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Class of '08 dinner at St. Teresa's

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will host a Mexican meal to honor all graduating seniors of the Class of 2008 on Monday March 24 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. All graduating seniors are invited to come out and enjoy a delicious Mexican meal, fun, and fellowship.

Laptop drawing at Prairie Acres

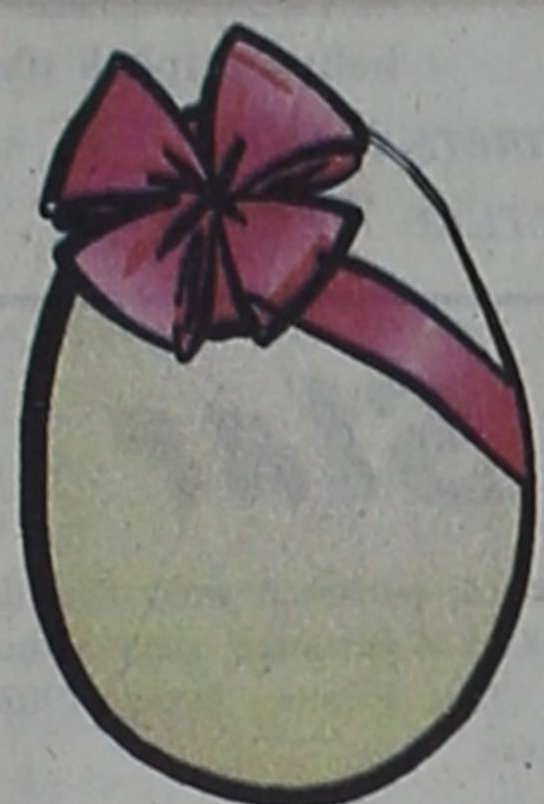
Prairie Acres is holding a fundraiser to raise money for the nursing home residents' summer outings. They are selling tickets for a drawing to give away a Hewlett Packard laptop computer and an HP Deskjet printer with USB cable and anti-virus package.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For tickets see the Prairie Acres activity department. The drawing will be held April 30.

Commissioners distribute 2008 right of way funds

The Parmer County Commissioners approved distribution of the 2008 Right of Way money to the four county precincts. The commissioners had \$160,000 to divide and split it \$40,000 per precinct.

Within the precincts the division was: Precinct 1 (Friona), fire department \$10,000; Friona EMS \$10,000; farm to market funds, \$20,000; Precinct 2 (Bovina), fire department \$10,000; Bovina EMS \$10,000, farm to market \$20,000; Precinct 3 (Farwell), fire department \$5,000; Farwell EMS \$5,000; farm to market, \$30,000; Precinct 4 (Lazbuddie), fire department \$30,000, Lazbuddie EMS \$10,000.



Prevention is the remedy for scams

BYRON CARR

Recently an elderly lady in Friona answered the telephone at home. The caller asked for her bank account number and the bank routing number, which is the series of numbers across the bottom of your check. She gave the caller the information.

Family members discovered what she had done and went to the bank to stop activity on the bank account. The next day an

\$800 draft was presented to the bank on the lady's account. In this instance a scam was avoided.

According to Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries most people who fall victim to telephone or email scammers are not so lucky. "Prevention is the primary way to avoid scams," Geries said. "Scam artists tend to prey on the elderly and if the scam is successful it is virtually impossible to

track down the scam artists and return any money."

Geries said several folks in Friona had received what looked like a valid money order for over \$3,000. The letter accompanying the bogus money order included the person's name, date of birth, and email address, all of which are easy for scammers to get.

The person was supposed to cash the money

order, send most of it to a furnished address and in return would receive almost \$12,000, minus the sent amount, in return. Of course the money would never be sent and the money order was fake and bogus.

In two other instances, one in Parmer and one in Bailey counties, local citizens received cashier's checks for \$5,000, which they were able to cash at local businesses. The

phone number on the cashier's checks used to verify their validity turned out to be fake also.

The two who cashed the checks were allowed to keep about \$500 and send the remaining \$4500 to an address in Canada. The guise was the people were to be mystery shoppers. When the checks proved to be fraudulent, charges were filed on the local people that cashed the checks. The scammers were long gone. Geries said the scammers change addresses and phone numbers often.

The sheriff warns all area families, especially those with elderly family members, to be vigilant. He says that our elderly rural residents basically trust people and are often easy targets. "No banks or other financial institutions contact their customers by phone or email to verify bank account information," Geries said. "Our elderly residents must be reminded not to give any personal financial information to anyone via phone or computer."

The elderly, especially those whose mental capacity may be diminishing, should be protected by friends, neighbors, and family against calculating crooks who have no hesitation to take their money. Suggest they get caller ID and not answer unless they recognize the number. Install a telephone answering machine and let it answer all calls, then return the friendly ones.

Geries urges our local populace to always be suspicious of phone calls and emails from strangers. Tell your mother or grandmother it is not really rude to hang up on a stranger that would do them financial harm.

Remember the axiom; if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it is probably a duck. Suspicious activity can be reported to the local police department or the sheriff's office.



ron carr photo

"Do we have to do this? The sun is in my eyes. "Hey wait 'till I get my coat zipped. It's cold out here." These youngsters were part of the group from the library reading club that went Easter egg hunting at Heritage Estates last Thursday.

Kendrick Farm Store now has bio-diesel



Kendrick Oil Company's Farm Store on Main St. in Friona is now supplying highway use bio-diesel. According to store manager Loren Martin, the company has begun selling a 20% blend of highway diesel. Farm bio-diesel, called red diesel, will soon be available at up to 100% bio-diesel blend or any percent blend a producer wants.

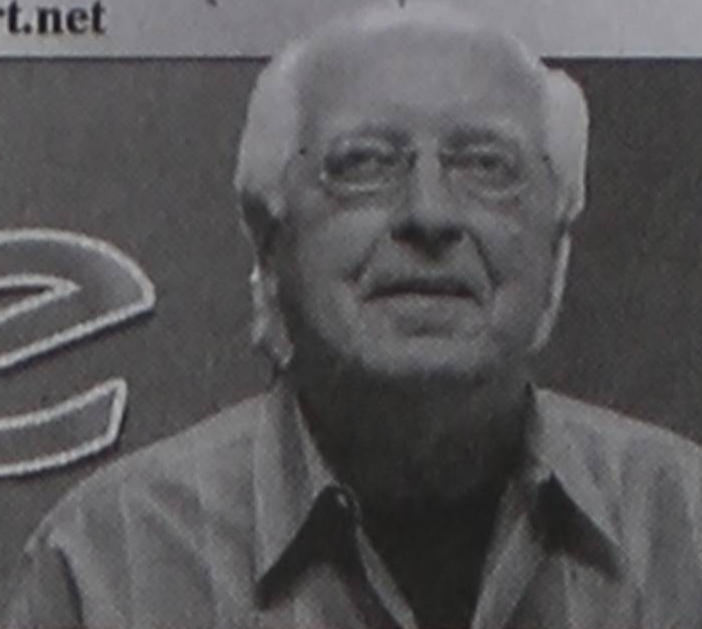
Clear diesel, or highway diesel, is taxed and red diesel, restricted to farm use, is non-taxed. The only difference between the two is a red dye to distinguish the fuel is for farm use only. Truckers caught using red diesel on the highway face stiff fines. Bio-diesel will be

cheaper by a few cents than regular diesel but Martin said users will get about 1% less gas mileage with the bio-diesel. Also since the bio-diesel is processed animal fat, a trucker will need to change out fuel filters pretty quick after the first time they use bio-diesel, Martin said. The 20% bio-diesel mixture runs cleaner and adds to engine life. Martin said Kendrick gets its bio-diesel from a wholesaler in Littlefield.

For more information and advice on bio-diesel use, contact Loren Martin or Joe Murphree at Kendrick's Farm Store at 250-2751 or stop by the Main St. location.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



wheat! it's what's for dinner

Grain is a powerful thing. Maybe you don't think much about grain but without it you wouldn't have anything to spread butter on. Imagine a burrito without the tortilla.

People grow grain, ship it, store it, hedge it, sell it, trade it, and eventually make stuff to eat out of it.

Wheat is an important grain. Last year wheat farmers hit a home run. This year wheat isn't going so well. The weather hasn't cooperated and our county extension office bug guy, Monti Vandiver, says the dryland wheat crop is "in real trouble or worse".

In addition to no rain, Monti says wheat producers are battling greenbugs and Russian aphids. There are good wheat bugs that eat the bad wheat bugs and somehow it all balances out. I hope so because without wheat my baloney sandwiches just wouldn't be the same. Who wants to eat a bowl of milk with no Wheat Chex.

Because of current wheat prices, bread and cereal and other products that depend on wheat are said to be rising. Now the American Bakers Association, whose members no doubt use more than a smidgen of wheat, are asking the US Congress to interfere in the wheat industry.

The bakers say that poli-

cies promoting ethanol and biodiesel have caused farmers to shift from wheat to corn and soybeans so they don't have enough flour to bake with and what they have costs too much.

One baker in Midland said a few months ago he was paying \$7.50 for a 25-pound bag of flour. This week it was \$23 a bag and his bakery uses 25-30 bags a week. Holy bagel! There goes the pizza market.

