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Man dies in Lariat accident

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call on February 19, 2016 at approximately 6:46 p.m. in reference to an industrial accident at the AGP Grain Facility in Lariat, Texas.

Responders found William Don Ivey, 39, had become entangled in equipment on top of the elevator. Emergency services found that Ivey had sustained life-threatening injuries, which resulted with him not surviving.

Ivey was the manager of the AGP Facility and was working with four other employees at the time of his death.

Emergency services from Farwell, including EMS and Fire units, and Clovis Fire/Rescue responded and assisted in the extrication from the equipment and the top of the elevator.

Parmer County Sheriff's Office and Friona Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace JoBeth Gipson are still investigating the accident.

Decorations needed for banquet

The Chamber Decorating Committee will be placing Chamber Business Members advertising items as decorations on the tables at the Annual Chamber Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 8.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to display your business, please drop items at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street by Friday, March 4 at 3 p.m.

March Immunization Clinics

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for March 2016 in Friona and Bovina.

Please bring a copy of your child's shot record for immunizations to be administered.

The clinic in Friona will be open Tuesday, March 1 at the Migrant Center, 618 Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, March 14 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

Friona ISD in Top Teacher Supporting School Districts

Teacher.org has published their annual ranking for Top Teacher Supporting School Districts in Texas. Friona ISD was ranked #7 in the state out of 419 total districts reviewed. You can find the Texas rankings online at teacher.org/state/texas/#school-districts.

Texas school districts were assessed on several factors which represent how well a school district supports their teachers. Some criteria include: class size, administrator and support staff availability, and student proficiency levels.

About Friona ISD the website says, "Friona Independent schools provide opportunities for all students to maximize potential and experience excellence."

Banquet Silent/Live Auction

The Chamber is seeking donations for a silent and live auction, which will be held at the Chamber Banquet beginning at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Friona Community Center.

The money raised from these auctions will be used to fund the other community activities that are planned for 2016. Among those activities are Ladies Spring Luncheon, 4th of July Fireworks display, Cheeseburger Festival, Annual Maize Days Celebration and Christmas in the Park.

If you are unable to donate an item, a monetary donation can be made. The money will be used to purchase items for the auction from local Member Merchants.

Deadline to donate is Friday, March 4 at 3 p.m.



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Hospital district board president Danny Kendrick, left, and Friona Mayor Rick White sign the agreement officially transferring ownership of Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates from the City of Friona to Parmer Medical Center.

Hospital is official owner of Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates

At a special joint meeting Monday night of the Hospital District Board and the Friona City Council, ownership of Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Friona Heritage Estates was officially conveyed to Parmer Medical Center. Due to certain state regulations and a 30-day required waiting period, PMC administrator Gayla Quillin said the ownership would be official at midnight March 31.

City of Friona Ordinance No. 2016.02.22 states: "An ordinance of the city council of the City of Friona, Texas authorizing the conveyance of Prairie Acres/Friona Heritage Estates nursing home to the Parmer County Hospital District."

Hospital District board chairman Danny Kendrick and Friona Mayor Rick White signed the documents transferring the assets to the hospital.

Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates have had census and financial concerns over the years. At one point several years ago the private sector rallied to raise money through steak dinners and donations to save the facilities from serious financial problems.

Slater Elza, former city attorney from the Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo, was present for the transfer. He said he had been working on this agreement for eight years and wanted to be present at its final conclusion.

The reasons for the city to give up the ownership and management are many, as stated in the ordinance: "WHEREAS the city council finds several public benefits and purposes to such transfer, including the elimination of both maintenance and operation costs and the liability exposure to the residents of Friona; al-

locating of operating costs of the nursing center across the larger population of the District; efficiencies that may be realized by the District's potential for bulk purchasing and staffing arrangements for the Nursing Center with the District's Parmer County Community Hospital; and District possesses better expertise than the city for operating a health care facility.

The transition is underway and it should be a positive future result for employees and residents of Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates and their families.



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Steve Horrell, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative member services manager, gave an electric safety demonstration to the 4th grade students attending the Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom event at the community center Tuesday morning. The students and teachers enjoyed a hamburger lunch too.



From Dr. Gary Cash: Pelicans were fun and relatively easy to do.

Parmer County Polling Places

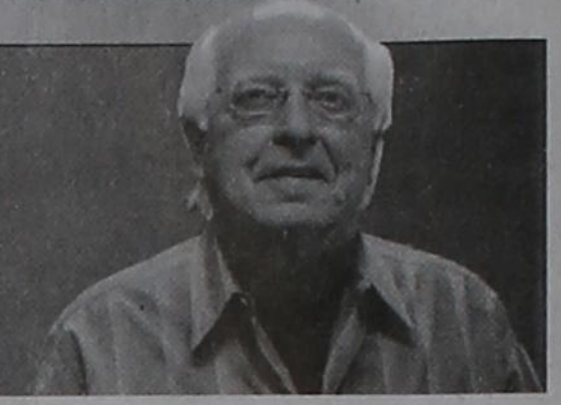
- Precinct #101**
Calvary Baptist Church
1500 Cleveland, Friona, TX
- Precinct #201**
Bovina EMS Building
109 3rd Street, Bovina, TX
- Precinct #202**
Friona Community Center
601 W. 15th Street, Friona, TX
- Precinct #203**
Rhea Community Center
Rhea Community
Highway FM 213, 24 miles north & west of Bovina, TX
- Precinct #301**
Farwell Community Center
207 9th Street, Farwell, TX

- Precinct #302**
Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church
9 miles east of Farwell on Hwy. 145,
½ mile north on FM 1731
- Precinct #303**
Ridgelea School
Highway 86, Bovina, TX
- Precinct #401**
Lazbuddie Methodist Church
Lazbuddie, TX
- Precinct #402**
Friona Public Library
109 W. 7th Street, Friona, TX

Vote Tuesday, March 1

Out Here

By Ron Carr



- Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127
- Feb. 26-Early voting ends
 - Feb. 25-27-V Baseball-Roos-evelt Tournament
 - Feb. 27-Boys Powerlifting at FHS gym 9 a.m.
 - Feb. 27-Science Bowl at WTAMU
 - Mar. 1-Immunization Clinic in Friona at Migrant Center, 618 Main St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Mar. 1-Quilting 101-6-8 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
 - Mar. 1-JV/V Baseball at Dalt-hart-4/6:30
 - Mar. 1-Private pesticide applicators license training @ Bovina XIT Center-8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Mar. 2-3-Friona Elementary Parent Event Day
 - Mar. 3-5-V Baseball at WT High Tournament in Stinnett
 - Mar. 4-FHS Track @ Olton
 - Mar. 5-Cargill Honors Dinner @ Hereford Country Club 6:30 p.m.
 - Mar. 6-Annual Mexican Dinner at St. Teresa of Jesus Catholic Church in Friona-\$12
 - Mar. 6-Donkey Basketball @ FHS gym-2 p.m.
 - Mar. 8-JV/V Baseball at Sla-ton-4:30/6:30
 - Mar. 8-Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet-Friona Community Center-6 p.m.
 - Mar. 8-Quilting 101-6-8 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
 - Mar. 11-JV Baseball at Tullia-4:30
 - Mar. 11-FHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field
 - Mar. 12-V Baseball vs Tullia-Home-12:00
 - Mar. 12- Kids Paint with Extension-10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Bovina
 - Mar. 13-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-SPRING FORWARD
 - Mar. 14-Immunization Clinic in Bovina at EMS Building, 109 3rd St. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

big doings around here

It was a big week in Friona and Parmer County. It started off with a front page article in last Saturday's Amarillo Globe News: "Firm seals \$350M wind farm deal." With permission of the Globe News we have reprinted the article in this Star on the back page. Parmer County is mentioned in the first paragraph. There are some big numbers batted around in the article. Millions and billions. There will be 27 miles of transmission lines that cost \$1 million a mile. Construction of a wind farm costs about \$1.5 to \$2 million per megawatt. The project in the northeast part of the county is called Mariah del Norte. It is rated at 230 megawatts. They hope to have it in operation by the end of 2016. I heard one report the project will have 200 employees. All of those folks will have to eat and

