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Showmanship contest new to stock show

The Friona Future Farmers of America will be holding an "Adult Showmanship Contest" this year during the Friona Stock Show on Saturday, January 17.

The rules are simple, nominate any faculty, coach, administrator, city official, member of the community or parent to show a barrow or lamb at the local stock show.

Make your \$10 nomination to FFA instructor Tracy Blount at the Friona High School Ag Shop or call (806) 250-3072.

If your nomination doesn't show or chooses not to show they pay \$10.

"Let's have some fun with this," stated Blount.

The Adult Showmanship Contest will be held at 1 p.m. following the brisket luncheon at 12 p.m.

Forum to be held in Bovina

The Texas Community Futures Forum is being held in Parmer County to assist local Texas A&M, AgriLife Extension Service Agents and the Leadership Advisory Board identify the most critical issues affecting local citizens. Our local Extension program has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in the county, related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth Development and Community Development. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite your participation in the Online Issue Forum.

We invite your participation in the Texas Community Futures Forum to be held on Thursday January 29, 6 p.m. at the XIT center in Bovina. Your opinion is highly valued in our community, so we truly hope you can join us. Our expectation is that the forum will last less than two hours, as we understand the value of your time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 806-481-3619. Please RSVP to the same telephone number with your ability to join us. Thank you very much for your involvement in this forum, and we look forward to seeing you on January 29.

Friona ISD hosts motivational speaker, parents are invited

Friona ISD will host Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, a motivational speaker, leadership trainer and mentor on Monday January 19. She will speak at the high school at 9:00 a.m. and at the junior high at 1:45 p.m.

She is a retired Lieutenant Colonel who will be an inspiration to all. "In whatever you do in life," she says, "the most important thing is to have a mission and a passion for what you do."

Friona high school students are currently completing a book study of Journey to the Future, written by Ms. Kickbusch. FHS assistant principal Erika Montana says, "We are excited to have her speak to our students. Parents are welcome to attend."

Primary school book fair

The annual Primary School book fair is January 26-30. It will be open from 7:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of books for all age groups. Bring the entire family to the family nights on Tuesday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

This year the book fair will be located in the workroom in the primary building. All major credit cards, cash, and personal checks will be accepted. Primary school principal Ashley Smith says, "This is our only fundraiser so please come and support our school as well as children's literacy. We look forward to seeing you there."

Girl Scout cookies for sale

The local Girl Scout cookie sale begins Friday January 16 and will be available through February. The girls will be selling cookies at different locations, usually including home basketball games and other venues. You can also call Sharon Rector at 806-677-4664 or Sophie Ortiz at 432-978-0702 and they will arrange to bring you some.

The Girl Scouts are supported by the United Way to assist with a place to meet and supplies needed for meetings. The money raised from cookie sales helps purchase the vests, badges, workbooks, and enrollment fees for the girls. It also helps pay for activities the council sponsors.

Scout leader Mrs. Rector says, "The Girl Scout organization is a very positive place for girls to play and learn. Every leader is a volunteer and cares about the girls in her troop. The ages of the Girl Scouts in Friona range from 5 to 16. Thank you Friona for your support."

Local stock show this Saturday

The Friona Stock Show will be held Saturday, January 17 at the Friona Community Center. Weight cards for animals need to be turned in by 11 a.m. the day of the show.

A showmanship clinic for the exhibitors will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a chopped brisket sandwich lunch at 12 p.m.

"The community is urged to come and eat lunch with us and attend the shows Saturday afternoon," said Tracy Blount, FFA and Friona Ag Science instructor.

The heifer show will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the goat, lamb and barrow shows.

The FFA will also be hosting an adult showmanship contest for the community to take part in at 1 p.m. Anyone can pay \$10 to nominate a member of our community to show either a lamb or barrow. That person can meet the challenge and exhibit or pay \$10 to get out of the nomination. Teachers, Administration, City Officials or any members of the community are all eligible to be nominated. Contact Mr. Blount with your nomination at the Ag Shop, (806) 250-3072.

"We are looking to do something that will add to the stock show, increase attendance, raise funds for the FFA Chapter and at the same time provide some entertainment that we all can enjoy," stated Blount.



ron carr photo

The Friona volunteer fire department has a new tanker truck. It is a 2007 Freightliner. They bought the truck chassis in Clovis and the tank was installed at 4-Way Pump. Light bars and other accessories were provided by the Parmer County Sheriff's office. They traded in the tractor from an old semi-tanker truck. The cost of approximately \$30,000 was paid by the fire department from funds earned by the annual sale of raffle tickets to give away a 4-wheeler during Maize Days. Fire Chief Jim Taylor, shown with the new tanker, said the department was proud to be able to purchase the truck with fire department funds and sends thanks to everyone for their continued support of the fire department.

County livestock show to feature new events

The 78th Annual Parmer County Livestock Show will kick off at the Friona Community Center on Tuesday, January 20 at 11 a.m. with the Beef Heifer Show, which will be followed by the Steer Show. This year there are 7 beef heifers and 33 steers entered.

Livestock show General Superintendent Mack Heald stated that normally the Beef Heifer and Steer Shows are held in the evening but because of basketball games scheduled that evening the show will take place during the day to accommodate students in both activities.

On Wednesday, January 21

all lambs, goats and barrows will be weighed in from 1-5 p.m. Barrows and lambs will be classified at this time. This year there are 75 lambs, 40 goats, 237 barrows and 13 gilts entered.

A new event at the show this year is the Rabbit Show. Rabbits will be weighed in from 5-6 p.m. with the show starting at 6 p.m. At press time there were 42 rabbits entered.

The Goat Show will start at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 22 followed by the Lamb Show.

The Gilt Show will start at approximately 11 a.m. followed by the Barrow Show.

Another new event this year is the Ag Mechanic Show, which will be held on Friday, January 23. The show will feature wood and metal-work by county 4-H and FFA members.

On Saturday, January 24, the annual Buyers Luncheon will be held at 12 p.m. followed by the Premium Sale at 1 p.m.

Donna Schueler will once again be on hand for official photos of the winners.

This year's officers of the Livestock board are President-JeDon Gallman, Vice President-Wade Schueler, Secretary-Justin Jeter, and Treasurers-John Jarecki and

Dr. Dale Schueler.

Superintendents for the show are Andy Carthel, Assistant General Superintendent; Lesley Curtis, Swine Superintendent; Shane Mason, Lamb and Goat Superintendent; Terry Jesko, Beef/Cattle Superintendent; and Benji Henderson, Rabbit Superintendent.

Heald commended John & M'Lynda Jarecki and Justin & M'Kell Jeter for their proficiency with the computer systems that keep the livestock show on the right track.

The Parmer County 4-H Council will be dishing up delicious goodies at the concession stand during the event.



ron carr photo

Alexis Alvarado is attacked by a couple of Shallowater Fillies Tuesday evening. The #1 ranked Fillies beat the Squaws 62-23. The Squaws lost at Tulia last Friday and take a 0-2 district record to Dimmitt Friday January 16. The Chiefs will open their district season at Dimmitt Friday. All Chiefs/Squaws district games are being broadcast on KNNK 100.5 FM, WT Services channel 6, and knnkradio.com. Muleshoe will visit Friona gym Tuesday January 20. JV at 5:00, Squaws at 6:30, and Chiefs at 8:00 p.m.

Council discusses Xcel, bond payments

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday January 12 in council chambers, 619 Main St. All members were present. Mayor Rick White presided.