The American Bakers Association also wants the government to intervene by imposing a trade embargo to keep our wheat on our shores. They also want Congress to open up land that is now in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and allow farmers to grow wheat instead of grass.

The ABA says nearly one-third of all CRP acres could be converted to growing wheat. This would no doubt help alleviate the growing croissant shortage.

The Texas Wheat Producers Association (TWPA), headquartered in Amarillo, publishes a newsletter appropriately titled 'The Staff of Life'. The wheat folks are battling back against the bakers. They say American wheat farmers have invested many years and resources to develop overseas markets. By George unless the President declares a national emergency we aim to

keep shipping wheat out of the country.

Last Tuesday Friona Wheat Growers manager Ron Smiley said the elevator was paying farmers \$11.15 a bushel for wheat. On the Minneapolis Grain Exchange wheat was around \$18 a bushel and had been as high as \$24 in February. Smiley said that was "soft wheat". I don't know what that means.

For you non-wheat experts, like me, it was not so long ago a bushel of wheat went for around \$3. Do the numbers. No wonder Mrs. Baird is shopping for a new condo in Florida.

The increase in grain prices is also effecting what you pay for beef and chicken because the cows and chickens eat a lot of

expensive grain. Experts predict 80% of the grocery items you buy will increase in price and stay up for years.

The Chinese are buying American grain because of the weak American dollar and poor grain crops in Australia and Europe. Kraft Foods, makers of Ritz Crackers and Chips Ahoy cookies, saw their commodity cost, including wheat, increase \$1.3 billion last year. That is a lot of dough.

Go to www.texaswheat.org for recipes and educational information. You can also find recipes and suggestions at www.wheatfoods.org. I've included an energy bar recipe elsewhere on this page. Grain is good for your bod. Eat some. Remember. Wheat! It's the Staff of Life.



Energy Bars

(www.wheatfoods.org)

BY RON CARR

There are 14 different ingredients in this energy bar recipe. If you do it right it makes 20 bars with only 1 gram of saturated fat per bar. It sounds pretty awful mixing cereal and orange juice, but most healthy foods are not really tasty anyway.

This one was included in the March issue of the Texas Wheat Producers' newsletter. It seems easy enough. With so many ingredients even if you slip up who is going to notice. It is a violent recipe requiring chopping and beating. Give it a try and let me know how it turned out. Check out other wheat stuff at the website above.

Ingredients

- 1 cup bran flakes cereal
- 1/4 cup wheat bran
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1 1/2 tsp grated orange peel
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 cup mixed dried fruit chopped
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/3 cup dry milk powder
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Directions

1. Pre-heat oven to 350. Grease a 13x9x2-inch pan.
2. In medium bowl, combine cereal, bran, wheat germ, orange peel, orange juice, dried fruit, egg, oil, applesauce, honey and dry milk powder; blend well. Let set for 5 minutes.
3. Spread batter evenly in pan. Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until golden. Cool. Then figure out how to cut it so you end up with 20 bars. Or, cut bars in any size you want. Enjoy!



courtesy photo

The Friona Public Library welcomes Julie Balli to the staff as a part-time circulation clerk. Julie grew up in Washington State near Mt. St. Helens and remembers the 1980 eruption as "very scary". She enjoys reading, hiking, and family activities. She and her husband Andy have two children, Matthew, 19, and a recent FHS graduate, and Meagan, 14, who is a freshman. The Balli family has lived in Friona since they married in 1987 although Andy has lived here since 1978. He is associated with Balli Custom Cattle Processing in Friona.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thank you so much for your help in publicizing the recent blood drive in your area. We had a really good turnout. On March 13 in Friona we saw 30 people and drew 24 units of blood. Thank you for supporting Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the patients of the High Plains Region. Give the gift of life.

Christy Beedle
Admin Asst
Coffee Memorial Blood-Center

I would be interested in participating in your free trial run for the Friona Star. I graduated from Friona High back in 1973 and have a brother and sister still in Friona with nieces & nephews attending Friona schools, and especially proud of my niece Diamond Aguirre as a teacher with the school system.

Elsie Aguirre Coronado

Hi Ron,

I'm definitely interested in the eStar. Owen and Melody Drake shared information about the Frionaonline site and I've enjoyed it so much. It's certainly easier getting the news this way while living in China!

Regards,
Jacquelyn Franklin

I would love to sign up for a trial version of the Friona Star! My mother orders me a subscription each year and I love getting it, but how cool it would be to get it on-line. I so enjoy keeping up with Friona news.

Thanks,
Julie Davidson
Seminole, TX

Hi, my name is Roy Flores. I am a graduate of FHS class of '95. I am in the Army currently over in Iraq and I read the Star online when I get the chance. I would like to take part in the email test you are doing as well. Thank you and I can't wait to read the next edition.

SGT Flores
(Editor's Note: You can email your best wishes and thanks to Sgt. Flores at rogelio.flores2@us.army.mil. Wouldn't it be nice if he heard from a bunch of us?)

Was waiting for this. Would love to get the paper online. Sign me up.

Thanks,
Joey Howard
Lubbock, TX

Mark Your Calendar

March 22

Citywide Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. at the City Park. Sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church.

March 23

Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. in the High School auditorium.

March 25

Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op annual meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn-doors open at 4:30 p.m.

April 1

West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op annual meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn at 6:00 p.m.

April 6

Ladies Spring Luncheon at the First Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. Bring a salad or dessert.

April 13

Senior class steak dinner at junior high cafeteria.

April 14

Senior class dinner at the Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

April 16

Living History Day at the Museum
Charles Goodnight presentations at 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

April 21

Senior class dinner at Calvary Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.

April 28

Senior class dinner at 6th Street Church of Christ at 7 p.m.

June 20

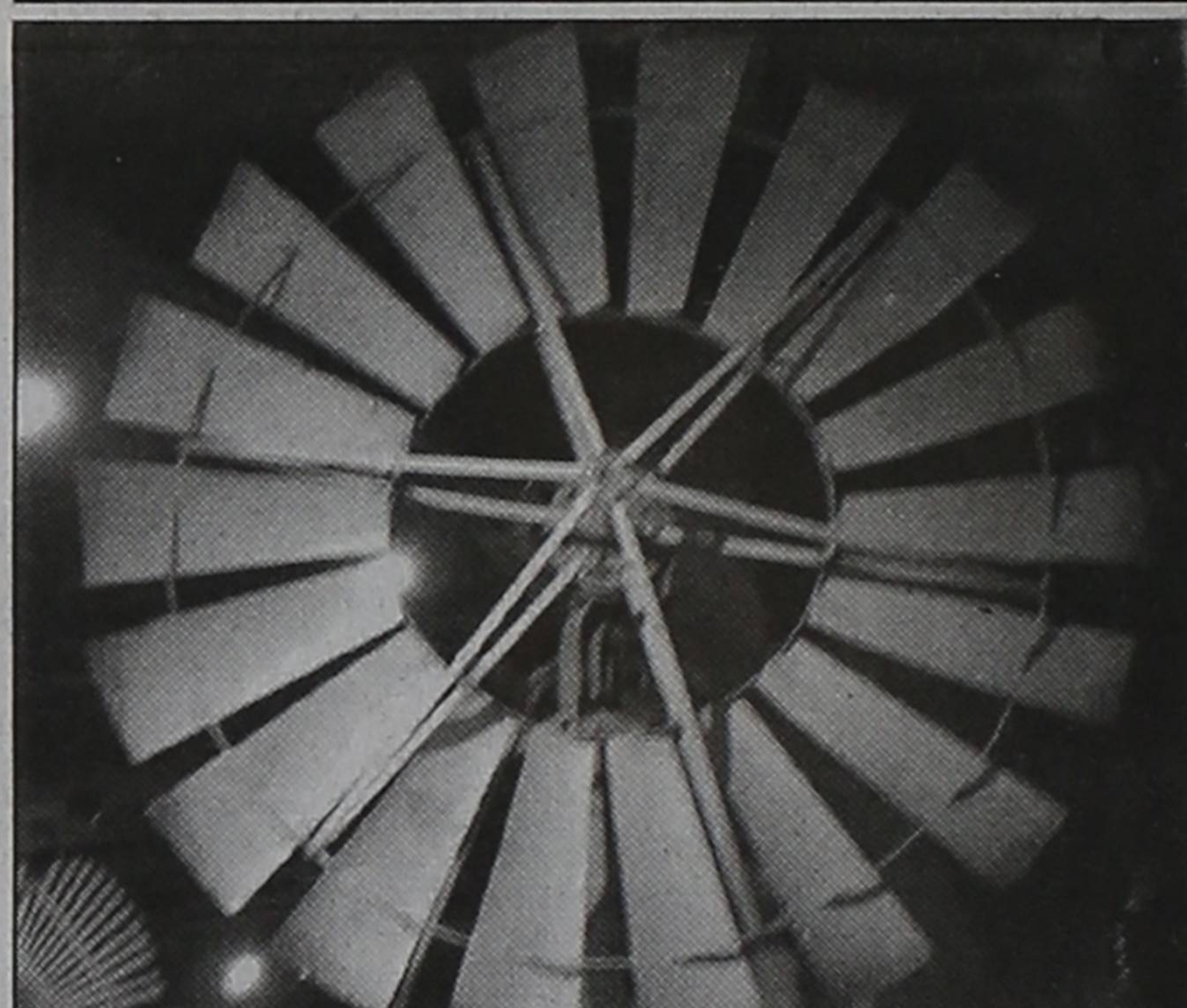
Relay for Life annual cancer walk.
Contact Jamie or Greg Lewellen.