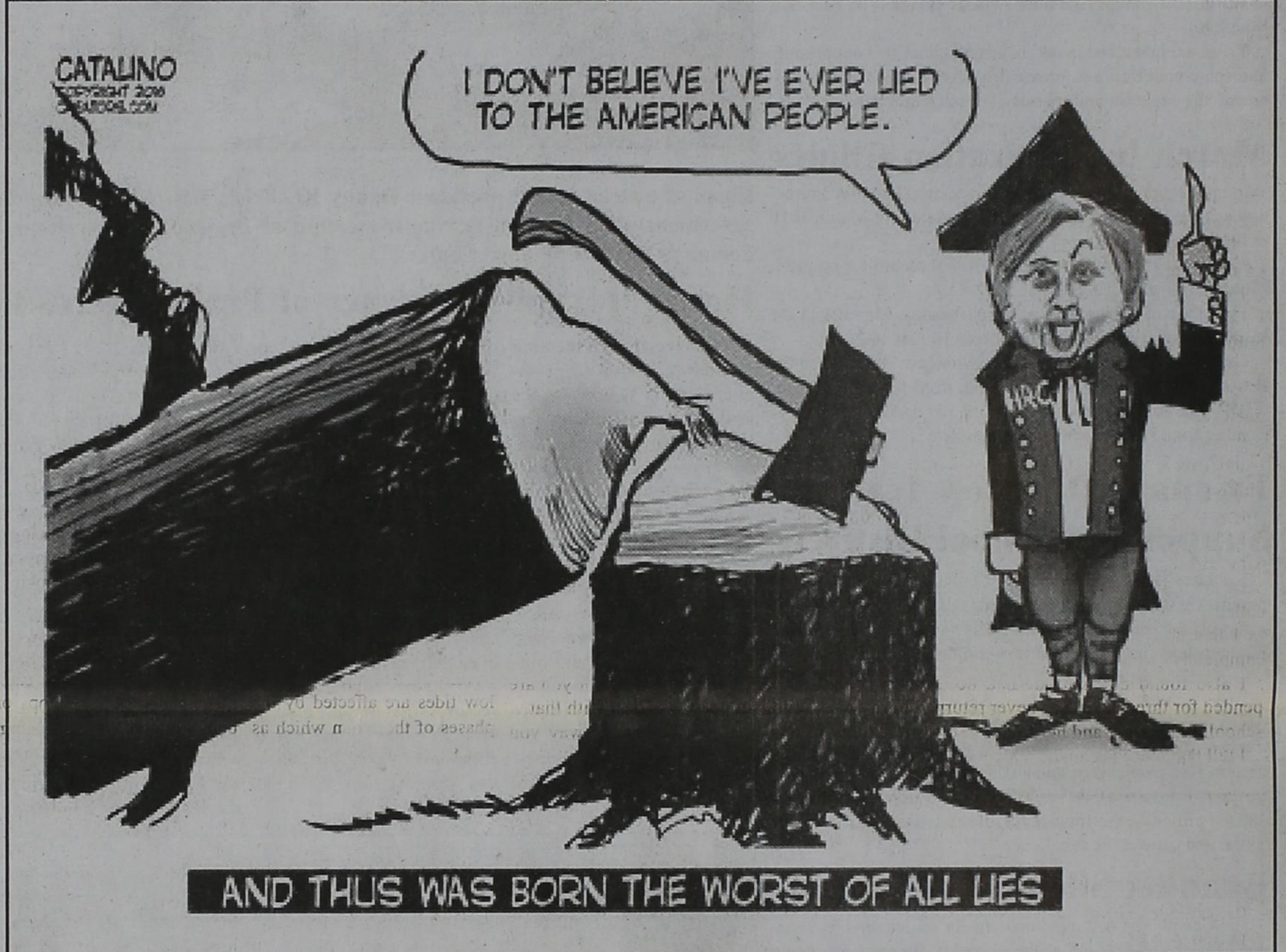
sleep around here which should help the economy too. I'm told Mariah del Norte will have 96 wind turbines. The other wind project, Scandia Wind Southwest LLC, will be more in the central part of the county, bordered by Hwy 214, Hwy 86, FM 1731, and FM 2013. That project, Mariah 4 and Mariah 5, is scheduled for 174 wind turbines they say. As stated in the article we have been talking about wind farms for at least 10 years. It has been a challenge to keep up with all the players, owners, financiers, etc. The projects have been sold and resold over the years. Let's hope this deal sticks. The tax abatement requires the wind farm operators to pay so much per megawatt produced. Parmer County and the school districts are excited about the potential revenue.

Landowners are excited about being paid for transmission lines and wind turbines on their property. As a famous Bovina guy once said, "Let the building begin." (That's a private joke.) Also important this week for Friona was the official agreement transferring ownership of Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates from the city to Parmer Medical Center. They are high-fiving at city hall. The truth is a municipality has no business owning a nursing home. Friona was one of two cities in Texas that owned a nursing home facility. Nursing homes are heavily regulated by the state and depend on Medicaid, Medicare, or private pay residents. There are more regulations that go along with Medicaid and Medicare. Over the years Prairie Acres has enjoyed great success and marginal

success. We are fortunate to have a caring staff and very little staff turnover. They have remained loyal in spite of changing management and changing benefits. Maybe now with their colleagues at PMC in charge they can look forward to improved conditions. Most of all the ownership change should mean a better atmosphere for the residents and their families. The hospital district board, led by Chairman Danny Kendrick, is a solid group of people that put the interest of our patients and nursing home residents first. The ownership transfer was a big positive deal. We have some fine folks here in Friona that donate their time and talents-to the betterment of the community. On behalf of the community, we thank you.

School Menu Feb. 29-Mar. 4

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, Sausage Biscuit w/cheese, apple juice, pears, milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans, corn, Mandarin oranges, milk.
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk.
Lunch: Hot dog, Doritos, fresh tomatoes, fruit cocktail, milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, apple juice, grapes, milk.
Lunch: Roasted chicken, roll, cole slaw, pork and beans, pineapple, milk.
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, oranges, milk.
Lunch: Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot sticks, tropical fruit, milk.
- Friday**
Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, fruit punch juice, apples, milk.
Lunch: Fish, roll, broccoli, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, milk.



