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Great Plains Ag Credit shares earnings

Great Plains Ag Credit, a rural financing cooperative, has sent its customers checks for their share of the lender's record net income from 2011.

Sharing earnings in the form of a patronage refund is one of the ways that the cooperative lender provides its services at a low cost to its customers, who are also its owners. At the end of 2011, Great Plains Ag Credit's Board of Directors declared a record patronage of \$4.96 million. Of that, \$3.22 million was distributed in cash in mid-March, and the remainder has been set aside for payment to stockholders at a later time.

The patronage refund

lowers the effective interest rate for Great Plains Ag Credit's customers, who have been working hard to maintain cattle and crop operations in a record-setting drought.

"Like the farmers and ranchers we serve, Great Plains Ag Credit remains focused on agriculture, even in tough times," says Great Plains Ag Credit CEO Tim McDonald. "We are proud that through patronage, we can reinvest in rural communities and support jobs in the agricultural sector."

Great Plains Ag Credit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. It provides financing for agricultural production, farm- and

ranch-related businesses and rural property in 20 counties in the Texas Panhandle. Headquartered in Amarillo, it operates offices in Amarillo, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Muleshoe, and Plainview. For more information, go to www.greatplainsagcredit.com.

Tax Assessor office closing

Parmer County Tax Assessor Collector Bobbie Pierson says the Tax Assessor office in Farwell will be closed Thursday March 29 from 12-5 p.m. for installation of new state Motor Vehicle Division computer equipment.



ron carr photo

Spring arrived Tuesday to a brisk cold windy day. Trees around town are blooming as evidenced by these pink blossoms in a yard behind the Friona Star office.



courtesy photo

This excited young lady is Cortney Hand, a senior and four-year varsity softball catcher at Southlake Carroll High School. She is all smiles after tagging out a runner that tried to score on a passed ball. In the game she also threw out two trying to steal second and another on a snap throw to first on a strike. This photo appeared in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram. Her dad is Phillip Hand, a 1977 Friona High graduate. Her grandmother is Retta Hand of Friona.

WTRT annual meeting

The 58th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held on March 27, at the Hereford Bull Barn. The event gets underway with registration and serving of a catered barbecue dinner at 6 p.m., and the business meeting will proceed at 7 p.m.

A farewell report from retiring WTRT General Manager, Thomas A. Hyer, election of three directors and the introduction of new General Manager, Amy Linzey, and presentation of awards to Cooperative employees in recognition of a cumulative 160 years of service will highlight the meeting.

Food for this year's meeting will once again be catered by Rafter G of Umbarger and will include barbecued beef and sausage, all of the trimmings and cobbler.

Prior to the annual meeting, a come and go reception in honor of Mr. Hyer will be hosted by the board of directors from 3-5 p.m. at the Hereford Country Club, 726 Country Club Drive, in Hereford. Members are invited to express their good wishes to Mr. Hyer.

Unless there are nominations from the floor, incumbent directors Roger Gist, Dawn exchange, Corbin Riethmayer, Hub

exchange, and Ben Osborn, Parmer exchange, are unopposed in their bids for new three year terms.

Drawings for door prizes will be held while votes from the election are being tabulated.

Employee awards to be presented this year will go to a total of 10 WTRT and WT Services, Inc. employees with a cumulative total of 160 years of service. Topping the list is a 30 year award to be presented to LaNell Kendrick, Executive Assistant and Benefits Coordinator.

Awards for 20 years of service will go to Jay Green, sales rep with WT Services, and to Rich Kendrick, comptroller, and Jim Steiert, newsletter editor and public relations representative for WTRT. Ruby Castillo, WT Services office manger, will receive a 15 year tenure award. Ten year tenure awards will go to WT Services employees Teresita Serna, clerk, and Melinda Bevers, computer technician. WT Services, Inc. employees who will receive five year tenure awards are Susana Quiroz, accounts payable clerk, and Anita Miramontes and Kay Williams, customer service.



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Bobby Thompson and son Collin built and installed a new sign at the historical museum. The museum is open Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is available other hours by appointment. It is staffed by volunteers. Thompson operates Glass Pros and a sign-making business in Friona. The museum is located in the old Congregational Church on 6th St.



ron carr photo

Steve Horrell at the microphone, Larry McNutt and Darcy Dodd drawing the names, and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative employees handing out the many door prizes during the cooperative's annual membership meeting Tuesday night at the Hereford Bull Barn. There were 471 registered members and 1,275 people present according to the meal count. More photos from the meeting at frionaonline.com.

Comptroller announces business tax amnesty

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has announced the opportunity for businesses to clear up their tax records without any penalty. The state's Fresh Start tax amnesty period is set for June 12 through August 17, 2012.

"The amnesty is a chance for businesses to set their tax records straight and save money by not having to pay penalty and interest on tax reports they had failed to file," Combs said. "During the two-month amnesty businesses can file those missing reports and pay the overdue taxes, or amend and pay previous reports in which they had incorrectly stated a lower amount than was due."

The tax amnesty covers taxes and fees that

were originally due before April 1, 2012. The amnesty does not apply to underpaid tax returns (tax that was reported but not paid) or filing periods that businesses have in audit.

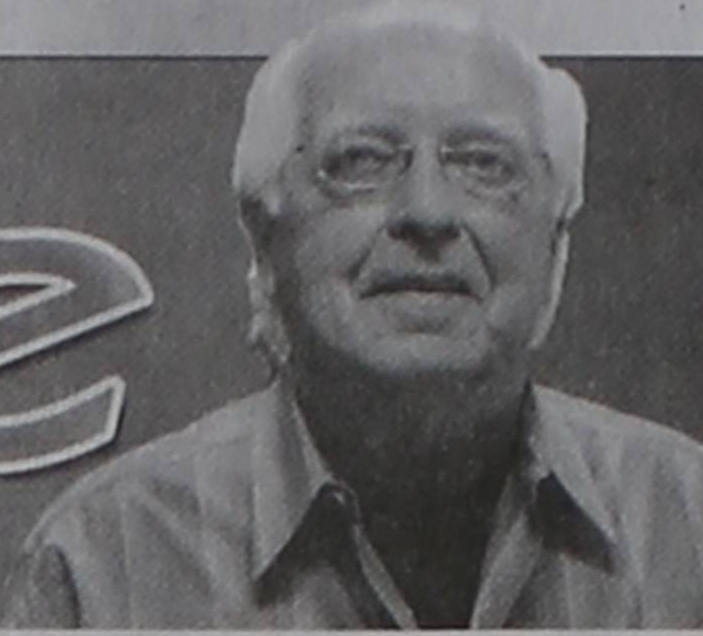
The Fresh Start amnesty applies to sales tax, franchise tax and other state or local taxes or fees administered by the Comptroller's office, except Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessments.

A similar tax amnesty was held in summer 2007 and brought in approximately \$100 million in unpaid taxes.

Taxpayers can get details on the Fresh Start tax amnesty at www.freshstart.texas.gov, or by calling 1-800-252-1390.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Ron's column will be back next week!



cogitations & aphorisms of jodok

By Uncle John White • 1868 - 1965

In a recent "Cogitations" column I asked if anyone knew where the Bek's Place recreation hall was located when it was sold in 1936. Librarian Darla Bracken and Melba Smiley provided the answer. It was in a two-story building located on Main St. where Allan Haile's Chieftain storage is now located. Bek's Place was purchased by Ralph and Melba Miller. The pool hall was downstairs. It was later purchased by Billy and Carl Fairchild who lived upstairs.

Later on, the building was divided and moved. The Fairchilds moved the upstairs part and lived in the residence for many years. The lower building was moved over on Washington St. The current building was built later and also served as a pool hall.

Here is news from Uncle John White in a January 1938 Friona Star.