July 19

3rd Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-off in Friona City Park.

September 13-20

52nd Annual Maize Days celebration.



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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

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Malouf is the son of Linda and the late Hanna Malouf. The Berend's next door neighbor in Friona is Jiselle (Malouf) Hand, Dr. Malouf's sister. Small world huh?

An overpass in Hereford? The Hereford Brand has reported that the city has asked TxDOT to look into building a bridge over Highway 60 at FM 2943. That is the flashing yellow intersection on the east edge of Hereford. The bridge would improve safety, relieve congestion, and assist with the trucks serving the two Hereford ethanol plants. The talk is preliminary at this point.

Want to hear a bunch of Hillary's cackling. Type in "Hillary" and "cackling" in the youtube.com search box. There are dozens of snippets of Hillary's annoying laughter.

President trivia: John Tyler, 10th president 1841-1845, was the first vice president to ascend to the presidency upon the death of a president (William Henry Harrison). He was the president with the most children-15; James K. Polk, 11th president 1845-1849, was the first president to have his inauguration reported by telegraph and the first to fulfill all of his campaign promises; Zachary Taylor, 12th president 1849-1850 did not vote until the age of 62 because he had moved many times as a soldier and had not established an official residence.

Our Physician's Assistant at the clinic, Cathey Hamman, has taken a position in Reno, Nevada, and will be leaving us in April. A doctor from Amarillo has been hired but I'm not sure of his official duties or when he will be here. I'm sure we will get more precise information for you in the near future.

A new teacher at Friona High School is Victor Soliz, the former head football coach at Amarillo Highland Park. Mr. Soliz is teaching math at the high school. Any coaching duties will be determined later. Welcome to Friona.

Also of note for Chieftain/Squaw basketball fans. The school board okayed the installation of stadium chair-type seating at the Friona gym. No official budget amendment action was taken but the board gave the go-ahead to interim superintendent Kenny Austin. The chairs will be installed on the home side, probably in the two center sections for now with the visitor seating saved until later.

Happy birthday to Tasty

Cream. The legendary restaurant and drive-in reopened for business one year ago and has been busy ever since.

At the senior citizens lunch last week it was said that Percy Parsons would continue his cancer battle by checking in at the Mayo Clinic April 2. Remember Percy and Margaret and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

T. E. and Virginia Parson of Richmond Springs were lunch visitors with T. E.'s dad Tom. Also visiting Monday was Rev. Rick Burton's mom Joyce. It was good to have Nola Faye Vestal back with us after an Amarillo hospital stay. She says she is now feeling better and getting stronger. All area senior citizens are invited to the Monday and Thursday lunches at the friendship House, next to Prairie Acres.

In spite of the TV weather guys predicting rain, hail, and severe storm threats, all we have gotten the past week is a lot of cold wind and blowing dust. How about some real rain chances guys?

We reported that Friona police officer Cassie Brawley left to take a deputy position in the Parmer County Sheriff's office, which left an opening at the Friona PD. Now the opening is back in the Sheriff's office as Deputy Billy Williams has resigned to take the police officer's position at the Friona PD. Law enforcement folks say it is increasingly difficult to attract candidates for positions in smaller rural departments.

Sylvia Ingram and the "chicks" at Ingram's Department store have a couple more days on their Easter sale event with discounts up to 50% depending on which Easter egg you draw. Stop in and do some Easter shopping. They are open Saturday. And the ladies at Ivy Cottage will be glad to fix you up with an Easter flower bouquet for mom and grandma too. Shop Friona first.

At the wedding last Saturday in Canyon of Jason Wright and Melissa Bass, Melissa's great aunt, Othelia Bennett, fell on the church steps and broke a wrist. Othelia and her daughters Diane White and Mary Beth Wyly and their husbands Rick and Gerall missed the wedding for a trip to an Amarillo emergency room. Othelia is home and feeling okay now though. Might have to have wrist surgery later. We hope not.

Jason and Melissa were going to Cancun Sunday on their honeymoon but the

flight to Houston was canceled and all alternate flights were full due to spring break. Alternate destinations like Ruidoso were also sold out with spring breakers. Don't know where they ended up going but it wasn't Cancun. We wish the newlyweds all the best for a long and happy marriage.

The Texico boys won the 2A New Mexico state basketball championship last Saturday in Albuquerque. One of the star players is senior

Daniel Schueler, son of Gene and Holly Schueler and grandson of John Fred and Linda White. John Fred and Linda attended the game. Also attending from Friona were John Gurley with his son and daughter, Friona seniors Hollis and Alex, plus the John Renners and Hollis Hortons. Congratulations to Texico whose girls team also won the 2A state championship last Friday.

The next two months will be a whirlwind of spring ac-

tivity as the schools prepare to graduate another class. Sometime this summer, while news is slow, we hope to publish a special section in honor of the school district's 100th anniversary. If you have any old photos of school related historical activities we might want to use them. Also families with a long history in Friona schools are invited to submit a list of their family graduates with names and years of graduation. Let us hear from you. Until then.

Perry orders tax cuts for Texas businesses

Gov. Rick Perry has announced that an estimated 370,000 Texas businesses will be getting a tax cut of \$90 million, thanks to the state's strong economy and low unemployment.

"I believe in truth-in-budgeting: when government levies a tax and collects more money than is needed, we either stop collecting the tax, return the money, or both," said Gov. Perry. "Thanks to our healthy economy and low unemployment rate last year, the state collected more money for the unemployment trust fund than we need, which is why I'm directing the state to bring that tax to a screeching halt for this year."

The tax cut will come in the form of a one-year suspension of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) replenishment tax. An estimated 370,000 Texas businesses will be eligible for the tax cut, which will save employers \$90 million. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) approved the suspension of the tax after reviewing employment figures and economic forecasts for Texas and determined there were sufficient reserves to meet unemployment obligations for 2008.

In 2007, Texas created more jobs than any other state in the nation, resulting in record-low unemployment. Thanks to the momentum of a healthy economy, Texas is

able to give a tax break to those hardworking businesses that contribute to our overall economic prosperity.

In addition to the one-year suspension of the 0.12 percent replenishment tax, TWC will continue to distribute the surplus tax credit announced in October to those qualifying employers who file quarterly unemployment tax reports and owe UI taxes. They will receive the surplus tax credit after their first quarter 2008 tax returns are filed and taxes are paid. In addition, qualifying employers must have had a payroll in 2007 and must have paid all taxes due.

"With this one-year suspension of the UI replenishment tax, the overall 2008 tax rate for Texas employers will be even lower than previously announced and is just one example of the competitive environment that Gov. Perry and other state leaders are trying to foster for Texas businesses," said TWC Commissioner Ron Lehman.

The 2008 UI tax rates also reflect the elimination of the obligation assessment, previously a component of the UI tax. The 80th Texas Legislature passed a measure allowing TWC to pay off bonds issued in 2003 to bolster the Trust Fund. By paying off the bonds early, Texas employers will save an additional estimated \$270 million in taxes in 2008.

Guess who...