Prior to the meeting council members viewed the new fire truck.

They voted to join a state-wide coalition of cities to protest an Xcel Energy rate increase request. It will be an ongoing situation until resolved.

A carport variance for Homer Haile to place a carport at the State Farm office was approved. Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave a department report. See details of his report in the Mayor's Minutes on page two.

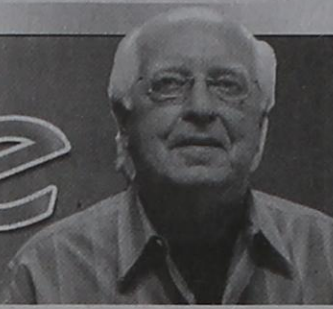
Transfer of funds to make bond payments in February were approved. The council authorized the mayor to sign a new wind lease agreement and an interlocal agreement with Bovina for seal-

coating.

The next meeting of the city council is Monday February 9 at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. The terms of council members Alan Monroe, Bruce Fleming, and Nancy Davis are expiring. Persons interested in running for the council can sign up between January 28 and February 27. Applications are available at city hall. The election is Saturday May 9.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



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

President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

they marched, now what

So what. On Monday some media outlets, mainly Fox News and conservative media, were all in a snit because President Obama did not go to Paris to link arms and walk down a street to protest terrorism.

One website said America was humiliated by the absence. A New York tabloid newspaper front page headline said Obama let the world down. Fox News pundit Greta Van Susteren apologized to France on her Facebook page which I found to be perhaps sincere but also self-serving.

I was not humiliated by the president's absence. Nor do I feel like he let the world down. The fact that America was not represented at the march of world leaders is not a big deal, at least not to me.

Anyone who reads this column knows I do not care for Barack Obama and his administration. I believe they have caused more

divide in the country than good. In this case though I think he is being unfairly criticized by the media for not going to Paris.

The march by the world leaders was symbolic. Did you see them on the news? Walking along arm in arm in their gray or black attire attempting to demonstrate their solidarity in the war against terrorism. To me they all looked pretty frumpy. I doubt they walked more than a couple of blocks.

The American taxpayers saved millions when Barack decided to stay home. By the time this Friona Star is printed the solidarity march will be mostly forgotten and the media will have resumed trying to figure out who is running for president in 2016.

I do not mean to trivialize the tragedy of 17 people in Paris murdered by radical Islamist terrorists. The French gendarmes did

a masterful job of tracking the three men down and killing them. I cannot imagine the shock and sorrow felt by the victims' families.

Yet we find ourselves living in that kind of world. Random terrorists can strike anywhere. They did so in Australia, Pakistan, Ft. Hood, Canada and many other spots. Some nut group called Boko Haram is said to have killed 2,000 civilians in Nigeria this past weekend.

We have had protest marches all around America, coupled with senseless looting and vandalism. As far as I can tell there has been a lot of marching, a lot of talking and promising, but very little action.

An endless stream of retired generals and former CIA agents, and diplomats appear on TV. They are always asked what should we do to defeat terrorism. They drone on about coming together, uniting in

our efforts, working with our allies, etc, etc, yadda yadda.

There is no negotiating with the terrorist groups. They are patient, radical extremists. They are Islam, Muslim, beholden to "Ali-hu Akbar" and their prophet Mohammed. Another march to show solidarity is not going to bother these uncivilized fanatics.

The big news was why didn't Obama go to Paris to pay his respects, walk a couple of blocks with those dowdy world leaders, then fly home and continue to promise free community college for everyone.

The news should be what are those "walking down the street world leaders" going to do now to destroy the terrorists. I doubt if much will change and soon Paris will be relegated to the old news archives.

Until the next terrorist attack when they can unite all over again.

2015 Parmer County Livestock Show Schedule (78th Annual)

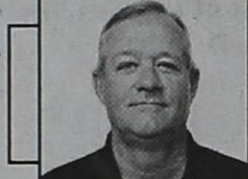
Tuesday, January 20
11 a.m. Beef Heifer Show
Followed by Steer Show

Wednesday, January 21
1-5 p.m. Weigh in all lambs, goats & Barrows
Barrows & Lambs will be classified as weighed
5-6 p.m. Rabbit weigh in
6 p.m. Rabbit Show (NEW)

Thursday, January 22
8 a.m. Goat Show begins followed by Lamb Show
11 a.m. Gilt Show begins followed by Barrow Show

Friday, January 23
Ag Mechanics Show (NEW)-Wood and metal

Saturday, January 24
12 p.m. Buyers Luncheon
1 p.m. Premium Sale



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greetings!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I would like to begin this month by recognizing Larry Martin on his retirement. The City of Friona will sorely miss his service, expertise, and knowledge. Good luck Larry in your retirement.

The public works employees took advantage of the cold weather and continued their efforts painting the city office and making some renovations. There was a major water leak directly behind the apartments on 12th Street, just north of Friona Interbank. The leak was detected on New Years and the employees did a great job

isolating the leak and repairing it.

The city made it possible for citizens to bring their old electronic devices to the city instead of throwing them into dumpsters. The city collected enough electronic equipment to fill 25 containers. In December there was a vendor that hauled the devices off to be recycled. This process kept the electronic devices from going to the landfill and taking up a lot of dump space.

The city has two bond payments due in February. The bond payment of \$127,000 to First Financial and \$207,672.50 to the Bank of New York are due February 15, 2015.

The accounts payable

for the month of December equaled \$134,199.93. This covered all of the city expenses and keeps our city in good standing. The dollar amount will vary each month. January will be higher due to quarterly expenses.

Judge Campbell had 89 new court cases for the month of December. Fifty of the 89 pleaded guilty and seven were dismissed. She collected \$12,000.76 and court cost was \$4,913.90.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) had a total of 22 runs: five were 911 calls, seven transfers, and ten runs ended up with no transfer. Collections were \$14,021.53 and the city wrote off \$8,908.61. There was a total of \$18,293.20

billed.

The Volunteer Fire Department had a total of five fire calls in December; one trash fire, two car wrecks, one electronic fire, and one dumpster fire. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped the citizens with stranded vehicles during the recent snow.

The City of Friona pumped 11,641,500 gallons of water and sold 10,975,000 gallons. There was \$52,393.00 billed.

Chief Jimenez and the police department were very busy in December. There were 358 calls for officer assistance. There were 149 warnings issued, 56 citations, and 22 arrests (ten no driver license, 8 warrants served,

one theft, one prohibited have begun the renovation of the front entrance and main hallway to the nurses' station. The walls textured, and both the entry and the board room have been painted at Prairie Acres. It looks good and the next step is to install wood flooring from the front entrance to the nurses' station.