I just took off time enough Saturday night to attend the closing games of the basketball tournament held here at the High School Gymnasium and witness the four games played that night. The stadium, both the upper and lower sections,

was crowded with spectators, all of whom seemed to thoroughly enjoy the games.

The Friona teams, the Chiefs and the Squaws, were engaged in but two of the four games played that night, in which the Chiefs won over Farwell Steers, and the Squaws lost to the Dimmitt girls, but it was a mighty close game all the way through until the last few minutes when the visiting girls scored with two or three goals in rapid succession. They all played well and hard.

But in addition to the great amount of amusement I received from these games, one of the things that impressed me most favorably was the really sportsman spirit that was manifested by all the players. For, whether winning or losing there seemed not to be the slightest desire on the part of any member of any team to bully, bulldoze, or cheat their opponents, and everything went off peacefully and in the best of humor.

Now that is what I call real sportsmanship and that kind of sportsmanship is a mighty good foundation for good citizenship and if the coaches and teachers in our local and neighboring schools are

teaching and cultivating that kind of a spirit in their school sports, they are truly deserving of the backing and commendations of the patrons of these same schools, and my hat is off to them one and all.

Last Saturday night a car belonging to Chester Vaughn, living west of Friona, was being driven down main Street by a son of Mr. Vaughn who was accompanied by another young man, when the car collided with the rear of a truck that was parked on the side of the street in front of the J.W. Parr residence.

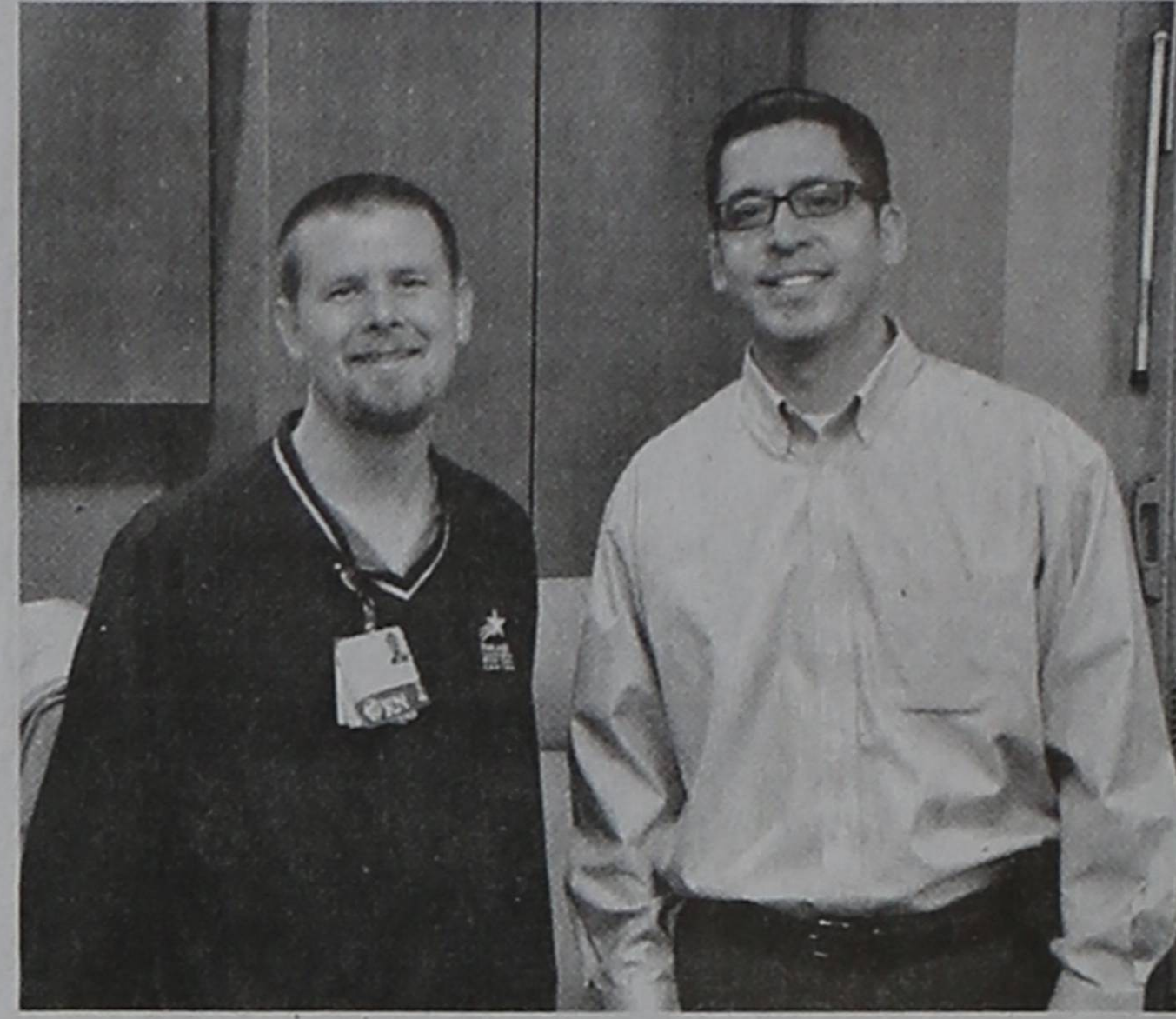
The collision apparently broke the gas line, according to reports and the spilling of the gas seemed to break into a flame at once, and the occupants barely escaped from the flames. The car was completely destroyed by the fire.

The young man riding with Mr. Vaughn is reported to have received some severe cuts about his face from the force of the collision, but no serious injuries were sustained by either of the young men.

S. Michell, City Fire Chief, got out with the fire truck and assisted in extinguishing the fire.

Letters to the Editor

The General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will be having their monthly chapter meeting on Monday, March 26th, 2012. The meeting will take place at the Lubbock Garden & Arts Center, 4215 University, at 1:30 pm. All interested persons are invited to attend. The program topic will be the History & Development of the Railroad on the South Plains given by Bo Linn. Refreshments will be served. Submitted by Linda Moore Chapter Secretary



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Dr. Felix Morales, right, visits with PMC's Assistant Director of Nursing Devin Carpenter during a reception held at the hospital Wednesday. Dr. Morales will be leaving March 31 for a teaching position at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

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St. Teresa's Senior Banquet Class of 2012

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ACROSS

- '80s TV musical drama starring TX Debbie Allen
- "Rock of _____"
- "I will do nothing of the _____"
- TXism: "_____ a breather" (rest)
- parent-child stand-off? (4 wds.)
- "sun" south of the border
- Pleasanton: "The City _____ and Friendly Folks"
- TXism: "fits like ugly on _____ ape"
- '78 suspense film with TX Rip Torn
- this Moreno was executed for killing 6 in '83 TX rampage
- this TX Jamaica returned punts for Cowboys ('05-'06)
- Mexican sauce
- TXism for "against"
- first and longest Cowboy coach (init.)
- TXism: "he can't _____ in a bucket"
- Dublin h.s. class
- once a big TX aerospace conglomerate
- Congress Ave. bridge is _____ site for bats
- this Edwards was defeated by Bill Flores in '10 election
- TX George W. alma mater

