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Band boosters meeting April 5

The Friona High School Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. They will be discussing the Spring Concert Senior Recognition, pre-planning and elect officers for the 2016-17 school year. Everyone is encouraged to come and support the Mighty Chieftain Band.

Friona Kids Inc. is organizing

Friona Kids Inc. will have a coaches meeting Thursday March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boy Scout Hut. Equipment and rosters will be distributed.

Games will begin April 25. This year there are 14 teams with about 160 kids participating.

We would like to thank our sponsors this year for helping fund the new scoreboard on the far west field. Installation will be complete before the season begins. Special thanks to Campbell Electric for running the electricity out to the new scoreboard. Danny and Stephen are always a big help with anything we need.

Our sponsors are Farm Bureau, 5W Sales Company, Kendrick Oil Co., H&R Block, Wilbur Ellis, Andy Montana Insurance, Cargill, Creative Chaos, Hi-Pro Feeds, Milk House Market, Friona Star, Chuck's Barber Shop.

Also we are looking for volunteer umpires for the upcoming season. If you are interested please contact Tonia Abarca at 806-240-2943.



dana jameson photo

Blood donors Danny Hand, left, and Jeff Procter are tended to by Coffee Memorial Blood Center technician Kim Doughty at last Thursday's blood drive. The drive collected 49 units of whole blood. Thanks to the donors and volunteers for giving the gift of life.

**April school calendar
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Bovina Chamber of Commerce Awards



Richard Chitwood
Teacher of the Year



Itzel Anett
Student of the Year



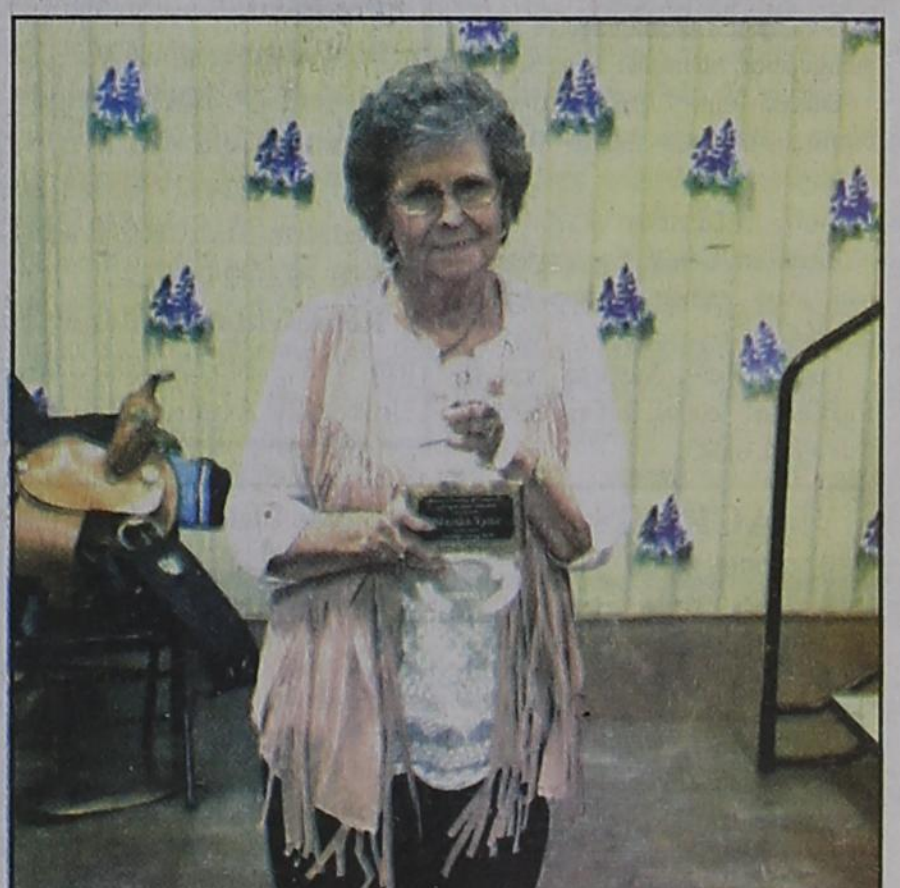
Jesus Sanchez
Student of the Year



Denise Anderson
Woman of the Year



Tiny Chisum
Man of the Year



Martha Tyler
Heritage Award



Bob Sparks
Special Friend of Bovina

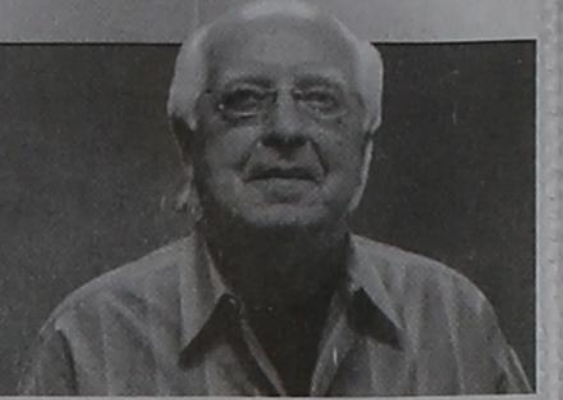


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Dixie Carson won this bench in a drawing at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet. The bench, with local brands, was handmade and donated by John and Sharron McQuigg.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- Mar. 31-Mammograms at Friona
- Lowes-2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31-7th/8th Track @ Lockney
- Mar. 31-FHS Tennis @ Levelland
- Apr. 1-APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- Apr. 1-2-Ogallala Quilt Festival-Dimmitt
- Apr. 1-2-Bowl for Kids' Sake 2016-Hereford-Sugarland Mall Lanes
- Apr. 1-FHS Track @ Lockney
- Apr. 1-2-Boys Powerlifting State @ Abilene
- Apr. 2-JV/V Baseball vs. Muleshoe-Home-2:30/12:00
- Apr. 2-FHS UIL Choir Camp 10 a.m.
- Apr. 4-FHS District Academic UIL Meet @ Muleshoe
- Apr. 5-FHS Band Boosters meeting-6 p.m.
- Apr. 5-JV/V Baseball at Littlefield-4:30/6:30
- Apr. 6-FHS Boys Golf @ Tulia
- Apr. 6-FHS Girls Golf @ Dimmitt
- Apr. 7-7th/8th Track District @ Muleshoe
- Apr. 8-FHS Track @ River Road
- Apr. 9-JV/V Baseball vs. Dimmitt-Home-2:30/12:00
- Apr. 10-5th Annual Blessing of the Bikes at FUMC in Hereford-8:45 a.m.
- Apr. 10-FHS Senior Steak Dinner @ FJHS Cafeteria-11 a.m.
- Apr. 11-Baptist Senior Dinner-1st Baptist Church-6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 11-12-District Tennis @ Plainview
- Apr. 12-FHS Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene
- Apr. 13-14-FHS Girls Regional Golf @ Abilene
- Apr. 14-2nd Grade Music program 2:30/6:30
- Apr. 14-Friona Cemetery Association Annual Meeting-3 p.m. @ Friona City Hall Council Chambers.
- Apr. 15-SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Apr. 15-FHS Track @ Tulia-DISTRICT
- Apr. 16-Snack Pak 4 Kids Benefit-6 p.m. @ Country Rose
- Apr. 16-JV/V Baseball vs. Shallowater-Home-2:30/12:00

ordering online

In my youth customers could order online. On a telephone line.

At Barnard's Grocery in the 1950s part of my 12-hour-a-day job was to take phone orders, fill the order, and deliver it in Mr. Barnard's rickety old pickup.

Keep in mind there was not a huge variety of prod-

ucts back then so filling an order was a simple task. Most of our Barnard customers had a charge account so there was no swiping a card when the groceries were delivered. On occasion a customer, mostly elderly, would realize they forgot to order a couple of things so I would make a second trip.

We also had customers call in their order then come by the store to pick it up, an early version of online ordering and curbside pickup. Needless to say we did not promote the phone-in service. Mr. Barnard wanted the customers to come into the store because they would buy more.

I read an article this week that Kroger has opened a new big store in Prosper, Texas. Kroger has an online ordering service called ClickList. They have covered parking spaces at the side of the store for customers to pull up and load their order. Kroger plans to offer the ClickList service at many other stores in Dallas and Houston.

They say online grocery ordering is being demanded by two growing demographic groups: soccer moms who don't want to drag two kids into the store and the elderly who want someone to do their shopping for them.

Buying stuff online is huge in America. I have relatives and friends that are expert professionals at it and are on a first name basis with the UPS/FedEx delivery people. More and more we are being asked to touch, swipe, and click to make it through life.

