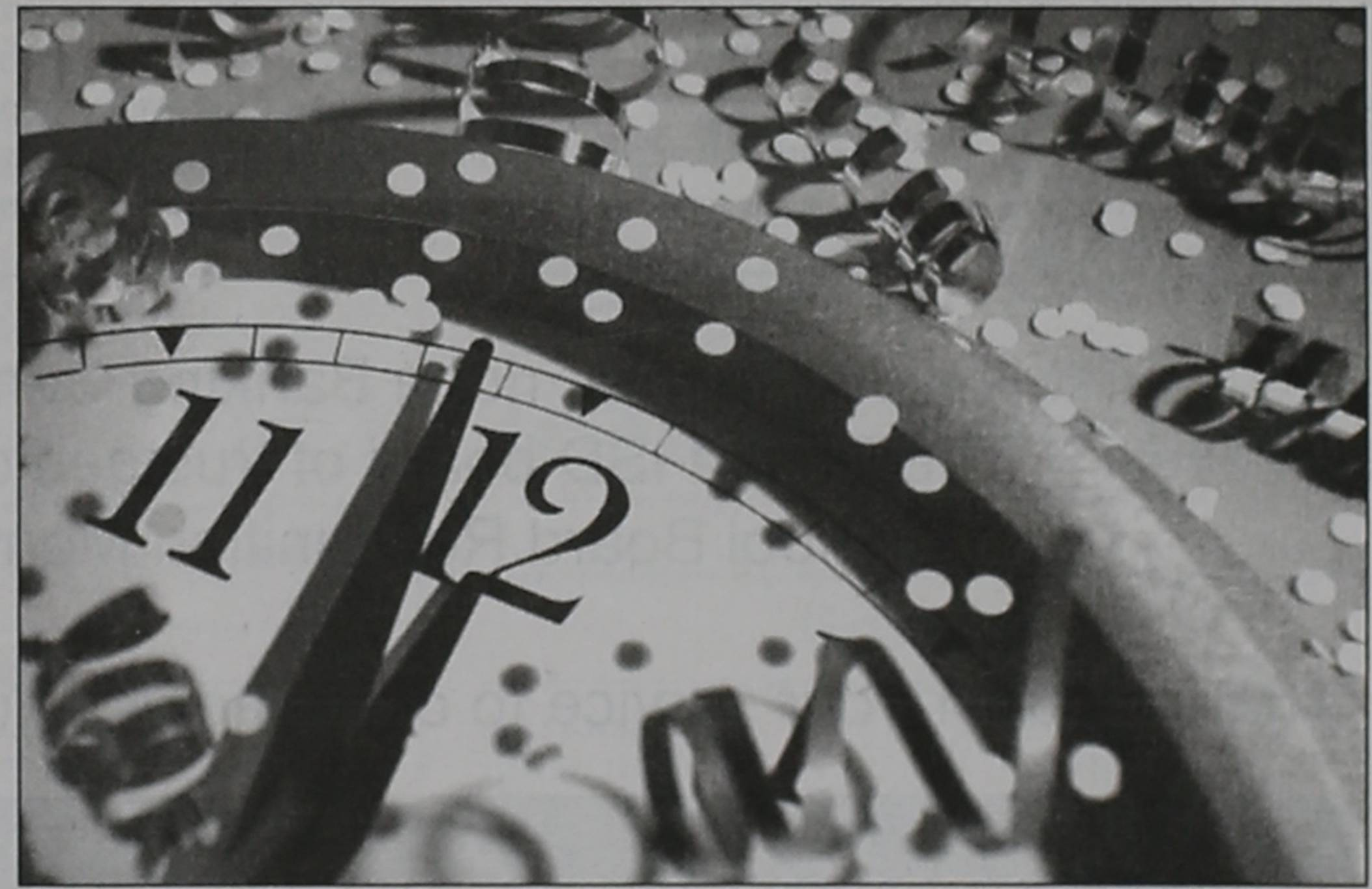
One woman called in to renew her subscription and told how she was purchasing her medications before she bought groceries. She was weeping as she related her story.

Honestly, I cried for a while after talking to her. I also made the decision I could not do that job and listen to all the suffering that was being funneled through a phone line.

I pray that I am never in that situation but I know that it can happen at any time to anyone.

There has to be a sane answer to staying healthy as we grow older.

We hope 2014 is a Grrreat year for you



Do you make New Year's resolutions?

One resolution that we might all think about is starting a savings account or adding to our present one.

If we can be disciplined about saving a portion of our pay check, whether it's a couple of dollars or a percentage of our check, by this time next year we'll be ready for those emergencies, or have money saved for that special something, or just have a feeling of satisfaction that we did it!

We at Friona InterBank invite you to stop in and ask us about opening a savings account for those special needs.

We are a member of FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender
And our web address is interbankus.com



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Panhandle Parables

Resolution #1 Resolve to Gain Wait!

JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th St. Church of Christ

If you own a television, then there is no escaping the marketing blitz from mid-December to February on exercise equipment and fitness guru's DVD's to help you lose all those unwanted pounds.

There are even a few products out there that require you to do nothing but strap them on and the pounds will melt away. I have a little fear myself of strapping anything on that may melt any part of me, but I digress. Yet the push is on to lose weight and there are as many ways to do that as there are those to propose them.

My proposal is to resolve to gain wait.

Spiritual waiting is two-fold in my opinion. There is the part where we learn some patience.

I know I said it. We do not like to wait, but wait we must learn.

Patience gives us great insight into the nature of God, who patiently waits for us to get it together on any given day.

When on some level I can appreciate what God puts up with in me, it gives me an idea of what He expects from me towards others who like me are still figuring it out too!