DOWN

- TXism: "_____ up" (decide)
- TX actor Joe Don
- pre-game "_____ rally"
- this Bliss commanded U.S. troops in TX frontier
- small roles for big stars
- this Aduabato was Mavs coach, 1989-92 (init.)
- female sib
- Angelina Dickinson: "_____ the Alamo"
- sample
- Dallas mayor Cabell ('61-'64)
- brother of ex-Ranger Billy Ripken
- TXism: "_____ some gravel" (fell)
- Dallas actor Cassidy who was "Lurch"
- TXism: "_____ rafter" (very quick)
- TXism: "confused as _____ astroturf"
- west of Abilene near I-20
- this TX Bob is a pro golfer
- TX actress Annette O'_____ was in TV's "Smallville"
- TXism: "scared the living daylight out _____"
- home state of Cowboy great Emmitt Smith (abbr.)
- state where Cowboy Romo grew up (postal abbr.)
- TX Buck Owens sang "_____ a Tiger By the Tail" ('64)
- in Donley Co.: _____ Lake, TX
- ending of "tender" or "sir" in a steak cut
- abbr. for Alamo City NBA team
- TXism: "that's a fine _____ fish"
- those who complete a Texas Crossword?
- where TX Rayburn served for 48 yrs.
- _____ Cola
- TXism: "she will bend your _____"
- cotton
- in Smith Co. on 135 _____ Creek, TX
- "Kell _____" is a big TX architecture firm
- TXism: "mad as _____ hen"
- easy Spurs basket 34 consequently
- _____ "the Pines"
- TXism: "he wouldn't _____" (harmless dog)
- local Chinese office
- TX practical joke: "_____ hunt"
- this Zaharias was a great TX athlete
- TX-filmed "The Thief Who _____ to Dinner"
- invoiced
- wood packing box

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Town Talk II

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

Perhaps we should get the 'pray for rain' troupe reassembled. Still dry in these parts. The county burn ban is in effect. Weather has been nice though except for the occasional hurricane winds. Saw a few folks this week that had spring break lag. Hard to get back in the routine. Did get some rain Tuesday night into Wednesday morning, about 0.21". It was enough to make an 18-wheeler slide off the road into a field west of town Wednesday morning.

My granddaughter, Hayley Holmes, a freshman at the University of Arkansas, is in New York City on a spring trip with a group of friends. They were excited to appear on Good Morning America Tuesday morning during several crowd shots.

Lee Gibson was in an Amarillo hospital for a few days with pneumonia. Should be coming home this week. Sam Mears is back in Friona in the hospital recovering from additional back surgery last

week. He is on the swing bed program and could be in PMC for up to six weeks.

The young lady who was tragically killed by a hit-and-run driver early Saturday morning in Amarillo was 29-year-old Melissa Rico. Her 2-year-old daughter was critically injured. Melissa attended Friona schools in her early years. She has many relatives in Friona and services are being held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with burial in the Friona Cemetery. Melissa's obituary is included in this issue of the Star. Our condolences to the Cuellar and Mendoza families and friends.

On a visit to Wal-Mart in Hereford last week I observed the greeters are back on a limited basis. Also was told the Hereford store is due for a complete overhaul soon. I know that is progress but I'm not a big fan of the store overhaul thing. Have to learn where everything is all over again. Ugh!

Easter is Sunday, April 8.

Calvary Baptist pastor Rick Burton said they were definitely planning their Easter egg hunt in city park. Details in the paper later.

New voter registration cards arrived last week. They are yellow. Hope you got yours and signed it and remember where you put it. For now the voter ID rule is on hold in Texas. Seems the Federal Government does not like Texas voters are required to have a photo ID to vote. Says it discriminates against poor people and minorities. Baloney!

Noticed some yard-mowing over the weekend and some folks already watering their lawns hoping for the green. I'll not be one of them for a few weeks. No need to rush huh?

About nine Friona ladies are journeying to Big D this weekend to participate in the annual Rock & Roll Marathon. They will be participating in the 13.1 mile half-marathon. It begins in downtown Dallas

and winds around the area, out as far as Highland Park and back. Get after it and good luck girls. I'll no doubt have some more info about your success next week. To me, just going there and participating is a measure of success. Send pics please. Thanks.

Friona grad (1977) Phillip Hand will be moving soon from Southlake, Texas, out to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he and a friend are establishing a motorcycle custom and repair business (think I got that right. I know it is something to do with motorcycles). A great photo of his daughter Cortney from Facebook that appeared in the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram is included in this week's Star. She is a senior at Southlake Carroll high school and a four-year catcher on the softball team. Nice photo. Good to talk to Phil. Best of luck in your new venture.

Attended the one-act play Sunday. It was a full dress rehearsal and as usual our student talent shined. The Sins of Sor Juana is a heavy drama with only a smidgen of humor. They will be in Tulia Thursday March 22 for district and are the 7th school to perform. We are in an 8-school district so do good thespians and good luck.

A bit of business news: Hi-Pro Feeds was recently acquired by the newly formed company, Hi-Pro Feeds, LP. A management group from former parent company Viterra purchased the feed operations which now includes six U.S. locations and six other Canada locations. The operation focus now is totally on feed production. Headquarters remains in the Alberta, Canada. And the Fri-

ona plant is still going strong. They are looking to hire a few people. See the employment ad in this week's Star.

Took my mom to the Cardiology Center on I-40 in Amarillo Monday to check the batteries in her pacemaker and a routine heart check-up with Dr. Ron Chaffin. The Cardiology Center is a busy place. Lot of patients coming and going. The staff seemed friendly and efficient. Her pacemaker is good to go for another year at least and the doc gave her an overall good report.

My apologies to the Chieftain baseball team. Had planned to stop by Tuesday's game with Muleshoe before heading to Hereford to the Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op meeting but it was just too cold and windy for me. I'll try to catch the game with Floydada next Tuesday. Panhandle weather and baseball is often a big challenge and a miserable experience. Did find out the Chiefs beat Muleshoe 10-9, ending the game with a double play in the top of the 7th inning. Jason Berend and Collin Thompson did the pitching duties. Way to go Chiefs!

We always welcome new advertising customers. For the next several weeks (maybe months) the Friona Star will include an insert circular from Sears. As you may know a new Sears store has opened in Hereford on West Park Ave. next to the Lowe's Thriftway in space formerly occupied by Alco. The insert piece will be a general Sears ad good at all Sears stores. Sears is on a major ad campaign and we are glad to be a part.

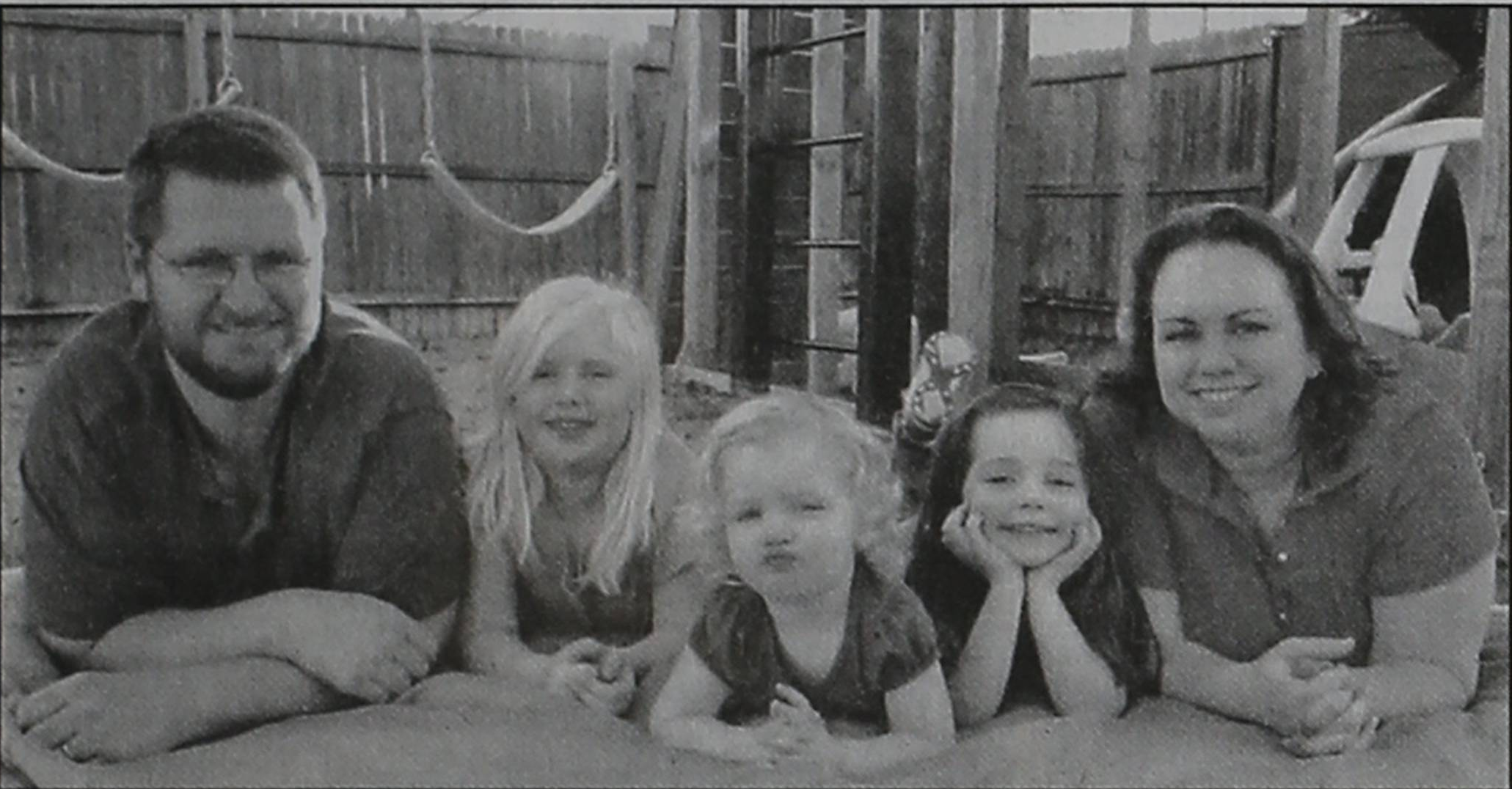
Attended the Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op meeting in the Hereford Bull Barn Tuesday