ON YOUR PAYROLL

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ACROSS

- 1 in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- 5 in Concho Co. on hwy. 83 & 87
- 6 San Antonio Zoo was first to breed this gazelle in U.S.
- 7 this TX Underwood was a LB for UT and Houston Oilers
- 8 TXism: "likely as ___" (probable)
- 9 TX-born Robin Wright Netflix series: "House ___"
- 16 'tween Mon. & Wed. excessively harsh
- 21 a Dallas mayor: ___ Thornton
- 22 TXism: "shootin' ___" (gun)
- 23 higher learning in San Marcos (abbr.)
- 24 Johnson City is the seat of this county
- 30 TXism for "in that direction" (2 wds.)
- 34 Ranger or Astro 4-bagger (abbr.)
- 35 TXism: "that'll do ___"
- 36 Mineola's county
- 37 ex-Houston center Olajuwon is from this Nigerian city
- 39 highest Civil ct. in the state: "___ Court"
- 43 moved cattle
- 44 TXism: "fast as a cat with ___ on fire"
- 45 Astros' leag.

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "___ do nothing but burn hay" (bad horse)"
- 2 in Lubbock Co. on hwy. 62 & 82
- 3 TXism: "if he bought a ___ people would stop dying" (unlucky)
- 4 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- 9 how TX Janis Joplin died (abbr.)
- 10 this Kinky ran for governor in 2006
- 11 TX singer Vikki
- 12 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't ___ in Texas"
- 13 in 1984, TX voted for this Reagan
- 14 this Noonan was a Cowboy player from 1987 to 1992 (init.)
- 15 TXism: "___ a spell"
- 17 delay of game in football (2 wds.)
- 19 TXism: "put to bed with ___" (bury)
- 20 hospital RNs
- 24 great TX pro golfer, Byron (init.)
- 25 TXism: "___ out" (left)
- 26 TX George Strait's "___ the Hole"
- 27 TX Swayze 1989 film: "___ Kin"
- 28 TX 6-man football (2 wds.)
- 29 edible mollusk
- 31 neither's sidekick
- 32 female deer
- 33 plastic pink flamingo? (2 wds.)
- 38 this Jay owned the Texas & Pacific RR
- 40 TX "Stone Cold" Steve (init.)
- 41 interscholastic org.
- 42 voting processes
- 49 TXism: "near ___"
- 51 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I knew ___"
- 52 "___ Jovi" was in first "Farm Aid"
- 57 TX or France city
- 58 stadium

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solution on page 4

"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."
President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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Town Talk II

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Next Tuesday, March 1, is Super Tuesday. Several states have their primaries that day including Texas. We published sample ballot info in the February 18 Star. The list of polling places is reprinted in this Star. Get out and vote. You will need your voter registration card, photo ID, and choose to vote Republican or Democrat. In November you can vote for the individual regardless of party. I voted early. This is going to be an

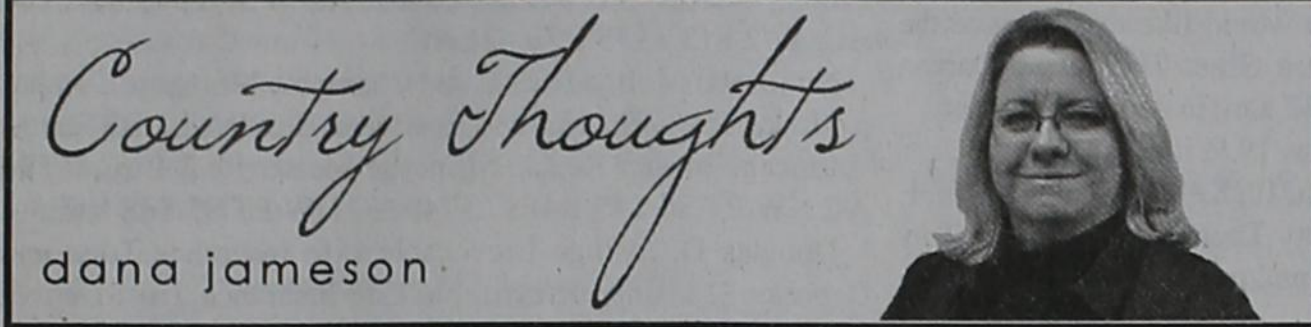
important election. ***** We received word of the death of former Friona resident Claire Blanco. Claire was one of the first little old curmudgeon ladies I met when I moved to Friona in 1995. We were friends and neighbors for 20 years until she moved to California several years ago to be near her two daughters. She is survived by the two daughters, Marilyn Peterson and Kathleen Simpson, 10

grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Claire was a genuine person, friendly and caring. RIP friend Claire. ***** We have a new police officer, Raul Martinez. He is actually back with us. Raul was a former police officer who left for similar positions in Herford but he is now back here. The Friona PD is still one officer short and they are taking applications.

***** Congratulations to James and Sue Procter. On February 20 they celebrated their 71st anniversary. That is a long time folks. Happy anniversary you two. ***** I found this interesting: 18,300 people applied for the 2017 NASA astronaut class. Only 8-14 will be accepted. ***** Three candidates have now signed up for the May 7 school board election. Incumbents Becky Riethmayer and Ricky Barnett plus newcomer Maria Monreal Garcia have signed up for the two available positions. This means there will be a school board election May 7. ***** County commissioners are still trying to afford a new security system for the courthouse and jail. Lightning during the December blizzard knocked out the old system now in place. Scandia Wind Southwest LLC asked for an additional abatement but was declined by commissioners. ***** Pam and Darrel Ray are grandparents again. Maddix Wharem was born February 19 weighing in at 7.5 pounds and 20.5". The parents are their daughter Tara Wharem and her husband Captain Steve Wharem. He is an

Heritage Estates from the City of Friona over to Parmer Medical Center. This is a positive move for both parties. A city government has no business owning a nursing home facility. It makes much more sense for a medical facility like PMC to own the nursing home. Here is to a positive future for all involved. *****

Army engineer stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington near Tacoma. They have another son, Fox Wharem, who will be two in July. Darrel told me he has resigned as head Squaws basketball coach in a letter submitted to Coach Arias February 8. He hopes to continue with his other school duties and remain in his teaching role at Friona High School. Coach Ray has always been cooperative with us here at the Friona Star. Dr. Pam Ray will assume her duties as the new Friona ISD superintendent at the end of the school year. We are fortunate to have Pam and Darrel as part of the community. ***** Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce banquet March 8. Go by and get your tickets in advance at the Chamber office. They are \$25 each. We will have another prime rib good time. See you there. Until then! *****



Bully, bully!

Bullies...what or who do you think of when you hear that word?

For me, a nameless girl threatened to beat the tar out of me after school for looking in her direction. I was a senior and she was a freshman. She had about 7 inches and 75 pounds on me.

I had a savior in the form of Kenny. He pulled her off me and told her to go on about her business.

As she walked away, she yelled her threat of a beating.

I was not a formidable opponent. In fact, I was shaking so bad I dropped what I was holding. I was 5 foot tall and weighed less than 100 pounds. Not King Kong...right?

After being sent to the Vice Principal's office to file a complaint, I was sent home.

I remember being sick to my stomach and wondering how I was supposed to fight that hulking girl that looked like she knew her way around a fight.

I found out the next day that my mentor, Mrs. Black, and Kenny had talked to the Vice Principal and the Principal before they called the girl in. They told the story just as I had and the girl had a different story completely.

I also found out that she had been suspended for three days. She never returned to school. I guess her and her family left town.