Second, gaining wait requires waiting, as in serving. Like the kind person who takes your order, keeps your glass of tea just right and in a friendly manner takes care of your needs during a meal. It is an action. It requires of me effort and the reward is that Jesus is the one sitting at the table I serve. So while I am learning to wait on God for answers, I wait on Him with service.

If I can learn how to be patient and learn how to serve, it is almost guaranteed I will gain wait. But as you know from last week's sermon, (I mean article) that remains your choice.



ron carr photo

Future livestock show participants. Twin boys Robbie, left, and Jack Osborn were stirring up some sawdust at Sunday's Friona livestock show. They are sons of Ben and Lori Osborn and no doubt will carry on the Osborn livestock show tradition.

FHS Honor Roll

Friona High School Assistant Principal Erika Montana recently released the 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll.

All A's

Freshman: Kendall Barnett, Mason Fleming, Johathan Lucatero Hernandez, Maria Nava Lopez, Taylor Stallings, Marilena Viernes

Sophomores: Salma Estrada, Josue Ojeda, Jacob Rejino, Elizabeth Rocha, Jasmine Rodriguez

Juniors: David Martinez, Haden Smiley

Seniors: Perla Bautista, Jesus Lopez Huicoza, Esdras Rodriguez

All A's One B

Freshman: Alejandro Cigarroa, Daniela Flores Lopez, Alexa Garcia

Sophomores: Joshua Barnett, Martha Barraza Terrazas, Yodeli Castillo, Kyra Davis, Keila Gabel, Kaegan Kerby, Evelyn Lozoya, Erika Maldonado, Mason Mireles, Makayla Pierce, Lorena Soto

Juniors: Jacob Dickson, Karina Hernandez, Tyler Hough, Mason Loflin, Christian Merino, Denise Padilla, Jose Rocha, Julio Rocha, Justin Rocha, Clara Salinas, Lino Tarango, Aubrey Williams

Seniors: Daumenique Carranza, Jacob Osborn, Samuel Silva, Ricardo Soto

Learning About God, pt 2

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

2 Kings 5 is the true, biblical account of God miraculously healing a Syrian army commander of severe leprosy through the prophet Elisha and a muddy river. God's grace changed Naaman's life forever, and God still loves touching lives. Sadly, though, the story ends with a greedy servant sinning and being judged by God.

After his healing, Naaman naturally wanted to pay Elisha as a thank you for what happened. Elisha refuses the gift, and sends Naaman on his way, but this does not escape the notice of Elisha's servant Gehazi. Gehazi saw his opportunity to cash in on this situation by following Naaman and 'charging' for the healing. This is so shocking because Gehazi, a godly servant, succumbs to temptation and gets greedy and is able to get around 150 lbs of silver and two changes of new clothes from the Syrians, and a sense that he has gotten away with his deed. In reality, you can pull the wool over people's eyes, but you can't hide from God, and by the end of the story Gehazi and his descendants had been cursed with the leprosy of Naaman and he leaves an ashamed man. This final twist is a firm reminder that it is better to have God's favor and blessing than riches, wealth or material goods. God's favor and blessing comes though a relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the only one who can heal our hearts.

OBITUARIES

Iona Fay Cook

Iona Fay Cook, 89, of Friona died Thursday December 19, 2013. Chapel Services were held Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the Friona Cemetery Chapel in Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Friona, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Iona Fay Cook

Mrs. Cook was born September 1, 1924 in Lamesa, Texas to Dolphus Edward and Lavenia Ardella Prentice Richards. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons with a B.A. degree in 1946. She married Raymond Cook in Lamesa on July 4, 1948. Mrs. Cook was a longtime school teacher, member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Modern Study Club, and very active in the First Baptist Church of Friona where she taught Sunday School, Training Union and was a member of the choir.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include one

son-Carroll Ray "Fred" Cook and wife Amy of Friona, one daughter-Kathy Wooley Cruz and husband Charles of San Antonio, one brother-Elbert Richards of Denver, CO., four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th St., Friona, Texas 79035

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com



Barbara Armstrong

Barbara Armstrong, born January 30, 1928 and formally of Friona, passed away January 10, 2014 in Tripp, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by husbands Army Armstrong and Tom O'Brian.

One daughter Susan Pat-

erson and husband, Darrell, of Duncan, Oklahoma and one son Alan Armstrong and wife, Barbra, of Tripp, South Dakota, survive Armstrong.

Four grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive her.