I'm just not quite sure about ordering food through a robot. Unless you know exactly what items you want online food ordering can be risky seems to me. It could take five minutes just to scan through all of the cereal choices, not to mention canned goods and frozen dinners.

The local Subway has a kiosk for its drive through window. To encourage peo-

ple to use the kiosk they offer a free cookie. Someone said it is really easy to use. We have ordered lunch here in the office online and it seems to work just fine.

Last week my brother had some shoulder surgery in Amarillo. During the surgery my sister-in-law and I went to the McDonald's on west Amarillo Blvd. It was around the noon hour. We avoided the kiosk and ordered from a lady at the counter.

While we sat there to eat I watched as people came in and almost 100% avoided the kiosk and went to the counter. One man did order through the kiosk. Another guy went to the kiosk, attempted to punch in his order, got too frustrated, gave up and went to the counter.

A colleague said she went to the Hereford McDonald's kiosk. Her order included lemonade but they told her they did not have lemonade. Instead they gave her a coupon for a free meal.

It is not a perfect world yet. Even the self-checkout area in Wal Mart has an employee there in case you mess up, cheat, scan something twice, or need to start over.

For us elderly, modern life is kind of complicated. Don't look for me at the kiosk.

I'll be over there where real people still do the work.



Regional horticulture seminars in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a two-part Amarillo Regional Horticulture Exposition on April 9 and April 30 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

"Turf and trees add so much to a landscape both in aesthetic beauty and functionality, such as cooling through transpiration from a lawn and shading from the trees," said Liz Moore, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent for Randall County. "When turf and tree issues arise, it's good to have general knowledge of what is going on. In this program, our desire is to provide homeowners that foundation."

Part 1 will be a Turfgrass Seminar from 9 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. on April 9. Topics will include general turf management, turf diseases, irrigation practices, weed and pest identification and a tour of the H Bar H Turf Farms in southeast Amarillo. Part 2 will be a Tree Care Seminar from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 30. Topics will include proper tree selection, tree disease troubleshooting, tree care and irrigation, and a Botanical Gardens tour.

Dr. Matt Elmore, AgriLife Extension turfgrass specialist from Dallas, will be the speaker for Part 1. Brian Scott, Texas A&M Forest Service urban forester in Canyon, will lead Part 2.

Participants are encouraged to bring their sick plants and get answers

from the experts from 8:30-9 a.m. prior to each seminar.

The cost will be \$40 for both classes or \$25 for a single class. Registration can be completed online at <http://randall.agrilife.org/>. Click on the event to access the information.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by April 4 by calling 806-373-0713. Lunch will be on your own.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be provided for each program, one general and one integrated pest management.

The program is jointly sponsored by the AgriLife Extension offices in Potter, Randall, Armstrong and Oldham counties. For more information, contact any of these offices.

Letters to the Editor

Hello, my name is Ginger Yaeger (formally English) and I used to live in Friona. I live in Lubbock now and I'm the co-founder of Operation Screen Your Athlete. We are a group of medical professionals that offer free cardiac screenings to athletes ages 14-18.

We are holding our next screening here in Lubbock on April 9 and we are trying to get the word out to surrounding communities. I was wondering if you would get the word out there in Friona for us!

Our website is Operationscreenyourathlete.org or you can find us on FB at Operation Screen Your Athlete. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me here or at 806-346-5080.

School Menu

April 4-8

Monday

Breakfast: Cereal, pancakes, orange pineapple juice, applesauce, milk.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, cheese tomatoes, pears, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk.

Lunch: Chili meat, Fritos, cheese broccoli, carrot sticks, peaches, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, Mexican egg burrito, grape juice, oranges, milk.

Lunch: Fish, crackers, cole slaw, French oven potatoes, strawberries & bananas, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, Mahdanni oranges, milk.

Lunch: Turkey pull sub, green beans, corn, banana, milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Cereal, Eggstravaganza with toast, orange pineapple juice, peaches, milk.

Lunch: Tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit salad, milk.

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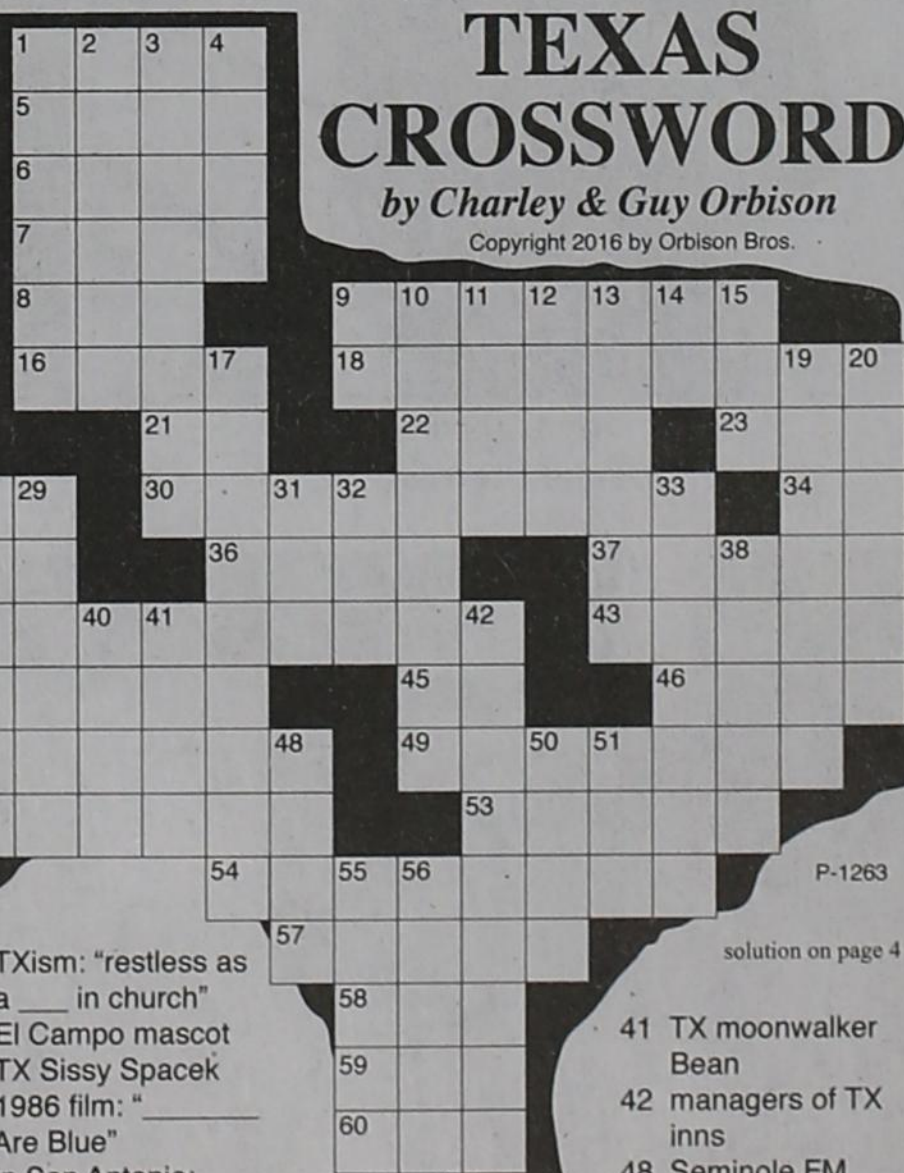
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- 7 Grape, TX
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- 9 Houston's St. Regis was previously "Remington on Post"
- 16 the south end of a northbound mule
- 18 TXism: "does milk?" (no)
- 21 "yes" south of the border
- 22 Astro or Ranger feat: "grand "
- 23 Jimmy Johnson set up charity for advantaged kids
- 24 Houston ball club
- 30 HPU's "Douglas MacArthur Freedom"
- 34 this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura" (init.)
- 35 TXism: "it didn't " (failed)
- 36 TXism: "he sleeps fast" (active)
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- 2 John Steinbeck's TX wife
- 3 TXism: "bat" (bad eyesight)
- 4 tall Texas
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- 11 Columbus, TX FM station
- 12 TXism: "turn about is fair "
- 13 Jamaica
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- 15 TXism: "restless as a in church"
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- 19 TX Sissy Spacek 1986 film: "Are Blue"
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- 24 news wrangler
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- 27 Rangers & Astros Kansas City foe
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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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"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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Hope everyone had a nice Easter Sunday. The weather was great for all of those Sunday cookouts. I went to Wal Mart Sunday around the noon hour and one frazzled cashier told me it is one of their busiest days of the year.