I tell that story because I realize that there

are bullies at every turn in your life. It is how you handle them that matters.

When my boys started school, I worried about the bullies they would run into. After a group of boys threatened them, I remember going to the playground during their recess and watching. In the back of my mind, I knew that the teacher and the principal would take care of the situation but I thought I needed to help somehow.

Now I have a granddaughter that at 18-months-old is oblivious to bullies and how they influence the way she will see life.

Bullies come in every shape and size, race and sex, family and friend, and in every income bracket. They can come at us from out of nowhere or are someone we trust.

My grandmother once said, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!" She also said it was better to walk away from your enemies, or a fight, than to end up being punched out. The first saying was for me and the second was for my brother.

I think we should stand up and be heard for what we believe. I also believe there are times that we should keep our opinions to ourselves and walk away. That is a lot easier said than done.

If you have a bully in your life or you are a bully...life is too short to deal with that...grow up and treat each other the way you want to be treated with respect and love.

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Ever wonder how to read an almanac?

Many of you my age and older are at least familiar with an almanac from hearing your parents and grandparents speak of 'waiting until the signs are right.' They spoke of this when planting crops, castrating or dehorning animals, weaning babies, etc. This figure is known as the Zodiac Man or, man of the signs. There is a whole realm of knowledge out there along with believers and non-believers. Just as high tides and low tides are affected by the phases of the moon which as we know, has been put there 'for signs and for seasons and for days and years', these are signs of the zodiac. Most of us are familiar with the signs as far as our birth signs are concerned and we know that some astrological signs are more compatible than others and some are not compatible at all. We also may enjoy checking our horoscopes.

The signs progress each

month from the head of the Zodiac Man, Aries, to the feet, Pisces. There are little symbols for each sign as you can see from the diagram [Old Farmer's Almanac est. 1792]. This is how you know where the signs are for each day of the month. Modern almanacs contain a page of best days of each month to: quit smoking, begin a diet to lose weight, or gain weight, cut hair to encourage growth or discourage growth, have dental care, plant above ground crops or below ground crops, pruning, destroy pests or weeds, breed animals, wean babies or animals, slaughter livestock and even setting posts in concrete. This page is for those who may not know how to read an almanac, yet are interested in the signs. All this and weather too, plus a host of other facts and figures to browse to your heart and mind's content. "Astrology is a tool we use to plan events according to the place-

ments of the Sun, the Moon and the planets in the 12 signs of the zodiac. Astronomy is the actual placement of the known planets and constellations." In 2012 for example, when all the planets were in a line, the Mayas had predicted the end of the world, and certainly we know that that pattern is not repeated very often. Fascinating reading...and would you believe the 2016 Almanac has a disclaimer for the best days page "consider all indicators before making any major decisions." Yes, this is the 21st century. Almanac.com/BestDays.

Other tidbits: included in a replica of the 1816 Farmer's Almanac, also a leap year, Eclipses and a table to calculate simple interest at six percent. In the replica for 1916: the rising and setting times for each of the following planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn...high and low tide times for the Port of Boston.



- ♈ Aries, head **ARI** Mar. 21-Apr. 20
- ♉ Taurus, neck **TAU** Apr. 21-May 20
- ♊ Gemini, arms **GEM** May 21-June 20
- ♋ Cancer, breast **CAN** June 21-July 22
- ♌ Leo, heart **LEO** July 23-Aug. 22
- ♍ Virgo, belly **VIR** Aug. 23-Sept. 22
- ♎ Libra, reins **LIB** Sept. 23-Oct. 22
- ♏ Scorpio, secrets **SCO** Oct. 23-Nov. 22
- ♐ Sagittarius, thighs **SAG** Nov. 23-Dec. 21
- ♑ Capricorn, knees **CAP** Dec. 22-Jan. 19
- ♒ Aquarius, legs **AQU** Jan. 20-Feb. 19
- ♓ Pisces, feet **PSC** Feb. 20-Mar. 20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Orr, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 2016, in Cause No. 3057, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Diane Orr.

All persons having claims against the 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: Diane Orr
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

News from Sunday, February 22, 1976

*Friona Country Club was rescued from the prospects of bankruptcy at a special meeting of the stockholders and members Tuesday night, which raised \$13,000 to meet the club's current debts.

At the same time, the membership plotted a new course for the club, including a monthly budget and a little closer scrutiny by manage-

ment in order to see the club through its financial troubles.

"I feel a sense of sadness at giving up my professional life's work," said elementary principal J.T. Gee, "but I am looking forward to doing things I have wanted to do but haven't had the time to do."

Gee, who is 70, tendered his resignation before the school board last Monday night.

*Jim Murphree was chosen as "Mr. FHS," while Tame-la Hassenpflug was named "Miss FHS."

Class favorites were chosen as follows: senior-Denise Shipp and Danny Campbell; junior-Mary Schilling and Donnie Gustin; sophomore-Cindy Cleveland and Curt Miller; freshman-Christy Lundy and Ky Graham.

*The Trevino triplets, Margarita, Maria and Martha, celebrated their eighth birthday on Monday, February 16. The girls are the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Trevino of Friona.

*Rev. C.H. Murphy, the new pastor at Friona's First Baptist Church, moved here the first of the week and held his first service Wednesday night. He will fill the pulpit for his first Sunday services this week.

THE STEVENS 5 STAR DEAL OF THE WEEK!

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A Greater Need

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Would you agree that our nation today needs godly leadership, righteous representation, and holy heroes to lead? We have watched over the past years as sin has abounded and wicked leadership has helped sins such as homosexuality, lying, backbiting, and deceit jump onto the fast track to normalization in our society. In light of all these sins, godly leadership would be nice, but the reality is that it isn't just the leaders who need a change of heart.

Around 600 BC the nation of Judah was in a similar position. After 57 years of the most wicked leadership you could imagine, God provided a godly king named Josiah to reign. Josiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and he brought about massive reforms in expelling idolatry from the kingdom. It was a time of revival as the temple was even updated and people were pointed to the Lord, yet in spite of all his righteous rules over his 31 year reign, the nation delved back into idolatry and only lasted 22 years after he died. The reason for such a terminal decline, was not just due to the leadership, but it was because people ignored their greatest need.

Their greatest need, and our greatest need today, is a purging of our hearts from the sin within. Congress cannot legislate such change, the President cannot mandate it, and even your preacher is unable to force it, but you can accept such change by repenting of your sin, placing faith in Christ completely and walking with Him daily.



Pray for All People

By TEENA HUGHS

1 Timothy 2:1, 2: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."

The words and study of this Scripture convicted me. When asked what challenged me the most from our study last week, I wrote, "Praying for leaders I don't respect."

Like the rest of America, there are MANY leaders I do not respect, mainly because they have not had the courage to follow the Constitution; they have chosen to not stand up for what is right; they have turned their backs on God; and, now we are in a mess.

So, when I gave my answer out loud in Bible study, our leader responded by saying that maybe things would have been different if we had been praying for our leaders all along. I was immediately convicted to pray not only for President Obama, but for my denomination, which will once again fight over the issue of homosexuality this summer.

Why is it so hard for me to pray for people I don't like or respect, especially when they are doing so much damage and harming so many people? Maybe I don't feel like they deserve my prayers or time; maybe I don't think they are going to change, no matter what I pray.