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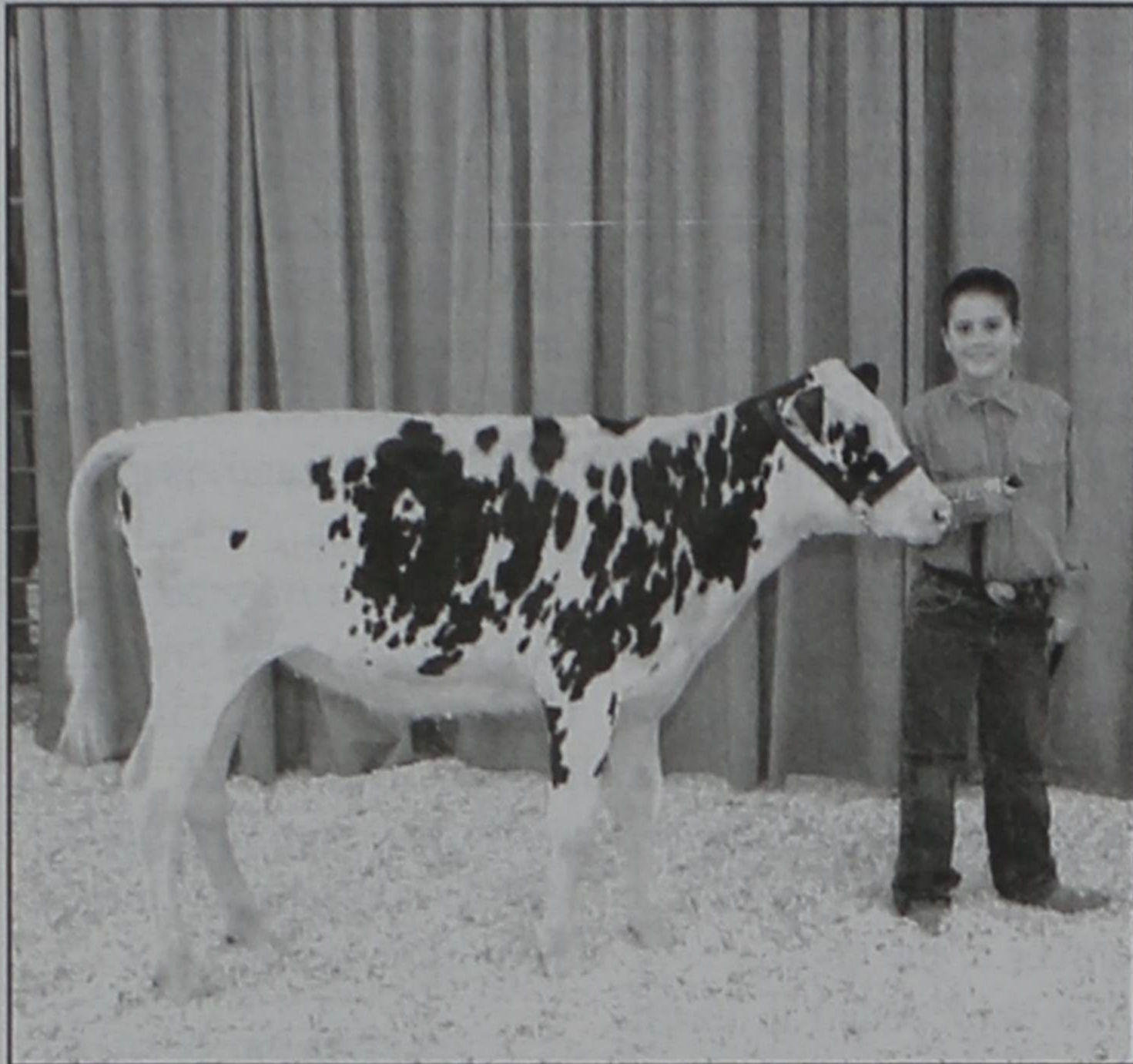
Anthony Abarca - Grand Champion Dairy Heifer



Seth Murphree - Grand Champion Goat



Brandon Berend - Reserve Champion Goat



Gabriel Abarca - Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer

Friona Stock Show Winners

Photos by Donna Schueler



Brandon Berend - Grand Champion Lamb



Dan O'Brian - Grand Champion Pig



Jacob Osborn - Reserve Champion Pig



Kendall Kimbrough - Reserve Champion Lamb

Friona Stock Show results

The 2014 Friona Stock Show held Sunday, January 12 at the Friona Community Center is now in the history books.

The following exhibitors placed:

Dairy Heifers: 1st- Anthony Abarca, 2nd- Gabriel Abarca

Beef Heifers: 1st & 2nd Tyler Hough

Goats: Class 1-1st Stef Ally, 2nd Tim Ally.

Class 2-1st Seth Murphree, 2nd Tyler Hough, 3rd Kambree Kimbrough

Class 3-1st Seth Murphree, 2nd Brandon Berend, 3rd Anthony Abarca,

4th Gabriel Abarca.

Grand Champion Goat-Seth Murphree, Reserve Champion Goat-Brandon Berend, Grand Champion Showmanship Goat-Seth Murphree, and Reserve Champion Showmanship Goat-Tyler Hough.

Lambs: Class 4 Southdowns-1st & Breed Champion Carter Gilley, 2nd & Reserve Breed Champion Tim Ally, 3rd Stef Ally.

Class 5 Finewool-1st & Breed Champion Amy Osborn

Class 6 Finewool Cross-1st & Breed

Champion Karlee Osborn, 2nd & Reserve Breed Champion Amy Osborn

Class 7 Medium Wool-1st Jory Barrera, 2nd Karlee Osborn, 3rd Kambree Kimbrough, 4th Edgar Guerrero

Class 8 Medium Wool-1st Kendall Kimbrough, 2nd Erica Barrera, 3rd Tristan Schueler, 4th Anthony Abarca

Class 9 Medium Wool-1st Amy Osborn, 2nd Blake Stowers, 3rd Amy Osborn, 4th Tristan Schueler, 5th Jacob Osborn

Class 10 Medium Wool-1st & Reserve Breed Champion Kendall Kimbrough, 2nd Carter Gilley, 3rd Karlee Osborn, 4th Tristan Schueler

Class 11 Medium Wool-1st Jacob Osborn, 2nd Karlee Osborn, 3rd Blake Stowers

Class 12 Medium Wool-1st & Breed Champion Brandon Berend, 2nd Abel Palacios, 3rd Antonio Adame

Grand Champion Lamb Brandon Berend, Reserve Champion Lamb Kendall Kimbrough, Grand Champion Showmanship Lamb Brandon Berend, and Reserve Champion Showmanship Lamb Blake Stowers.