Both continue to do very well. The roof on Prairie Acres is completed. They

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- 1 stolen money
- 5 TXism: "it's all water ___ duck's back" (unconcerned)
- 6 ram or pack firmly
- 7 lyric poems
- 8 network where TX Kelly Clarkson won first Idol competition
- 9 TX Buck Owens' TV show: "Hee ___"
- 12 TXism: "between a rock and a hard ___"
- 17 home to ACU, MU, and HSU
- 19 this Carswell was namesake of past Fort Worth AFB
- 21 "Guinness World ___"
- 22 9-across singer's ___ Tiger By the Tail"
- 23 TX Katherine Helmond (2 wds.)
- 28 Crowell h.s. class
- 29 in Concho Co. on hwy. 83 & 87
- 30 halogens group
- 31 coin toss call
- 35 colorful, long-tailed parrot
- 36 fruit drink order at old TX bar? (2 wds.)
- 42 hiking path near Mt. Enterprise, TX: "Griff ___"
- 44 Alain of "Texas Across the River"
- 46 slide downhill with a partner? (2 wds.)
- 48 rollerblade skate

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- 1 TXism: "he's got a ___ his quiver" (capable)
- 2 "Battle ___ Walls" (panhandle)
- 3 "Gulf ___"
- 4 bugle sound at military funerals
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- 11 this Studi was in TV series "Into the West" with TX Gary Busey (2005)
- 12 UH BB team in '83: "___ Slama Jama"
- 13 1982 NBC sitcom based on TX Oliver Hailey's teleplay, "Sidney Shorr"
- 14 TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"
- 15 what motorcyclists call a car
- 16 college subject (abbr.)
- 18 this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
- 20 actress in TX-based "Giant" (init.)
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- 24 "___ and vigor"
- 25 wrinkled dog: ___ Pei
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- 27 TX Horton '60 hit: "North to ___"
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- 39 Rio Grande early on: "Rio ___ Palmas"
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- 41 TX Ely & Regan score (abbr.)
- 45 dir. from Mineola to Texarkana
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Town Talk II

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Enough already! Woke up Tuesday morning with another dusting of snow on the ground. Wasn't supposed to snow until Tuesday night into Wednesday. Hopefully by the time you read this the warm weather they promised will have melted it all away. Been a nice run but ready for some sun.

Greg Lewellen told me the annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Hereford Country Club in late July. Details will be provided later. The popular tournament benefits the Parmer County Cancer Coalition.

Anniversary congratulations to Andy and Julia Alexander for 18 years and Susan and Lucky Gonzales for 46 years. Now that the new year is here send us info on your wedding anniversaries.

Girl Scout cookie sales start Friday January 16 through February. They will be around

town, probably at some of the basketball games, and elsewhere. The cookies are \$4.00 a box. If you don't find a Girl Scout you can call Sharon Rector at 806-677-4664 or Sophie Ortiz at 432-978-0702. Sharon says the local Girl Scout group is growing and they would appreciate your support.

The Noon Lions Club and the local Subway are providing Subway sandwiches for Friona blood drive donors Thursday January 15 from noon to 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. No appointment needed. Come over, give the gift of life, and have a Sub Sand.

The Chamber of Commerce needs your nominations for the citizen awards that are presented at the Chamber banquet. This year the banquet is March 26. Nominations for Citizen, Man, Woman, Teacher, Boy & Girl Student, and Most Courteous Employee are needed. Nomination forms are available at

the Chamber office or on their web page, frionachamber.com. Nominations due by March 6.

The Parmer County Detention Center, better known as the jail, had a surprise state inspection last week. Sheriff Randy Geries said they passed the inspection, earning the best rating ever.

Also Grandma Randie Hamilton welcomed three new grandbabies in November courtesy of sons Cory and Chad. Twins for Chad. Their photos and announcements are elsewhere in this Star. It is a grandparents kind of year.

It is stock show season. The local Friona

show is Saturday January 17. Begins at noon 1:00 p.m. See the show with brisket lunch available and show time is 1:00 p.m. Next week is the County show. Animal exhibition is Thursday January 22 Day. The banks and post office will be closed. The premium sale is

Saturday January 24 at 1:00 p.m. See the show schedule elsewhere in this Star. Monday January 19 is Martin Luther King Day. The banks and post office will be closed.

Several folks managed to slip and fall during the recent icy conditions. I wasn't one of them but I do try to be cautious at all times about falling. I hope you do too. Be well. Until then!



courtesy photo

The Friona Tiger Cub boys went to visit the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum as part of their advancement requirements for Cub Scouts. Pictured with their tour guide, Darla Bracken, in front of the museum's Boy Scout display are, back row, l-r, Mizaël Carrasco, D'Andre Graves, Kaysen Stanberry, Rene Rodriguez, Foster Gilley, Jonathan Vazquez. Front row, l-r, Gael Lara, and Bo Reed.

FHS students earning college credit

Mrs. Emily Stowers' Practicum in Education and Training/Human Services students are partnering with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Amarillo College as part of a program with the Texas Education Association to Improve Teacher Preparation in Texas. All students in the class will receive dual credit or articulated college credit from Amarillo College.

The University of Houston is providing learning materials and curriculum for the students to use as they teach young children. Wadsworth Cengage Learning Publishers is included in the partnership by providing textbooks for the class. In the fall semester the students received college credit for Child Growth and Development. During the spring semester the students will study Child Guidance.



courtesy photo

Emily Stowers' Practicum in Education and Training/Human Services students are receiving dual credit or articulated college credit from Amarillo College. Courses include Child Growth and Development and Child Guidance.

Country Thoughts

dana jameson

Something to think about

Do we live in a fairy tale? I ask because as I was getting ready for work on Monday I couldn't help but think that when I walked out my front door my day was not going to include bombings, shootings and terroristic acts against my friends and neighbors.

When I turned on the television that morning I was met with scary, horrifying images of shootings in a publication office, bombings around the world and threats of violence.

But when I looked out my window there were none of these images. I was met with a dreary, cloud-covered day that promised to be cold but not violent and uncontrollable.

Think about it...in our part of the world we get up each morning and go to work without being searched for weapons of mass destruction.

We go about our days in the secure thought that no one is going to walk into a business or a school and gun down the occupants.

We live in the regular world where bills must be paid and times can be pretty tough. But we don't live in a place that the solution to problems is solved by strapping on a bomb and taking our neighbors with us when we meet our final end.

Is it that we are lucky or is it that the violence elsewhere just doesn't touch us except through our televisions?

When did it become acceptable for people

to blame others for their shortcomings?

In the past few months we have witnessed American citizens rising up to harm their neighbors as a way of showing their frustrations due to people that have done something to their fellow man. I don't condone the killing of unarmed civilians but I also don't condone the killing of those that are there to protect us.

I was once told that if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

If you do not have a solution that is peaceful and intelligent then you are part of the problem. We may not agree with the solutions that are presented but shouldn't we at least put forth the effort to find a better solution.

Violence never solved a thing. It usually leads to more violence and senseless killing.

So, as you go about your day take the time to think about this...when you got up this morning did you get to choose where you woke up? Did you get to choose what you wanted for breakfast? Do you get to work where you want? Did you have to go through a checkpoint? Did you get to choose what you were wearing? Are you free to go about your day without worrying about someone wanting to kill you because of your views?

If we were to ask someone that doesn't live in our good, Christian community would they believe we have achieved the fairy tale existence? In some ways we do!

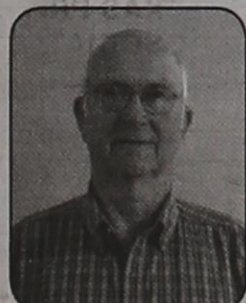
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Friona ISD Nominations for Gifted and Talented Program

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten-12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented Program offered by Friona ISD for the 2015-2016 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate forms.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2015. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission to the program.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en los grados de K-12 tienen el derecho de ser nominados por padre o maestro para el programa que se ofrece en nuestro distrito de niños Talentosos por el año escolar 2015-2016.

Los padres que desean de nombrar a su niño para este programa pueden hablar con consejera o el principal de la propia escuela para pedir las formas necesarias.

