



LOOKING OVER a map of Parmer County's emergency service boundaries are Jerry London and Pam Nielsen, PRPC 911 coordinator. In the background are, l-r, Mark Osborn, Dale Schueler, Mitch Wiseman, and Feller Hughs. ron carr photo

EMS and Fire Meeting Sparks Lively Discussion

By Ron Carr

Pam Nielsen, the 911 Emergency Services Coordinator for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC), tried her best to moderate a meeting last Friday night of county emergency services officials and volunteers.

"First of all," she told the approximately 75 in attendance, "I don't have a dog in this fight. I thought we had a good map when we met 6 months ago."

The "fight" she alluded to concerned boundaries within the county that determine which emergency service group is paged out to respond to emergencies. The 911 dispatchers in Friona page EMS and fire departments based on the location of the emergency as drawn on a PRPC map.

Emergency calls from cell phones still continue to be a problem as far as pinpointing an emergency on the dispatcher's computer screen, Nielsen said. A call from a cell phone does not "pop-up" an address on the dispatcher's unit and often cell phone callers do not know exactly where they are calling from.

Also Nielsen noted that many county residents are still not using their official 911 addresses that were supposed to be changed several years ago. Some are still using HCR numbers instead of the official CR designations. If you are not sure about the physical address that designates your location on the dispatch computer screen, you can call

PRPC at 800-687-7911 to check it out.

Representatives from the Lazbuddie, Bovina, and Friona EMS and fire departments were present at the Friday meeting. Also attending were Friona PD personnel and dispatchers along with city officials, county commissioners, and several private citizens and businessmen.

Nielsen went through the existing map section by section seeking agreement on roads and boundaries. The Hub intersection and surrounding area caused the most discussion. Several local farmers, including John Jarecki, Jerry London, Mitch Wiseman, Floyd Reeve and Chris Ingram, plus Hub Gin owner JeDon Gallman and Paco Feedyard manager Feller Hughs, were present to request that the area around the Hub intersection be redrawn to include their farms and businesses in the Friona response area.

On the present map, the areas for Lazbuddie, Bovina and Friona meet at the Hub intersection leading to some confusion about who is paged out to respond. As one participant said, "When an accident happens at the Hub intersection we don't ask whether it is on the east or west side of the road." Based on citizen requests, Nielsen agreed to move Friona's response area a few more miles south of the intersection to just north of the Frio Draw.

Some of the farmers present requested that the boundary also be

extended west and south of the intersection to include their property in Friona's response area. That land is currently in Bovina's response area. Nielsen told them they would need to get a petition signed by any other residents in the expanded area agreeing to the change before she could grant the request.

Bovina EMS director Larry Mitchell told the crowd that his crew can respond to the Hub intersection faster than Friona, a point disputed by the Friona contingent. Emotions escalated at times in the discussion, especially when units were asked to give up portions of their areas.

Friona Police Chief Royce Goodson declared that he and his dispatchers did not care which units respond where as long as the rules and territories were clear to everyone involved. Goodson said, "We are concerned about the people, not a dispute over who responds. We serve the people and need to keep that in mind."

A revised map will be presented by Pam Nielsen to the county commissioners for approval at their next meeting.

The question of ambulance transfers from PCCH to area hospitals was not addressed at the meeting even though Bovina City Manager Ernest Terry requested the meeting to discuss patient transfers. When Nielsen opened the agenda to hospital transfer concerns, Terry said, "We have solved the problem with the hospital." There was no further discussion or explanation given of the hospital transfer problem or how the issue had been resolved.

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Miller To Become Bovina Mayor As Candidates File

As of Monday morning, March 15, Bovina city manager Ernest Terry had not received official application from a single candidate for the May 15 city council election. At the close of the Monday filing deadline, five residents had come forward to put their names on the ballot.

There are three openings on the city's Board of Aldermen, one for mayor and two for city council. Incumbent mayor Galen Hromas did not file for re-election. The council seats of Stan Miller and Jessie Stone are expiring. Miller filed for the Bovina Mayor position and is un-

Alexander Chosen As Chamber Exec

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Board of Directors selected Chris Alexander as the new Executive Director. This was her first week in the office.

Alexander replaces long time Chamber Executive Director Kathryn Goddard who recently resigned the post. She is the former owner of An Added Touch and has been taking classes in Amarillo toward a real estate sales license.

One of her first projects at the Chamber will be a Chamber fundraiser raffle for a side of beef. Tickets cost \$5 each and are available from Chamber directors or at the Chamber office. The drawing for the beef will be on April 17. We welcome Chris to the Friona Chamber and wish her well.

Museum Plans For Maize Days, Seeks Donations

The Pioneer Heritage Chapel and Museum is already making plans and arrangements for the 2004 Maize Days celebration, according to Museum board member Teena Hughs.

Wendy Carthel, who is in charge of arranging displays for the Museum, is planning to create a room for visitors to sit and enjoy reading and looking at historical documents and books that have been donated.

She is in need of a couch or love seat and a couple of chairs for this room. Mrs. Carthel said that a table and chairs might also work in the reading room.

A number of military uniforms as well as a variety of clothing items have been donated to the museum. In an effort to take the best care of these items, and to allow them to be displayed at the same time, the museum is also seeking a wardrobe for display and storage of the clothing.

Anyone who can help out with donations or have any ideas on any of the needed items is asked to call Wendy at 250-3215.

Three Board Slots Open In Hospital District Election

Parmer County Hospital District announced that three (3) Board of Directors positions will be put up for election on May 15, 2004. The three expiring terms are currently held by: Brett Whitten, D.V.M., Dale Schueler, D.V.M., and Dennis Anthony.

Any person wishing to declare a write-in candidacy for the director position election must file a declaration with the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than 5 p.m., March 22, 2004. Parmer County Community Hospital will accept declarations on behalf of the Board Secretary.

Declaration forms may be picked up at the Parmer County Community Hospital business office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To be eligible as a candidate for director, the person must be a resident of the district and a qualified



THE NEW Executive Director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is Chris Alexander, seated. She assumed the duties this week and is shown meeting with, l-r, Betty Lamb, Chamber administrative assistant; Chamber president Dean Sasser; vice president Kody Kimbrough; and Chamber treasurer Patricia Phipps. ron carr photo

Four File For Friona Council, Sch. Board Election Canceled

Monday, March 15, was the filing deadline for candidates seeking election for Friona city council or Friona school board in the May 15 elections.

Since there were two openings on the school board and only two candidates filed, a school board election will not be necessary this year. Terms of Kathryn Gurley and Danny Black expired. Black did not file for re-election. Kathryn Gurley filed and

will be joined by newcomer Ricky Barnett.