night. It was said 471 members registered at the meeting and they fed 1,275 folks. Catering was by Danny's Hens and Fins from Lubbock and entertainment was by Will Banister and the Mulberry Band from Clovis. Incumbent directors Steve Olson, Floyd Reeve, and Donald Wright were re-elected to the board.

Good to hear from former Friona Star employee Marlene Mueller this week. She and Joe now live in Amarillo and will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Saturday March 24. Joe is headed to see a surgeon this week after battling complications from an earlier cracked rib that started leaking blood into his lung. No operation scheduled, just a consultation for now. She said they have been busy traveling, making new friends, and keeping up with their granddaughters.

A crafter's mall and antiques business, Main Street Market at 301 Main in Hereford, is having a grand opening Sunday, March 25. See the ad elsewhere in this Star. Friona's Davy Howard has his antiques business in the back half of the building and has partnered with a lady from Dimmitt that moved her business to Hereford. Go check it out and say hello to Davy.

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Ryan Sifford, a 1992 FHS graduate, will be serving as an on-site job coordinator for six months at the Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Zimbabwe, Africa. Ryan is also a Texas Tech graduate and an engineer for Raytheon and lives in Little Elm, Texas. His family will be accompanying him to Africa. Above, l-r, are Ryan, Rashel, Paige, Katelyn, and Chloe Sifford. His mom is Glenda Sifford of Friona.

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Grief/bereavement support group meeting March 27

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th, in Friona. The Special Care Series by Doug Manning will be discussed.

This is a community service open to the public. Anyone experiencing grief and/or loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 806-247-0057.

What is a support group?

BY RHONDA SANDERS

Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice

You may have seen support group meetings in the local listing and wondered what these are about or why do we have them.

You may have wondered if these are more like counseling sessions or Sunday school classes. A support group is more than a coffee klatch and less than a therapy session. However, some who attend will say ahhh! It is so nice to have someone to share with and be understood.

A support group is a group of people with a common concern. When a group of people come together with a common concern there is an immediate cohesion. The meetings become a place that one feels like they can care, share, and learn.

Our society has become more fragmented and transient. This is why the support group has grown in importance and why there is such a need for it. The group is an affirmation that no one walks alone who chooses to share his or her life with others.

Please feel free to join our local support groups. We have an Alzheimer's support group that meets the 3rd Thursday of every month and a grief and bereavement support group that meets the 4th Tuesday of every month. These are held at Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice and are offered as a community service. For more information call 806-247-0057.

Godly men are leaders

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Godly men are disciples of Jesus who love, lead, provide and protect for the glory of God and the good of all.

Godly men are lovers, and godly men are leaders. A perusing of pop culture displays men as either predatory punks lusting after prideful exaltation or as passive pushovers. These two extremes are not God's design for men. Men are to love Christ above anything or anyone else, and men are to lead others for the glory of God and good of all. Christian men are to be leaders at home, at work, in church, and in society.

Our world marginalizes men in order to present an unbiblical idea of equality between men and women. The world says equality between men and women means a woman can do everything a man can do, and there are no distinctions between the two. In reality, though, Genesis 1-3 tells us that God created men and women equal in His image (1:27), yet distinct in their function and roles.

Men, by nature are to be leaders, and women are to be holy helpers, just as Eve was to Adam. The temptation, though, is for men to be passive, and allow women to lead because it's easier. Adam did this in Genesis 3 by allowing the snake to unimpededly engage Eve, deceive her to eat the fruit and open the door for her to pull Adam along with her.

Men, what areas do you have an opportunity to lead? Don't get distracted by position, but focus on opportunity within your life. Do you lead yourself and your family in prayer and Bible reading? Do you lead your church by selflessly serving the Lord and others whether you get any credit? Do you lead in integrity, humility and hard work on the job? Are you socially engaged in the issues that matter, or resigned to inactivity? God has designed you to lead as Christ led by loving and giving of himself for the glory of God and good of all.

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OBITUARIES

Rosalba Martinez

Rosalba Martinez, 41, of Friona, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in Amarillo. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 23, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., at the Temple of Adoration Church, 620 Washington St., in Friona, with Pastor Ruben Rivera officiating. Burial will follow at the Friona Cemetery. Public viewing was held Wednesday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. A service was held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Aurelio Silva officiating. A service will also be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22, with Pastor Roy Dominguez officiating. The church doors will close both evenings at midnight. Arrangements are being handled by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Rosalba Martinez

Rosalba was born April 3, 1970, in Calvillo Agvascalientes, Mexico, to Daniel and Catalina Lopez Gandara. She has been a resident of Friona for 15 years. She and Jose have been married for over 20 years. She was a member of the Temple of Adoration Church in Friona.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Martinez of Friona; two sons, Francisco Martinez of Friona and Daniel Martinez of Mexico; one daughter, Jackeline Martinez of Friona; her father, Daniel Gandara of Mexico; and four sisters and six brothers.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Catalina. You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.blackwellmullins.com.

Melissa Mae Rico

Melissa Mae Rico, 29, of Amarillo, formerly of Friona, died Saturday, March 17, 2012, in Amarillo. Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, with Mass of Christian Burial services held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church, with Rev. Anthony Swamy Aakula as celebrant. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



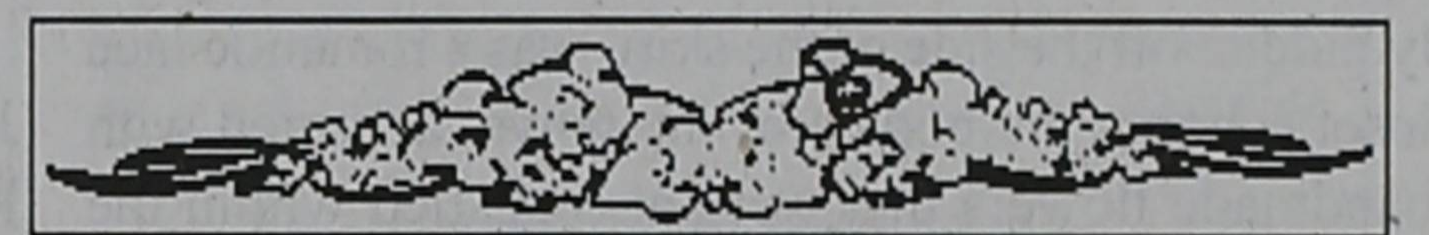
Melissa Mae Rico

Melissa was born September 17, 1982, in Muleshoe, Texas, to Juan F. Cuellar and Connie Mendoza. She was a loving daughter and mother and loved her family and music. She was a motel clerk and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Juan and Esther Cuellar and an uncle, Jaime Cuellar.