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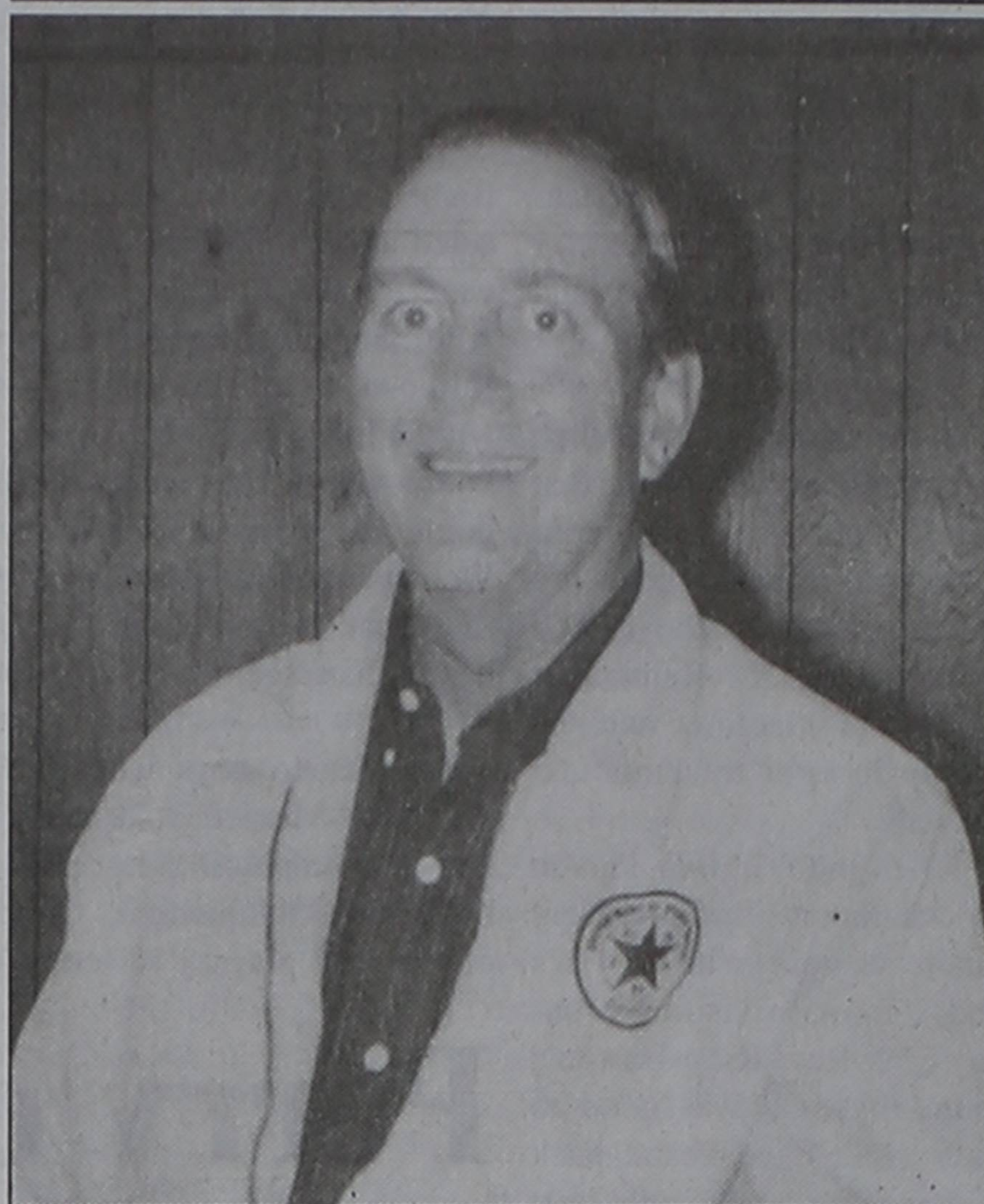
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 23 - March 29, 2008

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wrt.net.)

- Mar. 23-Judy Potts, Roma Wilson, Chase Alexander, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Jim Dixon, Donice Jones, Tammi Kelley LaFuente, Diane Glover, Christine Norega, Roman Wilson, Becky Herrera, Sara Flores
- Mar. 24-Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada, Ella Jo Stormes, Phillip Hand, Sabrina Barraza
- Mar. 25-Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Elton Wyly, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, J. Ryan Seright, Sydney Grace Frye, Mark Englant
- Mar. 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Graham, Joan Grimsley, E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson
- Mar. 27-Billy Sanders, Randy Allen, Keven Clark, Jon Goddard, C.B. Eddins, Macy Diane Reeve, V. Leshia Wilcox, Alysa Cooper, Jessie Stone
- Mar. 28-Robert Osborn, Gaylene Sunderlin Varner, Gaylene Hyde, Neola Reed, Alan Clark, Dean Butler, Joel Van Valkenburg, Kay O'Brian, Geri Taylor, Jo Osborn, Kaleb Steen, Juanda Murphy
- Mar. 29-Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brookfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Williams, Samuel Schueler

Lions Club News



courtesy photo

Texas State Highway Patrol Officer Trey Ellis spoke to the Friday Evening Lions Club on Thursday, March 13, describing some of the incidents he encountered during a two week assignment where he worked as a Texas/Mexico border control officer. In addition, club members were treated to an authentic St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by Chef Cindy.

March sales tax received

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.79 billion, up 8.8 percent compared to February 2007.

"For the first half of fiscal 2008, state sales tax collections are up 7.1 percent over fiscal 2007," Combs said. "Although growth is slower than the two previous fiscal years, increases in state sales tax revenues continue at a steady pace."

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments represent sales that occurred in January.

Parmer County's March 2008 payment totaled \$35,470.60, broken down as Bovina \$5,577.04; Farwell \$7,993.66; and Friona \$21,899.90. In March 2007, the tax payment total was \$33,871.70.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 4.72%, broken down as Bovina down -6.66%; Farwell up 15.21; and Friona up 4.49%.

For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$120,712.73 as compared to \$122,955.10 for the same period last year, a -1.82% change.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 06, 2008 to March 12, 2008:

Tommy Tatum and Dianne Tatum - Harry Dewit and Margret Dewit, 654.90 AC.

Robert G. Ruiz Sr., Lucia M. Ruiz, and Leandra Byrd - Ronald Byrd, N/2 SE/4 S34 T11S R3E.

Lariat Gin and Supply - Robert Lucio, W/2 S17 BLK Z WD & FW JOHNSON.

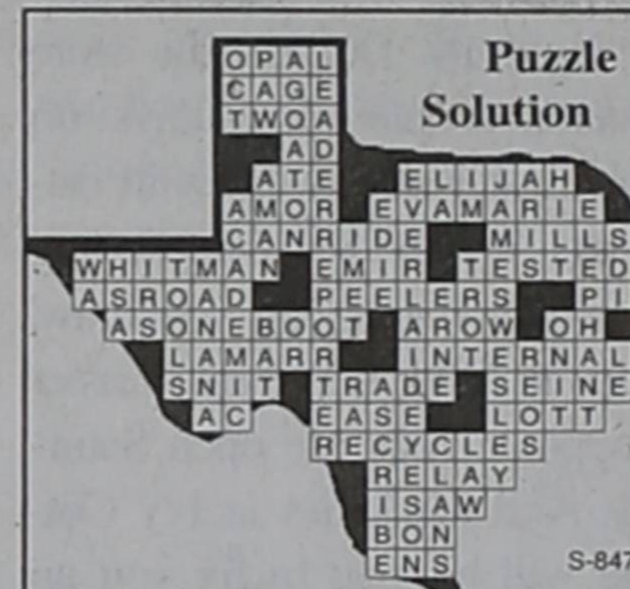
Timothy C. Kasel and Kristin L. Kasel - Nathaniel Wade and Krystal D. Wade, L3 B5 MIMO.

Emelio Degollado and Raquel Degollado - Abraham Castenon and Eloisa Castenon, L23-24 B22 FRIONA.

Shara Lookingbill Hamilton and Shara Lookingbill - Savastian Rueda, L12 B1 LAKESIDE.

Layvon Hughes - Reyes Sera and Margarita Sera, B103 FRIONA.

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Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

March 11, 2008, Jerry Cleurs, 49, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, fine, court costs, restitution, and ten days in jail.

March 11, 2008, Carlos Guillen, 25, of San Antonio, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with obstruction or retaliation, pending District Court.

March 14, 2008, Mary Wood, 32, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

March 15, 2008, Ismael Gutierrez, 27, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

March 15, 2008, Mark White, 23, of Farwell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with purchasing and furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Theresa Faustina Mireles, 24, of Friona, charged with manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to life or 5 to 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, deferred for 6 years; \$470 court costs; \$1,500 fine; \$350 attorney fees; and \$140 restitution.

— Willie Howard Jackson, 50, of Friona, charged with theft, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated 2 years; \$316 court costs; \$187 attorney fees; and \$6,500 restitution.