Las formas necesitaran ser completadas y entregadas a la oficina del principal para el 31 de enero del 2015. Los estudiantes nominados seran considerados y tomara evaluaciones las cual determinaran admision al programa.

Will you acknowledge or deny Christ?

By TEENA HUGHES

We are DISH satellite subscribers. You may have heard that DISH and Fox are at odds, so subscribers have not been able to see Fox News since before Christmas. Therefore, I have done a lot of channel surfing.

Last week, I ran across the movie, God's Not Dead. It was my second time to watch this thought-provoking movie.

What spoke to me most this time was the question: Will I always acknowledge Jesus as my Lord and Savior? Will I acknowledge Him no matter what situation I find myself in, even if it means giving up my life?

I have wondered this many times about myself. We all like to think that we would never deny Jesus! But, would I, Teena Hughes, never deny Him, under any circumstance? I have wondered if I would have the courage and strength to not give into pressure and deny Him.

What really helped me decide that I don't have a choice but to acknowledge Him was Matthew 10:32, 33 where Jesus says, 'If anyone acknowledges Me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before My Father in Heaven. But if anyone denies Me here on earth, I will deny that person before My Father in Heaven.'

The sad thing is, I have not always acknowledged Him, which means I have denied Him. I have not spoken up when I have had opportunities to speak His words to people; I have let fear of what others might think about me ruin opportunities to speak Jesus to people needing Him; I have not always made Him my number one priority by letting things of this world interfere with my relationship with Him.

I don't want Jesus to deny me to Father God; I want Him to acknowledge me to Him. Therefore, it is my responsibility to always acknowledge Him to others, no matter what others may say or think about me; no matter what it costs me. All that matters is God and sharing Him with as many people as we can, because as Steve Friskup says at Muleshoe Cowboy Church, we need to be preparing God's kingdom here on earth for when Jesus comes back!



New Arrivals



Anita Kaye Gammon



Anita Kay Gammon was welcomed into the world on January 5, 2015 by her parents Sharleen and Heath Gammon of Friona.

Anita's first out-of-town visitors were her maternal grandparents, Rick and Elaine Yellen of Corpus Christi, Texas. The Yellen's have been seen wandering the streets of Friona for the last few weeks.

Her paternal grandparents are Mark and Tammy Gammon of Friona.

Mother and daughter are doing fine, as are the father and grandparents.

Lynnie Nichole Hamilton



Cory and Laura Hamilton of Amarillo, Texas are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lynnie Nichole. She was born Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 3:09 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 lbs. and 9 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long.

Lynnie's grandparents are Randie Hamilton and the late Charles Hamilton and Dean and Pamela Oberg of Ovilla, Texas.

Her great grandparents are Ann Kelley and Martha Hamilton both of Friona and Carlene Bates of Woodstock, GA.

Caitlin Samantha Hamilton Charlotte Harper Hamilton



Chad and Autumn Hamilton of Amarillo, Texas are excited to announce the birth of their twin girls, Caitlin Samantha and Charlotte Harper. They were born Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

Caitlin was born at 10:59 a.m., weighing 4 lbs. 14.6 ozs. and was 17.5 inches long.

Charlotte was born at 11:07 a.m. weighing 4 lbs. 8.7 ozs. and was 18 inches long.

The girls were born at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

They have a very proud big brother, Caleb. Caitlin and Charlotte's grandparents are Randie Hamilton and the late Charles Hamilton and Stanley and Patricia Semmelmann of Harlingen, Texas.

Their great grandparents are Ann Kelley and Martha Hamilton both of Friona and Josefina Saldana of Laredo, Texas.

Panhandle Parables

Hide And Seek

By JEFF PROCTER,
Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

Like most 5th graders I loved a good round of Hide and Seek. We (me, my sister and cousins) could play that game for a long time at Pop and Gram's house. There was a thousand places to hide, from the "I give up you can come out now" places to the rather quick escape places that let you make it to "base" without getting caught.

The premise of the game is simple, one player counts (usually in a manner that would disappoint a kindergarten teacher) and everybody else hides. The counter, once counting with eyes closed is completed will yell, "Ready or not here I come." The seeking and finding would follow. It is a fun game as a kid, but many haven't stopped playing as adults in a spiritual sense.

Hiding from an All Seeing God doesn't make much sense. Yet since the time of Adam folks have invested a great deal of energy in trying to hide. Why? Answer-Fear! It is the nature of our sinfulness. God calls out for us to come and instead we

hide. We hide behind smiles that cover a deep hurt. We hide behind material success that gives the appearance of having it all, all the while wishing we had relationships. We hide because Satan tells us just how disappointed God and everyone else will be if they really knew...

Yet when the counting was done and the time was perfect, God became man to seek man, to show man that He loved him. Man feeling threatened and fearful realizing his sinfulness could not be hidden from God because God was now man in the flesh, Jesus. This left man with two choices, kill Jesus or seek Him. You know how that story ended at a cross, but a new story emerges from the grave. Jesus still seeks the lost. It is interesting that when God seeks man, man hides, but when man seeks God, He is found.

The counting continues as we await His return. Are you seeking or hiding? One day....He will say, "Ready or not here I come."

God's Political Policy for Greatness

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In our day of polarizing politics, and dismal policies from Washington DC, it is essential to find a solution to the many problems that we face. The problems are all across the board in our nation today, and we must find a way to regain our greatness. Did you know God has a political policy for greatness?

In fact, King Jotham, in 2 Kings 15 and 2 Chronicles 27 discovered God's policy for greatness. 2 Chronicles 27:6 says "So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before the Lord His God." God's policy for greatness is to order your ways before the Lord, but what does that mean to "order your ways."

Actually it is very similar to what you do at DQ or Subway when you order your food. It is telling someone what to do, just in this case, you need to be telling yourself to walk in God's ways, and to actually do it.

Drifting spiritually will seldom benefit anyone, because we drift into sin, but when you "order your ways before the Lord" you intentionally pursue Him and love Him wholeheartedly.

Ordering your ways begins with repentance of your sin and placing faith in Jesus Christ. Then it continues with growing in the Lord by loving Jesus, avoiding sin and making disciples of those around you.

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Wedding

Allen-Tangier

Alice Ann Allen and Cameron Matthew Tongier were married in a double ring ceremony October 25, 2014 at sunset on the shores of Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park near Kalispell, Montana.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Delwin Allen of Friona and granddaughter of Mr. Winfred Allen of Reed, Oklahoma.