Three seats were open in the city election for mayor and two aldermen. Incumbent mayor John Taylor filed for re-election and is unopposed. The terms of council members Ronnie Stevick and Martha Barker are expiring. Both Stevick and Barker have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Jayson Girmsley and Wesley Barnett.

Recount Asked For In Commissioner Vote

County Republican chairman John Armstrong and a small group of workers gathered in the County Clerk's office at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, to recount the ballots cast in the Precinct 1 county commissioners race.

The final totals reported were Kirk Frye 345, John Tannahill 81, and John Mars 57. On election night, Armstrong posted totals on a blackboard at the courthouse as the ballots were counted on the electronic scanner.

After Armstrong had marked the totals as final, there was an 11 vote adjustment from one of the election clerks. County Clerk Colleen Stover said Tannahill questioned the adjustment and he and Mars asked for a recount. According to Stover, when electronic scanning is used a losing candidate does not have to have a reason to ask for a recount.

The cost of the recount will be paid by Mars and Tannahill. Stover said the "counters" would be paid \$7 per person per hour and will be supervised by Stover and Armstrong. There were three people counting and one calling. The results of the election was not expected to change.

Editorial

Beware of the Telephone

A lot of damage to your personal life can be done in one phone call. Senior citizens seem to be easy targets and especially susceptible to telephone solicitors. Even with the government's recent crackdown attempts on telemarketers, they still avoid the system and go on the hunt for your bank account or credit card information.

They use scare tactics like telling you they need to verify your accounts because someone has tried to steal them when it is the caller that is doing the stealing. Banks and credit card companies do not call to ask you for your numbers. They already have them.

Once they have your account number or PIN number or other personal numbers like Social Security or driver's license, there is no stopping the damage to you life, your credit, and your sanity.

A local resident received a call this week requesting her bank account number. They said they were "upgrading their computer". They also wanted the bank routing number from her checks. She told them she was not able to because she was ill and couldn't see so well. They asked if she didn't have a magnifying glass.

Crooks who want to take over your financial stuff have no scruples and don't like to take no for an answer. Another caller told a lady that she had won some money in England. All she had to do was give her account number so they could wire it over. She never stopped to think that she had never entered any English contests.

Some people say they just don't like to be rude when people call. There is no reason to chat when a stranger is trying to get personal info. There is no reason to stay on the phone with a telephone solicitor longer than 10 seconds. The best defense to protect your financial belongings is to hang up. Being rude is not a crime and is cheaper than insurance.

It is worth a reminder to be careful and wary of strangers bearing gifts. Be smart. Remember if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck.



FRIONA STATE BANK replaced the old time and temperature sign. The former sign had served the bank for over 30 years and was pretty worn out. It had bulbs and this one operates with an LED display with no bulbs to replace. It flashes red numbers that can be seen from a longer distance. If you can't get by the sign to find out the time, you can still get the time and temperature recording courtesy of Friona State Bank by calling 250-8888.

OUT HERE IN MY DAD'S FOOTSTEPS

by Zac Carr

Allow me to introduce myself. Zachary Carr, Ron Carr's son who lives in Wichita Falls, and who drops into town about four times a year. I'm sure my dad has told everyone enough about me to turn my cheeks red.

It's nice to come to Friona every year not only to visit my dad, but see all the old faces. To see their pictures in the paper, or drop by their house and listen to them talk about high school. Yes, you can all pinch my cheek and say "You've grown ten inches since you were here last winter", but I see a hundred people who've grown ten inches since I saw them last.

Well, that's my reminiscent bit. Now about the current events. I write stories for the Hirschi High School newspaper, *The Husky Howl*, and am one of two freshmen on staff. I've even got my name in the little staff box on the editorial page. I may even be a staff editor come sophomore year. Living proof that heredity works.

Hirschi High School is one of three major high schools in Wichita Falls. It is a 4A school (dropping to 3A by one student). It is a magnet high school, and the only International Baccalaureate campus in the area. It is a racially diverse school but most of the student body is black.

I go to Hirschi for a lot of reasons but mostly for the IB program. Since I live on the other side of town, it is the least convenient school for me to attend but it's worth it.

I know you've been informed I recently wrote an editorial about the unfair press my high school gets in the Wichita Falls newspaper. I had no idea it would cause such a response, but the senior editor and publisher of the *Times*

Record News came to the Hirschi journalism room to have a conference with the newspaper staff.

I was introduced as the "student who wrote the editorial". Both men gave me a hearty handshake and a toothy smile. The meeting was interesting and some valid points were made, but that's another column.

The editorial was the cause of the meeting. It was only one story by one freshman at one high school, yet the fact that I was able to voice my opinion in a professional manner made a difference. And because of that I was able to draw the attention of a powerful newspaper. We (as a high school newspaper staff) were able to make a difference in the mindset of my school and the newspaper of our city.

Here is the philosophy of this column. Too many people have opinions they don't share. If I hadn't written my opinion into an editorial, no conference would have been held, and no student would be aware of the problem.

I realize the issue isn't a big problem, but when you are silent against what you think is unfair, it is equal to your approval of what's happening. By not speaking out against what you feel is unfair you are setting yourself up to be destroyed. Not writing the editorial would have meant to accept the way we were being treated. Whether or not we made a radical revolution throughout the entire city makes no difference, but the *Times Record News* now sees that we won't go quietly.

To be silent is to accept. To be silent is to approve. I don't accept, and I don't approve. I'm not silent.

I'm Zac Carr and that's my two cents.

BASEBALL SEASON

It's A Whole New

Friona Chieftain Baseball 2004

MARCH			
18 th	Muleshoe Tournament	There	
	Morton		3:00
	Muleshoe		7:00
19 th	Muleshoe Tournament	There	
	Dimmitt		5:00
20 th	Muleshoe Tournament	There	TBA
23 rd	Dimmitt	There	4:30
26 th	**Hale Center	There	4:30
30 th	**Abernathy	Home	5:00

APRIL			
2 nd	**Floydada	Home	5:00
6 th	**Olton	There	5:00
8 th	**Lockney	Home	5:00
13 th	**Hale Center	Home	5:00
16 th	**Abernathy	There	5:00
20 th	**Floydada	There	5:00
23 rd	**Olton	Home	5:00
29 th	**Lockney	There	5:00

**District Games (DH) Double Header

Friona Chieftain Junior Varsity Baseball

March	29 th	River Road	Home	5:00
April	1 st	Nazareth	Home	5:00
	5 th	River Road	Home	5:00
	12 th	River Road	There	4:30
	19 th	Clovis (DH)	Home	4:30/6:30
	26 th	Fritch	There	4:30

SPORTS



I would like to thank everyone who voted for me on March 9. Thanks for the vote of confidence and the support that you gave. Thanks for your time.