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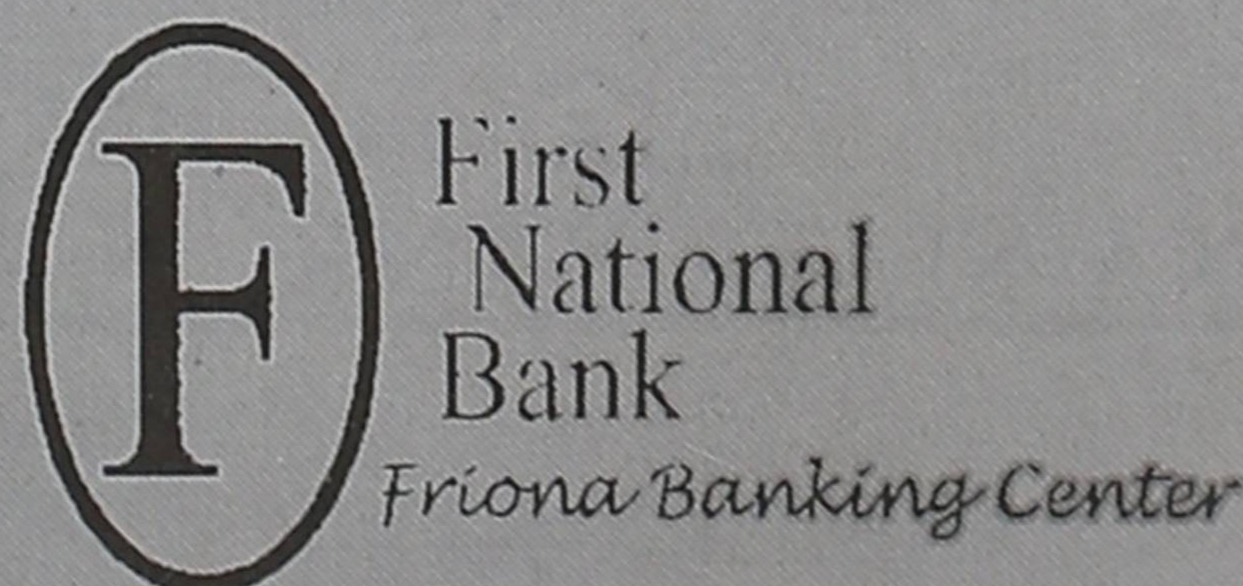
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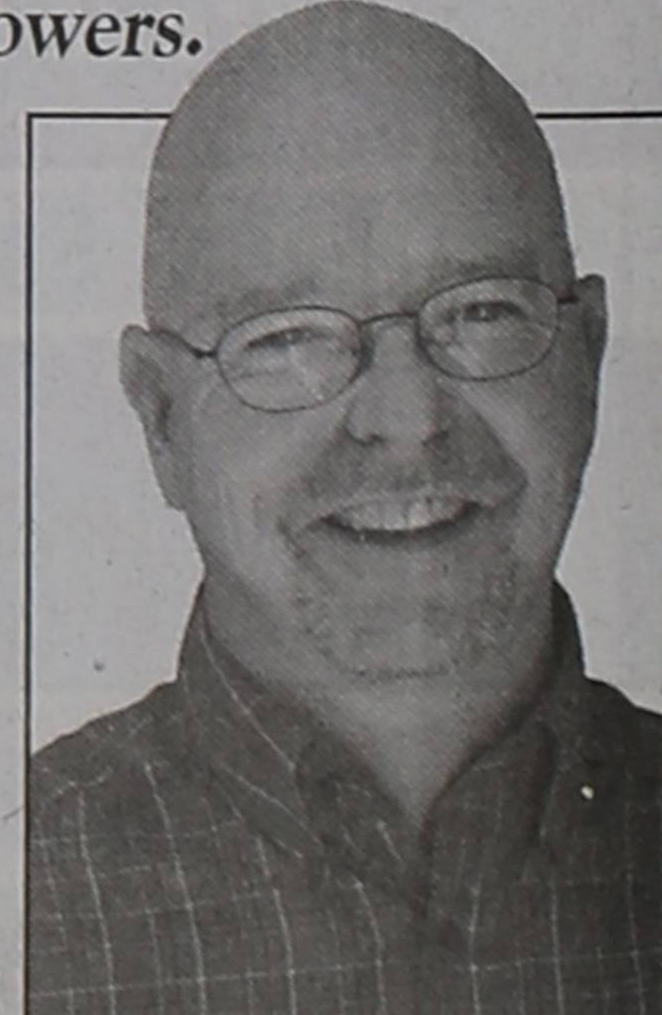


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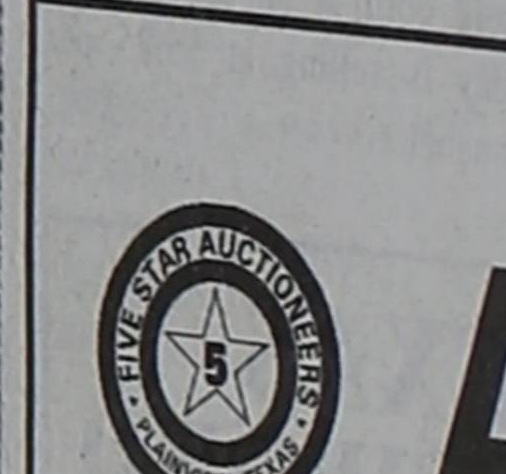
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The 2008 Friona Chieftains participated in a tournament in Bovina and came home with a trophy. They are, front, l-r; Francisco Cantu, Erik Cruz, Lacey Lookingbill, Stephen Mendoza, Chris Boyzo, Javier Sanchez, Daniel Vasquez; standing, l-r; Zach Fair, Coach Jeff Isom, Kirby Frye, Jonathan Licerio, Aaron Osborn, Mike O'Brian, Matthew Stanberry, Andrew Stowers, David Schwab, Cyle Lookingbill, Coach Danny Campbell.

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David Schwab takes a lead off 3rd base as Coach Jeff Isom looks on. The action is during the recent Bovina tournament where the Chiefs took 2nd place after losing to Memphis in the final game. The Chiefs also tallied a 7-5 loss to Boys Ranch last week and a 12-1 loss to Bushland on Saturday. They meet Muleshoe to open district on Monday March 24. The game is at Muleshoe at 4:30 p.m.

Boys track at Dimmitt

The JV and varsity boys track meet Friday, March 14. The next meet will be Farwell March 28.

The JV boys scored 158 points at Dimmitt and won 1st place: shot put Clayton Smiley 3rd 37'2"; triple jump, Zack Fair 1st 37'6.5"; Ernesto Monreal 3rd 35'2.75"; long jump, Manny Bustos 4th 17'1.5"; Steven Mendoza 4th 16'10.5"; high jump, David Schwab 2nd 5'2"; Nick Ortiz 3rd 4'10".

100m dash, Steven Mendoza 5th 12.08; 110m hurdles, Dominique Kellum 2nd 18.61; David Schwab 4th 20.08; 400m relay Steven

Mendoza, Zack Fair, Nick Ortiz, Ernesto Monreal 1st 48.08; 800m relay Manny Bustos, Steven Mendoza, Ernesto Monreal, Leonardo Castenada, 3rd 1.49.43; 300m hurdles, David Schwab 1st 46.2; Alex Ferguson 3rd 48.9; Dominique Kellum 4th 49.11; 400m dash, Nick Ortiz 1st 58.17; Jose Ramirez 5th 61.02; Lalo Castenada 6th 62.24; 200m dash, Zack Fair 2nd 25.36; Manny Bustos 5th 25.70; Jose Ramirez 6th 26.05; 1600m relay, David Schwab, Zack Fair, Ernesto Monreal, Nick Ortiz 1st 3:55.20.

The Varsity boys placed

7th with 46 points: discus, Dillon Welch 1st 149'4"; shot put, Dillon Welch 3rd 43'6.5"; 3200m run, Jesus Sarabia 4th 11:58.09; Josh Duenes 5th 12:01.12; 400m relay, Justin Echevarria, Ricardo Monreal, Daniel Basquez, Raul Licerio 6th 49.11; 800m relay Justin Echevarria, Justin Dominguez, Gerardo Torres, Gilberto Torres 5th 1:48.74; 300m run, Raul Licerio 5th 46.84; 1600m run, Jesus Sarabia 1st 5:10.23; Josh Duenes 5th 5:33.30; 1600m relay, Raul Licerio, Justin Dominguez, Irving Huerta, Daniel Vasquez 5th 3:57.33.

FHS golf results

The Friona varsity girls golf team won 1st place at the Farwell Tournament. The team was led by Brooke Herbert's 107 which was good for 3rd place medalist. Other scores were Paige Herbert 127, Lacey Lookingbill 129, Keeley

Dunnam 133, and Caitlin Bronniman 134 for a team total of 496.

The Friona JV boys also participated in the Farwell tournament. Scores were Brenner Barnett 121, Josh Duenes 112, Cyle Lookingbill 110. Jesus

Sarabia 109, Gabriel Senibalo 112.

In a tournament at Amarillo Highland Park the varsity boys placed 7th with a 409 total. Scores were Joey Dickson 95, Rolando Castanon 104, Alex Vega 104, Alonzo Rojas 106.



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OBITUARIES

Ruth Harding Houser

Graveside services for Ruth Harding Houser, 93, of Friona, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2008 in the Friona Cemetery with Leon Talley, minister of the 6th St. Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell Funeral Home.

She died Friday, March 14, 2008 in Friona. Ruth was born October 14, 1914 in Stephenville, Texas to Joseph William and Erma Thompson Harding.

She married John Vondyl "Cotton" Houser on August 16, 1941 in Hereford, Texas. He died August 20, 1989.

She moved to Dublin, Texas as a small child and to Hereford during her teen



Ruth Harding Houser

years. She finished school there and attended beauty school. She worked as a beautician for a number of years until she married and moved to Friona, where she and her husband joined the family business, Houser's Grocery. They spent over 30 years in the grocery business. After retiring they spent several years together until her husband's death. After his death she enjoyed her last years and friends in Friona. She noted it was a long, long journey. She was a member of the 6th St. Church of Christ.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Jo Nelms and a brother, Joe Harding.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Robert (Bob) Davis

Robert (Bob) Davis, 77, former resident of Friona, died March 11, 2008, at his home in Jesup, Georgia after an extended illness.

Bob was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Jesup; he was a retired deputy sheriff with the Parmer County Sheriff's Department, a former police officer with Friona Police Department, and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Lillie Davis, of Jesup; four sons, Wayne Davis and Jimmy Davis both of Alpine, Texas, Tommy Davis of Canyon, Texas, and Bobby Davis of Amarillo, Texas; one

brother, Joel W. Davis of Jesup, Georgia; one sister, Pauline Smith of Douglas,

Georgia; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were March 14, 2008 at Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Jesup with Bishop James Griffin officiating. Interment was in George Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tony Davis, Joey Davis, Charles Anderson, Robert Sisco, Walter Jones and Arthur Robertson. Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Teston, Bobby Westberry, Wendell Beecher, and Jerry Mosley.

Memorials may be made to, Hospice of South Georgia Building Fund, 117 Drennon Drive, Jesup, GA 31545.