Survivors include two daughters, Mirella and Myra E. Rico of Roswell, New Mexico; one son, Juan R. Rico, also of Roswell; parents, Juan F. Cuellar of Harper, Texas, and Connie Zamora of Amarillo; three brothers, Carlos Cuellar of Ingram, Texas, Christopher A. Cuellar of Kerrville, Texas, and Oscar J. Cuellar of Harper, Texas; one sister, Kimberly N. Cuellar of Harper, Texas; and grandparents, Daniel and Lupe Mendoza of Amarillo.

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Did I hear thunder?

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

Springtime is one of the most exciting times of year. I have always been a weather fanatic and the sound of thunder sends me into all sorts of excitement. I love the smell, the sounds and the lightning.

On occasion, a clap of thunder signals a brief down pour, other times it signals blessings as it arrives with little wind, just a gentle three-hour soaking rain. Still other times, it is the beginning of something a bit more damaging and life changing, like hail or tornadoes. Regardless, storms are part of spring.

But, how do I respond when the thunder is heard in the realm of my life? Everything seems to be going okay and off in the distance there is a clap of thunder. The storm may be a big one that will forever leave an impression on my life or it may be just another spring shower, but how do I respond? The thunderstorms of life are the trials and struggles I face every day, occasionally or maybe once in a lifetime.

Do I "consider it pure joy" when I face the trials of life? (James 1) Most folks do not. For many of us we are no different than Peter, we focus on the storm not the Christ. Knowing that Jesus is the answer, while safely sitting on the shore is one thing, but trusting that Jesus is the answer in the midst of my storm in the feeble little boat called my life is quite another. When a storm erupts in life, know you have a choice.

Storms are a simple reality of life, just like thunderstorms are a part of spring. Yet the real message of spring is not that there are storms, but that there is new growth from the storms. Are you in the springtime of your life spiritually? Are you growing from the storms? Remember, the tomb was found empty; no storm is too big for Jesus. Did I hear thunder?

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WEDDING



Frye & Wilson

Miranda D'Aun Frye, of Friona, and Mike Thomas Wilson, of Albany, Texas were married on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Lubbock, Texas. Ronald Rainwater, both of their professors at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kirk and Annette Frye of Friona. She is the granddaughter of George and Aundrea Frye of Friona.

Parents of the groom are Richard and Sara Wilson of Albany, Texas.

Kim Smiley, aunt of the bride, was the organist. Vocalists were Kirk Frye, father of the bride, Kandace Frye, sister of the bride, and Blair Smiley, cousin of the bride. Mother's entered to "Mama's Song", Kirk sang "Parent's Prayer" prior to bride entering, and bride entered to "Canon in D".

Escorted by her father, Kirk Frye, the bride wore an elegant gown of Diamond White Soft Shimmer Satin from the designers of Maggie Sottero. The fit and flare gown featured a scoop neckline embellished with delicate lace accented with pearls, crystals and rhinestones. The bodice was ruched for a sensational fit through the hip area, which cascaded down into a bustled skirt finished with a bubble hemline. Elegantly hidden off the side of the skirt, was a romantic lace inset echoing the bodice of the gown, accented with handmade flowers that were also nestled within the bustles of the semi-cathedral length train.

The bride wore a simple, jewel bordered, short length veil, tucked under her hair. She carried a mixture of bright colored flowers including gerberas and roses. The bouquet stems were wrapped with satin from the bride's mother's wedding dress and a bow from her mother's veil. Attached was a blue cameo brooch belonging to the bride's late Grandma Patty. She also wore an antique garnet ring given to her the day of the wedding by her mother that belonged to the bride's great-grandmother.

The grandmother of the bride wore the same long dress she had worn to the bride's parents wedding twenty-seven years ago. The bride's 92-year-old great-grandmother, Hertha Frye was also in attendance.

Serving as the maid of honor was the bride's sister, Kandace Frye of Friona. Bridesmaids were Blair Smiley, cousin of the bride, of Friona, Kelsi Henson, friend of the bride, of Keller, Texas, Lucretia Morgan and Lauren Hughs, both friends of the bride, both of Friona, Nicole Land, cousin of the bride, of Frisco, Texas, Brooke Herbert, friend of the bride, of Friona, Stephanie Bertran, friend of the bride of Abilene,



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Thomas Wilson
'nee Miranda D'Aun Frye

Jenna Klein, sister of the groom, of Wylie, Texas, and Kindal Wilson-Mitchell, sister of the groom, of Austin, Texas. The bride's attendants wore lapis (dark purple) dresses, in various styles, chosen by them, and carried bouquets of hydrangeas with three gerbera daisies (guava) tucked inside.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a guava vest and tie, and a guava gerbera daisy boutonniere.

The best man was Bucky Nail of Albany, Texas. Groomsmen were Ted Tidwell, Trent Miller, of Albany, Ryan Conner of Godley, Texas, Brent Friday of Dallas, Kent Palmore of Houston, Texas, Justin Schneider of Dallas, Drew Plagens of Abilene, Texas, and Derek Lewis of Pampa, Texas, all friends of the groom, and Kirby Frye, brother of the bride of Friona. The grooms attendants wore black tuxedos with lapis vests and ties, and lapis gerbera daisy boutonnieres.

Ushers were Nick Klein, brother-in-law of the groom, of Wylie, Texas, Trey Davis of Albany, and Sheyenne Hargrave and Riley Lambert of Abilene, all friends of the groom. Flower girls were Avery and Presley Anderson, cousins of the bride, of Abilene and the ring bearer was Logan Mitchell, nephew of the groom, of Austin. The registry attendants were Ashley Stevens, friend of the bride and Sydney Frye, cousin of the bride.

Church decorations included tall white candles in clear vases that sat on the floor of the main aisle at the end of each pew surrounded by white rose petals and two large flower arrangements on each side at the front of the church.

A reception followed at McPherson Cellars. Reception assistants were Ashley Ingram and Emily Stowers, who served at the bride's table and Ashley Stevens and Jessica Davis who served at the groom's table. Many friends helped before, during and after the wedding and reception.

Table decorations included tall silk flower arrangements in decorative glass bottles, placed on mirrors with rose petals and diamonds, and photos of the couple.

The bride's cake was five-tiered, each tier a different flavor, decorated with sugar gum paste flowers that matched the wedding colors, guava and lapis.

The groom's chocolate cake was golf-themed, decorated with cake golf balls, with the bride driving the groom in a golf cart.

The bride is a 2008 Friona High School graduate, and a 2011 Hardin-Simmons University graduate. Miranda plans to continue her education in the medical field to be a diagnostic sonographer.

The groom is a 2005 Albany High School graduate, and a December 2010 Hardin-Simmons University graduate. Mike is employed with McCarty Equipment in Kenedy, Texas.

The couple spent their honeymoon on a cruise to Cozumel and Progreso, Mexico, and are residing in Floresville, Texas (outside San Antonio).