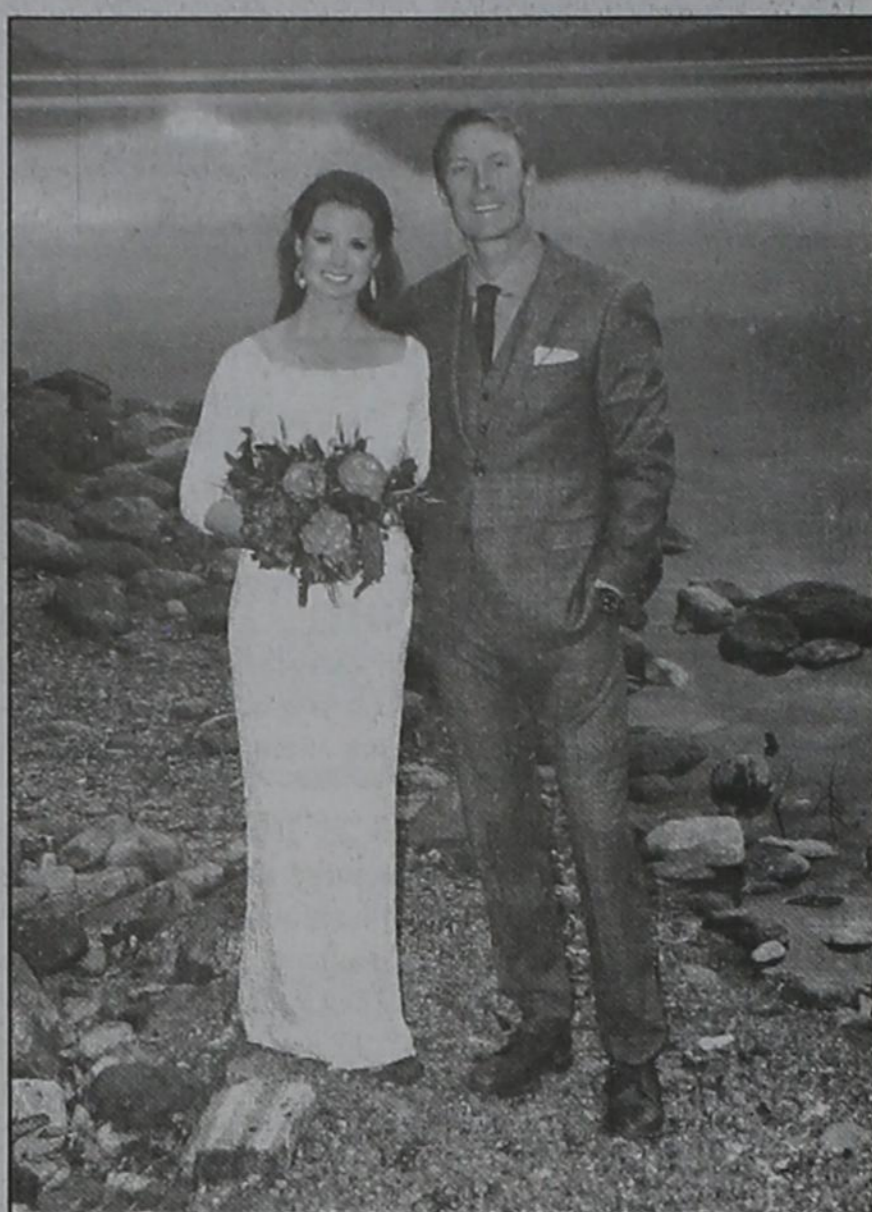
The groom is the son of Mr. Stephen Tongier of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Mrs. Charlotte Cobb of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Pete Humphrey of Kalispell, Montana, a lifelong friend of the groom. The bride was given away by her father.

The bride's floor length Charmeuse column gown had a lace overlay, embroidered with pearls and crystals. It had a sweetheart neckline, three quarter length sleeves and was gathered in ruching to the side. She carried a bouquet of antique hydrangeas, pink mist roses, and nandina greenery with a lace handkerchief that belonged to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Lamson.

Mothers of the couple presented readings chosen by the couple, Mrs. Cobb from The Prophet and Mrs. Allen from Ecclesiastes. They carried nosegays of antique hydrangeas.

Cake and champagne were served at a candlelight picnic with a vintage basket and rustic décor.



The Lodge at Whitefish Lake was the setting for dinner where elk, prime rib, and steaks were served.

Guests recorded wishes for the couple and launched them in the flames of The Lodge outdoor fireplace before sending Alice and Cameron off. They honeymooned in Todo Santos near Cabo San Lucas. Alice and Cameron live in

Boise, Idaho where she works in marketing for Brady Industries, is the Chairperson for the Idaho Dance Theatre, contemporary professional dance company, and is a certified Yoga Instructor. He is employed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife as a Geospatial Analyst at the National Interagency Fire Center, researching and mapping wildfire behavior.

They are at home at 2111 North Harrison Boulevard in Boise.



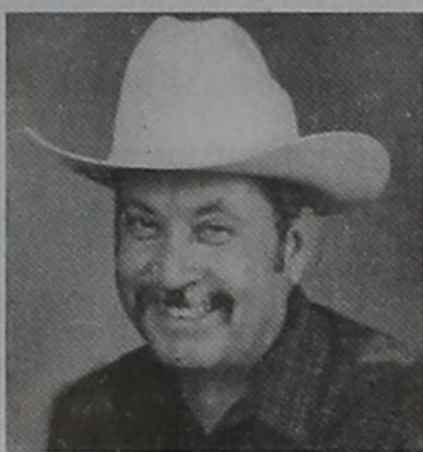
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Friona was well represented at Lambeau Field for the Cowboys-Packers game. The Carthel boys donned their winter gear to attend the game. From left are Doug, Davy, Colby, Danny, and Donnie Carthel. Colby Carthel, son of Donnie and head coach at Texas A&M Commerce, managed five tickets to the game for the brother's reunion. Doug Carthel said being on the hallowed ground of Lambeau Field was an experience they would never forget.

OBITUARY

Jose Angel Gutierrez Diaz

Jose Angel Gutierrez Diaz, 56, of Bovina, Texas, died Monday January 12, 2015, in Farwell, Texas. Prayer vigil will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2015, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Mass of Christian Burial will be recited at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Reverend Anthony Nuesch, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford, Texas. Burial will follow in Bovina Cemetery. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona, Texas.



his family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors are: his wife Maria Gutierrez of Bovina; two sons, Jose Gutierrez and Rolando Gutierrez, both of Bovina; one daughter, Carmen Gutierrez of Bovina; four brothers, Arturo of California, Gerardo of Mexico, Jaime of Clovis, NM, and Fernando of California; two sisters, Olga Gutierrez and Hermelinda Gutierrez, both of Mexico.

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Diaz. He married Maria de Refugio Ramirez December 23, 1988. Jose moved to Bovina, Texas in 1997 from California. He was a feed truck driver for Opplinger Feed Yard in Farwell. He had also worked for Route 77 Dairy and Stateline Dairy, both in New Mexico. He enjoyed watching television and spending time with



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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Elizabeth D. Odle
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Dated the 7th day of January, 2015.

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Making a New Year's Resolution?

By Shana Fleming, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Parmer County FCS Agent

While eating more fruits and vegetables and parking as far away from the supermarket as possible will help improve your health in 2015, here's a resolution that can impact the lives of others, as well as your own life. Make a resolution in 2015 to put down the phone when you are driving and to not drive distracted! While all notions of self-improvement have their value, driving is one area where our actions can affect not only ourselves but other drivers and passengers on the road. Motor vehicle crashes continue to take their toll. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, in 2013 there was an increase in the number of crashes caused by distracted driving – especially fatal crashes caused by cell phone use.

Cell phones are a major distraction, but not the only distraction to drivers. Adjusting radios and GPS devices, loose pets, eating in the vehicle, and applying makeup are just some of the other distractions in your car. However, research shows that texting is among the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. Sending or reading an average text takes drivers'

eyes off the road for 4-5 seconds. That means at 55 miles per hour, a texting driver would travel the length of a football field without looking at the road – as if blindfolded! That's something none of us would consciously consider doing! Any time you take your hands off the wheel, your eyes off the road, and especially your mind off your driving, you put yourself, your passengers, and others on the road at risk.