Kim Smiley had a big smile over Easter weekend. She and Mitchell welcomed their first granddaughter after three grandsons. Blake Nicole Morris was born to parents Blair and Barry Morris. Blair is a first grade teacher in Muleshoe. Congratulations to all of the Smileys.

Sometimes losing your patience comes back to make you look dumb. I admit to being an impatient person. Sunday I pulled up to a gas pump at the Murphy Wal Mart location. Took the gas cap off and laid it on top of the pump. Inserted my debit card and the little screen instructed me to reinsert card. I put the card back in the slot and was again told to reinsert card. After five or six tries with the same reinsert message I lost my patience, closed the gas tank door and left. Monday morning at Fast Stop I realized I

left my gas cap on the pump in Hereford. Reality always seems to come back around.

The Department of State Health Services has announced that as of May 2, 2016 they will no longer hold immunization clinics in Friona, Bovina, and other area cities. The shots will be available in Hereford and Pampa only. There are shot clinics in Friona and Bovina in April. See the story elsewhere in this Star. No reason was given but one might surmise budget cuts were involved.

The Coffee Memorial blood drive in Friona last Thursday collected 49 units of whole blood, four units of the Trima red blood cells, and had 12 deferrals, folks that showed up but were declined for some reason. Greg Salas was the donor winner of the 24" TV donated by Bi-Wize. Greg O'Brian won the \$50 gift card furnished by Friona Interbank. Thanks to everybody that donated and served as volunteers.

Mark and Karen Barnes were married 38 years as of Thursday March 24. They were married in Muleshoe in 1978. Happy belated anniversary to you two.

Erin Jones is the new County Extension Agent-Pest Management for Bailey, Parmer, and Castro counties. She is in the Muleshoe office. She has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in biology from West Texas A&M. Shana Fleming is no longer employed with the Parmer County Extension Service.

The church banquets for the senior class started with Monday's banquet at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Friona Star Managing Editor Dana Jameson covered the event, took photos, and partook of the Mexican dinner that was served. It is going to be a whirlwind of events between now and graduation. Keep up with it all in the Star.

Did I see that soon the cost

of a stamp will come down from 49 cents to 47 cents? Most folks will think that is pretty good news. We send monthly first class mailings and the reduction should save us at least \$3.00 a month. I haven't read the reason for the decrease but I'm sure someone thought more people would send mail if it cost 2 cents less. If you are losing money it doesn't seem like lowering your price is the answer.

Congratulations and good luck to Friona Chieftains Luis Trejo and Edwin Garcia at the state powerlifting meet in Abilene. The two will be lifting Saturday April 2. Powerlifting coach is Daniel Hutchins. Go Big Red!

The April school calendar is in this Star. Lot of activities. Might want to clip it out and put it on the fridge to make sure your kids don't miss anything. Thanks to Kathy Sandoval in the administration office for coordinating the monthly calendar.

Guess we should say congratulations to Jyl and Jayson Grimsley. Their grandchild roster increased by two within the last week. Daughters Jena and Jacy had babies, Jena in Lubbock and Jacy in Amarillo. Jena had a daughter named Sayge and Jacy had a son named Beau. I'm sure Mia Jyl will put the announcements in the Star soon maybe. By my count that is 9 grandkids with the oldest

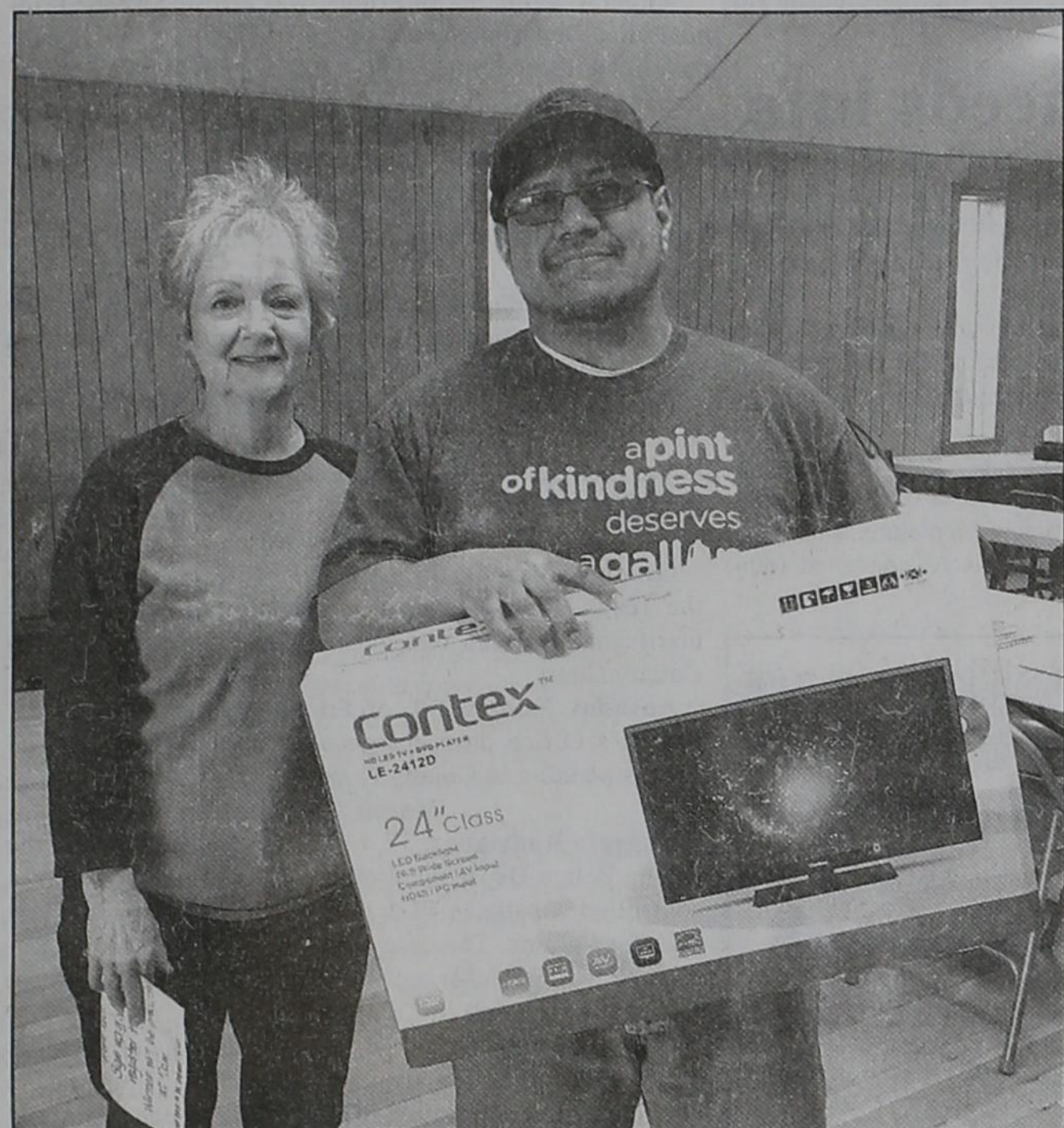
about 6 years. All the best to the Grimsley families.

I enjoyed attending the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday evening. Another great steak meal provided by Sweet Bran and Cargill Meat Solutions. It was a packed house at the XIT Center. They had to roll out a couple of extra tables. Master of Ceremonies Larry Mitchell said it was the largest crowd in the past several years. Congratulations to all of the citizen award winners, especially my friend Denise Anderson as Woman of the Year and Tiny Chisum as Man of the Year.

The Chieftains opened baseball district play Tuesday night at Shallowater. We lost 20-2 in five innings. The Chiefs host Muleshoe Saturday April 2 here. Game time is 12:00 p.m. Come on down to the ball field and cheer on the Chieftains.

The 2016 All-Sports banquet is Monday May 16. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. No advance sales. The meal will be catered by Friona's master chef Canna Ray and will consist of brisket, pulled pork, twice baked potatoes, green beans, drink, etc. We will remind you again later.

Words of wisdom heard at the Bovina Chamber banquet: Fix it up, wear it out, make do, or do without. See you in April. Until then!



courtesy photo

Friona blood drive coordinator Mary Ford presents donor Greg Salas with the 24" TV he won courtesy of Bi-Wize. The blood drive last Thursday collected 49 units. Thanks to all who participated.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson

It is cool to be Nana

Every day is something new when you become a grandparent. There are firsts that will catch you by surprise and bring a tear to your eye.