Swine: Class 13 Berk-1st & Breed Champion Carter Gilley, 2nd & Reserve Champion Hadley White

Class 14 Duroc-1st & Breed Champion Adaline White, 2nd & Reserve Breed Champion Tim Ally, 3rd Dan O'Brian

Class 15 Hamps-1st Carter Gilley, 2nd Adaline White, 3rd Hailey Stewart, 4th Stef Ally, 5th Tim Ally

Class 16 Hamps-1st & Breed Champion Brayden Pope, 2nd & Reserve

Breed Champion Paulina Mena, 3rd Tim Ally, 4th Emma Schueler

Class 17 York-1st & Breed Champion Juan Samarron, 2nd Preston Stewart, 3rd Dan O'Brian

Class 18 York-1st & Reserve Breed Champion Hadley White, 2nd Hailey Stewart

Class 19 Spot-1st Emma Schueler, 2nd Preston Stewart

Class 20 Spot-1st & Breed Champion Juan Samarron, 2nd & Reserve Breed Champion Stef Ally

Class 21 Poland-1st & Breed Champion Dan O'Brian, 2nd & Reserve Breed Champion Hailey Stewart, 3rd Adaline White

Class 22 Cross-1st Preston Stewart, 2nd Dan O'Brian, 3rd Hadley White, 4th Tim Ally

Class 23 Cross-1st Paulina Mena, 2nd Carter Gilley, 3rd Stef Ally, 4th Keegan Hurst, 5th Trent Hickman

Class 24 Cross-1st & Breed Champion Dan O'Brian, 2nd Derreck Hernandez, 3rd Kenzie Hurst, 4th Omar Ramos, 5th Tim Ally

Class 25 Cross-1st & Reserve Breed Champion Jacob Osborn, 2nd Carter Gilley, 3rd Jose Hernandez

Grand Champion Swine Dan O'Brian, Reserve Champion Jacob Osborn, Grand Champion Showmanship Swine Paulina Mena, Reserve Champion Showmanship Swine Hadley White

Pee Wee Showman: Lambs and Goats-Lily Abarca, Deiter Ally, Foster Gilley, Porter Gilley, and Quay Schueler. Swine-Foster Gilley, Porter Gilley, Knox Hilton, and Jarrett White.

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Parmer County receives sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs recently stated that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.25 billion, which is up 3.9 percent compared to December 2012.

"Consumer spending in retail trade contributed to the latest gain in state sales tax collections," Combs said. "Other sectors such as telecommunications also contributed to the monthly growth, and state sales tax revenue has now increased for 45 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose

taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$573.5 million, up 8.1 percent compared to January 2013.

The sales tax figures represent November sales reported by monthly tax filers.

Parmer County will receive \$47,063, which is up 15.14 percent from \$40,871 in 2013.

Bovina will receive \$9,181, which is an increase of 46.56 percent from \$6,264 last year during the same period.

Farwell had a decrease of 9.58

percent receiving \$7,657. In 2013, Farwell received \$8,470 during the same period.

Friona will receive \$30,225, which is an increase of 15.63 percent. Friona received \$26,138 in 2013.

For more information and details of January sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report on the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Lions Club News



The Friona Evening Lions met Thursday, January 9 with Lion's District Governor Ryan Hodge in attendance to update the club on upcoming district activities. District Governor Hodge was invited by Katherine Woodward and welcomed by Kristina Anthony.

Hodge informed the club that the State Convention would be held on a Carnival Cruise in Galveston on May 15, 2014.

Hodge stated that national membership is up for the first time in ten years and Texas was included in the states that gained members.

A Lion coin was presented to each Lion in attendance. The coin is to be carried as a reminder to invite a new person to join. The coins will then be presented when membership is made.

Chieftain basketball update

Chiefs 45 Dimmitt 49

Scoring: Haile 15, C. Stowers 14, B. Stowers 8, Zamudio 7, Loflin 2, Woods 2.

Chiefs 42 Littlefield 53

Scoring: Woods 14, C. Stowers 14, B. Stowers 6, Haile 4, Zamudio 4.

Chiefs 76 Tulia 61

Scoring: C. Stowers 30, B. Stowers 12, Woods 11, Haile 9, Loflin 5, Espino 3.

The Chiefs have a 2-2 district record as they hosted Abernathy Tuesday January 14. The Squaws were 0-6 in district play looking for their first win. Both teams travel to Muleshoe Friday to continue their district quest.

O'Brian's celebrate 50th anniversary

Roy & Paula O'Brian, of Friona, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28, 2013. The Rev. Russell McAnnally married them on December 28, 1963 at The First United Methodist Church Parsonage.

They are the parents of Celia Mason of Post, TX, Sheila Higgins

of Dimmitt, and the late Edward O'Brian. They are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren & one great-granddaughter.

Daughters Celia & Sheila along with their families hosted a special evening for Roy & Paula with lots of laughter at Cagle's Steakhouse in Lubbock, TX on

December 28.

Family members in attendance were Ray & Celia Mason, Daniel & Sheila Higgins, Wes & Desta Mason, Ben Mason, Casey Merritt, Brandy Merritt, Drew Higgins & fiancée' Keisha Smith. Dalton Dodson, of Amarillo, also attended.



January is School Board Recognition Month

We salute the Friona Independent School District Board of Directors



The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees, back, l-r, Mitchell Smiley, Antonio Rocha, Ricky Barnett, Wade Schueler; front, l-r, Andy Montana, Becky Riethmayer, Tracy Bunker.

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Negative Calories?

By Melanie Gallman Braun

Math is the key to weight loss. Yeah, that's what I think, too—double whammy.

Having to deal with math is as bad as having to diet. But this is an easy equation. Burn/use more than you eat.

There are 3,500 calories in a pound of fat. Eat 500 calories less a day or burn 500 more a day for a week, and you've lost a pound. A combo of these two methods is very effective as well, and as I'm kinda big on exercise this seems like the best choice.

Make no mistake though; you cannot out-exercise a bad diet. It all starts in the kitchen.

So what's the deal with foods that are labeled as "negative calorie" foods?

First, there is controversy surrounding this label. A negative calorie food is claimed to require more energy for the body to digest it than the energy it actually provides.