**Kirk Frye
Commissioner
Precinct 1**



Meet the Class of 2016

Lorena is a Kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Javier & Rosa Soto. She has one brother, Ivan.

Lorena likes to play with friends, ride her bike, and jump on the trampoline. Her favorite foods are macaroni and fruits.

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YOUR EYES

EYES MAY HELP DIAGNOSE WEST NILE VIRUS

Before long, summer will be back again. Along with it will come the problems of West Nile virus, which is caused by the bite of a mosquito. However, doctors may now be able to diagnose the virus based in part on a patient's eye health.

In a recent issue of *Archives of Ophthalmology*, researchers reported on the case of a 62-year-old woman who had symptoms such as eye floaters, fatigue, headaches and low fever for two weeks. Her eye exam revealed she had anterior uveitis, vitritis and chorioretinitis, all forms of eye inflammation. When treatment did not clear up all her symptoms, she was tested for the West Nile virus, and the test came up positive.

The West Nile virus typically does not cause any severe symptoms. In some cases, people develop a flu-like condition. In rare cases, especially when co-existing with other medical problems, it can cause hospitalization or death.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Friona Star,
I would like to respond to the article "The Best Teacher is The One at Home". This article is one of the best articles I have read in the Friona Star. Thank you for sharing David Waters' eloquent article on one of today's education misconceptions. If people don't believe in the power of parenting, they just need to walk a day or two in a teacher's shoes. It is amazing that we miss the fact that when God said, "Train up a child in the way he should go", He was talking to parents and not the school district!

Thanks again for sharing such an articulate article.
Sincerely,
Ben Kirton

Chili Cook-off March 27 To Benefit High School Grads

BY RON CARR

So you think you make a pretty mean chili? Put it to the test and join some fun. And it benefits the FHS all-night drug free graduation party. Read on!

The Friona Fire Department has long claimed that they have some fine chili cooks. The Friona Police Department issued a challenge to the firemen that the PD chili was hotter, meaner and tastier.

Out of that rivalry has grown a March 27 Chili & Salsa Cookoff where you can have a team, cook some chili and salsa, and align yourself with either the firemen or police department.

You can cook at the cook-off site, the Friona Community Center, or bring your Crock Pot that you cooked at home prepared and ready for judging.

Contestants can start cooking at 10 a.m. Saturday morning or any time up until 2 p.m. Electricity is supplied but you have to bring everything else.

At 3 p.m. the public can buy a tasting cup, spoon and voting ticket for \$1. They can taste each pot of chili one time, then mark the number of their favorite chili on the voting ticket and put it in the

chili jar. The chili with the most votes wins "The People's Choice" award which is a cash prize, a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year.

There is also a Salsa Division. Cook one gallon of salsa for entry and judging. (There have to be some world-class salsa cooks around the area.) The entry fee for Chili is \$10 and the entry fee for Salsa is \$5. 1st place in chili competition wins \$50 and the trophy. 1st place in the salsa division wins \$20 and a trophy. Both divisions will award 2nd & 3rd place ribbons.

There will be live entertainment and refreshments available. If you aren't cooking you will still want to come out and sample some chili and salsa.

If you plan to enter chili or salsa, contact Richard Spears at the Friona Police Department, 250-2711, or email Richard@gettingsleepy.com. Proceeds from the cook-off will benefit the Friona High School all-night drug free graduation party.

Road Graders Top Commissioners List

The Parmer County Commissioners voted on Monday, March 8, to seek bids for road graders for Precinct 1-Friona, Precinct 2-Bovina, and Precinct 4-Lazbuddie.

In other business the commissioners approved insurance coverage for the county including auto liability of \$8,446, General liability of \$11,927, Auto physical damage, \$9,019 and Property of \$17,902.

The commissioners also gave Sheriff Randy Geries the go-ahead to seek bids for a new vehicle to cost under \$25,000 including a trade-in.

A checklist from the engineers on the final work needed at the new jail was discussed. Many items on the checklist had already been taken care of and the remainder is being addressed at press time. Such items as window and roof leaks, sprinkler system problem, fire alarm short and kitchen sink leak will be taken care of.

The commissioners also accepted the resignation of county attorney Charles Aycock.



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INTERNET BANKING WITH FRIONA STATE BANK

What everyone wants to know is "how secure is on-line banking"?

We can tell you many technical details about "secure log-in and user authentication, industry-standard SSL encryption, secure firewalls", etc. but does that really help you? Do you understand those terms?

Friona State Bank uses state-of-the-art technology that is proven to be true, discreet, and safe in all of our modern equipment and personnel. We must have your complete confidence in us in order to remain in business. We feel very confident that we have chosen the right resources to help us get you on-line. Besides our own assurance of our choices, we are always audited and examined by the office of comptroller of currency (OOC). We have certain rules to follow to maintain our excellent service to you, our customer.

Another big question that needs to be answered is "What will this cost?"

The cost of enrolling in Friona State Bank's Internet Banking is \$0. If you sign up for our convenient method of paying your bills, "bill pay", there will be a charge. Our goal is to level the playing field with larger financial institutions, to enhance customer service, expand market areas, and enhance cross-selling. We are hoping that because of on-line banking, you can stay with us wherever you go.

Next week in this space we'll discuss how to sign up for on-line banking with Friona State Bank. We'll also have a glossary of internet terms and words.

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Editor

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March 27 To Grads

Chili with the most... "The People's Choice" is a cash prize, a trophy and bragging rights.

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Graders Top Honors List

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PRESSION



FRIONA EMS Director Kelly Daniel and Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor in a discussion at the Friday night emergency service meeting.



ABOVE, l-r, Floyd Reeve, Feller Hughes, Bryan Harris, JeDon Gallman and below, John Jarecki and Mitch Wiseman all attended the emergency service meeting.



Burris To Be Lions Speaker

On March 25th Harold "Bergan" Burris will speak on prescriptions, Medicare and Social Security in general.

Mr. Burris was employed by the Social Security Administration when disability program and Medicare began and is still active as a volunteer.

He will be at the Friona Lions Club meeting at 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 25th, 9th & Pierce.

Puzzle Solution grid with words like PLAIN, STRAND, and others.

Around Town

PCRT&SPA met March 2

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met on March 2 in the community room of Friona State Bank with nineteen members and one guest present.

The election of new officers was held. The following officers were selected to serve for the coming year: president, Ann Corn; first vice president, Sharon White; second vice president, Sarah Owen; secretary, Bobby Wied; and treasurer, Valoris Osborn.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Elizabeth Gore and Tommie Mercer.