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NOTIFICACIÓN DE SOLICITUD Y DECISION PRELIMINAR PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA DE LA TIERRA RENOVACIÓN DEL PERMISO DE SOLICITUD DE AGUAS RESIDUALES INDUSTRIALES

Permiso No. WQ0001350000

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COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es proporcionar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la aplicación. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado significativo de interés público en la aplicación o si así lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después de la fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo tendrá en cuenta las observaciones y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos pertinentes y materiales, o significativos. A menos que la aplicación está referida directamente a una audiencia de caso impugnado, la respuesta a los comentarios se enviarán por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público ya las personas que están en la lista de correo para esta aplicación. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para solicitar una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a la un juicio civil en una corte estatal de distrito.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR LOS SIGUIENTES EN SU PETICIÓN: su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono, nombre del solicitante y número del permiso, la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad / actividad con respecto a la instalación, una descripción específica de cómo que se verían afectados negativamente por la instalación de una manera no común al público en general y la declaración "[Yo / nosotros] solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado." Si la solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado se presentó en nombre de un grupo o asociación, la petición debe designar el representante del grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro, debe identificar un miembro del grupo que se verían afectados negativamente por la instalación o la actividad propuesta; proporcionar la información indicada anteriormente con respecto la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia desde la instalación o actividad, explicar cómo y por qué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses de la grupo trata de proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Tras el cierre de todos los comentarios aplicables y los períodos de solicitud, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia de caso impugnado a los comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa en las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que sean pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la aplicación. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia sobre cuestiones que se plantearon en el plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad para una audiencia de caso impugnado, si se cumplen ciertos criterios.

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación definitiva de la solicitud a menos que una oportuna solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado o la solicitud de reconsideración se archiva. Si una solicitud de audiencia de tiempo o solicitud de reconsideración presentada, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá la aprobación final del permiso y enviará la solicitud y pedir a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si usted somete comentarios públicos, una solicitud para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, se le agrega a la lista de correo para esta aplicación específica para recibir los avisos públicos enviados por la oficina del principal vendedor. Además, usted puede solicitar para ser colocado en: (1) la lista de correo permanente para un determinado nombre del solicitante y número del permiso y / o (2) la lista de correo para un condado específico. Si usted desea ser colocado en la permanente y / o la lista de correo del condado, se especifica claramente que la lista (s) y envíe su solicitud a la oficina de TCEQ del principal vendedor en la dirección abajo.

Todos los comentarios escritos del público y las solicitudes de reunión pública debe ser presentada a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 o electrónicamente www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html plazo de 30 días desde la fecha de publicación del periódico de este aviso.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN. Si necesita más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, por favor llame al Programa de Educación Pública, la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. Si DESEA information in Español, You can LLAMAR AL 1-800-687-4040. Información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio web en www.TCEO.state.tx.us.

Para más información también puede obtenerse a partir de Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando al Sr. Nicholas McFarland (806)295-8289.

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SCHOOL MENU March 26 – March 30

Monday, March 26

- B) Cereal, breakfast toasters, grape juice, milk
- L) Chili beans, hot rolls, broccoli & cheese, flavored baked potatoes, pears, milk

Tuesday, March 27

- B) Cereal, pancake/sausage on a stick, apricots, orange-pineapple juice, milk
- L) Salisbury steak, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, rice, oranges, milk

Wednesday, March 28

- B) Cereal, burrito deluxe, peaches, fruit punch, milk
- L) Pepperoni pizza, peas & carrots, corn, yogurt, milk

Thursday, March 29

- B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, scooby treats, orange juice, milk
- L) Bacon cheeseburger, baked beans, French fries, banana pudding, milk

Friday, March 30

- B) Cereal, waffles, applesauce, grape juice, milk
- L) Mac & cheese, hot rolls, mixed veggie California, green beans, flavored apples, milk

B) Breakfast L) Lunch

Friona Star
E-MAIL ADDRESS IS
frionastar@wtrt.net



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From the Friona High School one-act play, *The Sins of Sor Juana*

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2009. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2010.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Parmer County Appraisal District

305 3rd Street
P.O. Box 56
Bovina, TX 79009

If you have any questions, please call
(806) 251-1405; e-mail parmer@amaonline.com

Jill Timms - Chief Appraiser
Deanna Curtis -
Deputy Chief Appraiser



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The ice box is all that is left of the Chieftain Field concession stand. Contractors demolished the building last week and work is underway to build a new one, complete with much more modern counter space and serving area and larger restroom facilities.



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Chieftain pitcher Jason Berend warms up with catcher Stephen Albarado in the new bullpen at the ballpark. The space includes artificial turf, a new fence, two pitchers mounds, and concrete curbing. Brent Loflin organized the effort and would like to thank these folks for their contributions: Kenneth McLellan, Terry Copley and T&S Concrete; Alan Monroe, Johnny Alvarez and crew; Rick Jennings, Ty Potts, Ricky Barnett, Paul J. Smith and his ag shop boys; coaches Styler Haddock and Kamron Lingor and the baseball team; and the Friona Booster Club.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

Permit No. WQ0001350000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, P.O. Box 579, Friona, Texas 79035, which operates the Cargill Meat Solutions, a beef packing plant, and rendering facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0001350000, which authorizes the disposal of process wastewater, utility wastewater and domestic wastewater not to exceed a total flow of 71.3 million gallons for any 30 day period from the facility to the playa lake and an application rate not to exceed 2.8 acre-feet per acre per year via irrigation on a combine area of 2,865 acres of various crops; and the disposal of brine and pickling wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 21,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the State. TCEQ received this application on June 3, 2005.

The facility is located immediately south of U.S. Highway 60 and the Santa Fe Railroad, approximately 3.3 miles southwest of the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas 79035. The disposal areas are located on various tracts of land with approximately 10 miles south of the facility. The facility and disposal areas are located in the drainage area of Frio Draw, which flows into Tierra Blanca Creek, and thence to Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location refer to application.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address; phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request

must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

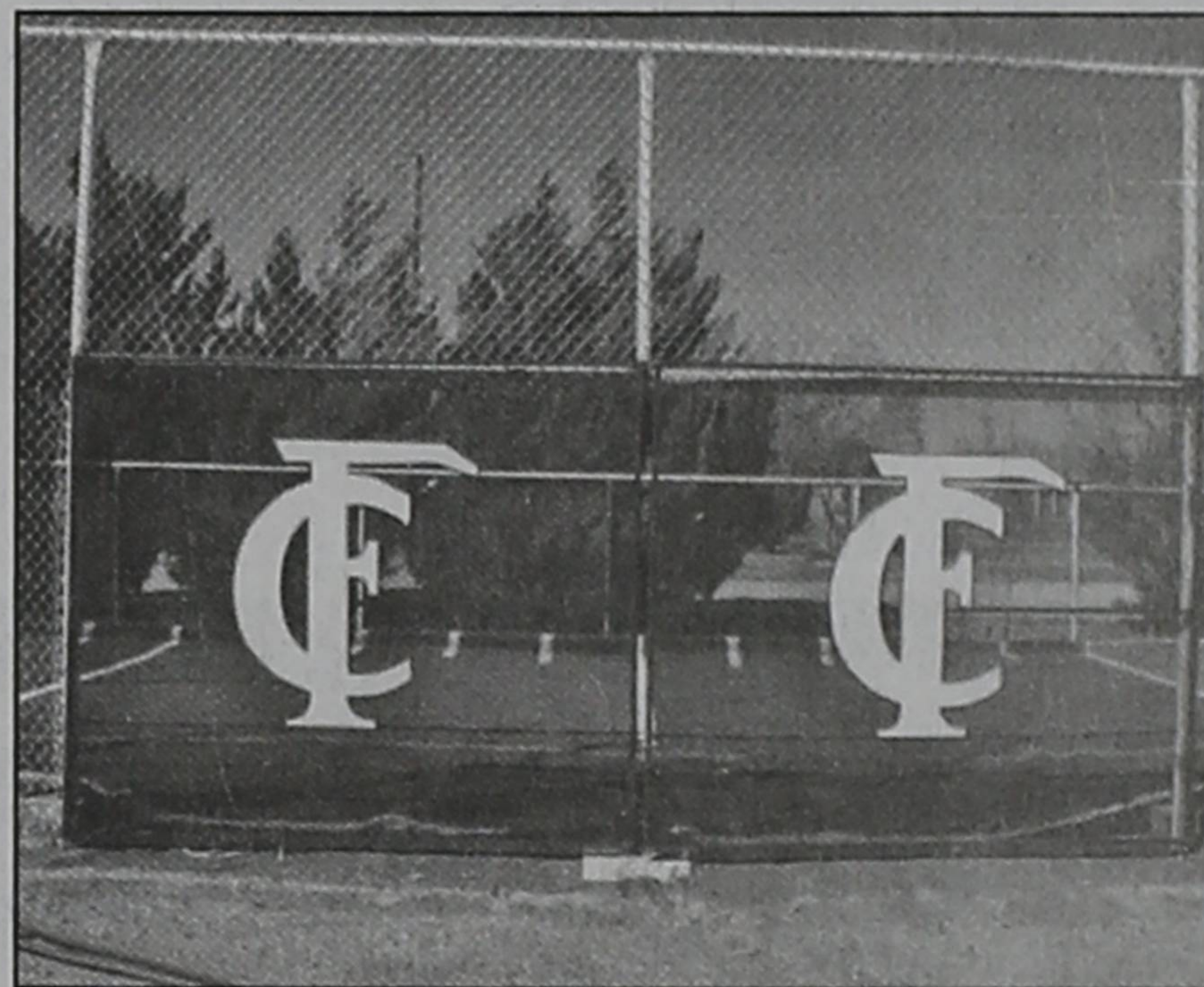
MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