So the idea is that by consuming negative-calorie foods, you will lose weight because all calories are burned in the digestion process, and there is no potential for your body to store it as fat. Scientific research does not back this claim.

The human body uses about 10 calories as it breaks down 100 calories.

Asparagus, apples, beets, berries, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chilies, cucumbers, garlic, lettuce, grapefruit, lemons, mangos, onions, oranges, papayas, pineapples, spinach, turnips, zucchinis are examples of food that have received the negative calorie stamp and aid in weight loss. What do you notice about this list? Hmm... no chocolate, no fries, no Dr. Pepper.

Anytime you add these wholesome foods to your diet, replacing fat-laden, sugar-laden, processed foods, I can guarantee you will lose weight. There's the actual magic of negative calorie foods!

WTRT/WT Services scholarship available

WT Services, Inc. is joining with its parent company, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative in offering academic scholarships to be awarded in May. The application period for scholarships from both companies is now underway.

WT Services is accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded to students in Hereford, Friona, Bovina, and Bushland.

Scholarships from WTRT are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or, to students who are WTRT members themselves.

Similarly, WT Services scholarships are available only to graduating seniors and others whose parents or guardians are WT Services customers, or who are WT Services customers themselves.

Applicants for scholarships from both WTRT and WT Services, Inc. must also be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, have completed high school, or have received their GED.

Scholarship monies will be disbursed in increments per semester.

An official application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted for either entity. One of the letters of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending, or attended, or from a college/trade school instructor if you are currently enrolled.

In Hereford, applications for the WT Services scholarship may be picked up at the WT Services office at 119 East 4th, or at the Hereford High School counselor's

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Applications and rules for WT Services scholarships may be picked up at the WT Services office in Friona at 1010 Columbia, and will be provided to the high school counselor's offices at Friona, Bovina, and Bushland high schools.

To be considered, applications must be fully completed, legibly typed or written, have no attachments other than the photo and two required letters of recommendation, and must be received at the offices of WT Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1776, Hereford, Texas 79045, no later than April 8, 2014.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the WTRT or WT Services board.

Mechanics of the scholarships include the following:

* WTRT and WT SERVICES scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

* Recipients must maintain a minimum of twelve credited hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

* Upon enrollment or pre-enrollment for the fall semester, recipients must send WTRT or WT SERVICES a confirmation from the registrar's office. Should a recipient drop out of school for any reason, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.



LIBRARY CORNER

by Darla Bracken

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Friends Begin 2014 and Library's 51st year...

Friends of the Friona Public Library Executive Committee met this week to prepare for the year's activities and projects. Officers include President Tracy Ellis, Vice-President/President-Elect Terry Hunt, Secretary Candace Geske and Treasurer Darla Bracken along with Publicity Chairman Lucy Hernandez. We appreciate the dedication and support of our library through the Friends Organization since 1968 and volunteers like these.

The Literary Basket Raffle will begin with the Friends Basket: iPad Air plus iPad for Dummies Book, value \$575, which will lead the annual fund raising effort this year. Plans also include a Duck Dynasty/Duck Commander Basket and a Downton Abbey Basket along with our perennial, fantastic favorites. The Basket Raffle will culminate in a drawing at the Friends Annual meeting tentatively set for April 27 at 2 p.m. at the Redeemer Center—so mark your calendars!

Please contact us at the library if your business or organization is interested in sponsoring a basket. Terry Hunt is in charge of this fund raising event.

New on the bookshelf: Watch for updates at www.frionalibrary.org and on Facebook. Standup Guy by Stuart Woods; Fear Nothing by Lisa Gardner; Hazardous Duty by WEB Griffin; Death Trade by Jack Higgins; Hunted by Karen Robards; Innocence by Dean Koontz (listed as one of 2013 Best Books by Booklist) Command Authority by the late Tom Clancy; Take Down Twenty by Janet Evanovich and Dust by Patricia Cornwell. New eBooks can also be found on our website by clicking on eBooks: 3M and Overdrive—new ones added monthly...this is an area wide collection.

On display: Several other favorite authors can be found in Cozy up to a Good Book display in the west wing by Lucy & Ruby. When it is cold outside, stay warm and treat yourself to a good read

from the public library.

Donations: Many friends honored their friends with Christmas honorariums to the Friends of the Library contributing \$1200 to the Centennial Endowment Fund, which is now approaching \$200,000 thanks to your generous and dedicated support. A Christmas memorial honorarium to Pearl McLean, given by daughter Suellen Wittenbach, greatly enhanced our children's holiday collection. Thanks to all...

Volunteers: Gayle Murdock's FHS classes came for Story Time, to the delight of our preschool group, to read, "Mr. Brown can moo, can you?" by Dr. Seuss and brought cheese sticks for snacks. We very much enjoyed our visit to their community partners appreciation brunch held in the high school library in December and our guided tour of the new activity center.