Special Olympics needs help

Special Olympics fundraisers are now selling flower bulbs until March 26. Some one will be knocking on doors. If you are not contacted and would like to donate or order bulbs please call Donna Mullins at 250-3285.

A booster club is also being formed for Special Olympics. Assistance is also needed for coaching athletes, starting Tuesday, March 16 at the Friona High School track. If you are interested in helping please call Donna.

Cancer screening Friday, March 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona, on Friday, March 19, 2004. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Mexican Pile On lunch planned

The Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a Mexican pile-on lunch at 12 noon, Sunday, March 21. A dessert of strawberry shortcake will also be served. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the J.P. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund for Friona youth.

FUMC has full schedule

Friona United Methodist Church has a full schedule beginning with a Cowboy Fellowship, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Hub. A Stitchin' Posts will be held March 18 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Palo Duro Handweaver's to meet

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome.

Friona Evening Lions meeting set

Friona Evening Lions Club will meet Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Program chairman, Clarence Martin, has scheduled Harold Burris, formerly of the Social Security Administration, to speak on prescriptions and Medicare.

Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club to meet

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 12th annual antique tractor show at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas, March 27 & 28. Antique tractors of various makes will be on display Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lazbuddie Sr. Class Team Roping

CLT Roping Productions will present the annual Lazbuddie Senior class Team Roping, Sunday, March 28. Books open at 12:30 p.m. and roping will begin at 1 p.m. at the Dusty Rhodes Arena in Muleshoe.

BSA Hospice offers grief education

BSA Hospice offers grief education and group support for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a child. A new group, "Grieving the Loss of a Child" will meet Thursday evening 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Beginning April 1, 2004.

The group will meet for six consecutive weeks. Facilitator for the group is Paula Bencini, LPC. Meetings will be held in the Den in the BSA Hospice facility located at 600 North Tyler in Amarillo.

Ladies Spring Luncheon

The 2004 Ladies Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School Cafeteria. A fashion show by Ingram's will be presented. Bring a salad or dessert and a friend!

Archeological Society to meet Apr. 3

A presentation by a longtime archeologist is among the highlights of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies, set for April 3, 2004 in Canyon, Texas.

FUMC revival coming soon

Friona United Methodist Church will be hosting a revival April 4-6 with Bishop Dan Solomon. The schedule will be Sunday, 11 a.m. worship service and 7 p.m. evening service, Monday & Tuesday, 7 p.m. evening service each night.

BSA Hospice offers training

Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will be presenting volunteer training and community education classes called "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying". This is a class for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment.

Lazbuddie Shootout set Apr. 23-24

The Lazbuddie Senior Parents of Class 2004 proudly present The Lazbuddie Shootout, a 3 on 3 festival, April 23-24 in the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium. Entry fee is \$50 per 4-member team.

Relay for Life info

The Parmer County Relay for Life has been scheduled for June 11 this year. Times will be different than last year. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 1 a.m.

There will be many ways to be involved in the Relay for Life. More information will follow in the weeks ahead but it is important to organizers to get teams together as soon as possible.

Bill Ellis needs your help

Bill Ellis asking for everyone's help with information he is collecting for a sports and academic record book on Friona High School.

On the academic side, Bill needs to know the class valedictorians from the years prior to 1938, and those after 1956.

Also, the longtime publisher would like to have class GROUP pictures from as many of the classes he can find.

"Please help me to recognize these ex-students. Call me if you have either photos, or an idea of who we could contact," Bill says.

There is no charge for news included in Around Town. So call us at 250-2211, fax to 250-5127, email to frionastar@wtrt.net, or mail info to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Texas 79035.

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Thank You From The Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show.

The Junior Livestock Show premium sale was another outstanding success with a total of over \$60,000 returned to the young exhibitors for the animals that made the sale. We appreciate all the buyers and the add-ons that make it such a great country that supports our talented youth for all their hard work.

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Amarillo College Students Graduate

Thirty-two students recently completed training through the Amarillo College Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Basic Peace Officer certification. The graduates must pass the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) state licensing exam before they can become commissioned officers. Graduating from Friona is Rachael Herrera.

FRIONA TUESDAY, MARCH 30



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Sgt. Darran Procter Came Home To Visit

U. S. Army Sgt. Darran Procter came home to Friona for a visit before his deployment to Afghanistan.

Darran is a Friona graduate who attended Lubbock Christian University for two years, spent two years in the U.S. Navy on the USS Blue Ridge, got out, worked for a couple of years, then joined the U.S. Army five years ago. He is now stationed in Hawaii and is assigned in Army communications.

Recently Darran was able to come home to visit family and friends. He and his daughter Reagan, 8, were welcomed with a 'coming home' party hosted by his grandparents James and Sue Procter, parents Dewayne and Cheryl Procter, and relatives Ted and Glenda Procter & family, Ron and Lib Procter, and Tim and Jenny Nations & Cloe. Friends attending were Johnny and Elthie Hand, Wessie and Dustee Hand, Kevin and Ashley Roberts and girls, and Shannon and Vickie Cochran and family.

Homemade enchiladas and Mexican food were enjoyed by all. Darran's wife Tania was unable to make the trip from Hawaii due to pregnancy complications.

Darran, Reagan, and his parents then took a trip across Texas, visiting Darran's brother Wade and family in Odessa, then to Mansfield to visit his sister Darla Sandlin and family, and on to East Texas to see grandmother Darlene Ramage and other relatives. Darran had never seen his nephew Cason Procter (10 months old) and niece Brylie Sandlin (5 months old) before this visit. He flew back to Hawaii from Austin.

Sgt. Procter leaves for Afghanistan March 26 for 12-15 months. His wife Tania will return to Lampasas, TX, on April 1 to stay with her parents Randy and Wilma Sargent. She is scheduled to have their baby daughter at Fort Hood on June 14. The family requests your prayers for Darran's safety in Afghanistan and for his wife Tania staying to have their baby at Fort Hood all alone.