Maybe it is not so much about them as it is about me. Maybe I am supposed to pray for them to show my obedience to God and His Word. Maybe it is about loving your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 19:19) and doing unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matt. 7:12).

I have been desperate for prayers for my kids at times. Maybe there is a mother or grandmother desperate for prayers for their child, even if he is President of the United States. Out of love and obedience to God, we should always pray.

Send your church news to the Friona Star
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Community World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4, 2016
7 p.m.
Union Congregational Church

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FFA hosting Donkey Basketball

The Friona FFA will present Dairyland Donkey Basketball on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Friona High School gymnasium. This is the second year for this event. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Friona FFA.

St. Teresa's dinner Mar. 6

The Ladies Society of St. Teresa of Jesus Church will be hosting their annual Mexican Dinner Sunday, March 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall adjacent to the church at 401 W. 17th Street in Friona. They will be serving a delicious meal of enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, dessert, chips and salsa with tea for \$12 for adults and children ten and under for \$6. For more information, call (806) 265-7163.



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What Is Truth?

By JEFF PROCTER

Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

"Five foods you should never eat." "15 reasons why you should never visit Australia." "15 reasons why you should visit Australia." "Drink this and lose 30 lbs. in a month." "Archaeologists find giant skeletons in the Middle East."

With the explosion of information at our fingertips on the internet it is hard to figure out what is true. I even asked the internet how much information on the internet is true and came up with a multitude of answers. In an age where we trust Siri to give us the answers and most assume that if it is online it must be true it begs the question, How are you sure?

Even when it comes to the scriptures from the one book many hold out as The Truth we find as many sceptics as we do believers. Truth in our culture is less an absolute and more about its relevance. A dangerous slop.

The search for truth is a valuable pursuit, but many have found it to be more exhausting than fulfilling because when truth does present itself they disagree with the finding and then disregard it as valuable and wash their hands of the whole thing. Sound familiar?

In John 18, Pilate looks Jesus in the eyes and says, "What is truth?" Ironic since the Truth is standing right in front of him. But you know how that story goes, Pilate washes his hands of the whole affair, Jesus is crucified and salvation through sacrifice is forever trumped by the Savior.

As we begin the third month of 2016 my encouragement for you is to seek truth.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1 that "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (v18)

You must decide is Jesus Truth? Do I believe the words of the Bible are inspired by God leading us to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith?

You will click on a lot of crazy stuff on the internet and you just may think it is all true. Yet will you open the pages of the Bible and give it the same opportunity to prove to you what is truth?

Food manager training to be offered in Spanish

By Kay Ledbetter

A professional food manager certification training course in Spanish will be offered March 7-8 in Amarillo by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Deaf Smith and Gray counties.

There will be no English materials at this training, said Amalia Mata, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Deaf Smith County.

Classes followed by testing will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The fee is \$125 and covers the training materials and a national food manager certification examination. Lunch will not be provided.

Advanced registration is required by Feb. 26. Contact Joan Gray-Soria, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Gray County, at 806-669-8033 or Joan.Gray-Soria@ag.tamu.edu, or by mail at 12125 E. Frederic Ave., Pampa, Texas 79065.

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires every

food establishment to have one certified food manager on site, Mata said. The food manager's certification will be valid anywhere in the state of Texas for five years.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination, it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food, she said.

By attending the course, food service managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling.
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food.
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees.
- Complying with government regulations.
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings.
- Controlling pests.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices, Mata said.

For more information about the training course, call Mata at 364-3573.

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OBITUARIES

Patsy Ruth Nichols

Patsy Ruth Nichols, the daughter of Earl and Ruth Brown, was born October 14, 1933 in Agra, Oklahoma and died February 9, 2016 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Services were held February 12, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Cordell, Oklahoma with Rev. Amanda Lockwood officiating.



Patsy was raised on a dairy farm and graduated from Agra High School. She attended Oklahoma A&M where she met Bill Nichols. They were united in marriage on Christmas Day 1953. To this union five wonderful children were born: Niki, Pete, Tama, Tommi, and Tim.

Patsy and Bill lived in Friona from 1957 to 1962. Bill was employed by Friona State Bank and Patsy was a homemaker.

Bill and Patsy made their home in Cordell for over 52 years until August 2016, when they relocated to the Baptist Village Retirement Community in Oklahoma City.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents Earl

and Ruth Brown.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bill; five children, Niki Higgins and her husband Justin, Pete Nichols and his wife Kathy, Tama Blair, Tommi Varner and Tim Nichols and his wife Pam; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bud Brown and his wife Diane, Gary Brown and his wife Barbara of Friona and Lynn Brown and his wife Jean; and many other family brothers.

Memorials can be made in honor of Patsy Nichols to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund or The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Claire Blanco

Former Friona resident Claire Blanco died February 19, 2016 in California. Claire lived in Friona 23 years before moving to California several years ago to be near family.



She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Peterson and Kathleen Simpson, 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Abel Portillo Portillo

Abel Portillo Portillo, 58, of Amarillo, died February 18, 2016 in New Mexico. Rosary prayer services will be held Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona. Mass of Christian Burial services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Rev. Anthony Swamy Aakula. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Abel was born in Mexico on September 21, 1957 to Jesus and Encarnacion Portillo Portillo. He worked for Track-Work, Inc., loved music and to dance, and loved his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a step-grandson Zachary Cantu.

He is survived by his wife, Irma Martinez of Friona; one sister, Ma.Elana Portillo

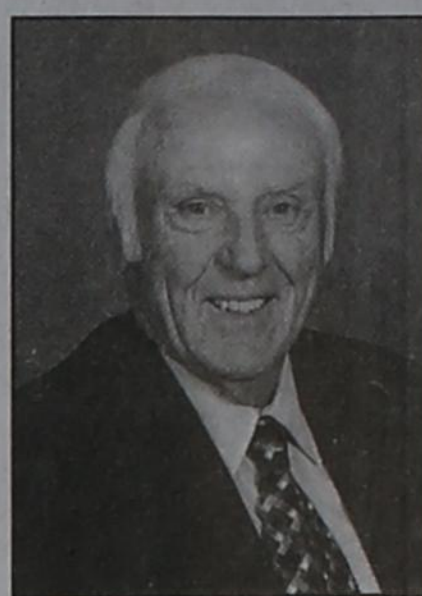


Portillo of Mexico; one step-son, Jesse Mendoza Jr. of Amarillo; one step-daughter, Christy Montes of Amarillo; seven step grandchildren, Jazmine Guerrero, Kiki Montes, Cesar Molina, Josephina Montes, Alexis Montes, Josua Mendoza and Eli Prieto; and two step-great-grandchildren, Suzely Hernandez and Suzzette Hernandez.