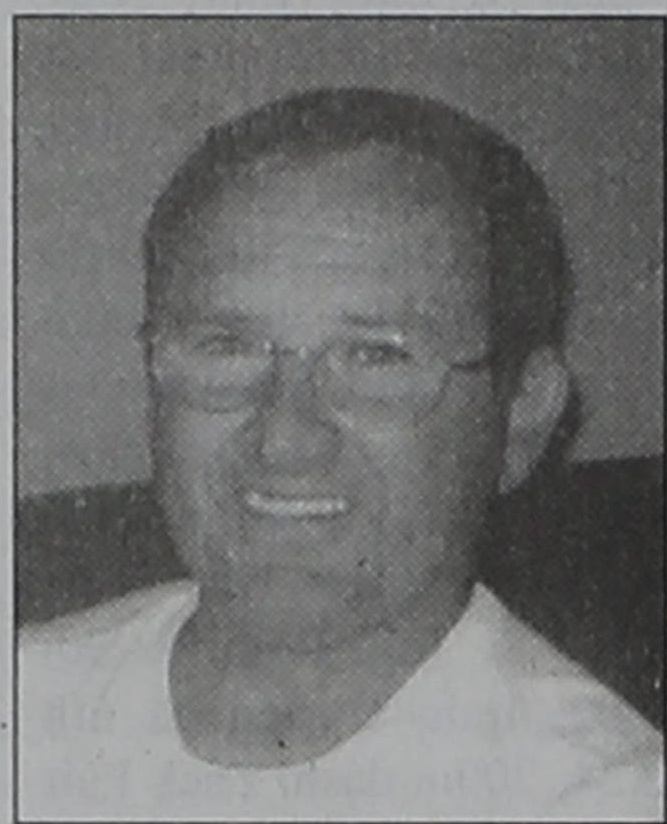
Robert (Bob) Davis

Jim Redden

Services were held for Jim Redden, 61, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Brooks Chapel in Canyon, with Reverend Kevin Deekard, associate pastor of Polk St. United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon & Happy. Mr. Redden died on March 13, 2008 in Amarillo.

Jim Redden was born on October 9, 1946 to Edward and Mary Ruth Sudderth Redden. He graduated from Bovina High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from West Texas State University.

He married Debbie Edens in Bovina in 1968. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served as president of the North Amarillo Lions Club



Jim Redden

and was honored to have received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He owned and operated Canyon Self Storage, as well as apartments and other rental properties in Canyon. Jim retired from Xcel Energy in 2006 after 31 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of

Bovina. Jim was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and adored his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Redden of the home; two sons, Trent Redden and wife Shea of McKinney, Texas and Brian Redden and wife Lynda of Frisco, Texas; one daughter, Holly Ramsay and husband Joseph of Canyon; one sister, Joy Harmon of Boerne, Texas; one brother, Bob Redden and wife Nancy of Plano; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Reese, and Brianna Ramsay, Clayton and Austin Redden, and Hareson and Meranda Ruth Redden; three nephews, Blaine Redden and Kyle and Kip Gentry.

The family suggests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Annie Goodwin Cargile Elder

Church service for Annie Goodwin Cargile Elder, 98, of Farwell, was held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Farwell. Burial followed in the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Annie died on March 16, 2008, in Farwell. She was born on December 20, 1909 in St. Augustine, Texas.

She married Dan Cargile in Roaring Springs, Texas on December 31, 1927. Dan preceded her in death in January 1966. She then married Otis Elder on February 14,

1968 in Farwell; he died in 1993. Annie was also preceded in death by her parents, E.B. and Martha (Galloway) Goodwin; three sisters; eight brothers; and one grandson, Daniel Wade Cargile.

Annie moved to Roaring Springs in 1916, where she attended Roaring Springs High School, and then moved to Levelland in 1940, and to the Amherst and Sudan area in 1945.

In 1950 she moved to Lazbuddie and then to Hub in 1968. She had been living in Farwell since 1993 where she was a member of the

First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Preston Cargile and wife Charlene of Farwell; two daughters, Marlene McDonald of Lazbuddie, and Danny Rue and husband Dwain Menefee of Fort Towson, Oklahoma; ten grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; wonderful caregivers, Theresa Ancira and Mary Ramon; and all the caregivers in her later years.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423 or your favorite charity.

Kenneth Lee Harrison

Kenneth Lee Harrison, 74, of Amarillo, died Friday March 14, 2008.

Services were held Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Bob Thomas, chaplain of Odyssey Hospice officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Harrison was born August 12, 1933, in Oswalt, Oklahoma. He worked at the Amarillo Globe-News as a press room supervisor from September 1969 until his retirement. He married Billie Ward of Bovina on May 28, 1982, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on Janu-

ary 28, 2008. Mr. Harrison served with the U. S. Army and was a



Kenneth Lee Harrison

member of the Covenant Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his children, Kenneth Patrick Harrison, Kathy Snyder and husband Jim, Steve Spurlin and wife Kay, all of Amarillo, and Sharon Lowrie and husband Jason of Leila Lake; two sisters, Hazel Tripp of Oklahoma City and Betty Gilley and husband Dan of Atlanta; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four nieces and four nephews.

Looking back at cotton

By Roger Haldenby

A friend recently loaned me an old copy of the "Lubbock Daily Avalanche" dated August 29, 1923. On the front page (page 1 of just four total pages) was the headline, "Annual Cotton Report Eleven Million Bales" with a sub-heading, "Texas Crop Estimated at Three Million Bales This Year".

I thought it made for interesting reading, especially when comparing with the acreage and yields of today. It's reproduced here:

United Press, New Orleans, August 29 1923

The Annual Cotton Report issued by the Interstate Trust and Banking Company, esti-

mates the total yield this year at 11,000,000 bales as compared with 9,000,000 bales last year. It estimates 32,287,000 acres planted to cotton this year, which is the largest acreage on record?

The tremendous increase in acreage is attributed to the belief of the farmers that last year's crop and the small amount of "carry over" cotton would insure a big price for the staple this year.

Heavy losses are reported from many sections of the cotton belt. Texas' yield is estimated at 3,000,000,000 bales, with Arkansas as next with 97,000 bales.

On page three of the news-

paper, the market reports for cotton show a closing price for December '23 New Orleans at 23.6 cents and a closing price for December '23 New York at 24.13 cents. Butter retailed at 55 cents per pound and corn at \$1.25 per bushel.

In comparison, the total U.S. cotton yield for 2007 was 19,030,000 bales from 10,830,000 planted acres with Texas producing 8,100,000 bales! Closing price today for December '08 New York cotton was 91.53 cents, butter sells for around \$3 a pound, and corn at an elevator today is selling at \$5.85 per bushel.

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Great grandparents are the late the late George and Pauline Yakis and Ralph Allison of Portales, New Mexico and the late Joseph Trujillo of Abilene.

Churches of '08 seniors

Senior class parents mark your 2008 senior dinners at area churches.

Teresa's Catholic Church dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Baptist dinner at 7:00 p.m. The Methodist dinner at 7:30 p.m. The 6th St. set for April 28 at 7 p.m.

Watch our Mark Your Calendar event of any schedule or time change.

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BY MICHAEL

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You should be just as much at the prayer meeting, in your plant as in your pew.

Is your light shining?

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New Arrival



Stetson Cole Trujillo

Cody and Ronda Trujillo of Abiquiu, New Mexico, are proud to announce the arrival of Stetson Cole, who was born February 16, 2008 at 3:04 am in Las Alamos, New Mexico. Stetson weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Roddy and Mary (Knight) Yaksich of Raton, New Mexico and Mick and Debbie Trujillo of Abiquiu, New Mexico.

Great grandparents are the late J.E. and Minnie Knight of Friona, the late George and Pauline Yaksich of Raton, LaDoris and the late Ralph Allison of Portales, New Mexico and Tita (Tony) Trujillo and the late Joseph Trujillo of Abiquiu, New Mexico.

Churches set dates of '08 senior dinners

Senior class parents mark their calendars for the annual Class of 2008 senior dinners at area churches. Monday March 24 is the St. Teresa's Catholic Church dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The senior class steak dinner fundraiser for their all-night graduation party is Sunday April 13 at the junior high cafeteria.

The Methodist Church will host the seniors for dinner April 14 at 6:30 p.m. The Baptist dinner will be at Calvary Baptist Church April 21 at 6:30 p.m. The 6th St. Church of Christ senior dinner is set for April 28 at 7 p.m.

Watch our Mark Your Calendar on page 2 each week in the event of any schedule or time changes.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

BY MICHAEL A. GUIDO

Our car broke down, and a mechanic was working under the hood. His helper stood by with a flashlight, but he became interested in our dog and the light went out.

"Shine your light," shouted the mechanic. "That's what you're here for."

To the Christian our Lord said, "You are the light of the world." And what are you here for? To "shine your light".

He didn't say, "You are the light of the church," but "of the world." If the effects of your Christianity stop at the church, it's of no use to anyone.

You should be just as much a Christian at the playground as at the prayer meeting, in your house as in God's house, at the plant as in your pew.

Is your light shining?