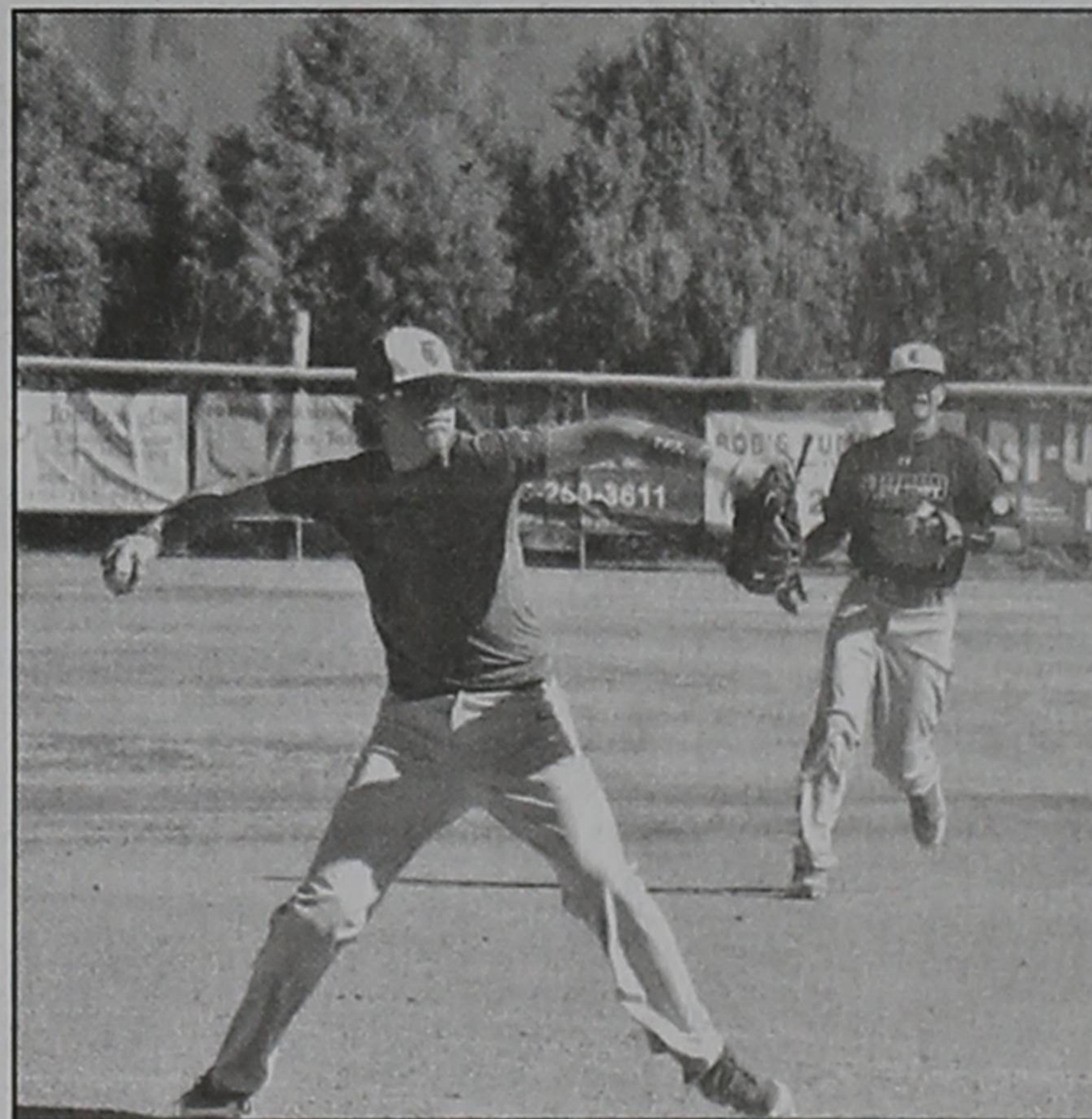
Further information may also be obtained from Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Nicholas McFarland at (806) 295-8289.

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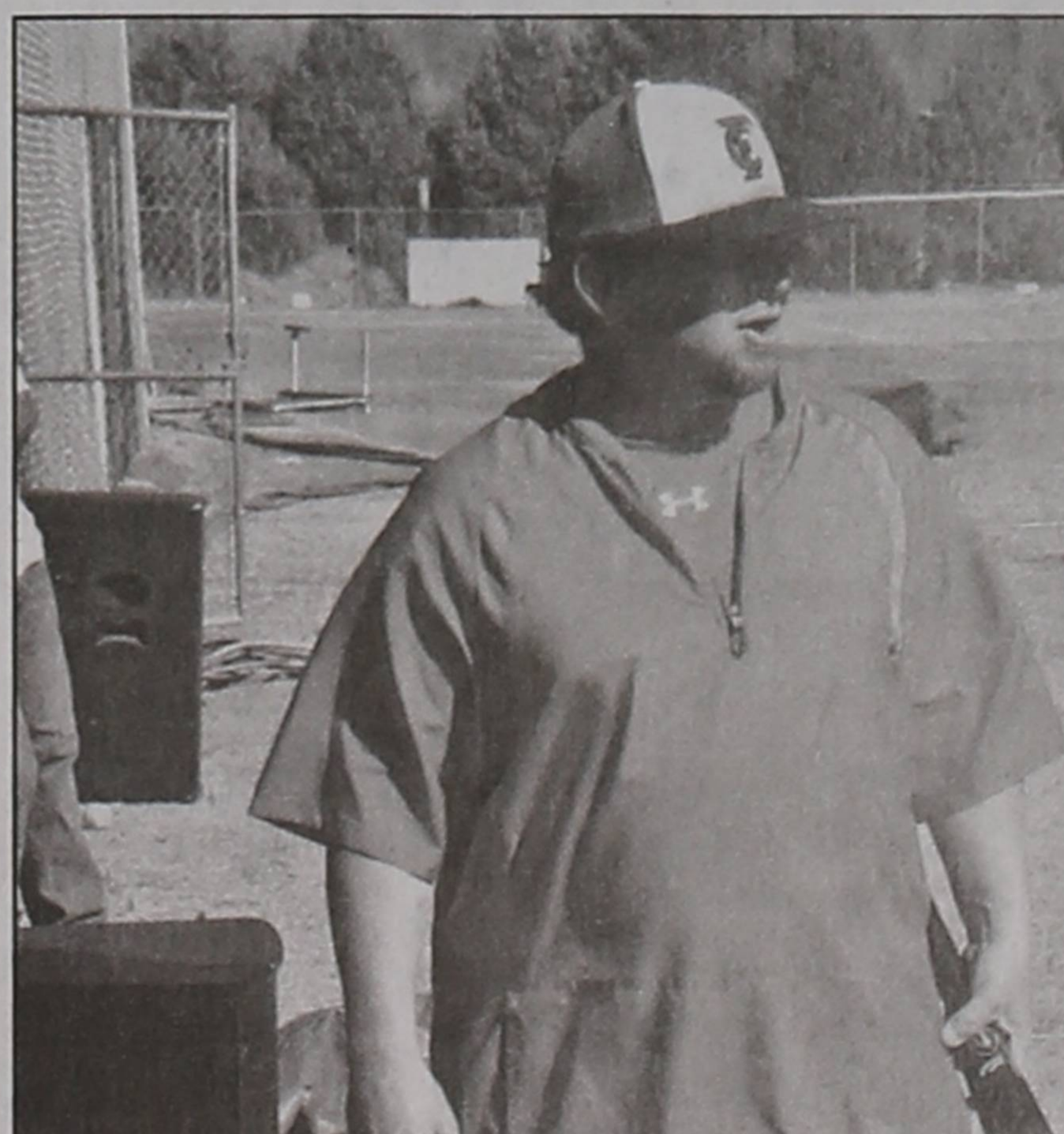
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It's all new. This new gate is part of the new fence at the new bullpen at the Chieftain ballpark. The double gate allows the batting cage to be moved and stored behind the bullpen area. The Chieftain logos were metal cutouts by the FHS ag shop students and painted by Brent Loflin at Friona Body Shop.