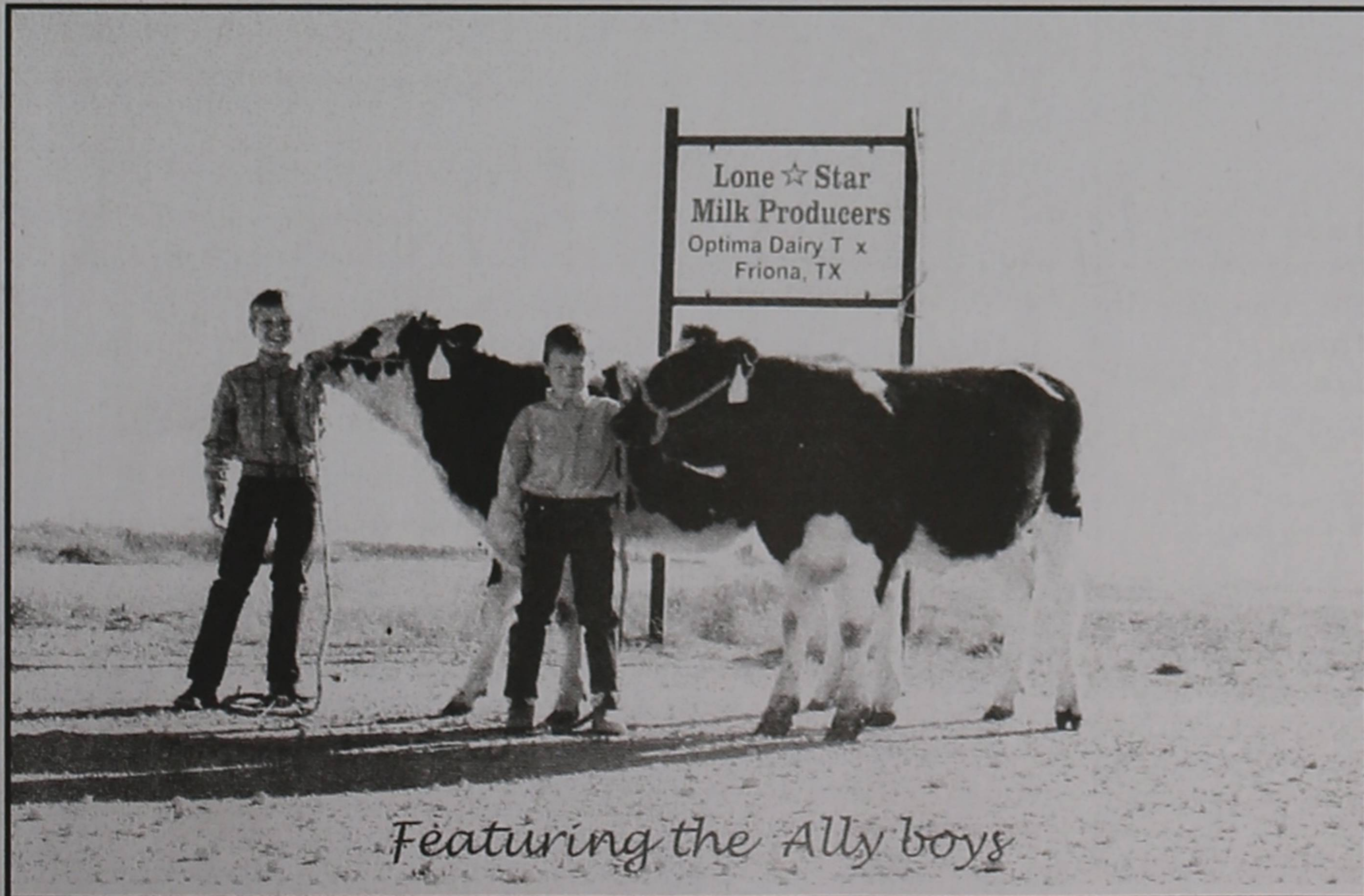
Don't forget that the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum, 218 W 6th is open Mon & Fri 10 to 5.

KNNK Friona Basketball Broadcast Schedule 2013-2014

Dec-17	Tue	Muleshoe	Friona	06:30 PM	G
Dec-31	Tue	Olton	Olton	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-03	Fri	Dimmitt	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-07	Tue	Littlefield	Littlefield	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-10	Fri	Tulia	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-14	Tue	Abernathy	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-17	Fri	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-24	Fri	Olton	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-28	Tue	Dimmitt	Dimmitt	06:30 PM	G/B
Jan-31	Fri	Littlefield	Friona	06:30 PM	G/B
Feb-04	Tue	Tulia	Tulia	06:30 PM	G/B
Feb-07	Fri	Abernathy	Abernathy	07:30 PM	B
Feb-11	Tue	Muleshoe	Friona	07:30 PM	B



The Parmer County Livestock Show



Featuring the Ally boys

Great Job!
Tim & Stef Ally
 and all others
 participating in
 the stock show

Optima Dairy
 2131 Co. Rd. 23
 Friona, TX 79035
 Phone: 806-346-8145

Chiefs win Bovina powerlift meet

The Friona Chieftains powerlift team won first place at the Bovina meet Saturday with 32 points. Dalhart and Kermit tied for 2nd place with 19 points each.

Edgar Guerrero won 1st place in the super heavy-

weight class. Abayomi Salinas won 1st in the 242 pound class and Justin Rocha won 1st place in the 114 pound class.

Adan Ramirez was 2nd in the 148 pound class, Esdras Rodriguez was 3rd in the 132 pound class,

Juan Macias was 4th in the 123 pound class, Michael Garcia was 5th in the 165 pound class.

The Squaws with only 5 lifters, placed 12th out of 17 schools. Bianca Arellano was 1st in the 123 pound class, Chelsi Gomez was 4th in the 114 pound class, and Promise Tapia was 4th in the 165 pound class.

A powerlift meet is scheduled in Friona February 22. It will be a last chance qualifying meet prior to regionals. The Friona meet will be held in the new activity center. Powerlift coaches Daniel Hutchins and David Towner are seeking sponsor donations to help with team travel and other expenses. If you are interested in assisting the powerlift program contact Coach Hutchins at the high school, 250-3951.