I had a couple of those last week. Edith and her dad, Tyler, went on an early Easter egg hunt in the backyard. The Easter bunny (Nana) visited a few days early and left 58 filled eggs just for Edith.

Last year she was still too little hunt eggs so the eggs were a way to get her to crawl. This year was a different story.

She quickly grasped the concept that you were supposed to put the eggs in the basket but when the basket filled up, she made room by dumping it out and putting more in. The dumping was on the ground so there were more eggs to hunt.

Two basketfuls later, she was ready to go in and crack them open to see what was inside. Fifty-eight eggs later the floor was littered with colorful egg halves and a bag of candy,

gum, etc. was collected. There was a tear when she recognized that the eggs were all for her.

After a dinner of sushi and fried rice, we got back home for a little visiting before I had to come back to Friona. As I was leaving Edith, who has become proficient in saying 'hi' and 'bye', looked at me and said, "Bye, Nana!" That deserved another hug and kiss.

She topped it on Sunday when the kids called on their way home from Pringle. I could hear her in the background doing her Edith talk. And, clear as a bell she said, "Hi, Nana!"

The tears came again but not because she said those two simple words. They were for the fact that she is growing up entirely too fast. I know there will be many more firsts and many more tears before she is all grown up.

So, to all the grandparents out there that have had those moments that tears just spring forth, I know how you feel now and it is pretty cool to be Nana.

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



At Lunch with the State Librarian...

Occasionally in my tenure as 'keeper of the books' at the Friona Public Library, I have been afforded the opportunity of meeting, and sometimes greeting, the Directors of our State Library. I have met several and some have even visited our library! One member of TSLAC, the state commission, made the trip to Friona from Amarillo when she was there for a visit to our area major resource center (Amarillo Public Library). She was from Liberty, TX. At our regular Harrington Library Consortium/ Public Library Users Group meeting the other day we had as our special guest, current State Library Director Mark Smith. He has been on the job for a little over 2 years now. Perhaps it is my humble beginnings or my appreciation for our small community and its great support, but I have always been very impressed by

this. He held a webinar a couple of weeks ago about strategic planning and asked for our input. So it was indeed very nice to meet him again in person and discuss our issues over lunch—14 library directors from our panhandle area attended. Mr. Smith came at the special invitation of Amarillo Public Library Director, Amanda Barrera; and we were first! And now...Mr. Smith goes to Austin...

As I look back through the years, so many changes have taken place since I was a college work/study student for the summer of 1969 at the Friona Public Library. Some of them have been great and some not so great. I have always marveled at the many changes my Dad saw during his lifetime—from plowing with a team of mules on a farm in Oklahoma to being a diesel mechanic for gi-

ant John Deere farm equipment on the high plains of Texas...literally from horse and buggy to space travel. I've seen plenty of marvels during my own lifetime especially with computers and libraries. Everything is so electronic and digital nowadays and we expect things at very high speeds. It makes everything easier to find, except for maybe the time to do everything. So much information is at our fingertips (as well as our information being at the tips everybody else's). It makes for a complicated and sometimes scary world sometimes.

New on the bookshelf: Family Jewels by Stuart Woods; As time goes by Mary Higgins Clark. Becoming Grandma by Leslie Stahl. Literary Baskets are all here...come by and get your chance to win!

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

News from the week of March 31, 1966

*One of the most amazing growth stories which has ever come out of Parmer County is one which is going five miles east of Friona at Friona Feed Yards, Inc.

Construction on the multi-million dollar complex began in October of 1962, and work has never stopped—just to give an idea of the ceaseless growth. At present, Friona

Feed Yards has a cattle population of some 25,000 and will top the 26,000 mark early in April. It now ranks as one of the top two or three cattle feeding operations in the state.

*Friona Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to seek out and hire a full-time manager at a director's meeting Monday morning in

the home of George Taylor, newly-elected president.

*Rex Wells proudly admired the trophy he won last weekend at an invitational FFA livestock judging contest, in which he emerged as high-point individual in the contest. He was competing directly with some 300 boys.

*The Friona Junior Rifle Club has been accepted for membership in the National Rifle Association. Boys in the group are Gary Phipps, Zane McVey, Dwayne Bauer, Larry Johnston, Chuck Rector, Nick and Greg Collier, Coy Jameson and Monty Phipps.

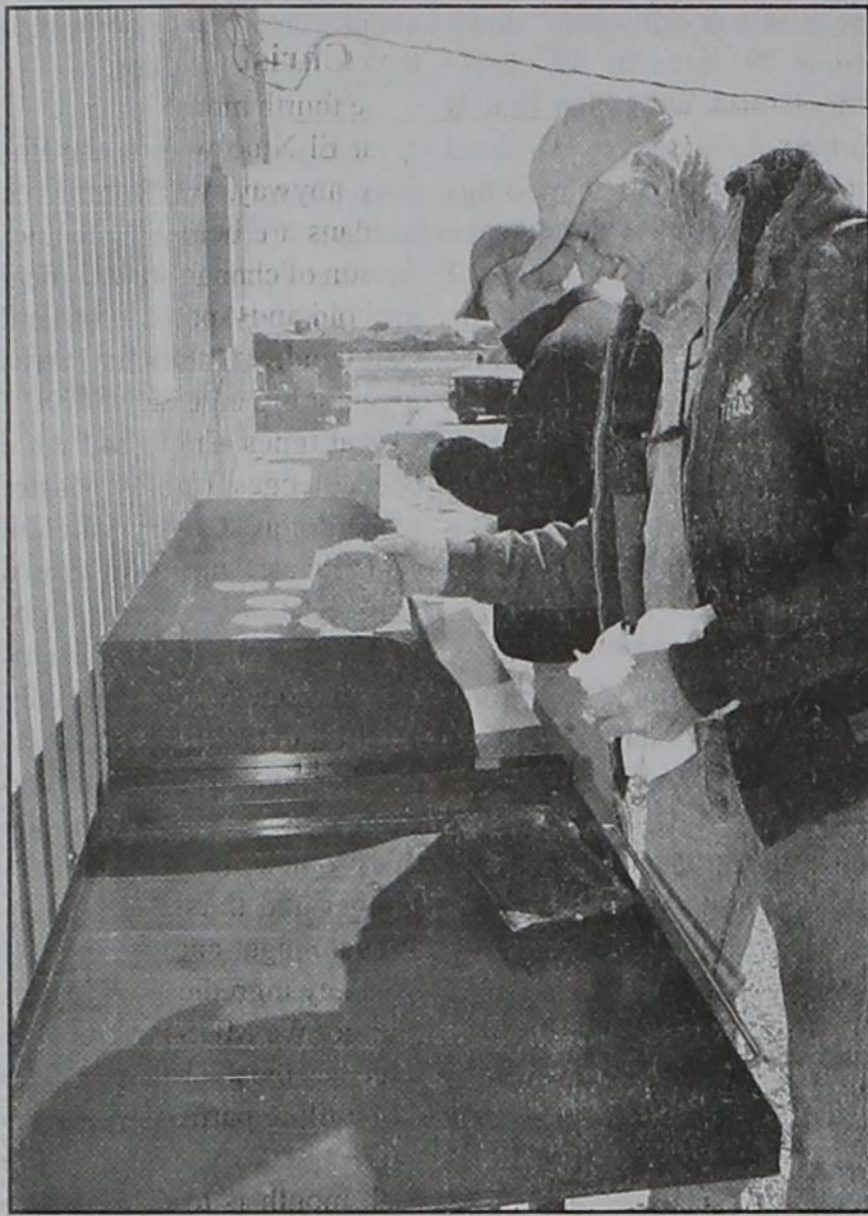
*Friends and neighbors of Albert Cannon banded together last Friday to get Cannon's land in shape. Cannon has been hospitalized in Amarillo. At least 13 tractors were employed to get the land in shape.