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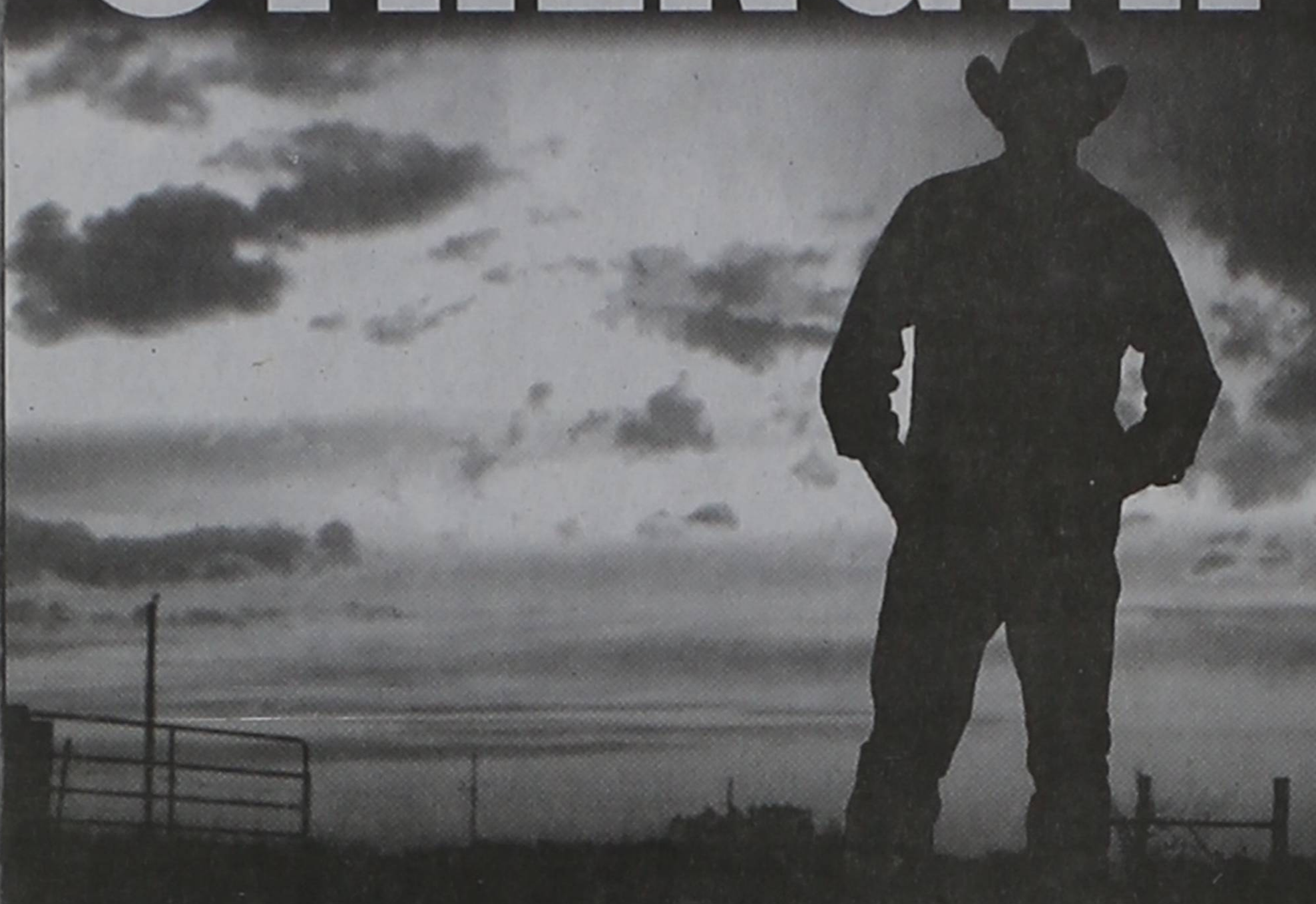
Chieftain sophomore 3rd baseman Hunter Sundre throws to first as shortstop Jacob Pena looks on during a practice session last week. The Chiefs lost 12-2 at Abernathy Saturday and were looking for their first win in games with Muleshoe and Idalou this week. They beat Muleshoe 10-9 Tuesday with a top of the 7th game ending double play. Next home game is Tuesday March 27 at 5 p.m. vs. Floydada.



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Chieftain head baseball coach Styler Haddock

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Friona Kids Inc Baseball It's Sign up Time!

Children pre-k thru 6th grade may sign up. Forms are available at school campuses as well as at Bunker Trucking located on South Main Street.

Deadline is March 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

58th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

March 27, at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Barbecued beef and sausage meal with all the trimmings catered by Rafter G of Umbarger.

Registration and dinner at 6 p.m. Business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Election of three directors from the following candidates:

- Mr. Roger Gist-Dawn exchange
- Mr. Ben Osborn-Parmer exchange
- Mr. Corbin Riethmayer-Hub exchange

Farewell report by retiring General Manager Thomas A. Hyer

Introduction of new General Manager Amy Linzey

Drawings for door prizes

Prior to the annual meeting, a come and go reception in honor of Mr. Hyer and Ms. Linzey, hosted by the board of directors, will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Hereford Country Club, 726 Country Club Drive, Hereford.

Reception INVITATION




Parmer Medical Center
Friona Rural Health Clinic
and
the Hospital Auxiliary

invite you to attend a
Reception
In honor of

*Physicians
Appreciation Day*

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

in the
Hospital's Conference Room
1307 Cleveland


Job Fair

Saturday, March 24th
from 8am to noon

Cargill in Friona, TX has full time production positions available

Become a team member with one of the beef industry's leaders in plant safety and quality processes.

Cargill offers:

- \$13.40 starting wages
- Wages range from \$13.40 to \$15.40
- Safe working environment
- Paid vacation and birthday
- Seven paid holidays
- Health insurance and prescription plan

Come to the Job Fair at the Friona, TX plant on Saturday, March 24th from 8am - Noon for an interview.

Cargill is an equal opportunity employer & a Drug Free Workplace