"Making a resolution to not drive distracted in 2015 can very well mean saving a life!" said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent Shana Fleming. Some of the leading causes of traffic deaths are distracted driving, impaired driving, and people not wearing seat belts. Resolve to give driving your full attention, and protect yourself and others on the road. Although young drivers are at greatest risk from distraction, parents and other adults should set the example by not using a cell phone in the car.

Follow the Governors Highway Safety Association's tips to prevent distracted driving (<http://www.ghsa.org>):

•Turn it off and stow it. Turn your phone off or switch it to silent mode before you get in the car. Then stow it away so that it's out of reach.

•Spread the word. Record a message on your phone that tells callers you're driving and will get back to them when you're off the road, or sign up for a service that offers this feature.

•Pull over. If you need to make a call, first pull over to a safe area.

•Use your passengers. Ask a passenger to make the call or respond to a text for you.

•X the text. Don't ever text and drive, surf the web, or read your email while driving. It's dangerous and against the law in most states. Even voice-to-text isn't risk-free.

•Prepare. If using a GPS device, enter your destination before you start to drive. If you prefer a map or written directions, review them in advance. If you need help while driving, ask a passenger to assist you, or pull over to a safe location to change your GPS or review your map/directions.

•Secure your pets. Unsecured pets can be a big distraction in the car.

•Mind the kids. Pull over to a safe place to address situations involving children in the car.

•Focus on driving. Multi-tasking behind the wheel is dangerous. Refrain from eating, drinking, reading, grooming, smoking, and any other activity that takes your mind and eyes off the road.

Make a commitment to not drive distracted. Go to <http://www.distraction.gov/content/take-action/take-the-pledge.html> to download a pledge and share it with friends and family.

Make 2015 the year you quit the distraction habit and help save lives on our roads! And while you're at it buckle up and live!

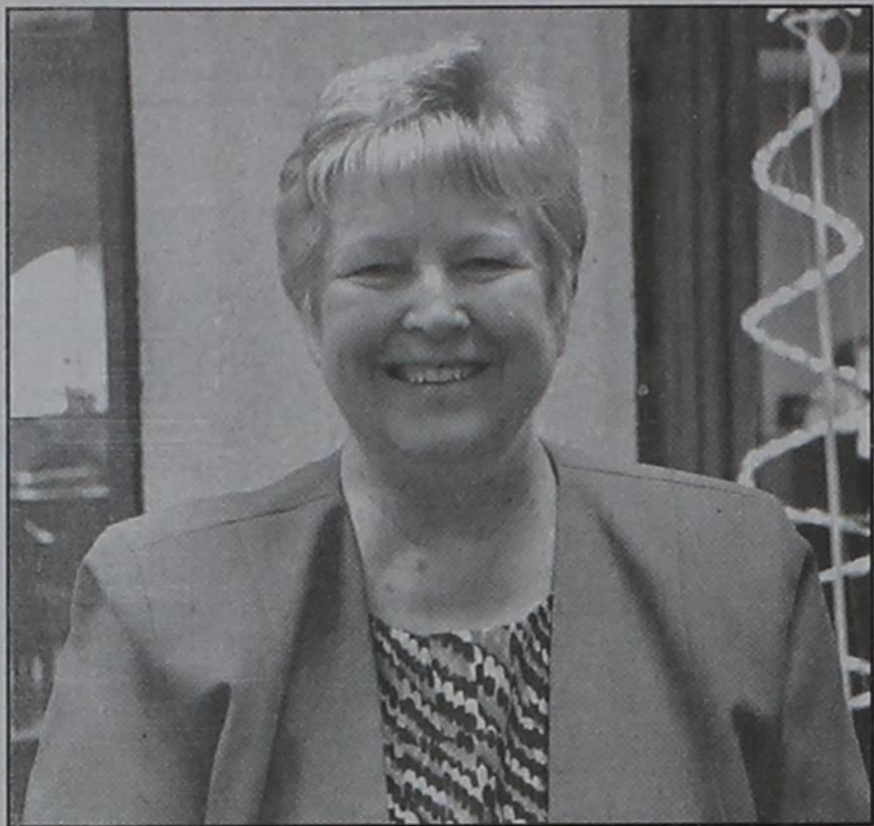
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Mann retires from Interbank

The employees at Friona Interbank recently hosted a retirement party for Vondale Mann. Her last day at the bank was December 30, 2014, after 7 1/2 years of employment at Friona Interbank.

Dale started at the bank on June 25, 2007 in the bookkeeping department. She soon became very adept at helping customers with their account and online problems.

Vondale Bleeker was born in Amherst, TX to Vernon and Mary Nell Bleeker, though the family lived in Plainview. Dale is the second child with one older sister and two younger brothers. The Bleeker family moved to Olton for 3 1/2 years and then to Muleshoe where Dale graduated from high school.

Dale attended West Texas University for 2 1/2 years and then worked as a waitress in Muleshoe before starting her banking career at First National Bank of Muleshoe. It was while she was going to WT that she met Joe Bob Mann, son of Joe and Christine Mann of Friona, who was on leave from the Navy. Joe Bob and Dale dated while she worked at the bank. She worked there for 1 year and then she and Joe Bob married and moved to Charleston, South Carolina where he was stationed.

After Joe Bob was discharged from the Navy, the young family (Michael was born in South Carolina) moved to Ralls, TX where Joe Bob worked as a mechanic at the Chevrolet house and Dale worked at Security State Bank.

They then moved to Friona where Joe Bob worked at Reeve Chevrolet, for Abe Lane Fuel, Stowers Shop (and more recently for Joe Reeve, where he retired as a mechanic). By now, Steven was born and Dale stayed home and raised the boys.

When Steven was in the 1st grade, Dale went back to West Texas and earned her BS and teaching certificate. She taught 4 years then went to night classes and summer school and earned her Masters in Education. She taught 19 years total with 15 of those as a Junior High English teacher. She retired from the school system in May 2007.

The Mann's enjoy gardening and traveling and are faithful members of the VFW. Dale will be President of the New Mexico VFW in 2016 so she will continue to be active even in her retirement.

The Mann's have also been very active in Boy Scouts especially when their boys were involved. Joe Bob remains affiliated with the Boy Scouts today. They are also members of the Methodist Church in Friona.

"We at Friona Interbank offer our congratulations to Dale upon her retirement and wish her many years of enjoying life," stated Marca Herring. "She will be missed."

Jump Rope for Heart planned in February

The Friona Elementary 4th and 5th grade classes will be participating in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart from January 15-30.

All 4th and 5th grade students will be out collecting donations during this time. Donations can be made online under a student's web page or pay by cash or check. All checks need to be made payable to Friona Elementary. Friona Elementary will write one big check to the American Heart Association.

A Parent Event Day will be held on February 4 & 5. Parents are welcome to come and jump with their child during the student's respective P.E. class day. P.E. class times are fifth grade-10:10-11:02 a.m. and fourth grade-11:05 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The public is asked to help these students to raise money for the American Heart Association and break the Friona Elementary total donation record.

For more information, contact Coach Casey Kendrick at (806) 250-2240 or via email at ckendrick@frionaisd.com.

County tax revenue down 5.44%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar stated recently that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.35 billion, up 4.3 percent compared to December 2013.

"Although moderating slightly, growth in sales tax revenues continues to be seen across all economic sectors," Hegar said. "Collections from the oil and natural-gas, construction, manufacturing, and services sectors rose, while remittances due to consumer spending in the retail trade and restaurant sectors also grew."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$618.1 million, up 7.7 percent compared to January 2014.