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Look us up at the Texas Tech University Southwest Collection website

www.swco.ttu.edu

Lions Club News



dana jameson photo

Friona Noon Lions Clint Mears and John Gurley cooking hamburgers for last Thursday's Friona blood drive. The Lions donated the burgers to blood donors. They also took hamburgers to Heritage Estates' residents for supper that evening.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of March 17 through March 24, 2016:

- Mark D. Goff and Maria L. Goff-Quality of Life Bible Study Church, L11 B1 Hillside.
- Ruby Hasenpflug-Tamela Bandy and Anita Lyons, Tract 7 West Loop Drive.
- Andrew Stowers and Emily Stowers-Heriverto Galaviz, Jr. and Elsa Olaya Galaviz, L1 N 18' L2 Lakeview.
- Charles W. Summers and Rena Sue Summers-Jeffrey Bruce Boehning and Tisha Diana Boehning, N/2 S95 Blk. H Kelly.
- U.S. Bank National Association-Yuridia S. Fernandez and Ramon Fernandez, N 60' L3 B1 Ridgerest No.1.
- Ware Bros. Properties-Brandon Hyland Foster and Jalaina Renay Foster, L2 and L7 NE/4 S49 Blk. A.
- Ware Bros. Properties-Brandon Hyland Foster and Jalaina Renay Foster, L1-2 L7-9 J4 S49, L19-21 NW/4 S48 Blk. A.
- Jerry Monk and Pamela Monk-Maxillofacial Land Development Group, LLC., L7-12 B92 OT Farwell.
- Robert R. Jones and Rebecca J. Jones-Homer Allan Haile and Patricia Haile, Tract 8 B1 Western Addition.
- Luis Robles, Jr. and Myriam Garcia Bracho-Abraham Rocha, L1 3-4 OT Bovina.

Chamber needs info

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and the FEDC (Friona Economic Development Corporation) is updating the business directory for the Friona area businesses, both large and small. There is no charge for having your information and a photo in the guide.

Business owners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase their businesses. The directory will also include churches, civic organizations, and emergency numbers.

If you are interested in this opportunity, the Chamber needs the following: name of business, services offered, business hours, location, contact information and a picture, if possible.

For more information, contact Chris Alexander at (806) 250-3491.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: March 14, 2016

In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

David Alan Cook, 57, of Tulia, TX, was charged with violation of community supervision (evading arrest), had his community supervision revoked and was given one year in the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. On the charge of violations of community supervision (DWI), Cook had his community supervision revoked and was given five years in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and charged \$251 in court costs.

Oscar Luis Torres, 27, of Texico, NM, was charged with violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance—Meth), had his community supervision revoked and was given one year in the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and charged \$538 in court costs.

March 22, 2016

Angel Aragon, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous. The case is pending in County Court.

March 23, 2016

Oran London, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (driving while intoxicated). The motion to revoke was dismissed and London served 6 days in jail.

Gary Northrup, 50, of Bootleg, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Curry County warrant. Northrup was released to Curry County.

Freddy Reyes, 29, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault on a family/house member by impeding breathing. The case is pending in Grand Jury.

March 25, 2016

Gregorio Vargas, 25, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

Anthony Nunley, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of Criminal Trespass. The case is pending in County Court.

March 26, 2016

Eugenio Rodriguez, 37, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 more than one gram and less than four grams. The case is pending in Grand Jury. Rodriguez was also charged with driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

Leobardo Cervantes, 36, of Farwell, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 more than one gram and less than four grams. The case is pending in Grand Jury. Cervantes was also charged with assault. The case is pending in County Court.

March 27, 2016

Ramon Perez, 29, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a Deaf Smith County warrant. Perez is pending transport.

Taran Abeyta, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on a Bexar County warrant. Abeyta posted bond and was released.

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Unsurprising Consequences

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The year was 586 BC, and one of the most devastating, demoralizing, and horrific events had just taken place (2 Kings 25). This event was preceded by generations of Jews who ignored God's Word, rejected God's Will, and refused God's messengers who faithfully called the people to the Lord. Therefore, God's judgment fell upon them with great power and destruction, but it was not a surprise. God's judgment was not a surprise because centuries before 586 BC God clearly stated that if His people forsook Him, they would invite His judgment. The judgment event involved the Babylonian army besieging Jerusalem for almost two years, then utterly destroying and plundering the city when all was said and done. God's judgment was clear, but not a surprise.

Have you ever thought about the unsurprising consequences of sin upon nations or individuals? For example, should we be surprised when a life-long smoker develops lung cancer, a sexaholic contracts multiple STDs, or a porn addict divorces his wife and destroys his family. These things are shocking and tragic, but not surprising because what you do has consequences. Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." That phrase you reap what you sow is from scripture and is exactly what we are seeing take place in our lives and in our nation. So, don't be surprised and blame God, when consequences of sinful actions come back and bite you, instead, humble yourself and confess that sin to the Lord and turn to Him completely.

Dream Big, Pray Big

By TEENA HUGHS

Do you ever dare to dream really big? Every once in a while, Feller and I talk about what we would do if we had all the money we wanted.

I would build the most comfortable house, and it would be big enough to host the Hughs Reunion. Feller would have a physical and mental challenges could come and ride for free, and people could come for Bible study and roping. This place might be on Feller and Will's ranch where they raise cattle and horses, and maybe sheep and goats.

I would pay for any child wanting to go to church camp or any person wanting to go on a mission trip. I would pay for a full-time youth minister for my church. I would give money to college ministries, and ministries like Youth with a Mission (YWAM) that do so much to bring people to Jesus.

But, if I had all the money I wanted, the largest dream I would contribute to is building a Haven for Hope for the Texas Panhandle that Lauren would run. Located on 22 acres in San Antonio, Haven for Hope is the world's largest homeless shelter. Haven for Hope is successful because many non-profit organizations, Bexar County, and many other groups cooperate and work together to help people who are "down and out" become fully functioning human beings again. I would contribute the money for the residential alcohol/drug re-hab facility, a counseling center, and a church or chapel that has round-the-clock pastoral care for people.

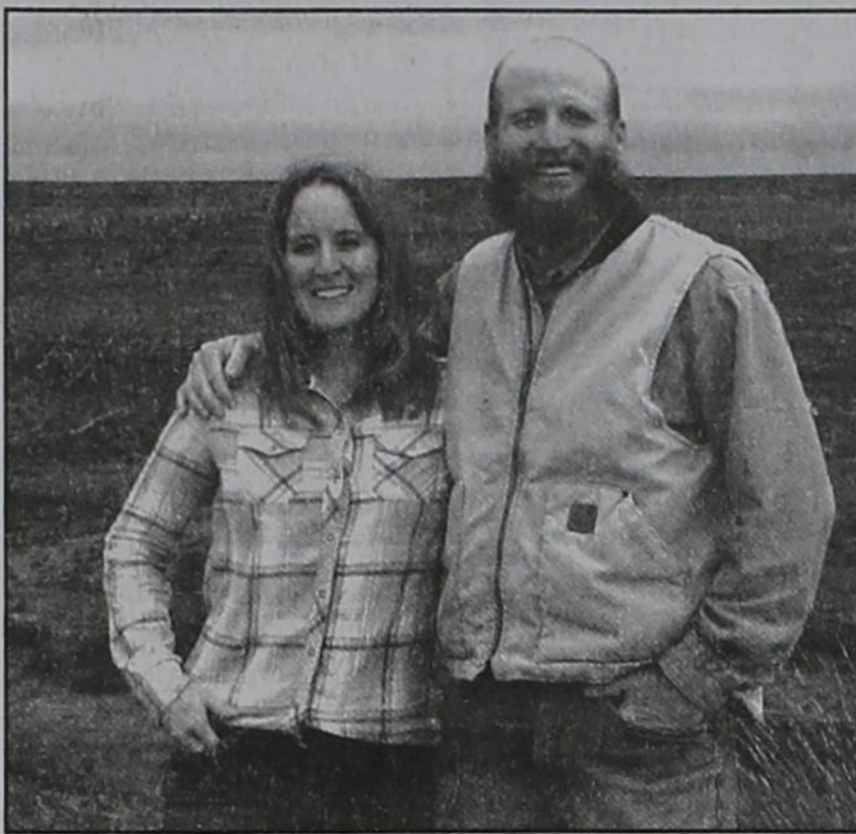
It would take an astronomical amount of money for my dreams to come true. But, dreaming big and praying big are two of the reasons we live in the greatest nation on Earth. While I admit that very few of my dreams have ever come true, I don't think it ever hurts to dream big or pray big. You never know when your dreams might line up with God's plans.

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Engagement



Rebecca Lynn Flack and Corbin Blake Neill
Flack~Neill

Rebecca Lynn Flack and Corbin Blake Neill are pleased to announce their engagement.

Becky is the daughter of Alan and Sherry Flack of Shannon, Illinois. She is a 1998 Eastland High School graduate and received her Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences from the University of Illinois. Becky received her Masters of Science in Rangeland Ecology and Management from Texas A&M University.

Corbin is the son of Mark and Lisa Neill of Friona. He is a 2003 graduate of Friona High School and received his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from West Texas A&M University.

Corbin and Becky are both employed by The Nature Conservancy.

They will be wed on June 11, 2016 at The Farm Country Club in Bandera, Texas.