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

Billy Dean Baxter

Billy Dean Baxter, 89, of Friona, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 20, 2016 in Friona. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Burial followed with military honors in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Billy was born December 18, 1926 in Elk City, Oklahoma to Bill and Ella Eden Baxter. Ella died at Billy's birth, so he was raised by his grandparents James and Emma Baxter. They loved and took care of him as their very own. At the age of 11, he went to live with his father and new mother, Elizabeth. The family moved to Friona in 1938. Billy went to Friona schools, graduating in 1943. At the age of 18, he was drafted and served as a United States Army Medical Technician in three different troop ships during WWII. He married Lillie Mae Renner on September 7, 1947 in Friona where he was an accomplished cattle rancher and farmer. Billy was a past board of directors member of the Federal Land Bank of Muleshoe and Friona, and Friona Consumers Co-op. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona where he also taught Sunday School for many years. He enjoyed reading, traveling and his family. Billy's aim in life was to live by The Golden Rule.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and grandparents.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie of Friona; two sons, John Michael Baxter and wife (Cathy) of Saguache, Colorado, and Blayne Dee Baxter and wife Glenda of Syracuse, Kansas; one daughter, Debra Elaine Baxter of Amarillo; two sisters, Sue Null and husband Bill of Roscoe, Illinois, and Ann Carmichael of Timber Lake, South Dakota; one grandson, Bryan Dean Baxter of Wichita, Kansas; three step-grandchildren, Jessie, Karmia and Jill of Henderson, Nevada and one step grandson, Elmono of Santa Fe, N.M.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to: Friona Library, 109 W. 7th, Friona, Texas 79035 or Friona Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 614, Friona, Texas 79035

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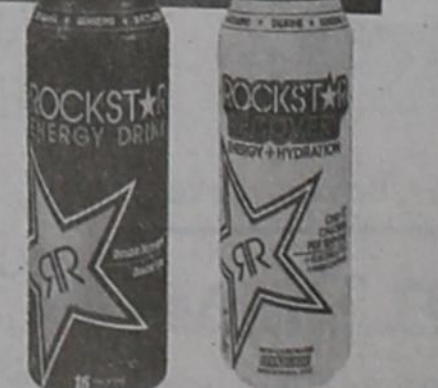
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A public hearing will be held Monday, March 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in city council chambers, 619 Main Street in Friona at which time the public may be heard.
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Crop insurance decision aid tool available

As crop insurance deadlines loom for spring planted crops, a new crop insurance decision aid tool has been developed to help producers make key decisions on what coverage to purchase.

This web-based tool, created by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University, enables producers to evaluate all available crop insurance decisions for major commodities, taking price and yield risk into consideration.

Co-Director of the center Joe Outlaw, Ph.D., announced the availability of the 2016 AFPC Crop Insurance Decision Aid last Friday at the Texas Wheat Producers Board meeting. Outlaw also explained the tool with Agribusiness Director James Hunt on-air at KGNC-AM, Amarillo. Find the interview at <http://kgncnewsnow.com/golden-spread-ag>.

Outlaw said the tool helps producers sift more quickly through the thousands of options they have for types of crop insurance and coverage levels, by incorporating enterprise units, optional units and yield exclusions, as well as the shallow loss programs through the STAX and Supplemental Coverage Option

Jarboe Scholarship Fund available

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel have established a scholarship fund in memory of Tom and Bettye Jarboe, longtime Friona teacher and administrator. The group will present the scholarship to a senior at the Senior Awards Assembly in May. Those who wish to contribute to the fund may take their donation to Friona Interbank and deposit it in the PCRTSP account-Tom and Bettye Jarboe Scholarship Fund.

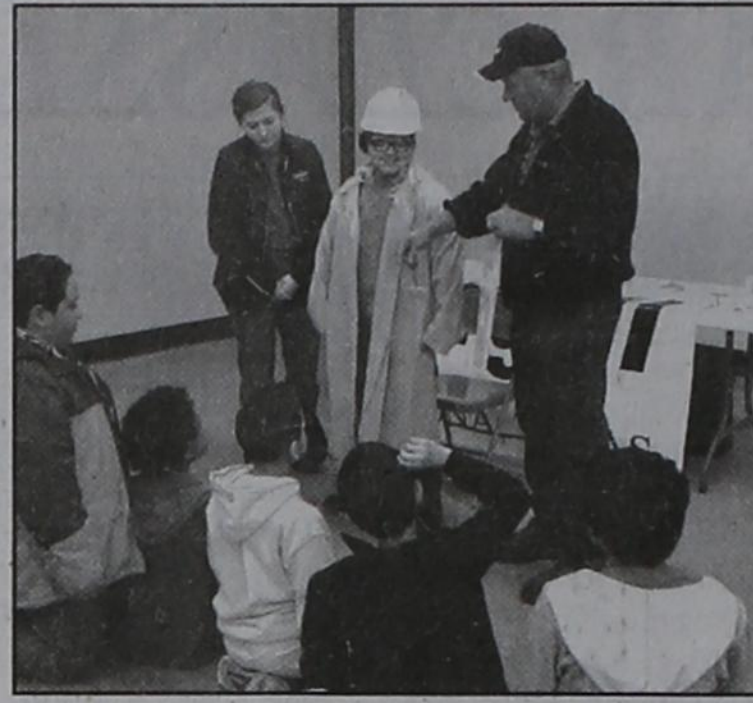
(SCO) plans. "It is a way for producers to 'fine tune' their decisions and be more educated on their options before they sit down with their crop insurance agent," Outlaw said.

Because this 2016 AFPC Crop Insurance Decision Aid follows the AFPC 2014 Farm Bill Decision Aid created prior to the farm bill process last year, producers may use their existing login and password information, or they can register a new account if they have not previously used any AFPC decision aids. The Crop Insurance Decision Aid is available at www.afpc.tamu.edu in the top left corner of the webpage, located under the "current projects" headline.

The center also offers one-on-one help with those who

may have trouble inputting their data. For questions or concerns about the decisions aid, contact the center by phone at (979) 845-5913 or by email at info@afpc.tamu.edu.

The Texas Wheat Producers Board is a statewide board funded by a voluntary two cent per bushel checkoff program. Checkoff funds are used for research, market development and education to further the wheat industry in Texas. The Texas Wheat Producers Association is a voluntary membership organization of wheat producers in Texas. The association provides growers a concentrated, organized voice in political matters affecting the production and marketing of their crops. For more information, visit <http://www.texaswheat.org>.



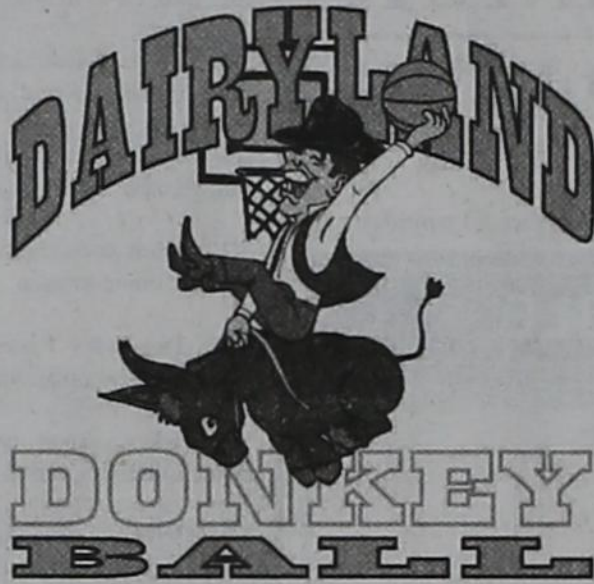
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Cargill employees Erin Worthington, left, and Rick White, explained safety measures for Cargill employees to 4th grade students attending Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom day Tuesday. Below, Darrin Gilley, assistant manager at Friona Wheat Growers, talks about different grains to students.