LIFE ACTION MINISTRIES

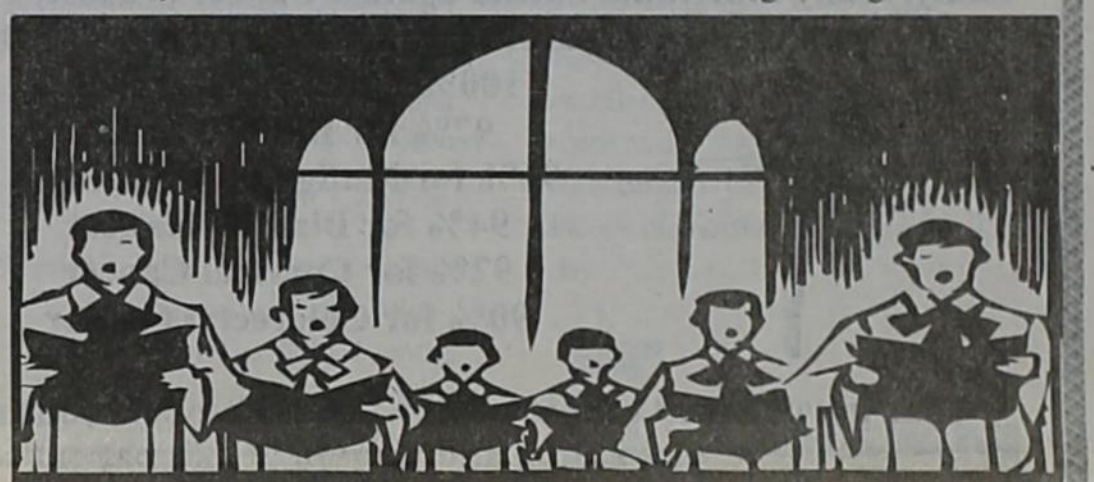
Life Action Ministries Revival Crusade Set

Life Action, a ministry dedicated to living and teaching practical, daily application of the Word of God, is coming to Friona, March 28, to hold a two-week Revival crusade.

Through a series of evening services and seminars at First Baptist Church the Live Action team will present thought provoking messages and music which will direct your focus to the practical truths of the Word of God. The crusade will begin on Sunday, March 28 at 10:40 a.m. and will continue each weekday evening at 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. This crusade will feature instructional preaching, family seminars, music and children's programs. The focus of the crusade is on the greatest need in America today, practical steps on how to daily live by the biblical values and principles upon which this country was founded.

Included in this two-week crusade are nightly musical presentations by the nationally recognized Life Action Singers. In addition, each crusade includes family seminars; young adult seminars; an informal discussion time for teenagers; a youth seminar called "Master Control"; Dynamite Club, for boys and girls in grades 2-6; and Happiness Club, a sparky group of 4 and 5-year-olds and first graders.

This energetic group, from Buchanan, Michigan, is one part of Life Action Ministries. Founded in 1971 by Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld Jr. Life Action has brought together a staff of over 100 individuals from across the continent with one bonding goal, to see God empower and draw Christians to practical dependence upon Himself, resulting in a Spiritual Awakening among the lost.



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ONE-ACT PLAY ROYALTY, back row, l-r, Mason Vasquez, Meghan Hendrickson, Ty Potts. Front row, l-r, Sara Widner, Stephenie Jones, Eddy Ortiz, Lory Wily ron carr photo



ONE-ACT PLAY RUDE MECHANICALS, l-r, Pedro Ramos, Meghan Hendrickson & Juan Silva ron carr photo



ONE-ACT PLAY FAIRIES, back row, l-r, Kyla Graham and Andrew Merrell. Middle row, l-r, Kimberlee Jones, Jordan Jamerson and Jisela Torres. Front row, Dollie Lookingbill. ron carr photo



ONE-ACT PLAY CREW, back row, l-r, Joseph Bentley, A.J. Huckins and Fabian Dominguez. Front row, l-r, Chad Hutson, Julie Echevarria, Mashay White and Allison Jones. ron carr photo



One-Act Play Performance Tuesday

The 2004 Friona High School One-Act Play production is William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. There will be a public performance on Tuesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There is no admission charge. Directors are Joy Morton and Erika Montana. The cast includes: Eddie Ortiz as Theseus, Stephenie Jones, Hippolyta; Meghan

Hendrickson, Egeus/Peter Quince/Prologue; Mason Vasquez, Lysander; Ty Potts, Demetrius; Sara Widner, Hermia; Lory Wily, Helena. Also, Pedro Ramos, Bottom/Pyramus; Juan Carlos Silva, Flute/Thisby; Kimberlee Jones, Puck; Jisela Torres, Cobweb/Snout/Wall; Dollie Lookingbill, Moth/Snug/Lion; Jordan Jamerson, Peaseblossom/

Starveling/Moon; Andrew Merrell, Oberon; and Kyla Graham/Titania. The sound and stage crew are Mashay White, Chad Hutson, Fabian Dominguez, Allison Jones, Julie Echevarria, Alan Huckins, Oliver Loya, Joey Bentley, and Jonathan Schlenker. Friona will host the District 5-2A one-act play competition on Thursday, March 25.

Parmer County Relay For Life American Cancer Society

A Walking/Running Event for the Prevention of Cancer

June 11th
7pm - 1am

Friona High School Track

All monies raised at this event are for Cancer research. This is an event that you need to plan to be a part of, and attend. There are many ways to be involved. Event Sponsor, Team Member, purchase Luminarias that will be lit during the Luminaria Ceremony at dusk during the walk.

Mark your calendars for this event and plan to come and walk with us. Cancer effects many people and this is a way for us, as a community, to honor our loved ones who have and are suffered from this devastating disease, and raise money for prevention through research.

Some CANCER FACTS from the American Cancer Society:

Sadly, many individual battles against Cancer are lost; however, slowly the battle is being won. Five-year survival rates are rising among the most common cancers.



- 100% for Prostate Cancer
- 97% for Breast Cancer
- 96% for Malignant Melanoma
- 94% for Bladder Cancer
- 92% for Cervical Cancer
- 90% for Colorectal Cancer



Your involvement in this event will help support continued Cancer research, prevention and treatment and patient services.

The first Parmer County Relay for Life was held in August 2003. The event raised \$18,600 plus for Cancer Research. Our goal this year was \$21,500. In 2003, there was 12 teams, our goal this year is 20. We need your help and involvement to see this goal met. Make your plans NOW and...

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Sheriff's Report

March 12, Juan Ramirez, Jr., 42, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pending County Court.

March 13, William Johnson, 22, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pending County Court.

March 14, Inez Delacruz, 38 of Frióna, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI with a child, pending Grand Jury. In 287th District Court on March 2, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Debra Hudson Abeyta, 47, of Frióna, charged with DWI with a child in the vehicle, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$303 court costs; \$500 fine; \$350 attorney fees; 120 hours of community service, and obtain substance abuse counseling at own expense.

Jonathan Bruce Chisom, 17, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief (property), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$2,176 restitution, and 120 hours of community service.

Victor Manuel Garcia, 17, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief (property), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court costs; \$350 attorney fees; \$2,176 restitution, and 120 hours of community service.