Panhandle Parables

April Showers

By JEFF PROCTER

Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

It is hard to believe we are starting the fourth month of 2016. The weather guys are still figuring out El Nino which really didn't live up to the hype at least here anyway. Weather is a topic of much interest these days as plans are being made in the agricultural setting. We are in a season of change. The winter is leaving and the spring is taking hold and April can hold a little of both, with the constant being wind.

Transition is always a struggle. I am not big on change, but more an unwilling participant it seems at times. The moisture of April can come with a lot of extra challenges. It may come frozen as in snow, or frozen as in hail, it can come in down pours or gentle rain, yet in all forms it is water and water is a necessity in these parts.

When we take that moment to reflect on transitions in our lives we often see struggle, anxiety, faith, hope, despair... are all mingled together when what our soul thirsts for is the well of eternal water. It is often a transition that gives us pause, that makes us consider what realities surround us.

Jesus gives us a calming answer. A promise. In Matthew 5 He says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." If we hunger and thirst we will be filled, yet righteousness needs a key ingredient for that promise to be fulfilled and that is change. We MUST change, if righteousness is to characterize us we must change. We must be open to that change, not an unwilling participant, but a committed believer in the promise.

My challenge for you in this fourth month is to decide to change. This is not something done alone, but through His Spirit the rains come. The soul is softened and life becomes abundant.

We will always pray for rain, and each April we will make decisions based up on the moisture we get. (agriculturally speaking) Yet spiritually, we must also thirst for the only thing to fill the soul. His spring of eternal water. So spiritually when the winds, blow and the transitions seem hard remember the promise. They shall be filled.

Fifth annual Blessing of the Bikes set at Hereford FUMC

With more motorcycles on the road as warmer weather arrives, First United Methodist Church of Hereford will hold its Fifth Annual Blessing of the Bikes service Sunday, April 10 at the church parking lot at 5th and Miles.

The event begins with a fellowship breakfast, prepared by the United Methodist Men at 8 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

At 8:45 a.m. a Blessing of the Bikes Ceremony will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Kevin Bushart, with a brief worship service, and a special gift presentation and prayer for the safety of each biker.

Motorcyclists from throughout the region are invited to attend the free event.

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.

HRMC opens lobby doors earlier

Hereford Regional Medical Center will open lobby doors at 7 a.m. beginning Monday, April 4. The new lobby time will accommodate patients who would like to have labs drawn early or x-rays done before work hours. Patients can register through the ER for labs and x-rays when lobby doors are not open. The hope is this will alleviate wait times and help patients with work schedules. For any questions, please call admissions at 806.364.2141

New Arrival



Blake Nicole Morris

Barry and Blair Morris are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Blake Nicole Morris on March 21, 2016 at 11:10 a.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Blake Nicole was 8.2 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Mitchell and Kim Smiley and great-grandparents George & Aundrea Frye and Melba Smiley.

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Friona Public Library Director Darla Bracken, far left, read to the kiddos that braved the wind to attend the Easter egg hunt held at Prairie Acres on March 24. Both the children and residents had a good time hiding and hunting eggs inside.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at the Easter Egg Hunt held at Prairie Acres last Thursday.



HPWD hosting rainwater harvesting workshops

We all know "April showers bring May flowers." However, rainfall from April showers can be used to irrigate flowers later in the year with proper use of rainwater harvesting techniques. The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is hosting a series of workshops in April to share rainwater harvesting information with area residents. The cost of each workshop is \$20 at the door. In addition, the first 25 persons to RSVP will receive a free rainwater harvesting barrel—courtesy of HPWD. Workshops will be held at the following locations: April 7: Mallet Events Center, 2320 U.S. Highway 385, Levelland. April 14: Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia, Plainview. April 28: Cole Community Center, 300 16th Street, Canyon. "Each workshop features a panel of local experts who will share their experience with design, installation, and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems. We look forward to sharing this 'hands-on' information with workshop participants," said Adeline Fox, HPWD Education and Outreach Coordinator. Persons are encouraged to register for the workshops at rsvp.hpwd.org or by calling the district office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181. Created in 1951 by area residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas. It celebrates its 65th anniversary in 2016.

Lubbock Arts Festival celebrates food as art

The Lubbock Arts Alliance will present the 38th Annual Lubbock Arts Festival, April 16-17, 2016 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. The two-day celebration is the largest fine art, fine craft event in West Texas. Focusing on a "food as art" theme this year, the Arts Festival has selected Jim Victor as the Special Visual Artist for the event. He will create a large sculpture at the Lubbock Arts Festival made entirely from butter. Other thematic highlights will include "Canstruction," a large, public art piece built entirely out of cans of food by the engineers of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and an expanded culinary area featuring tastings by Lubbock's top food entrepreneurs such as North Catering and more food vendors showcasing epicurious delights. As always, the Lubbock Arts Festival will feature over 150 visual artists from around the nation displaying and selling original work in the mediums of painting, drawing, pottery, fiber, leather, jewelry, glass, wood, and sculpture. A juried gallery of professional work will be available for viewing along with artwork from area school children. There will be different performing stages each spotlighting the very best local and regional talent singing, dancing, acting, and playing instruments. Demonstrations by artists creating their work will take place along with ten different "Kid Stops" providing free art related to activities for children. The "Kid Stops" include 'make and take' projects, a Home Depot activity, and a chance to perform on the Kids Karaoke stage. The artwork of Von Venhuizen will be showcased since he has been selected as the Featured Visual Artist for this year's edition of the Lubbock Arts Festival. The National Ranching Heritage Center will be hosting a storytelling performance of John Erickson, author of "Hank the Cowdog". This special performance will take place Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Seating is first-come, first serve with the doors opening 30 minutes before the performance. Admission of the event is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Hours are Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 17, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Lubbock Arts Festival contact the Lubbock Arts Alliance at www.lubbockartsfestival.org, or call (806) 755-ARTS (2787).

Member of the Month Del Rio Dairy



Del Rio Dairy: Not Your Typical Family Farm
Third-generation dairy producers Rocky and Liz Gingg own Del Rio Dairy, in Friona, TX. The Gings moved to the Texas Panhandle from AZ, and the farm started milking cows in August 2006.

The operation is truly a family endeavor—daughters Crystal Moroney and Heidi Gingg Cummings handle bookkeeping, with sons-in-law Nathan Moroney serving as operations manager and Dr. Garth Cummings managing the special needs facility/auxiliary parlor as well as herd health.

The operation employs 45 workers: 42 for the dairy and three for the farming enterprise. Del Rio would not be where it is today if it were not for its wonderful people. Numerous key employees have been with the company for more than 10 years. Del Rio has certainly benefitted from low turnover and good help.

3,850 cows are milked 3 times a day, averaging 77 lbs. per cow per day. 3400 are milked in a double 45 parallel parlor, using identification, daily milk weights and automated detachers. All cows are equipped with a neck transponder with pedometer features for tracking production data and heat detection. 200 fresh cows and another 250 late lactation cows are milked in a double-8 parallel parlor that doubles as a special needs facility.

The main parlor ships 5 1/2 loads of milk each day. The auxiliary parlor ships one load every other day. This equates to an average daily production of 285,000 lbs. of milk. Prior to loading, each load is tested for any antibiotics residues, and samples are collected to test the components and quality factors. The load is also retested prior to unloading at the destination.

Del Rio is equipped with Saudi-style barns, which the family says is worth the additional expense required to build them. They like the Saudi-style barns because they provide shade in summer and protection from rain and snow, and are more labor-efficient than freestalls. The barns house a total of 3,800 cows.

About the Herd

The herd is 80% Holstein, co-mingled with 20% Brown Swiss or Holstein/Swiss cross. The Holsteins are now being bred to Norwegian Red bulls to get an added increase in components.

About 2,600 heifers are also raised on site from five months of age to calving, while a calf raiser manages an additional 1,000 heifers from one day old to five months of age.

Feeding

Cows are fed 3X, and rations are prepared in one commodity barn location. Cows are fed green chop alfalfa from May through November. Fourteen different feed recipes are used, and the farm works with an Amarillo-based nutritionist.

Raising Crops

The dairy's farming operation is comprised of 3,380 acres for raising corn, sorghum and wheat for silage, alfalfa green chop and Sudan grass. Center-pivot irrigation is done on 2,250 of those acres.

As with many dairies in the Panhandle, water conservation is a standard practice at Del Rio Dairy. Water from the gutters on the roof, runoff from lots, and all clean-up water from the parlor are diverted to a pond to be used for irrigation. Concrete feed alleys are vacuumed daily, rather than being flushed. Water used to cool milk is re-used to flush holding pens.