Friona FFA

PROUDLY PRESENTS:



DONKEY BASKETBALL

Sunday, March 6, 2016
2:00 pm @ HS Gym

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Daniel D. Putman, Deceased, were issued on February 12, 2016, in Cause No. 3055, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to the Independent Administrator of the Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner proscribed by law. Claims may be presented in person at 709 Main Street, Friona, or by mail to P.O. Box 236, Friona, Texas 79035.

Dated the February 19, 2016.

By: ss//Betsy Clark
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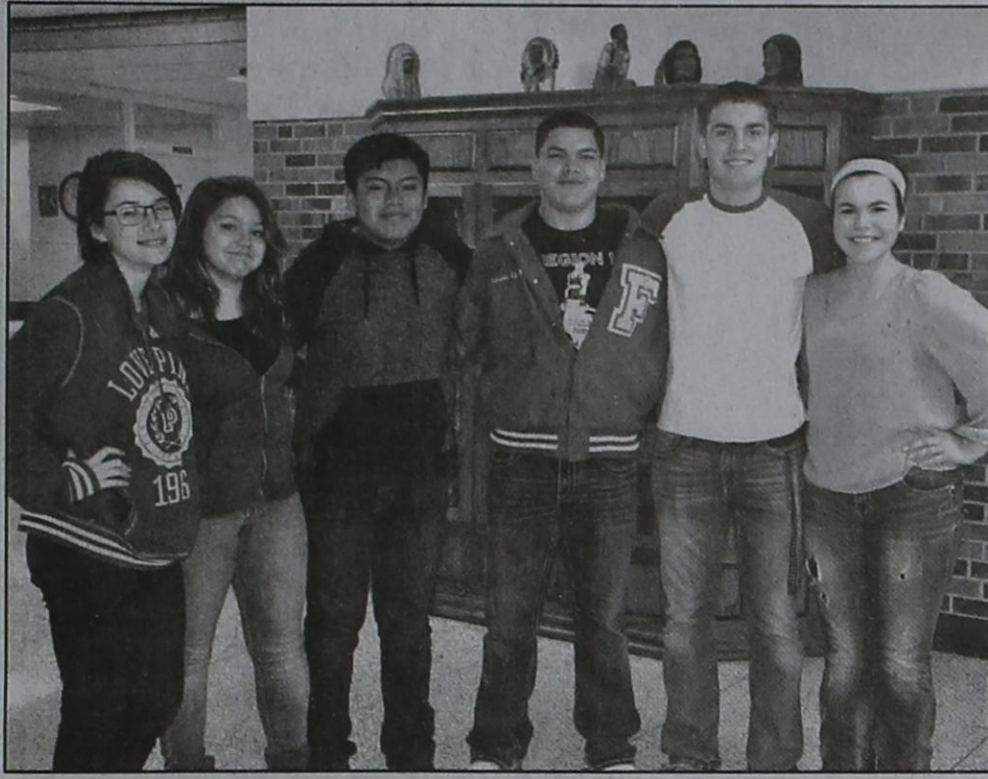
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FHS Choir Ensemble advanced to state competition in May. Members of the ensemble are, l-r, Lydia Alexander, Eva Herrera, Brooklynne Johnston, Kaegan Kerby, Juan Samarron and Edvin Tzunux.

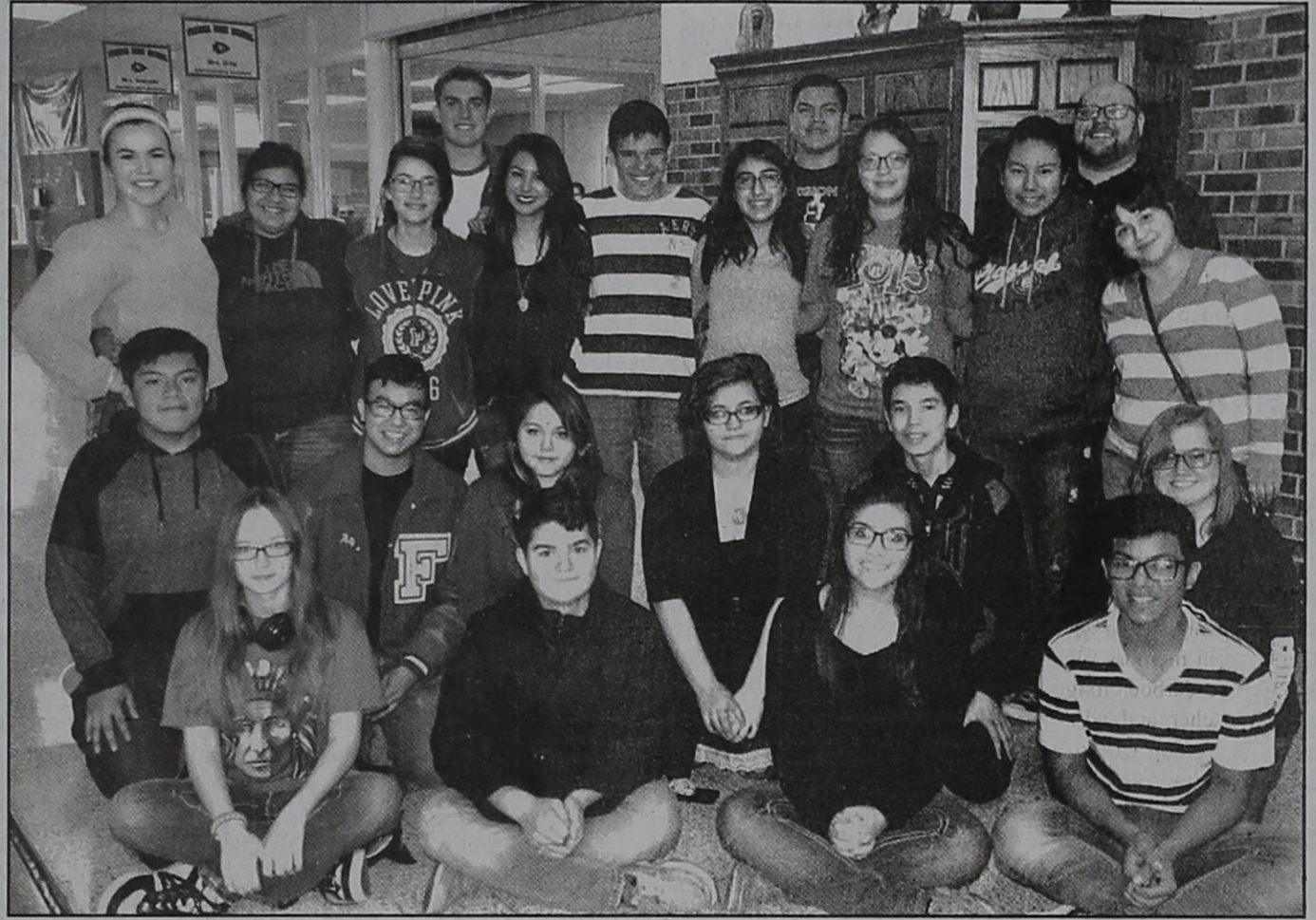
Chieftain & Squaw 2016 Track Schedule

March 4	@ Olton
March 11	@ Friona
March 24	@ Dimmitt
April 1	@ Lockney
April 8	@ River Road
April 15	@ Tulia-District
April 20	@ Tulia-Area
April 29-30	@ Abilene-Regionals
May 12-14	@ Austin-State