Jeremy Ruben Gomez, 17, of Bovina, charged with retaliation, was sentenced to 3 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court cost, \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees, and 160 hours of community service.

Wade Joe Kelley, 37, of Dimmitt, charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 6 years in the Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 6 years; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of probation; \$303 court costs; \$2,500 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$665 restitution; and 400 hours of community service. On a charge of violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver-cocaine), Kelley had his community supervision continued, 6 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 6 year; confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment as a condition of probation.

Tamisha McClendon, 21, of Fort Worth, charged with theft, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$303 court costs, \$500 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$3,350 restitution, and 120 hours of community service.

Maria Rosario Moore, 18, of Oklahoma City, charged with possession of marijuana, was sentenced to 6 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 6 years; \$278 court costs; \$1,500 fine; \$350 attorney fees, \$140 restitution, 160 hours of community service, and obtain counseling at own expense.

John Colby Pena, 18, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief (property), was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 year; \$278 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$2,176 restitution, and 120 hours of community service.

Debra Darlene Selman, 26, of Amherst, Texas, charged with a Class B misdemeanor (reduced from 3rd degree felony theft), was sentenced to up to 180 days in county jail, probated for 6 months, \$303 court costs; \$200 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$75 restitution, and 24 hours of community service.

Bennie Joe Shepard, 19, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief (property) was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 year; \$278 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$2,176 restitution; and 120 hours of community service.

Claud Tamez II, 19, of Bovina, charged with criminal mischief (property) was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court cost; \$750 fine; \$2,176 restitution; and 120 hours of community service.

Christy Lee Villareal, 18, of Bovina, charged with Class A misdemeanor assault (reduced from injury to a child), was sentenced to up to 1 year in county jail, deferred for 1 year, \$278 court costs; \$750 fine; \$386 restitution; and 80 hours of community service.

Parmer County Jurors List

The following Parmer County jurors are to report on March 23 at the county courthouse in Farwell:

Sandra Abarca, Manuel Acosta, Shonda Adams, Dan Allen, Ernestina Argonez, Ernesto Armendariz, Dora Arroyo, Mark Barnes, Rosalio Benavides, Macario Bermea, Annette Black, Rex Bracken, Suann Braning, Brenda Bridges, Jerry Bridges, Kelli Brockman, Joyce Broyles, Reba Buske, Anthony Caporusso, Daniel Carmichael, Andrew Carr, Jennifer Carrasco, Jesus Castanedo, Abraham Castanon, Carlos Castillo, Ruben Castillo, Nancy Chasteen, Jose Cenicerros, Gumaro Chavarria, Chase Chisman, Alma Clayton, Tina Clayton, Mildred Cooper.

Ana Corral, Guillermo Correa, Hugo Cortina, Paul Cox, James Crawford, Tucker Crawford, Luiza Cruz, Roxy Cruz, Randell Dale, Ron Davenport, Adrian Delarosa, Omar Delgado, Chayci Dominguez, Don Donovan, James Downes, Eva Ryck, Ronald Dyer, Shelly Dyer, Lesli Fiel, Luann Fillpot, Jose Flores, Norma Flores, Raymond Freeman, Hernando Gallegos Jr., Frank Galvan Jr., Michael Gast, Alta Gerics, Jose Godoy, Genaro Gonzales, Luis Gonzalez, Danna Hagood, Tom Hammit, Wessie Hand, Billy Hrabison, Gerald Hardage.

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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

by ROYCE L. GOODSON
Frióna Police Department

On Saturday morning, March 13, the Frióna Police Department responded to a suspicious person call at the Bunker Trucking parking lot on Main Street, south of the railroad tracks. Employees of the business reported that subject was hiding behind trucks parked in the parking lot and was wearing camouflage pants, a mask and was carrying two pistols and a bow and arrow. The employees also advised that the subject stated to them that he was a special agent with the federal government.

After responding to the area Lt. Salinaz of the police department located the subject driving a grey, Ford pickup west of Main Street on Highway 2397. With the assistance of Officer Martin and me the subject was taken into custody and arrested for the offenses of Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon and Impersonating a Public Servant. After taking the subject into custody he was identified as John Steven Wilkins a resident of Hereford. Officers conducted an inventory of the vehicle Wilkins was operating and found two semi-auto pistols, a shotgun, a stun gun, a bow and arrow, a bullet proof vest, a military helmet, and ammunition for the weapons. The weapons and ammunition were seized by officers for evidence and transported to the Frióna Police Department.

While in custody at the Frióna Police Department Wilkins advised Officers that he had been at the Bunker Trucking Company because he was going to shoot one of the employees with his bow and arrow. Officers then also charged Wilkins with the offense of Criminal Attempt Murder. Wilkins was later transported to the Parmer County Jail where he was incarcerated.

Theft

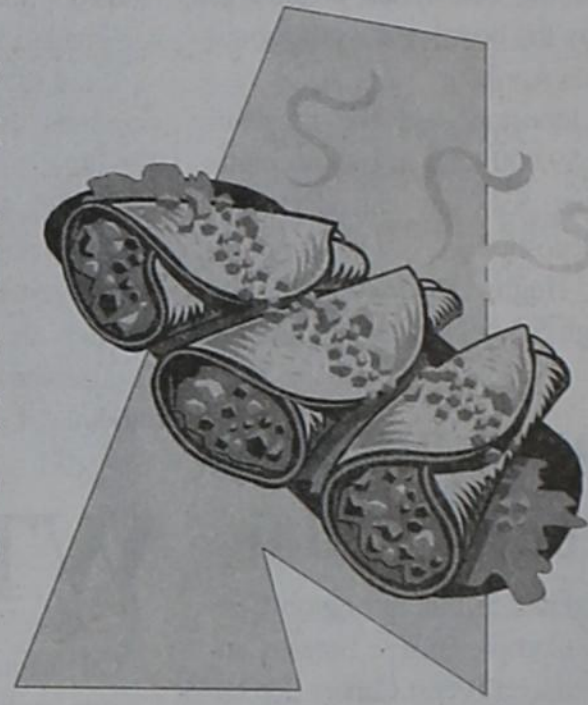
The Frióna Police Department is currently investigating the theft of a flag stolen from the Frióna Country Club Golf Course. The flag that was stolen is red with a white #4 written on it and is attached to a white pole. Anyone having any information concerning the theft or the location of the flag should contact the Frióna Police Department at 250-2711 or the Golf Course at 250-3125.

Burglary of Building

The Frióna Police Department is currently investigating a Burglary of a Building offense that occurred at American Canvas business in the 1100 block of Hwy. 60 West in Frióna. Items reported stolen from a building at the location include, tool chests, tools, and other misc. items. / nyone having information concerning the burglary of the location or the stolen items should contact the Frióna Police Department or the Parmer County Crime Stoppers.