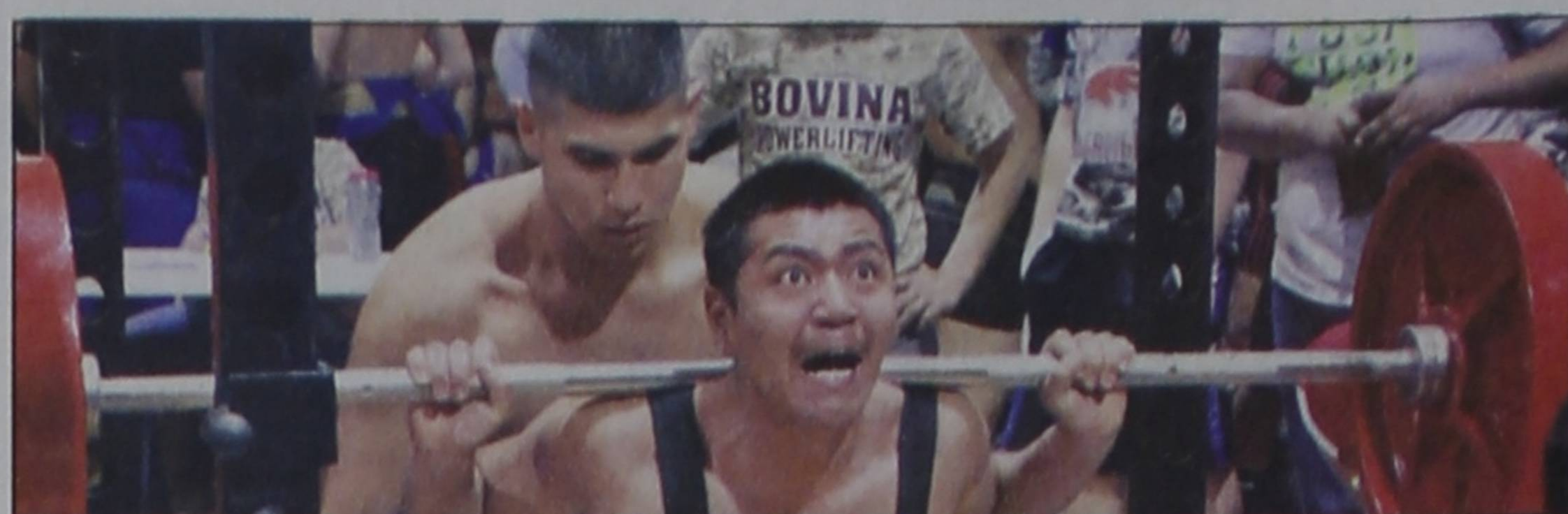
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Chieftain super heavyweight powerlifter Edgar Guerrero completes a 630 pound squat lift at the Bovina powerlift meet last Saturday. Edgar placed first in the super heavyweight class. At right shouting encouragement is Coach Daniel Hutchins.



courtesy photo

The Chieftains/Squaws powerlift team and coaches gathered for a group photo after Saturday's meet in Bovina. The boys won 1st place in team competition with 32 points. Dalhart and Kermit were 2nd place with 19 points. Coaches are Daniel Hutchins and David Towner. Friona will host a powerlift meet in the new activity center on Saturday February 22.

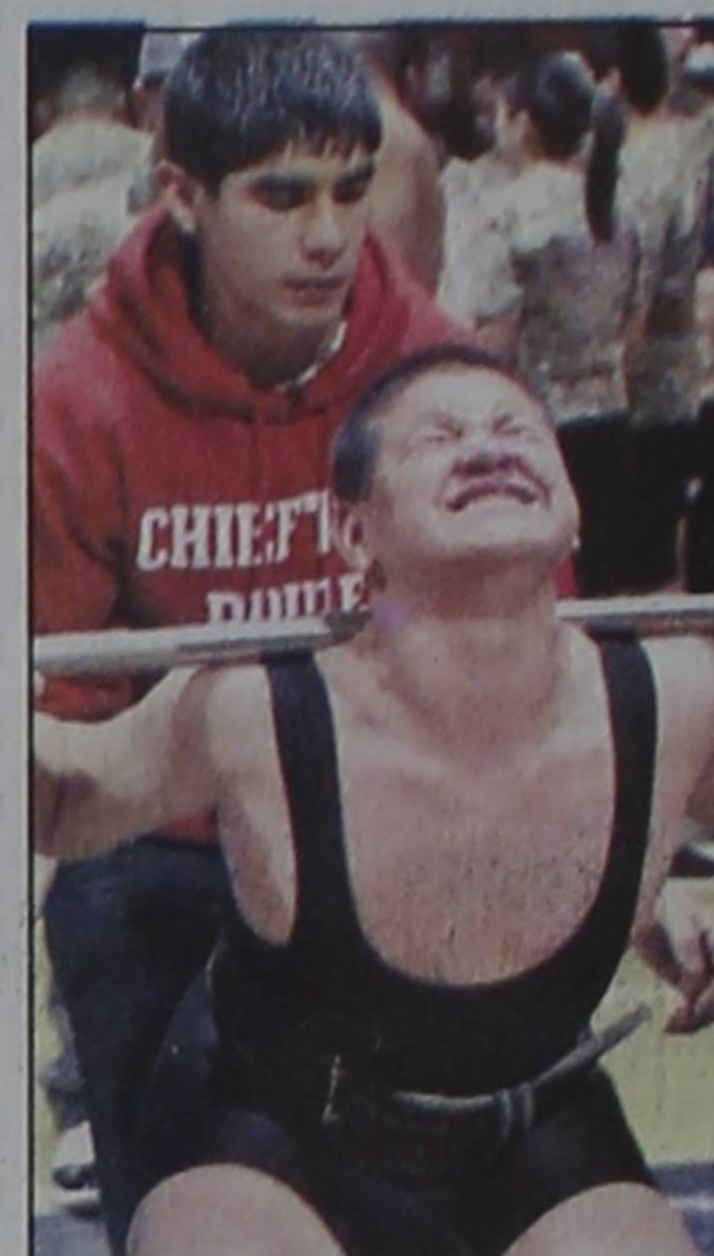


Jose Rocha

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Isaac Summerlin



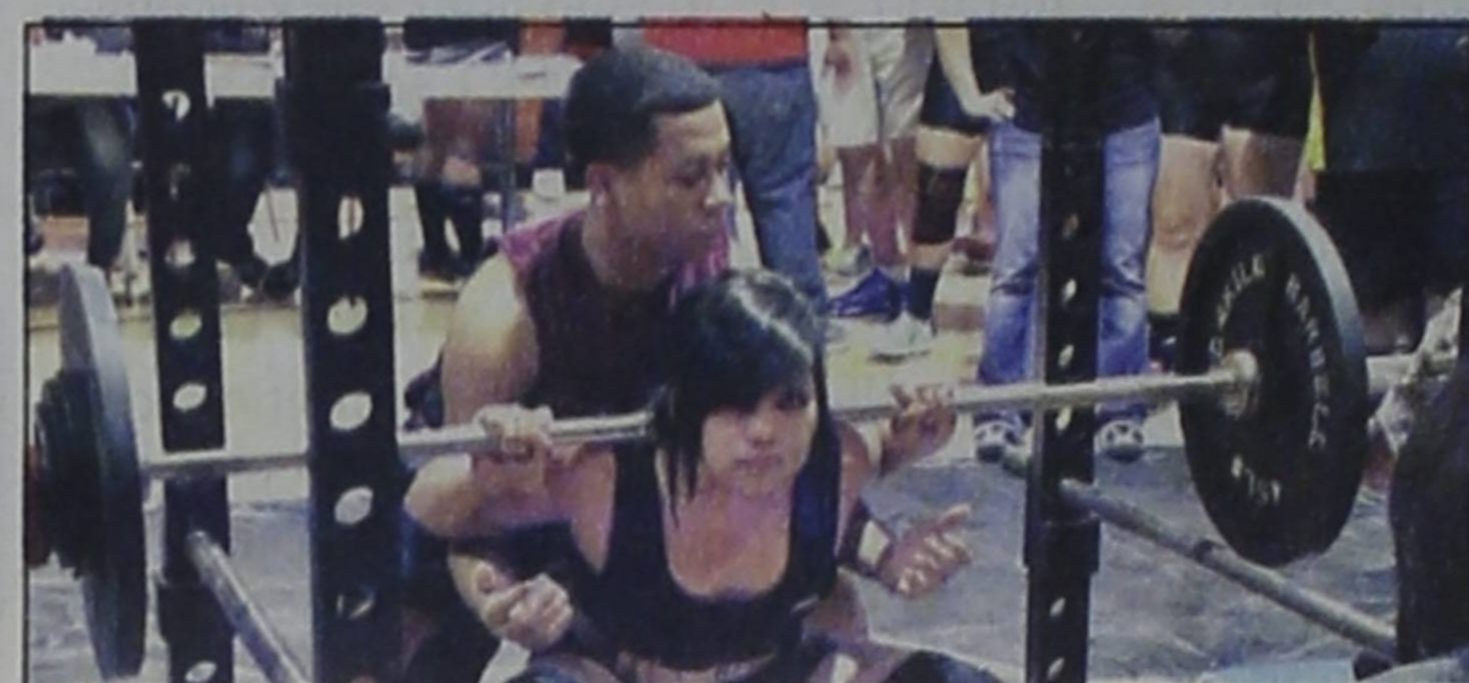
Joel Cigarro



Promise Tapia



Bianca Arellano



Chelsie Gomez



Julissa Jaramillo

Presents:
An educational discussion on long-term care funding and estate planning
Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00pm
CITY HALL
 (enter via West side glass doors)
200 E. Jones Street Dimmitt, TX

COME AND LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE COMMON MYTHS...
 "Nothing can be done to prevent the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program from taking a home to recover costs."

The truth is, in Texas your home does not have to be forfeited to the recovery process from Medicaid. With the use of an Enhanced Life Estate Deed, otherwise known as a "Lady Bird Deed", a person can protect their home from the recovery process without incurring any transfer of resources penalties. This deed also allows a person to pass their homestead to their heirs, but at the same time has no negative impact on Medicaid eligibility.

"A resident with a home that sits on 200 acres of land does not qualify."

People often think of their "homestead" in terms of how the tax office looks at it. (ie. Home and 10 acres etc)

For Medicaid purposes, the homestead is an excluded asset and it includes the home and all adjoining acreage. This means the person with a large homestead could potentially qualify. There are also strategies to protect that same homestead from Medicaid Estate Recovery so it can be passed to who the resident wishes.

"Once I am in a nursing home it is too late to start Medicaid Planning."

There are families literally going BROKE when this is not necessary. While it is true that nursing home staff cannot give legal advice, they can refer families to a competent professional that can assist with protecting much if not all of their remaining assets. Worried about losing that private pay? Most families will continue to pay private pay rates during the mandatory "penalty period."

AND MORE...

Friona Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates



In 1977, Prairie Acres was established as a nursing and long-term care facility located at 201 E. 15th. Heritage Estates was opened in 2004 to offer an assisted living facility to the community and surrounding area.

Billy Ray Johnston is the administrator of both healthcare businesses. He has had his administration license since 1979 and managed facilities throughout the Texas Panhandle. He has been with Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates for two years.

Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates combined employ 58 healthcare workers.

"We are continuing the good name of Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates," stated Johnston. "Our goal is to be the best of the best!"

Johnston explained that they are constantly updating to provide the best care for their residents. "We stay busy staying on top"

Contact Johnston for all your nursing, long-term care and assisted living needs at Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates.

Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates
 201 E. 15th St., Friona
 806-250-3922