Congregational Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

In addition to the Friona Independent School District and Friona State Bank, the Friona Union Congregational Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2008, according to Parmer County Historical Commission president Gladys Spring. Mrs. Spring and husband Don are members of the church.

Friona Union Congregational Church was chartered June 14, 1908. A group of people saw the necessity for a church in about 1906, Mrs. Spring says. They began gathering with many denominations as there was no other church in the community.

When they chartered and needed financial help to build a church all denominations represented contacted their respective headquarters for a loan. The Congregational Church was the only one that responded offering a grant if the church would be a Congregational Church.

A church was built on the site of the present-day museum. Early in 1921 the church was struck by lightning and burned. An adobe church was built at the site of the first building and dedicated in 1923. This building was used until December 7, 1969, when members moved into the present building on the north side of Friona. The new building was built while the Rev. Paul Mohr served the church.

Mrs. Spring said the Congregational Church has called a minister who will be arriving in Friona with his family about mid-June. "Sometime in August we plan to celebrate our 100th anniversary as well as the installation of our minister," Mrs. Spring said. "Julie Alexander has served our church as lay minister for the past six years and looks forward to her 'retirement' this summer."

WEDDING



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Mr. and Mrs. Jered Cunningham, of Keller, Texas, married on March 13, 2008. They are pictured here with their son Jacob Wesley Cunningham. Jered Cunningham is the son of Joe Cunningham and Daphne Williams and the grandson of James and Vernell Cunningham. Deborah Cunningham is the daughter of Angela and Vern Barlow.

Think about this Guidelines for building up your mate

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Rule number four is: Remember that you will reap what you sow.

Try if you can to imagine you and your mate's life in 60 or 70 years. What do you see? Is it a vital and exciting relationship? Is it a strong relationship between two people who have climbed the mountain together and gone through the valleys? Have you grown stronger together through gale-force winds of a lifetime or do you hear only the ticking of the clock, the repetitive squeaking of the rocking chair? Is your partner a distant stranger with whom you've never felt free to share?

God's Word says, "God cannot be mocked, a man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:7). What are you sowing in your mate, in your marriage? Are you sowing seeds of encouragement, understanding, love and patience or are there seeds of impatience, anger, selfishness, and neglect?

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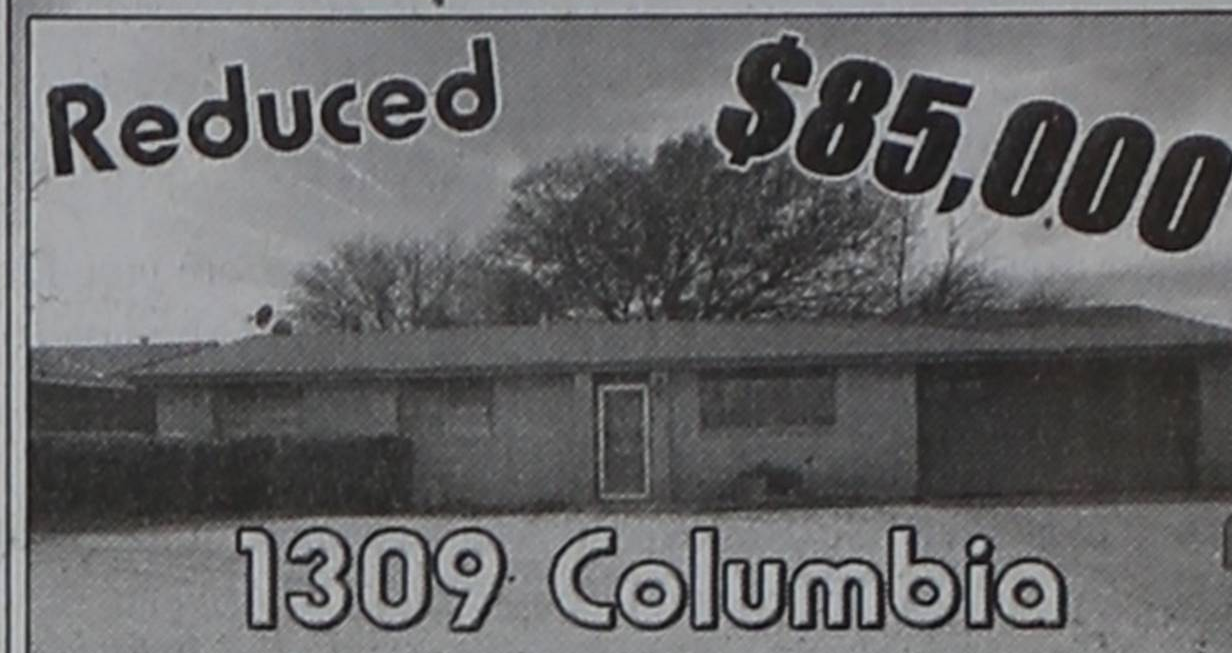
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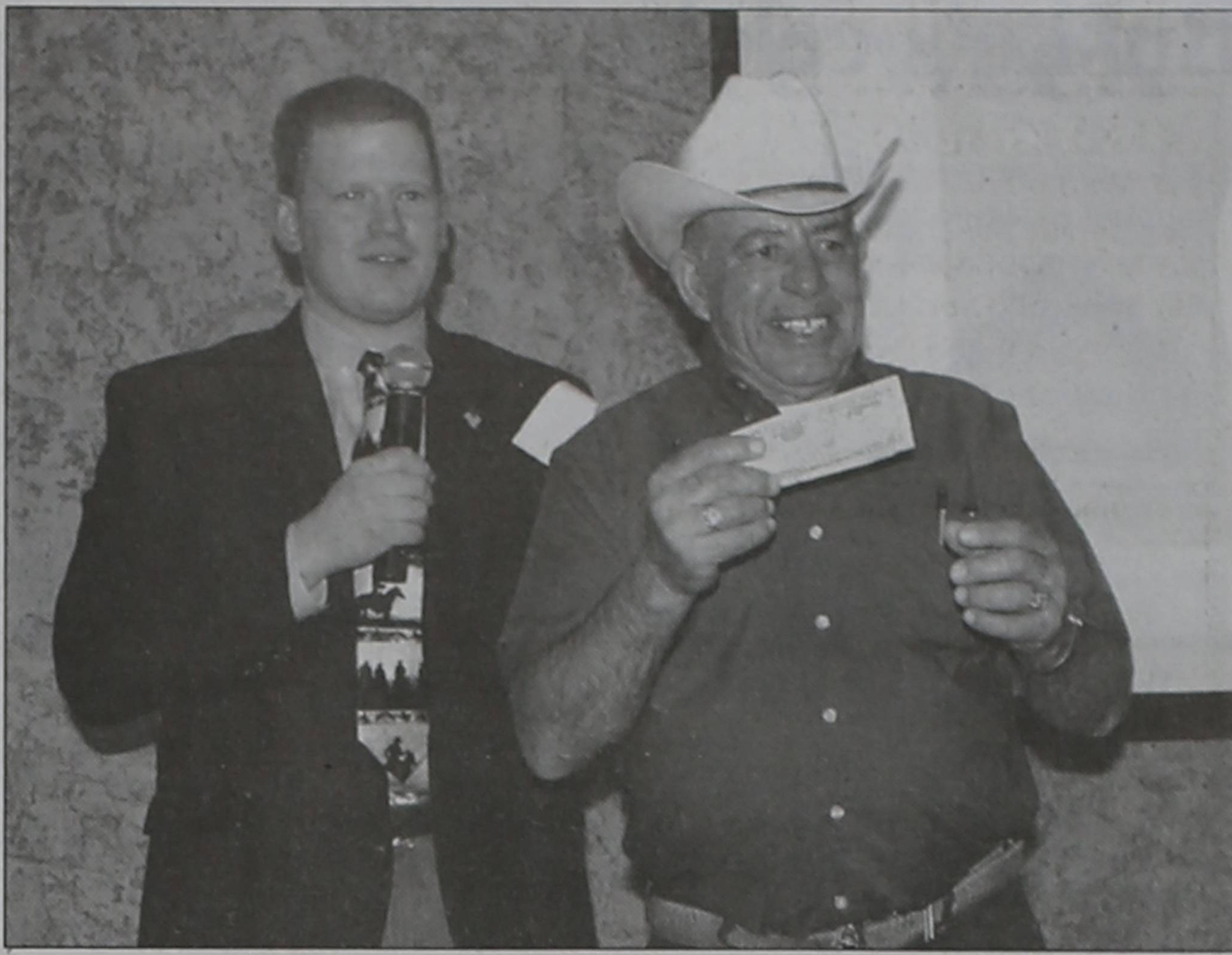
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 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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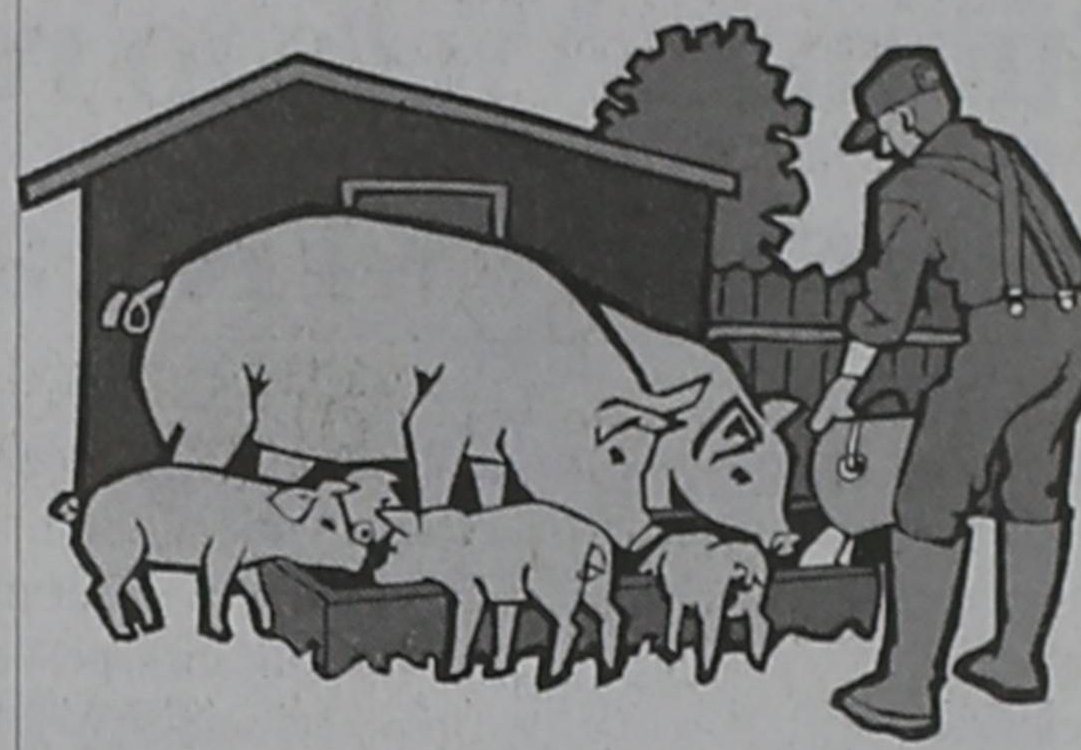
Si usted está interesado sobre el desarrollo de su niño, tráigalo a esta clínica. Si usted necesita más información, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educación Especial a 250-3315.