Eat Lunch With Us This Sunday and Benefit J.P. Sims Scholarship Fund for the Frióna Youth

The Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a Mexican pile-on lunch at 12 noon, Sunday, March 21. A dessert of strawberry shortcake will also be served. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the J.P. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund for Frióna youth. Two \$1500 scholarships will be given this year.



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REPRESENTING Bovina at the Friday EMS meeting in Friona were, l-r, police officer Eddie Everhart, councilman Jessie Stone, city manager Ernest Terry, and Mayor Galen Hromas. Story on page one.

Bovina Chamber Banquet Mar. 27

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held Saturday, March 27, at the school cafeteria. Tickets to the popular rib eye steak dinner will cost \$10 per person. They are available at the middle school office, the Parmer County Tax Appraisal office, or at the door the night of the banquet.

Bovina Chief Recovering From Surgery

Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler underwent a heart bypass operation Monday, March 8, in Lubbock. Bovina EMS was called on Sunday and transported Chief Saddler to a Clovis Hospital complaining of chest pains.

He was later transferred to Lubbock. City manager Ernest Terry said Saddler came home Saturday March 13 and is expected to be off 4-6 weeks recovering from the surgery. Doctors told him not to drive during the recovery period.



Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
March 18, 1959

Setting records as they went, Bovina's Fillies finished as Class B runners-up in the girls state basketball tournament at Gregory Gym in Austin last weekend.

40 Yrs. Ago
March 18, 1964

A mysterious burglary at Wilson's Super Market Monday night netted burglars \$114.36.

35 Yrs. Ago
March 26, 1969

Mrs. Lucille Walling and Wayne Spears received the 1969 awards for Woman of the Year and Man of the Year at the Ninth Annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet Thursday night in the school cafeteria.

30 Yrs. Ago
March 27, 1974

Amidst a setting of "Cowpoke" cartoons along with replicas of cowboys and "cow chips" Ace Reid, creator of the nationally syndicated "Cowpoke" cartoon, received a tremendous welcome from

a packed house Thursday night in the 14th annual banquet of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

25 Yrs. Ago
March 21, 1979

Virgie Cary was named as the Woman of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet and Stephen Sherrill was named as Bovina's Man of the Year.

20 Yrs. Ago
March 21, 1984

Bob and Sarah Owen were honored at the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet as the 1984 Man and Woman of the Year. Barbara Charles was honored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce as "Teacher of the Year".

15 Yrs. Ago
March 22, 1989

Marci Dale and Scott Sudderth received the outstanding youth award from the Chamber last Thursday.

Larry Mitchell and Esther Steelman were named Bovina's Man

and Woman of the year at the 1989 Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet.

10 Yrs. Ago
March 19, 1994

Danny Martinez, a fourth grader at Bovina Elementary School, was the spelling bee winner in the junior division of the Parmer County Spelling Bee, which was held on March 10. Danny's winning word was "adhesive." Danny is the son of Alvaro and Francisca Martinez and is a student in Mrs. Deen's fourth grade class.

5 Yrs. Ago
March 19, 1999

Gary Smith, the "Prime Minister of Laughter", was the speaker at the 1999 Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet. Ashley Zehner and J.T. Roach were named outstanding students. Bill Shelly was named 1999 Educator of the Year. Ethel Johnson was presented the Heritage Award. Suzan Hughes and Earl Whitten were honored with Woman and Man of the Year.

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- Mar. 23-Becky Herrera, Sara Flores
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- Mar. 25-Mark Englant, Ireneo Ortiz
- Mar. 26-E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson
- Mar. 27-Carolyn Beauchamp, Jessie Stone

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**Dee Clarks
Welcome New
Grandbaby**

Tanner Dee Clark was born March 10, 2004, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Parents are Timothy and Rhonda Clark of Amarillo. He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Dee and Wyona Clark of Friona, Kathy Maurer of Nazareth and Duane Maurer of Dimmitt.

Wyona Clark said that their youngest grandchild is now 16 so Tanner is their first new grandbaby in 16 years.

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LIDIA ONICA & TIMMIE SMITH

**L. Onica & T. Smith
Announce Engagement**

Lidia Onica and Timmie Gene Smith both of College Station, Texas announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Lidia and Timmie are both PhD student in Computer Science at Texas A & M University.

Lidia received Bachelor's Degrees in both Mathematics and Law in Romania. She has also received a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Texas A & M University.

Timmie graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1996 and has received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Computer Science from Texas A & M.

He is the son of Debbie and Dale Gallman of Bovina, Texas.

The couple will wed in private ceremony on May 29, 2004. Family and friends of the couple are invited to the reception.

**Neelley's Welcome
Baby Miles Lee**

Dan & Shanda Neelley, of Vega, are the proud parents of new baby boy, Miles Lee Neelley, born February 27.

Baby Miles weighed 8 lbs. and one ounce and was 21 inches long. Miles has one brother, Jackson, 2 years old.

His grandparents are Luther & Sue Gullledge of Cleveland, Texas and Robert & Connie Neelley of Friona.

Miles' great grandmother is Melba Neelley of Lubbock.



**Cooper's Welcome
New Arrival**

Kevin & Sharlet Cooper, of Friona, are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Charles Gothard Cooper, born on Wednesday, March 3 at 10:19 p.m.

Baby Charles weighed 8 lbs. and 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Charles has one brother, Will, 9, and four sisters, Sara, 13, Debra, 11, Grace, 4, and Faith, 2.

His grandparents are J.B. and Iwana Taylor of Texico, New Mexico, and Harry D. Cooper of Grady, New Mexico, and great grandparent Yvonne Wilson of Clovis, New Mexico.



ROYALTY...West Texas A&M University crowned royalty March 5 at the annual All-University Formal. Members of the royal court were, from left to right, Garrett Griffin, prince, a sophomore accounting major from Spearman; Chelsea Glover, princess, a freshman general business major from Arvada, Colorado; Tonya Murray, queen, a senior mass communications major from Odessa; and Barry Procter, king, a senior biology major from Friona.

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2004 EQIP Ranking Period March 15-April 16

Friday, March 12, 2004 By Shawn Wade

Farmers and ranchers interested in applying for cost-share assistance through the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to have their 2004 application forms turned in to county Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offices no later than April 16 in order to be considered for 2004 funding.

Since the EQIP program utilizes a continuous sign-up process, a ranking period is used to set appropriate cut-off dates for each year's EQIP sign-up.