Manure is captured in a two-fold setup. Waste water passes over a set of screens to capture solids. The recaptured water from the screens then passes through a weeping wall prior to emptying into a double lagoon setup. A composting operation creates organic fertilizer for crops and is occasionally sold to local farmers in need of fertilizer.

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WTRT directors get new terms

By Jim Steiert

Unopposed in their bids, Brent Carlson and Lance McClaran were re-elected to new three-year terms for the Milo Center/Westway and Tharp/Summerfield board of directors posts during the 62nd annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone on March 29.

Cooperative members heard a report on the financial condition of WTRT from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP and a summary of operations during the past year from Amy Linzey, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager.

Ms. Linzey recalled that she became the CEO of WTRT and WTS 48 months ago and presented the following remarks:

"Shortly after my arrival, I was in the hardware store and a gentleman approached me and said, 'You that telephone lady?' I said, 'Well, I guess I am'. Upon reflection, my response should have been: Our history is telephone; but, we are first and foremost, a technology company. So, that would make me that 'technology lady'."

"WTRT provides communications services in a 2,300 square mile area, extending from the Randall County border to the NM border, from just south of I 40 past Hwy 84 near Muleshoe. Our service area covers Deaf Smith, Parmer, and portions of Oldham, Bailey and Castro Counties and has a population of approximately 6 people per square mile."

"WTRT, like many rural providers, was formed in the 1950's when large commercial companies determined that it was too costly to serve rural America. We are only able to serve these areas with the help of the Universal Service Funding mechanisms. These funds have been under fire from the current administration in Washington, the FCC and the Texas legislature and Public Utility Commission. I am active in our associations and work with our lobby teams and industry leaders to tell our story in Washington and Austin. USF is essential to rural America. Without USF, voice communications and broadband internet, our economy will suffer. Rural America is where our nation's food supply, minerals and energy come from, and it is where most of our recreational areas are located."

"If you have political connections, we ask you to contact your representatives at the state and federal level to support the USF for WTRT and rural America."

"We believe fiber is the most stable technology that allows for the internet bandwidth needs of our members, now and in the future. I wish I could snap my fingers and get FTTP to every member, today. Unfortunately, this will take time."

"Since I have been at WTRT, we have completed a project to turn up the available bandwidth (or internet speeds) to approximately 40% of our members. We installed electronics in our Central Offices and Nodes that allow us to provide higher internet speeds to members who are in close proximity (18,000 feet) to those facilities."

"We have developed a 5 Year Plan, updated annually, taking fiber deeper into the network allowing us to offer speeds that are needed now, but far into the future. The 5 Year Plan, while required by the FCC, is keeping our Team

focused and efficient. "While progress was hampered over the past year by unprecedented rainfall and blizzard, Goliath, we have installed approximately 422,000 feet of fiber in the Coop Service area to date. Our Construction Team recently completed a 30 mile stretch of fiber in the Parmer Exchange and over the past month, they have been installing a 14 mile route of fiber in the Oklahoma Lane exchange. Members along these routes will see at least 10 mg down/1 up or more."

"For years, large wireless companies have advertised and lobbied Congress telling them that wireless was the technology of the future—omitting that wireless has its limitations. They rode the wireless pony, until another start-up technology company—you might have heard about it: Google started installing fiber-to-the-premise in select neighborhoods across the nation. Now those large wireless companies (& others) are following Google's model. But, the model is only for "select neighborhoods". Certainly not in rural America."

"Larry Thompson, engineer and CEO of Vantage Point Systems has testified that Wireless is a complement to Wireline, not a replacement. Without Wireline, Wireless won't work. The only part of the wireless call that doesn't transit the wireline network is from the Cell tower to the wireless device. Available bandwidth diminishes with each user on any particular tower at any given time."

"As an example, I was in DFW airport recently and could not send a 5 word text—there was signal, but no bandwidth because of the number of users at that time. I had to communicate the old way—called and left a voice message."

"Wireless providers are already touting the next generation of wireless (5 G).—They haven't even completed build-out of our nation with 4 G—only about 10% of our vast nation is currently 4 G and most of that is in urban areas. Providers don't even know what 5 G will look like or what it will do—so any advertisements are very premature."

"There are approximately 1,400 small rural communications providers like WTRT and WTS. We are building smart communities with fiber technology in rural America. FTTP is the long term goal."

"We are seeing a remigration from urban to rural areas and economic growth in these rural areas as a result of the availability of broadband internet. One of our fellow rural providers is seeing large commercial companies (like Schlumberger) migrate from Houston and San Antonio because they can get FTTP. Fiber will be the difference between economic viability and economic decline as we move forward."

"During the past year, we have worked with 4 neighboring rural providers in the Panhandle to connect our networks and connect our facilities directly to the major ISPs (Google, Amazon, and Netflix) in Seattle and Dallas. The connections allow for redundancy (if the connection to Seattle fails, the traffic will automatically shift to the Dallas connection). This allows for a better customer experience."

"We provide voice tele-

phone service, long distance and international service just like the big commercial providers."

"We provide broadband internet at speeds that meet the needs of our customers now and far into the future."

"We provide Enhanced 911 service where in an emergency, your address identifies to the 911 Representative."

"We offer Two-way Radio Sales and Service, Telephone Systems and we progressively search for new technologies for our customers."

Employees of WTRT and its WT Services subsidiary were honored for a cumulative total of 150 years of service to their respective employers."

Among WTRT employees honored and their service time are Nancy Urbanczyk, Billing and Customer Care Team-25 years; Heath Urbanczyk, Systems Support/Computer and Systems Team-25 years; Rick Bartels, Manager-Accounting-20 years; Shannon Redwine, Manager-Administration/Operations Center/Customer Care/Billing-15 years; Chris Paetzold, Construction Team-15 years; and Clint Ruckman, Installation and Repair-5 years."

WT Services employees recognized included Gary Parker, Installation and Repair Team-30 years, and Michael Holmes, Systems Support Team-15 years."



THEY'VE SERVED 150 YEARS--These employees of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and its WT Services subsidiary were honored for a cumulative 150 years of service to their companies during the 62nd annual meeting of the membership of WTRT on March 29. Pictured from left are Gary Parker, WT Services installation and repair, 30 years; Nancy Urbanczyk, WTRT billing and customer care, 25 years; Heath Urbanczyk, WTRT systems support and computer team, 25 years; Clint Ruckman, WTRT installation and repair, 5 years; Chris Paetzold, WTRT construction team, 15 years; Shannon Redwine, WTRT manager-administrations/operations center/customer care, 15 years; Rick Bartels, WTRT accounting manager, 20 years; and Michael Holmes, WT Services systems support team, 15 years.

Circle of Love Roping, Cowboy Camp set

Join the fun, games and learning for kids of all ages at the Roping/Cowboy Camp on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 at the Curtis Allen Arena, 454 FM 2013, Friona. Free sign up is at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Cowboy Church will be held both days. Food will be served Saturday night and Sunday. Enjoy campfires,

S'mores and goat roping all weekend. Steer and Heel-O-Matic competition will be held on Sunday. Horsemanship, drag brand and other activities are planned. Kids can even spend the night Saturday night; just remember to bring bed rolls and pillows.

For more information, contact the following: Curtis Allen (806) 265-7417; Debbie Allen (806) 786-1493; Larry Widner (806) 369-5151; Wes Cockerham (806) 225-7048; or Jody Mahaney (575) 799-8367.

Animal validation tags available

Steer validation tags are ready to be ordered for the 2016-2017 year. If you are a new family to the area or you have a third grader that would like to show it is time to order Steer validation tags. Deadline for ordering is April 15, 2016. The cost of tags is \$11.

Summer Pigs tags and summer sheep and goat tags if you are planning to show at state fairs are only \$11.00 each.

Orders can be placed with local FFA teachers, if steers, pigs, sheep or goats will be shown with them. If steers, pigs, sheep or goats will be shown through 4-H call or email the local Extension Office at (806) 251-5120 or email to parmer@ag.tamu.edu. Students must be third grade to show livestock. A tentative steer validation day will be Friday, June 24 in Muleshoe at Dr. Kennedy's office.



WTRT DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED--These two directors of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative were re-elected to new three-year terms during cooperative's 62nd annual meeting of the membership March 29. Pictured are Brent Carlson, to serve the Milo Center and Westway exchanges, and Lance McClaran of the Summerfield and Tharp exchanges.

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FHS Chieftain Golf Team: Samuel Frye, Joshua Barnett, Seth Murphree, Brandon Douglas, and Bryce Bunker.