Parmer County will receive a net payment of \$44,502, which is a decrease of -5.44 percent from the payment in the 2014 comparable period in which the county received \$47,063. To-date payments total \$44,502, which is an increase of -5.44 percent over the 2014 payments of \$47,063.

Bovina will receive a payment of \$9,577, which is an increase of 4.31 percent as compared to the 2014 payment \$9,181. To-date Bovina has received \$9,577, which is an increase of 4.31 percent from the 2014 payments of \$9,181.

Farwell will receive a payment of \$8,528, which is an increase of 11.37 percent as compared to the 2014 payment of \$7,657. To-date Farwell has received \$8,528, which is an increase of 11.37 percent over the 2014 payments of \$7,657.

Friona will receive a payment of \$26,397, which is a decrease of -12.66 percent as compared to the 2014 payment of \$30,225. To-date Friona has received \$26,397, which is a decrease of -12.66 percent over the 2014 payments of \$30,225.

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

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Teague joins Interbank family

Interbank welcomed Lacy Renee Teague as their newest employee. She started with Friona Interbank on Sept 29, 2014 and works as a teller in the drive through window.

Lacy grew up in Friona and graduated from Friona High School. She is the daughter of Chuck and Susan Teague of Friona. She has an older brother, Matthew.

After high school, Lacy went to Clovis Community College for two semesters before transferring to Amarillo Community College. She finished four semesters there then began her working career. She has worked at Sonic, Wal-Mart, and Fast Stop before coming to Friona Interbank.

Lacy loves to read, watch



TV, go to movies and shop.

Friona Interbank invites you to stop by and congratulate Lacy on her new job and wish her well. She will greet you with a warm smile and a sweet hello. The employees at Friona Interbank welcome Lacy Teague to their banking family.

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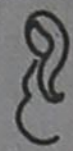
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4:00 - 6:00 pm
(come & go)

Parmer Medical Center
Conference Room

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If you are pregnant or hope to become pregnant at some point in the future, be sure to attend!



Learn about the Parmer County Healthy Baby Coalition which serves all area women who are pregnant



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Lynsie Cleavinger

MS, CCC/SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist

EXPERIENCE

Adults:

Speech Disorders
Apraxia
Dysarthria
Stuttering

Voice (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment)

Language Disorders

Aphasia

Medical Conditions

Dementia
Right Hemisphere Brain Injury
Stroke
Traumatic Brain Injury

Children:

Speech Disorders
Articulation
Phonological Processes
Stuttering

Language Disorders

Language-Based
Preschool Language

Medical Conditions

Autism Spectrum
Cleft Lip & Palate

EDUCATION

BS in Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, May 2005

MS in Communication Disorders

West Texas A & M University, December 2006

BIOGRAPHY

Lynsie began her career as a speech-language pathologist (speech therapist) in 2006. She has experience with a variety of ages and in many different work settings including: early childhood intervention, public schools, outpatient clinics, and long-term care. Lynsie is a part-time speech therapist at Parmer Medical Center.

Lynsie lives in Lazbuddie and is married to Dustin Cleavinger, a crop and cattle insurance salesman. They have three daughters and are expecting their fourth child in 2015.

Lynsie will be presenting a free community education on "50 Ways to Boost Your Brain" at 3:00pm on January 26th, 2015 in the conference room at PMC. Please read the full article in this paper for more information about this program.



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Karina Hernandez was recently selected from an initial pool of more than 102,600 applicants as a semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Hernandez will now continue through the selection process with an opportunity to receive a \$20,000 scholarship. "The entire staff wishes to congratulate Karina on her accomplishment and wish her the best of luck as she continues through the selection process," stated Pam Ray, FHS Principal. To learn more about the Coca-Cola Scholar Program for high school seniors, visit their website at www. Coca-colasholars.org.

Three named to Volleyball Academic All-State team

The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects Academic All-State teams in volleyball for conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.

Friona High School Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Brian Masse was proud to announce that three FHS Volleyball girls made the Academic All-State team. Those girls were Airam Chavez, Arianna Moreno and Aubrey Williams.

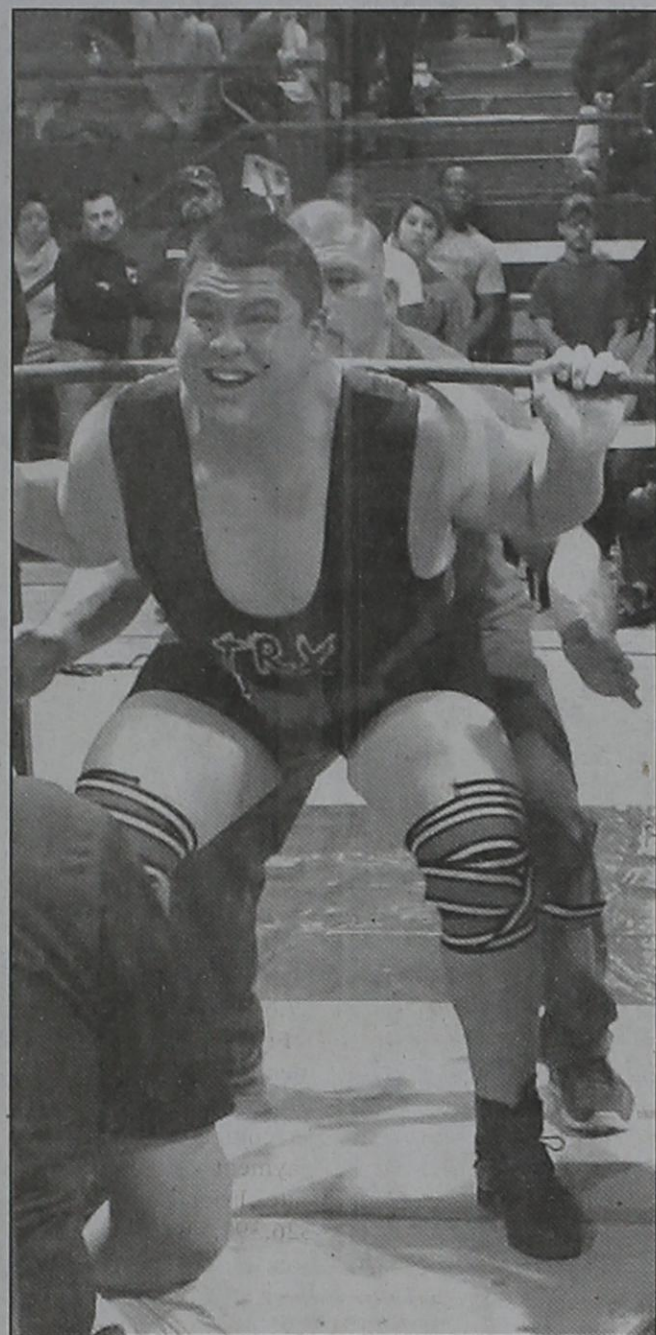
Athletes must be seniors, must have a GPA of 94 or above and must be a team member in good standing. Athletes are nominated by their member coaches for this honor. The head varsity coach of any sport must be a member of TGCA prior to November 1 to nominate athletes.

First powerlift meet results

The Chieftain/Squaw powerlifters had their first meet of the year in Bovina last weekend. The Chiefs earned 3rd place as a team and the Squaws team placed 5th.