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Buske's celebrate 60 years



W.D. & Reba Buske (1948)

W.D. and Reba Buske will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 25. W.D. and Reba Turner were married on March 25, 1948 at the home of Reba's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neff Turner.

W.D. and Reba grew up in Abernathy. They lived there until 1954 when they moved to Friona where they presently make their home.

They are parents of three children, Lydia and John Delventhal of Sedona, Arizona, Denise and Jerry Teel of Hereford, Texas, and Dave and Bobi Buske of Burleson, Texas. Their grandchildren are Trisha and Mike White of Alvarado, Texas, Shelia and D.J.



W.D. & Reba Buske (2008)

Wagner of Hereford, Texas, Jared Buske of San Marcus, Texas, and Lauren Buske of Temple, Texas. Their great-grandchildren are Rachel White, Gatlin Wagner, Brandon White and Libby Bell Wagner.

They are celebrating with a week at a resort in Wimberly, Texas with all of their children and grandchildren hosting and attending the events.

The group will also spend some time in San Antonio where the couple spent part of their honeymoon. Houston, Galveston and Austin were also part of their honeymoon trip.

They will be continuing their celebration with a two-week trip to Italy.

Butman, Wells to receive 10-year awards at WTRT annual meeting

Members of the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative are invited to attend the 54th annual meeting Tuesday April 1 at the Hereford Bull barn.

Rafter G of Umbarger will be dishing up the catered meal of barbecued brisket, sausage, and trimmings plus dessert beginning at 6 p.m. The business session will start at 7 p.m. As is customary at the annual meetings, drawings for an array of door prizes will be held with the top prize being a \$200 beef certificate. Drawings are held at the end of the business meeting.

The terms of directors Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, Charles Ray of the Summerfield exchange, and Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange are expiring. All three are seeking re-election and are unopposed. The election and any nominations from the floor will be held during the business meeting.

The Cooperative and its subsidiary WT

Services will be presenting employee service awards at the meeting. This year 17 individuals with a total of 225 years of service will be honored. Among the employees receiving recognition are Friona's WT Services manager Cindy Butman and receptionist Cherry Wells, each with 10 years of employment.

Cooperative general manager Tom Hyer will present his annual report to the membership and attendees will receive a copy of WTRT's income and balance sheet for fiscal year 2007.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

70th Annual Membership Meeting of
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Tuesday, March 25, 2008

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Doors open.....4:30 p.m.
Registration5:00 p.m.
Fish, chicken and beef dinner5:00 p.m.
Business meeting5:30 p.m.

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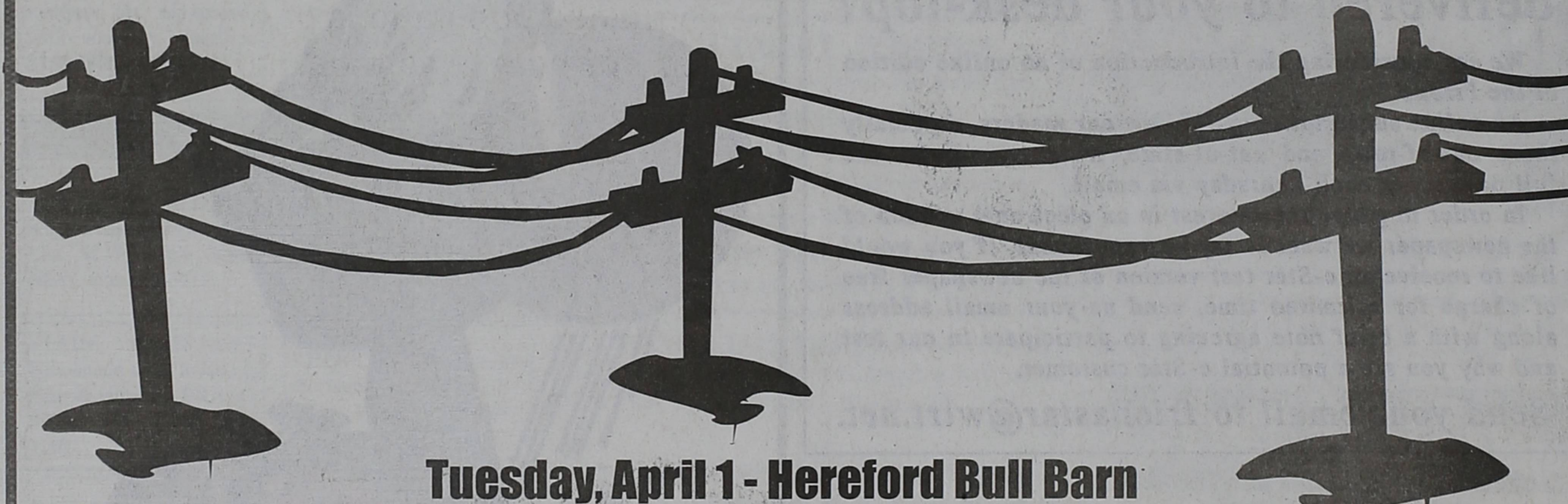
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Plan now to attend the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 54th Annual Meeting



Tuesday, April 1 - Hereford Bull Barn

The following three incumbent directors will stand for Re-election to the board, unopposed.
Charles Christian - Oklahoma Lane
Charles Ray - Summerfield
Pat Robbins - Frio

A meal catered by Rafter G of Umbarger will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm and the business session gets underway at 7:00pm

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March 16-22 is national agriculture week

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agriculture provides to the Texas economy. The agricultural industry surpasses \$100 billion in economic impact for the state.

On Thursday, March 20, National Agriculture Day, Commissioner Staples will honor the past, present and future of Texas agriculture. The Commissioner will visit the town of Pecos where ranchers held Texas' first rodeo. He will join the citizens of Ballinger during their Ag Day celebration and talk about what agriculture means today. Plus Commissioner Staples will look into the future by touring a farm in Marfa

where owners are using hydroponics techniques to grow tomatoes. "Agriculture has always been about discovering and inventing new ways to produce the finest food, fiber and fuel. Because of their commitment and their love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best—produce quality products to meet a growing global demand," Commissioner Staples said.

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Friona Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president Chris Alexander, left, accepts a \$5,000 check from Mike Grant, Xcel Energy Manager Community Service & Economic Development in Hereford. Xcel Energy made the donation to Friona's Economic Development Corporation to be included in Friona's fund account with the Amarillo Area Foundation. The FEDC hopes to eventually utilize the AAF matching grant funds for a Friona Civic Center.

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14 percent (2.9 million) of the state's total population lives in rural Texas.



WT Services Inc.



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Good luck in getting them all to be still. This group of children from the Friona Public Library reading club visited Heritage Estates Thursday March 13 for an Easter egg hunt. The bunny is library employee Jamie Lewellen and the Easter chick is library volunteer Debra Cooper.



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Billy Joe and Alberta Shepherd enjoy the Cargill Employee Service Awards dinner at the Hereford Country Club recently. Billy Joe received a 25-year service award from Cargill. Alberta is employed at Parmer County Hospital.

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