This year Texas will receive a significant increase in base EQIP funding levels. Preliminary 2004 funding levels indicate the state will receive approximately \$56.8 million in base EQIP program funds. The 2004 EQIP funding level is in \$18.4 million increase over the 2003 EQIP base funding level of \$38.4 million.

The 2004 program will provide approximately \$106,000 in base EQIP funds per county. This marks a 47 percent increase in base EQIP funding per county over the 2003 program's \$72,000 allocation.

In addition to the base EQIP program funds, additional EQIP funding is available in some counties that are in special emphasis or statewide resource concern areas.

One example of an additional EQIP funding source is the Ground and Surface Water (G&SW) program. In 2004 \$5.5 million in G&SW funds have been allocated to Texas to provide additional EQIP funding in counties that utilize the Ogallala Aquifer.

Other examples of special emphasis areas and resource concerns that can provide additional EQIP funding in a county are wildlife habitat improvement and invasive species control.

A listing of base and special emphasis area funding, cost-share amounts and other pertinent information about the EQIP program in a particular county will soon be available from the NRCS website (www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EQIP). The website also includes downloadable application forms for 2004 and other information about the EQIP program.

The goal of the EQIP program is to assist producers in complying with local, state, and national regulatory requirements involving soil, water, and air quality. It is also used to encourage producers to establish wildlife habitat and new ground and surface water conservation measures.

HPUWCD Inducts Committee Members

New county committee members in District Director Precinct 3 of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District were recently sworn in.

Those directors taking the oath from Precinct Three in Parmer County were Mitchell Wiseman and James R. Taylor of Friona, Kay Williams of Farwell, Don Bandy of Bovina, and Keith Hicks of Clays Corner.



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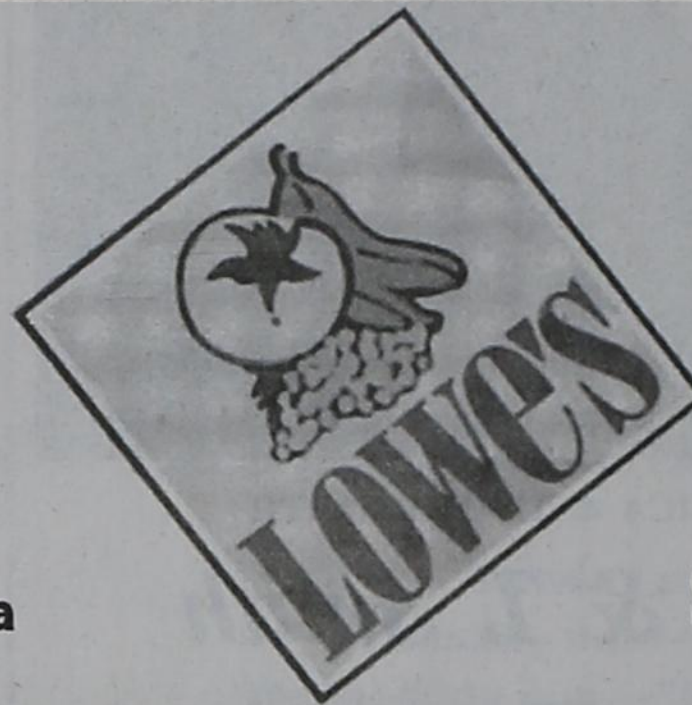


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NCC Seeks 2004-5 Leadership Class Applicants

Friday, March 12, 2004

The National Cotton Council announced today that the application period for the 2004-05 Cotton Leadership Class has opened. NCC will accept applications from qualified U.S. industry members through July 1.

Those interested in applying can visit the Cotton Leadership Program's web site at <http://leadership.cotton.org> to review the program curriculum, eligibility requirements and download the application. The site also includes a contact form that allows users to submit questions, request information and schedule a personal visit with local program alumni. The NCC's Cotton Leadership Program seeks to identify potential industry leaders and provide them developmental training through this class.

During five sessions of activity across the Cotton Belt, participants visit with industry leaders and observe production, processing and research. They meet with lawmakers and government agency representatives during a visit to Washington, DC, and attend the NCC's annual meeting and its mid-year board of directors meeting.

The program, now in its 21st year, is supported by a grant to The Cotton Foundation from DuPont Crop Protection and is managed by NCC's Member Services department. The 10-member leadership class is comprised of four producers and one participant from each of the other six industry segments.

The 2004-05 class is to be announced in August by the NCC's Cotton Leadership Development Committee. Committee Chairman Jimmy Sanford, an Alabama producer, says the U.S. cotton industry has benefited from dedicated leaders for decades, but the need to groom future leaders is imperative.

"Sound leadership will be crucial for helping move U.S. cotton forward in a rapidly evolving global marketplace," Sanford said. "The leadership program is an ideal training ground for those men and women who would like to embrace the challenge of guiding this outstanding industry."

Many of the 200-plus leadership program alumni have utilized the skills and knowledge gained from their participation to represent the industry on state, regional, national and international levels. That includes 1984-85 leadership class graduate Bobby Greene, an Alabama ginner who served as the NCC's chairman in 2003-the first leadership class graduate elected to that position. In addition, Bobby Carson, a Mississippi producer and 1983-84 class program graduate, served as president of the NCC's export promotions arm, Cotton Council International, last year. He also has served as president of the The Cotton Foundation.

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47th Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center—Banquet Hall

Combs Declares Northwest Plains Area As Suppressed of Boll Weevils

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs officially declared the six counties in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone as "suppressed" — one of seven Boll Weevil Eradication Zones that obtained this status.

"Suppressed" means that less than 0.025 boll weevils were found per trap per week during the cotton growing season.

"This is a great milestone in Texas' fight against boll weevils, a destructive pest that has plagued our state's cotton industry for more than a century," Combs said. "The determination and hard work of cotton growers in the Northwest Plains Zone, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation helped us reach this goal."

"Boll weevils cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas every year, so obviously our ultimate goal is to eradicate this pest in Texas completely. Today we are much closer to that day," Combs said.

"It is indeed a proud moment for our producers when we can claim a region is nearing a weevil-free status," said Sen. Robert Duncan from Lubbock. "This spirit of hard work and cooperation for a common goal is commendable, and I hope it will continue as we face other challenges in rural Texas."

Growers in the Northwest Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1999. The Northwest Plains Zone covers almost 510,000 acres in Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties, and part of Randall County.

Other Boll Weevil Eradication Zones obtaining suppressed status today were the southern High Plains Caprock around Lubbock; Northern High Plains around Plainview; Western High Plains around Seminole; Permian Basin around Midland-Odessa; Northern Rolling Plains around Childress; and El Paso/Trans-Pecos around El Paso. More than 4 million acres of cotton are farmed in the suppressed zones.

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