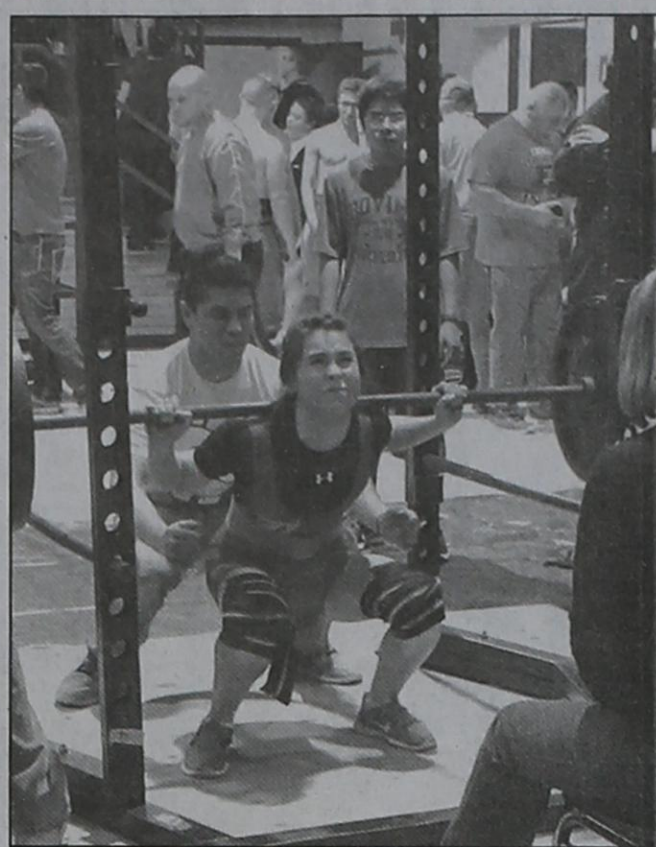
Coach Daniel Hutchins said this year's Chief team has two seniors, two juniors, 13 freshmen and sophomores. The Squaws have three returning lifters. Meet results:

Chiefs: Edgar Guerrero was 1st in Super Heavyweight and was Outstanding Lifter; Juan Macias 2nd in 148 class; Rene Rodriguez 4th in 181 class; and Juan Samarron 4th in 198 class. Squaws: Chelsie Gomez 1st in 114 class; Lupita Hernandez 3rd in 181 class; Claudia Correa 4th in 97 class; Andrea Juarez 4th in 148 class; and Salma Escamilla 4th in 165 class.



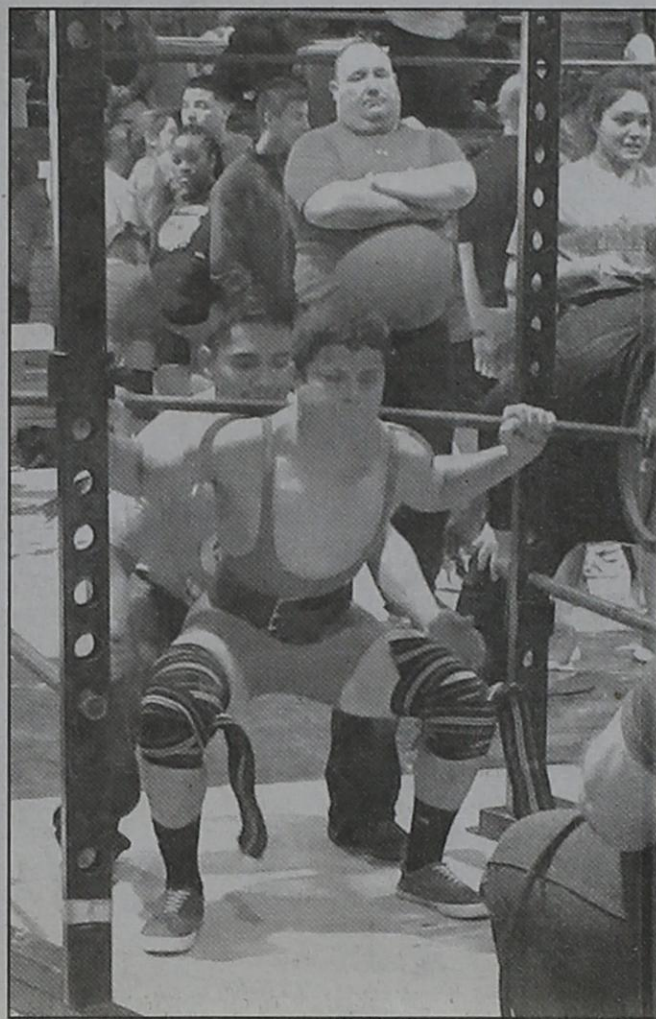
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Edgar Guerrero was 1st in the Super Heavyweight class and was Outstanding Lifter at the Bovina meet.



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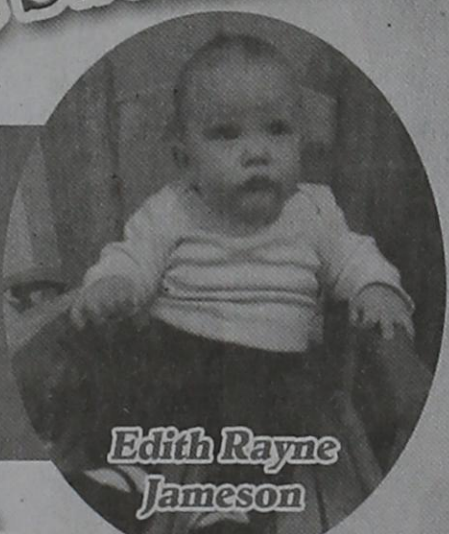
Chelsie Gomez placed 1st in the 114 lb class at the Bovina powerlift meet.



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Juan Macias-Martinez was 2nd in the 148 lb class at the Bovina meet.

Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts



Daughter of Tyler & Jimmie Lee Jameson
 Granddaughter of Dana Jameson and Coy & Renee Jameson
 Great Granddaughter of Daisy Beversdorf and Don & Joann Jones

Edith Rayne Jameson

It's Bragging Time

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 12. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, sweethearts, and spouses. Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Mon Feb 9. Cost per photo: 1-2 people \$10 3 or more \$20 Photos may include names of parents and/or grandparents. For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm

The Friona Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month

Hamilton Steel and Concrete, LLC
Owners: Davy and Jeff Hamilton



Davy and Jeff Hamilton were born and raised in Friona. Both grew up helping their dad, Raymond Hamilton, on the family farm and working with their granddad, Delton Lewellen, with Lewellen Construction. They have been providing quality steel buildings and concrete work for many years. The brothers collaborated in 2008 and have added spray foam insulation to their product line. They have 10 employees and can handle any steel building or spray foam project you may need. HSC's attention to detail and quality is second to none.



**School Menu
January 19-23**

Monday

Breakfast-Cereal, Eggstravaganza with toast, orange pineapple juice, peaches and milk
Lunch-Turkey pull sub, green beans, corn, fruit salad and milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Cereal, cinnamon roll, fruit punch juice, strawberries and milk
Lunch-Beef ravioli, roll, lettuce & tomato salad, cheese cauliflower, peaches and milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Cereal, Holland burrito, grape juice, Mandarin oranges and milk
Lunch-Hamburger, carrot sticks, Funyuns, strawberries & bananas and milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, apples and milk
Lunch-Chicken fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, cheese tomatoes, oranges and milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cereal, sausage biscuit with cheese, apple juice, pears and milk
Lunch-Cheese enchiladas, tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans, Mandarin oranges and milk

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