Boys Head Coach: Mike Royal
Girls Head Coach: Darrel Ray

Assistant Coaches: Cindy Moreno, Fabian Flores, Alyssa Paschal, David Towner and Fernando Moreno

FHS Choir participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble competition at WTAMU in Canyon on Saturday, February 20 with 13 soloists and one ensemble advancing to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest. Allison Johnston and Kim Smiley accompanied all the students. The state contest will be held in Austin in May. Soloists who received a Superior rating and will advance to State are: Lydia Alexander, Josselyn Castillo, Eva Herrera, Brooklynne Johnston, Sierra Mendoza, Andrea Salas, Rafael Calvillo, Julian Cruz, Eduardo Guaderrama, Kaegan Kerby, Lupe Macias, Juan Samarron and Edvin Tzunux. Superior rated ensemble members were: Alexander, Herrera, Johnston, Kerby, Samarron and Tzunux. Students receiving a Good or Excellent rating were soloists: Faith Fothergill, Robin Kelley, Leticia Parra, Makayla Pierce, Elizabeth Rocha, Laura Sanchez, Karina Santiago, Angel Valencia and Alex Cigarroa. Good or Excellent rated ensemble members were: Mendoza, Rocha and Salas.



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Friona School Calendar for March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 -FHS TAKS Exit Level Math -V/JV Baseball @ Dalhart 4/6:30	2 -FHS TAKS Exit Level Science -FHS Band Regional UIL Concert/SR Contest	3 -FHS TAKS Exit Level Social Studies -7 th /8 th Track @ Olton -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Stinnett -FHS Tennis @ Levelland	4 -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Stinnett -FHS Track @ Olton -Girls Regional Powerlifting @ Mertzson	5 -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Stinnett
6 -2 nd Annual FFA Donkey Basketball Game 2:00	7	8 -Jr. High Open House 5:00 - 5:45 -Houston Stock Show -V/JV Baseball @ Slaton 4:30/6:30	9 -Houston Stock Show	10 -Houston Stock Show -7 th /8 th Track @ Friona -FHS Cheer Tryouts -FHS Chieftain Choices/College Fair	11 -Houston Stock Show -FHS Track @ Friona -JV Baseball @ Tulia 4:30	12 -Houston Stock Show -Varsity Baseball vs. Tulia 12:00 -Boys Regional Powerlifting @ Sundown
13 -Houston Stock Show	14 -Spring Break -Houston Stock Show	15 -Spring Break -Houston Stock Show	16 -Spring Break -Houston Stock Show	17 -Spring Break -Houston Stock Show -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Nazareth	18 -Spring Break -Houston Stock Show -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Nazareth -Girls State Powerlifting @ Corpus Christi	19 -Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Nazareth -Girls State Powerlifting @ Corpus Christi
20	21	22 -Primary Spring and Class Pictures -7 th /8 th Track @ Dimmitt -V/JV Baseball vs. San Jacinto 4:30/6:30	23	24 -FHS Track @ Dimmitt -FHS Tennis @ Levelland	25	26
27	28	29 -STAAR Grade 4 Writing Grade 5 Math Grade 7 Writing Grade 8 Math FHS English I -JV/V Baseball @ Shallowater 4:30/6:30	30 -STAAR Grade 5 Reading Grade 7 Writing Grade 8 Reading	31 -STAAR FHS English II -7 th /8 th Track @ Lockney -FFA Tarleton CDE Contest 8:00 a.m. -FHS Tennis @ Levelland		

Firm seals \$350M wind farm deal

By Kevin Welch, Amarillo Globe News

An international investment firm has closed a \$350 million wind farm deal that could be the first of almost 600 megawatts of wind generation in Parmer County as the wind industry continues to expand by almost \$2 billion in investments in the region.

First Reserve announced the deal last week involving investors like BHE Renewables, a Berkshire Hathaway Energy business; Citigroup; and banking firm HSBC to purchase the Mariah del Norte wind farm and a 27-mile transmission line that is ready for construction. That's the first of three Mariah projects developed by Mariah Acquisition in the southwest Texas Panhandle, a partnership of Harvest Energy Services of Boulder, Colo., and Arctas Capital Group, of Houston.

"Harvest is a contractor," said company President Michael Rucker. "My team did the late-stage development, and now will do the construction management and will be the operator."

Mariah Acquisition will retain a small part of the ownership. The project is rated at 230 megawatts. That's enough power to serve 350 average homes in Texas, according to industry estimates. However, the wind farm would have to operate an average of 24 hours a day at maximum capacity to reach that number.

Other projects near or under construction in the region include NextEra, which is preparing for construction of the first 200 megawatt phase of the 800

megawatt Hale Community Energy complex. Some of the others in the region include South Plains by First Wind at 200 megawatts, and South Plains II by Sun Edison at 300 megawatts, both in Floyd County. To the north, there's the Route 66 Wind Project by First Wind Energy at 150 megawatts in Armstrong County and Colbeck's Corner by E.ON Renewables at 200 megawatts in Gray and Carson counties.

Construction of a wind farm costs from \$1.5 million to \$2 million per megawatt of capacity, so the initial stages of these projects could cost a combined minimum of around \$1.5 billion.

Construction will start on Mariah del Norte with the transmission line, which costs about \$1 million per mile.

The facility has been in the planning stages for almost a decade and had undergone several ownership changes. Mariah Acquisitions is planning two sister projects nearby pending funding.

"It's not a slam dunk to get projects like this financed," Rucker said. "For now, this is keeping us busy."

The project has been in the planning stages for almost a decade and will economically benefit the county's economy, which relies on farming and cattle feeding and especially its tax base.

"It's time they get their project. They've been patient," Rucker said. "It should benefit schools, the county."

The parties hope to have

Mariah del Norte in operation by the end of 2016.

Rucker said the turbines are waiting in Plainview. That's where two companies have locations to unload wind tower components off trains to hold them for loading onto trucks to go to their final destinations.

"Over the next eight or nine months, they're expecting a deluge of parts," said Hale County Judge Bill Coleman.

He credits the transportation savings from coastal ports and Plainview's central location with wind farms planned or under construction in the Panhandle and South Plains.

"It's a pretty good pivot point for the entire region," he said. "I've been told we have eight or ten more years of construction of all the windmills."



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Friona was plunged back into winter on Tuesday as residents awakened to large, wet snowflakes falling throughout the morning. This blast of winter was short lived but the wind continued to howl into Wednesday.

DPS reminds Texans to use online services

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Texans to plan ahead for the busy weeks surrounding Spring Break and take advantage of early renewals, online services or visit a driver license mega center when renewing their driver license or identification card. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by using Texas.gov to renew their license or identification card.

"Because we know customers value their time, DPS provides several options for customers to complete driver license or identification card transactions online, or in person at high-capacity mega centers, which have the option of reserving a place in line before arriving," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We encourage Texans to make the most of their time by using these options — especially during the busy Spring Break weeks."

Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer larger facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers and other select offices leverage a queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line. For a list of the driver license offices that offer this feature or to schedule an appointment before arriving, visit: (<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/onlineScheduling.aspx>)

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit http://www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/Rolodex/schedule-

DriveTest.htm.

To be eligible to renew online, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. Customers can renew their card early at any time within one year of the expiration date and choose a convenient time that fits their schedule. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone re-

newals.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>.

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