Chieftain Golf update

The Chieftain Golf team competed in the Vega Longhorn Invitational at the Oldham County Country Club on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. The chiefs finished in fourth place in the field of 12 teams in a cold and windy test of endurance for all the boys teeing it up on the day.

Senior Joshua Barnett carded a personal best of 90, that was good enough for 5th place as an individual.

Bryce Bunker, Brandon Douglas, Samuel Frye and Seth Murphree combined with Barnett to post a team score of 211.

The Friona Chieftain golf team competed at the first round of district at the 2-3A

tournament on Monday, March 28. The first round was held at the Dimmitt Country Club and the Chiefs finished the day in 3rd place overall behind Shallowater and Littlefield.

The Mustangs carry a 358 into next week's second round at the Tule Lake Golf Course in Tulia, 13 strokes ahead of the Wildcats' 371 and 36 ahead of the Chiefs 396.

Leading the Chieftains on the day was senior Joshua Barnett who carded a career best 89, followed by Brandon Douglas (93), Seth Murphree (99), Bryce Bunker (113), and Samuel Frye (118).

The second round of district 2-3A competition is Wednesday, April 6, with tee off slated for 9:30 a.m.

Insect scouting school April 5 in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas Panhandle Scout School, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, will be held April 5 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo.

The training is open to anyone interested in learning about scouting and identifying insect pests of corn, grain sorghum and cotton, said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo.

Bynum said the school should be beneficial to crop consultants, farmers and their workers, and AgriLife Extension employees.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and sessions will go from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There

is a \$10 fee payable at the door.

Speakers, all with AgriLife Extension, in addition to Bynum will be Dr. Jourdan Bell, agronomist in Amarillo; Blayne Reed, integrated pest management agent for Hale, Swisher and Floyd counties; and Dr. Ron French, pathologist in Amarillo.

Topics will include agronomy, herbicide injury, diseases and both beneficial and pest insects in corn, cotton and sorghum.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – two integrated pest management and one general – will be offered.

Those planning to attend should preregister by April 1 with Ronda Fisher at 806-677-5600 or at rk-fisher@tamu.edu.

Friona School Calendar for April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					-FHS STAAR Make-up Sessions -Boys State Powerlifting @ Abilene -FHS Track @ Lockney -FFA WTAMU Invitational CDE Contest 11:00 a.m.	-Boys State Powerlifting @ Abilene -FHS UIL Choir Camp @ FHS 10:00 a.m. -V/JV Baseball vs. Muleshoe 12:00/2:30 -FFA Clarendon Invitational CDE 8:00 a.m. -FFA Valley Invitational CDE 2:00
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	-FHS District UIL Meet @ Muleshoe	-JV/V Baseball @ Littlefield 4:30/6:30	-FHS Boys Golf @ Tulia -FHS Girls Golf @ Dimmitt	-7 th /8 th District Track Meet @ Muleshoe	-End of 5 th Six Weeks -FHS Track @ River Road	-ACT Test -V/JV Baseball vs. Dimmitt 12:00/2:30 -FFA TTU Invitational CDE 8:00 a.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
-Senior Steak Dinner	-Begin 6 th Six Weeks -FHS Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene -FHS District Tennis @ Plainview	-FHS Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene -FHS District Tennis @ Plainview	-FHS Girls Regional Golf @ Abilene -FFA Area 1 Qualifying Dairy Cattle CDE	-FHS Girls Regional Golf @ Abilene -2 nd Grade Music Program 2:30/6:30	-Holiday -FHS District Track Meet @ Tulia	-V/JV Baseball vs. Shallowater 12:00/2:30 -FFA Area 1 CDE Contest @ TTU 8:00 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	-Methodist Church Senior Banquet -FHS Regional Tennis	-FHS Regional Tennis -FHS Choir UIL Concert & Sight Reading @ WT -JV/V Baseball @ Muleshoe 4:30-6:30	-FHS Area Track Meet @ Tulia -FHS Regional Tennis -FHS Choir UIL Concert & Sight Reading @ WT -FFA Feed Lot Tech Animal Processing Training 9:00 a.m.	-FFA Tarleton CDE Contest		-FFA TTU State CDE Contest 8:00 a.m. -V/JV Baseball vs. Littlefield 12:00/2:30
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
-FFA Area 1 Scholarship Selection & Interviews	-FFA Area 1 Scholarship Selection & Interviews -School Board Election Early Voting	-FFA Littlefield District Degree Check and Speaking 4:30 p.m. -V/JV Baseball @ Dimmitt 4:30/6:30 -School Board Election Early Voting	-FHS Boys & Girls State Golf @ Austin -School Board Election Early Voting	-FHS Boys & Girls State Golf @ Austin -FFA Feedlot Tech Animal Processing Testing 9:00 a.m. -School Board Election Early Voting	-Holiday -FHS Regional Track Meet @ Abilene -School Board Election Early Voting	-FHS Regional Track Meet @ Abilene -FFA TAMU State CDE Contest



The local Girl Scouts got a treat when former Friona Star owner Carol Ellis presented a program on painting. Pictured with Carol, center, are Lilly Abarca, Teara Shelby, Ellie Galaviz, Melody Upton, Leslie Soltero, Breanna Rivera, Janessa Garcia, Aubree Bunker, Yulissa Vasquez, Angela Lermea, Ivory Shelby, Ella McFarland, Nadia Snyder, Audree Reyes and Jazmyne Fletcher.

courtesy photo

April Immunization Clinics

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for April 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, April 5 at the Migrant Center, 618 Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, April 11 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.

As of May 2, 2016, DSHS will no longer provide regularly scheduled clinics in Friona, Tulia, Clarendon, Bovina, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas and Farwell.

Services will be provided at the following DSHS clinics from Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: DSHS Hereford Clinic, 205 W. 4th Street, Suite 102, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-4579; or DSHS Pampa Clinic, 121 S. Gillespie, Pampa, TX 79065, (806) 665-1690.

Free Mammogram Screening

The Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition's WISE Woman program and their partners, The Breast Center of Excellence (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center), Lowe's of Friona, Parmer Medical Center and the Parmer County Cancer Coalition are sponsoring a mammogram screening event at Lowe's on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This event offers uninsured women age 40 plus mammogram screening free of charge. Women will be given appointments with a provider of their choice to obtain screenings at times convenient to them. They will also help those with insurance with an appointment if they are not current with their annual screenings.

Many women are financially unable to access medical and preventive care because they do not have insurance. Our mammograms are paid for by a state grant made to TTUHSC. Given that at least 66% of the female population in our area is not compliant with current screening guidelines and given that early detection of breast cancer is the key to less intensive treatment and better assurance of survival, annual screenings are most important for Panhandle women to know about and to obtain. Pre-paid mammograms are not always available. Many regions have no such services at all. Please encourage women to come to Lowe's for their opportunity to participate in this important mammogram screening service offered through this grant.

For more information contact Leticia Goodrich, Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition, 301 S. Polk, Suite 740, Amarillo, TX 79101 or call (806) 331-4710 or (806) 236-4593.



Friona Police Department Officers Jesus San Miguel, far left, and Andrew Aguirre, far right, presented a program on safety and first aid to the Friona Girl Scouts recently. Pictured with the officers are, l-r, Aubree Bunker, Leslie Soltero, Saraya Luna, Breanna Rivera, Gabby Castillo, Janessa Garcia, Melody Upton, Teara Shelby, Ivory Shelby, Nadia Snyder, Ella McFarland, Lexy Soto, Alexandra Rodriguez, and Lilly Abarca.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FRIONA CITY COUNCIL

Date: April 11, 2016 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, 619 Main, Friona, Texas

Applicant(s): Kendrick Oll, Danny Kendrick

The Friona City Council will consider in public hearing a request to abandon the north 190' of the certain north/south alley in Block 2, Lots 1,2,3,4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Original Town, City of Friona, Parmer County.

The Friona City Council will consider to approve, deny, or modify this proposed change in a public hearing on April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 619 Main, Friona, Texas.

For further information, contact the City Manager at 806-250-2761.

In the event of a lack of quorum to convene or continue the City Council meeting described above, this matter will automatically be carried forward to the agenda of the next regular scheduled meeting and succeeding meetings as necessary.



dana jameson photo

City employee Salvador Garcia used the ditcher to dig a trench to install the sewer line at Reeve Lake for adding another 10 spaces in the city RV Park. The work should be complete by next week he said. The city anticipates the 20 RV spaces will be full for much of the year by wind turbine project workers.

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The class of 2016 senior banquets at local churches began this week as these seniors attended St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner