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## Friona city council clarifies street renaming and center rental policy

The Friona city council met Monday in a regular meeting. City manager Terri Johnson advised that only the three incumbents have filed for the city election that was scheduled for May 13, 2006. They are Mayor John Taylor and council members Martha Barker and Ronnie Stevick. As a result, the city will not have an election on May 13.

In other business, the council approved a street name change ordinance, setting out the policy for regulating the renaming of streets within the city limits. The city had received a request to consider renaming a street after a prominent pioneer citizen. The procedure is outlined in the new ordinance number 2006.03.13.

Basically the ordinance states requests for street name changes may be made to honor pioneers, residents who

have made a significant impact on the quality of life within the City of Friona, and/or events of significance to the city's development. Requests for a street name change must be made by filing an application with the city secretary on a city approved form.

The applicant is required to get 75% of the property owners on the street to agree, pay appropriate filing fees, and public hearings must be held. For the complete text and explanation of the ordinance contact city hall.

The city council also revised and clarified rental fees for the Friona Community Center and the Redeemer Center, both of which are city-owned but available for use by individuals, groups, or commercial enterprise.

A deposit is required in ad-

vance and penalties may be assessed for failure to give proper cancellation notice. All functions must end by 12 Midnight. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or sold inside or outside the buildings at any time. Excessive noise complaints can result in termination of the use of the facility.

Also, no regularly scheduled church services may be held. Church functions such as receptions, showers, etc., are permitted. Money will be collected at city hall and deposits returned upon return of the key if all conditions are

met. Decorations or signs may not be attached to ceilings or walls. Individuals are responsible for cleanup after their event. Fees will be assessed if the buildings are not left in order.

These are a summary and some of the highlights of the rental regulations for the Community Center and Redeemer Center. For a complete set of rules and fees contact city hall.

Community Center rental fees: Dances (including wedding dances) \$500/24 hours, \$500 cash deposit; sales event or event charging admission

\$250/24 hours, \$250 cash deposit; organizational meetings/social functions/stock show events \$100/24 hours, \$100 cash deposit; any event less than 24 hours \$35/hour, deposit equal to rent. For events covering more than 24-hours special rates will be established.

Redeemer Center rental fees: Social functions including birthday parties, showers & wedding receptions \$60/24 hours, \$60 cash deposit; any event less than 24 hours \$20 hour, cash deposit equal to rental.

Tables and chairs rental fees:

tables and chairs may be rented for the fees listed below for up to 5-days and may be picked up and returned to the back door of city hall: wooden tables \$3 each; folding chairs \$.50 each. For rental of large numbers of tables and chairs contact city hall for fees.

Applications for use of the facilities are available at city hall. For more information their phone number is 250-2761. This report has included only highlights of the street renaming ordinance and the rental agreements. For full and official details contact the city.

## Parmer County included as a natural disaster area

Parmer County was among 117 counties in Texas designated as primary natural disaster areas, making all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the US Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The counties were designated as disaster areas due to losses caused by severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures, and extremely high number of wildfires. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from March 7 to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, tak-

ing into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

FSA has a variety of programs available in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures. Additional information is also available at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

The Parmer County Farm Service Agency office is located in Farwell. The phone number is 806-481-3311. Curt Miller of Friona is the agency manager.

## Students score over 90 on TAKS

Friona's elementary school campus received the results of February's grade three and five TAKS reading tests. Elementary principal Becky Riethmayer, her staff and students, were delighted to learn that the youngest test-takers were successful. Friona students exceeded state average scores at both grade levels, scoring at or above 90%.

Riethmayer said staff and students worked hard to prepare for the TAKS reading test. "Students gave their very best effort with several students staying in the test room well into the afternoon to finish," she said.

Planning has already begun to assure that all remaining students will pass the test on the next testing date. Additionally, the overall percentage of students earning "commended" scoring status increased this year. Students must perform at or near 100% on the test to be recognized as commended.



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Spring break means spring sports as Friona track, baseball, golf, and tennis activities increase. Julie Echevarria is shown during the hurdle competition at the Tulia Hornet Relays last Saturday. Friona schools have been on spring break this week.

## DSEC annual meeting Tuesday

The Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will host its 68th annual membership meeting Tuesday, March 21, at 5 p.m. at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

The co-op will return \$500,000 of capital credits from 1992 to members. Included on the agenda is entertainment by the Flying J Wranglers, drawings for door prizes valued at more than \$1,500, and the popular catered meal of beef, fish, and chicken.

During a short business meeting, Co-Op President and General Manager Steve Louder will give a report and members will vote for three directors to the board. Position 1 will see Donald Wright and Clyde Damron, Sr.; Position 2 will be between Clarence Martin and Floyd Reeve; and Position 3 will be between Clark Andrews and Leroy Johnson. Wright, Martin, and Andrews are in-

cumbents.

Employee service awards recently presented by DSEC are to employees Don Rieves, 35 years; Dan Higgins, 30 years; Mike Veazey, 30 years; Mike Wilson, 30 years; Randy Laing, 20 years; Duane Artho 15 years,

Johnny Beltran, 10 years; Ignacio Bustamante, 5 years; and Joe Martinez, 5 years.

The current board of directors are Vick Christian, Anthony Acker, Jerry Roberts, Clarence Martin, Nick Yosten, Donald Wright, and Clark Andrews.

## Five on May school board ballot

Signup deadline for the May city and school board elections ended Monday. For city council, only the three incumbents signed up so there will not be a city election needed. Mayor John Taylor and council members Martha Barker and Ronnie Stevick will resume their seats on the council.

Five people signed up to compete for the three school board seats on the May election ballot. The terms of Loraine Anthony, Mitchell Smiley, and Joe Santellana are expiring. Santellana, who has served 10 years on the board, announced that he would not seek re-election. Incumbents Loraine Anthony and Mitchell Smiley have signed up for re-election, along with candidates Lisa Alaniz, Andy Montana, and Brent Loflin.

The three top vote-getters will fill the three vacancies. Friona has cumulative voting which means a voter can cast three votes any way they wish, i.e. three votes for the same candidate, or any other combination.



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Safe at third. Chieftain Hayden Patton hits the dirt and slides under the throw during last Friday's game vs. the WT High Comanches. Friona won 12-11 and play Bovina there at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, March 17.



## OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

### kitty litter cake

Food and pets make popular topics. This is a little of both.

I stirred up a hamburger controversy recently and it continues. Now folks stop me and offer their suggestions on where to get good burgers. Some older folks reminisce about those good burgers of long ago.

In my case, there has never been a better hamburger than the ones at the Moon Cafe in Hillsboro in my youth. A couple of sisters named Moon served the best, thickest, greasiest burgers ever known to man. I remember the buns were greasy too. You don't see greasy buns nowadays. They charged 25-cents.

A hamburger is a pretty simple formula. It has been altered over the years, mostly by McDonald's who still doesn't serve a real hamburger in my opinion.

A burger has buns, meat, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, and onions. Nothing else. In the old days they came with mustard. The Moons didn't ask if you wanted mustard or mayo. You got mustard.

Then people started tinkering with the formula. Cut the onions. I don't like tomatoes. I want mine dry. Sesame seed buns. Add cheese and call it a cheeseburger. At places like Chili's you can get a guacamole

burger, a mushroom burger, a Monterey Jack burger, or a chili burger.

In July here in Friona, the Chamber of Commerce is organizing the first Cheeseburger Festival. It is planned to be a cheeseburger cook-off similar to the chili cook-offs. You bring your grill and your own secret formula and cook some cheeseburgers. Prizes will be awarded (maybe). This is your chance to present the perfect cheeseburger to the world. The date is Saturday July 15. Might start practicing now.

Speaking of the Chamber, I get criticized sometimes when I talk about out-of-town shopping. I noticed that one of the Gold Sponsors who paid \$500 for a table at the Chamber banquet was Wal-Mart. Go figure.

I don't hate pets, I just don't want pets. What does that have to do with food? I'll get to that in a minute.

I especially do not warm up to cats. It is not so much the cat slinking around. My main complaint is that cats don't go outside and use the flowerbed anymore. You have to have a box for them, usually in the kitchen or utility room, to scratch around and poop in. The politically correct name for it is a kitty litter box. What they do in there is not litter folks. It is taking a crap in your

kitchen.

I don't notice families putting a box or bucket in the corner of the kitchen for the kids to use. Dogs are forced to go outside. People take dogs on leashes for a walk and try to look the other way while they are doing their business. But a dog that poops in the house gets a whipping. A cat poops in the kitchen and gets to rub on your leg afterwards.

We get a newsletter here at the paper from the Sundance Ranch Feline Sanctuary in Clovis. They take in homeless cats and try to find homes for them. That is a noble undertaking. If you want to adopt one of their cats call 505-985-0089 for an application or online at [www.sundancesanctuary.org](http://www.sundancesanctuary.org). Or you can donate money to them to sponsor a cat.

Their last newsletter had a recipe for Kitty Litter Cake with this note: "it looks disgusting but it tastes great." Especially for you cat lovers, here it is.

1 pk spice or chocolate cake mix  
1 pk white cake mix  
1 pk white sandwich cookies  
1 sm pkg instant vanilla pudding mix  
12 sm Tootsie Rolls

Prepare cake mixes and bake according to directions. Prepare pudding mix and chill until

ready to assemble. Crumble white sandwich cookies in small batches in blender. They tend to stick, so scrape often.

When cakes are cooled, crumble into a large bowl. Toss with half the cookie crumbs and the chilled pudding. Gently combine. Pour into a clean kitty litter box. (I'm not making this up).

Put unwrapped Tootsie Rolls in microwave safe dish two at a time and heat until soft and pliable. Shape ends so they are no longer blunt, curving slightly. Repeat until you have nine and bury them in the mixture.

Sprinkle the other half of cookie crumbs over the top. Heat three more Tootsie Rolls in the microwave until almost melted. Scrape them on top of the cake and sprinkle with cookie crumbs.

If you actually bake this kitty litter cake don't bother bringing me a scoop of it. You might put it on the floor by the fridge and see what your cat thinks. Email me a picture if it's not too gross.

Until then, Bon Appetit!



# Reading is a key to success

BY KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

When you teach children to read, you give them one of life's greatest gifts. Children who unlock the world of the written word gain access to unlimited opportunities for learning and discovery.

Sadly, many children do not have access to books at an early age. Millions of children are growing up without books because their families have limited means or do not have ready access to appropriate children's books. Some parents, themselves, were not read to as children and find it difficult to start the habit with their own kids. Unfortunately, getting a late start in reading can contribute to continuing the cycle of poverty.

Teaching children to read at an early age helps break that cycle. Early readers enter school ready to succeed academically. When children love reading, they do better in school and they enjoy their courses more. Reading is the foundation for learning and excellent reading comprehension facilitates studies in other subjects, such as math and science.

As a parent, I recognize the value of literacy and the importance of promoting it at every stage of a child's life. Every night at bedtime, my husband and I read a story to our children. Reading stories with children teaches them about the world and shows them how fun reading can be at the same time.

Many children dislike going to the doctor because they relate a visit to the doctor with being sick or getting a shot, but a national literacy program is changing that. Since doctors have regular contact with young children and their parents, these visits are valuable opportunities to share information about reading.

Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization that trains pediatricians to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud to children. It also gives new books to children at pediatric checkups from the age of six months to five years.

If there is one thing children love, it is getting gifts. There is always a look of joy on a child's face when opening presents at a birthday party or during the holidays. Associating this same feeling with reading is invaluable. Now, instead of dreading a trip to the doctor, a child can look forward to acquiring a new book.

Founded in 1989, Reach Out and Read serves more than 2.1 million children each year and distributes over 3.4 million books annually. There are over 2,500 Reach Out and Read programs in hospitals and health centers across the country, and 28,000 pediatricians, nurses and other clinicians have been trained to be part of the program. Reach Out and Read also has volunteers who read aloud to children in clinic waiting rooms and provides parents with ideas about how to get the most out of reading with their children.

I am proud to support Reach Out and Read programs in Texas and nationwide. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I help secure funding for worthwhile programs such as Reach Out and Read. For our country to remain competitive in a global economy, it is essential that our children are well educated; and the best education

start with early reading. Supporting educational programs remains a top priority for me in the Senate and, last fall, Congress approved over \$9 million to fund Read Out and Read which has programs in all 50 states.

I recently visited some Reach Out and Read programs in Texas. Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene established Texas' first Reach Out and Read program for children on a military base and I was honored to have the opportunity to read to children there. I also recently had the privilege to read to children at Reach Out and Read clinics in Amarillo and Odessa. These are just a few of the 180 Reach Out and Read programs in Texas. Each year they serve over 200,000 Texas children and distribute more than 250,000 books to the youngsters in the Lone Star State.

When I read to these children, I see their growing interest in reading beam from their faces. It is obvious they are excited about books and they enjoy having adults read to them. That is a great sign for our future.

I still have some of the books that I had growing up. They are now worn out and tattered, but I keep them to this day. There were many books I liked, but there is an even greater variety of books available to today's children.

We are fortunate to have the generous people at Reach Out and Read providing books to children so they can begin building their own personal libraries at an early age. When children develop a sense of ownership in books, they begin to cherish them. This makes a huge difference in their level of interest and it helps them acquire skills that benefit them the rest of their lives.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to write a quick email to the residents of Friona to say thank you to all the residents who have shown my mother, Martha Rodriguez, an immense amount of love and support. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer about 2 months ago and she has said nothing but good things about all the support she has received from the community. From the prayer lists to the many volunteers who drive her to her chemotherapy appointments; it's amazing how kind you all have been. With me being in the military it is sometimes hard for me to be home when I am needed. But knowing that in my absence she is taken care of is comforting. I was raised in Friona and graduated in 2000 and am honored to have lived next to the many residents. Words cannot express how thankful I am for the support she has received. I will always be indebted to all of you for being so kind. I am more than happy to call Friona home even when I can't be there. I will be deploying to Iraq in mid-October and am at ease to know she will be taken care of. Again, thank you all.

Jonathan Espinoza



### Tumbleweed Smith

#### Anvil music in the woods

John Frederick has a blacksmith shop just outside his house between New Summerfield and Jacksonville.

"We're forty and plumb," says John, who wears a bowler hat and an old western shirt and vest. "We're forty miles from nowhere, plumb in the middle of nothing and that's just really good."

John and his wife Polly live on land that's been in Polly's family for generations. There used to be a community nearby called Lone Star.

"It was a town called Skintight and in the 1860's or 70's they applied for a federal post office. The post office department said they couldn't use Skintight, so they named it Lone Star."

John has made a living as a blacksmith for more than forty years, creating everything from ornate staircase railings to jewelry.

"The secret to this is don't tell anybody what you're making before you get done, because if you tell them it's a widget and it comes out a wadget then you've got a problem."

John is now teaching others how to do blacksmith work. In his classes, he tells students if they don't see color in the steel, quit hitting on it. "It's too cold. It goes red, orange, yellow and white. It kinda gives you a range so you'll know how hot it is. Cherry red is 1450 degrees and white heat is 25 or 26 hundred."

Students pay \$350 for a two-day class on either Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. He shuts down his school after April because he says it's just too hot to work in a blacksmith shop during warm months. "May thru August you don't want to be in a blacksmith shop." He starts his classes in September. His students come from as far away as California and from all walks of life.

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## AG Abbott praises local, state officials

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott kicked off national "Sunshine Week" by praising the thousands of locals and state government officials who have completed the open government training required by Sen. Jeff Wentworth's Senate Bill 286. The law became effective January 1, 2006, and the training is being offered and approved by the Attorney General.

"I am pleased that public servants across the spectrum in Texas have taken the spirit of open government to heart and enrolled in essential open government training through the Open Records Division," said Attorney General Abbott.

"The City of Colleyville in North Texas is a prime example of this spirit. I applaud its public officials for engaging in a comprehensive forum on open government and showing our training videos recently with legislators, locally elected officials, news media, our open records staff and, of course, the citizens whom they serve. That's the way democracy is supposed to work."

The Attorney General's Office has, to date, issued approximately 5,000 certificates documenting that individuals in government have successfully completed either the open records or open meetings components of the training, or both. The office has also shipped about 2,000 DVDs to requestors wishing to take the training.

The training of government officials established by the new law is a counterpunch to the explosion of requests the Attorney General has received over several years for open records rulings. In 2005, the Attorney General received approximately 12,000 requests for rulings, an almost 50 percent increase since 2003.

The Attorney General's Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPEN-TEX fields more than 10,000 calls per year from citizens wishing to file complaints or seeking general information about how the law works.

"We have all the pieces in place now to keep Texas in the forefront among 'sunshine' states, and our goal is to drive these requests for ruling drastically downward," Attorney General Abbott concluded. "Public officials no longer have any excuse for claiming ignorance of the law. Instead, we are seeing the dawning of the day when government officials and their agencies are models of democracy in action."

To obtain the Attorney General's Open Government materials and general information, access the agency's website at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

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"We've had college professors, doctors, lawyers, police officers and a dentist. They build a fireplace poker, a heart trivet, a single tine barbecue fork with a twisted handle, a double tine fork, a railroad spike knife and a pair of blacksmith tongs. You're gonna work these two days. You're not going to lollygag around. The class is limited to four people. You take the projects home with you. Everybody gets a 32-ounce cross peen hammer that I set up for you in the shop. You take that home with you, too. It's a pretty good deal. If you don't like the blacksmithing, that's OK because you're gonna get two good home-cooked meals by my wife Polly."

John and Polly recently moved to the country from Hico, where they had a store and blacksmith shop. You can contact Frederick's Blacksmith School at 903 721-7962. The mailing address is RR5 Box 2088, Jacksonville, Texas 75766.

# Around Town

To get your area events published, call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

## Tax Assessor office closed March 21

The Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector's office will be closed March 21, 2006. The staff will be attending classes at the Department of Transportation in Amarillo.

Remember to be sure and include you proof of insurance with all mail-in registration renewals. The Department of Transportation is requiring the Tax Assessors office to return all renewals that proof of insurance is not included.

## CASA volunteer training dates set

Great Plains CASA for Kids, the local Court Appointed Special Advocates organization, will hold volunteer training in March and April. CASA volunteers advocate on behalf of kids who have been removed from their home and placed in the care of the state due to alleged abuse or neglect. Often CASAs are referred to as the eyes and ears of the court.

The volunteer training will consist of 20 hours of in-class training and 10 hours of independent study. There will be four training sessions that begin Friday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m., continuing on March 25 and April 21-22. For more information contact Elizabeth Holguin or Jackie Francis at 363-1211.

## Breast cancer screening Mar 20

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on March 20, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Chieftain band boosters to meet

The Chieftain band boosters will meet Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Friona High School band hall to discuss the upcoming band trip and the state qualifier trip. All Chieftain band parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

## The Book Shoppe Open March 23

The Friends of the Friona Public Library invites you to stop by and browse through the great selection of gently used books. The Book Shoppe will be open Thursday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Who's Who in your family tree

Has your family history been relegated to a cardboard box in a closet? What is the difference between a tintype and a daguerreotype? Learn how and where to research your family history and how to best preserve irreplaceable family photos and papers. On Saturday, March 26, 2006 at 2 p.m., the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will present "Who's Who in your Family Tree."

Guest lecturers, Preservation Specialist Lisa Lambert and Ellen Lovett from the Family History Center will share tips on how to learn more about your ancestors and get them out of their shoeboxes forever. Then take a tour of the PPHM library and archive with PPHM librarian, Betty Bustos.

Fee is \$5 for PPHM members/\$10 for non-members (includes museum admission). For reservations and information, contact Aarika Hand at 806-651-2242, or email ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu.

## Ladies Spring Luncheon Apr 8

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Women's Division will host their annual Ladies Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Sylvia Ingram, owner of Ingram's, will present a

Spring Style Show featuring Spring fashions and accessories for children and ladies. Ladies in the community are invited to bring their salads and enjoy a great style show.

## A tisket, A tisket, A literary basket

Baskets for the Friends of the Library Fundraiser will be on display at several businesses and some will be at the Friona Public Library now until April 14, 2006. The baskets will then be on display at the Library for the week of April 17-21. The baskets are centered around a book and have many delightful things pertaining to the book. The "baskets" themselves are often something special to win. Buy as many tickets as you want for one basket or several baskets for more chances to win! Tickets will be sold for \$1 at the Library and at the Friends Fun Festival Fundraiser on April 23, 2006.

## Citywide Easter egg hunt Apr 15

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a citywide Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 15, 2006 at the Friona City Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be divisions for toddlers through preschool; Kindergarten through 3rd grade; and 4th grade through 6th grade. All children are invited to attend and have a good time.

## Lazbuddie 3-on-3 tourney Apr 21-22

The Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride 3-on-3 shootout will be held Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at the Lazbuddie High School gymnasiums in Lazbuddie, Texas. Entry fee is \$50 per 4-person team and the deadline is April 15. To enter call LISD at (806) 965-2152, John Jones at (806) 965-2869, Debbie Weir (806) 965-2302 or Sarah Black at (806) 265-3861 or mail your entry to: Lazbuddie Longhorn Pride, Lazbuddie ISD, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.



## FlashBacks

### 75 Years Ago March 13, 1931

**Friona**—The throbbing, vital question in the minds of most of the people of Parmer County today is "Where should the county seat be?" Where do you think the county seat should be and why? The Friona Star is sponsoring a contest for the person writing the best letter on the subject. First Prize is a \$10 gold piece. Second prize will be a \$5 gold piece, and to the next five letters will be awarded a year's subscription to the Friona Star.

### 70 Years Ago March 13, 1936

**Friona**—Parmer County's second annual Calf and Meat Show was held here on Saturday of last week, and was well attended by people from almost every part of the county. The calf division of the show was won by Boggess of Friona. Wines of Bovina was second, and Lilly of Bovina was third. Other entries were Julian, Lazbuddie; Welch, Friona; Harold Lillard, Friona; Franklin Lillard, Friona; Schlenker, Rhea; and Howard of Lazbuddie.

### 65 Years Ago March 14, 1941

**Friona**—Amassing a total of 1099 points in 34 games, the Friona Squaws earned the title of "point a minute" basketeers, having met all comers from Texline on the Oklahoma line of the north Panhandle, to Silsbee, deep in East Texas. The Squaws lost their opening game of the state tournament, but came back with three wins to take the consolation title. The Squaws bowed to only three teams during the seasons.

### 50 Years Ago March 16, 1956

**Friona**—Postal receipts, which are generally considered a pretty good indication of a town's prosperity, total \$3,732 for the first two months of 1951, according to Postmaster Leo McLellan.

**Bovina**—The Bovina FFA boys have

divided themselves into four teams to play in the FFA sponsored donkey Basketball game Friday night at Williford Gymnasium. The four teams' opponents will include members of the school board, members of the Lion's Club, the lady teachers, and a team of FHA girls.

### 35 Years Ago March 17, 1971

**Bovina**—Bovina Fillies piled up 82 points to win the Springlake-Earth Invitational Track and Field Meet Saturday. Kress ran away with the title in the boys' division, racking up 172 points.

### 30 Years Ago March 17, 1976

**Bovina**—Billy Whitecotton and Billy Smith this week announced details

of Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, a new business enterprise they plan to build on the Dimmitt Highway between Eighth and Ninth Street in Bovina.

### 25 Years Ago March 22, 1981

**Bovina**—Gale and near hurricane force winds whipped the Bovina area this week bringing the first real duster for 1981.

### 20 Years Ago March 17, 1986

**Bovina**—Two members of the Bovina Fillies, Marie Pesch and Mindy Neal, were named to the girls area Super Team. The players are chosen from all classifications of schools throughout the Panhandle.

## DID YOU KNOW?

By the early 1920's a crude graded road, State Road 33 (now U.S. Highway 60), linked Farwell to Amarillo via Bovina, Friona, Hereford, and Canyon, while an even cruder track (later U.S. Highway 84 tied Farwell to Lubbock via Muleshoe and Littlefield. Texas State Historical Association, Handbook of Texas Online

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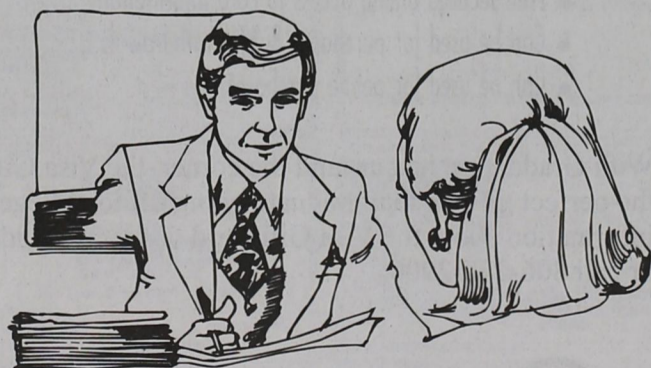
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# Wildfires can have further benefits

BY KAY LEDBETTER, Texas A&M Extension

Instinct kicks in for wildlife when fires threaten their existence and they flee, said Ken Cearley, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist.

"The unknown factor with the recent fire in the Panhandle, however, is how well deer and antelope and other earthbound species can escape or find shelter from a fire moving at 50-plus miles per hour," Cearley said.

Generally, he said, these animals can sense the fire coming and move out, escaping to some sheltering terrain or going deep into their burrows. The exception is ground-nesting birds during nesting season.

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"Most wildlife have the instinct to flee from fire, which has historically played a major, natural role in the formation of short grass prairie here in the Panhandle," he said. "The country, with adequate soil moisture, can bounce back quickly and provide grazing and browsing animals some forage pretty soon."

For the most part, however, this area of Texas has very low soil moisture now, so bouncing back might take a little bit longer, Cearley said.

"It's a devastating thing when an unplanned fire burns a huge amount of country at one time as far as grazing and property losses, but in the end, it can be beneficial in some ways," he said.

In areas where invasive brush species grow, the fire can knock back or kill some of those unwanted plants, he said. The early brush regrowth can provide tender, high protein forage for deer, antelope and other browsers.

While unplanned fires put a kink in a lot of people's operations, causing forage, livestock and fence losses, many range managers utilize fire for range improvement.

Because ground-nesting birds are not nesting right now, that kind of loss should be minimal, he said.

However, quail and pheasants do use grass for nesting cover, Cearley said, and the previous year's grass generally provides them better cover. When so much country is burned off at one time, these birds must nest in this year's growth, which might be limited if the drought continues.

Ground-nesting birds may be in a pinch, he said. April through June is nesting season for quail and pheasants. Without adequate nesting cover, they become easy prey for predators.

"We could have a problem in the quail production in that region this year if we don't get some rain, because there will be little if any suitable nesting cover," Cearley said.

Many turkey roosts likely have been destroyed too, he said. Fortunately, turkeys can move on to other areas. That's not good news, though, for spring turkey hunters whose hunting spot has been burned.

However, Cearley said, the tender green regrowth, which will eventually appear will draw turkey and other wildlife back to the area.

While things do look bleak for ranching operations wiped out by the fire, he said, the wildlife situation will fare better.

"This country will come back with a little rain in a way that will surprise people," Cearley said. "Down the road, we'll see some benefits as far as wildlife are concerned. Due to the blackened surface of the soil raising the soil temperature higher than unburned areas, you should begin to see green up within a few days if you have enough soil moisture or if we get some rain on it."

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 2, 2006 to March 8, 2006:

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Lois Culp Estate-Young Family Farm, NE/4 S35 T3S R3E  
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Anna McDonald-Harold D. Redwine and Leslee M. Redwine, N/2 OF SE/4 S10 T11S R3E

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## Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Sheriff Randy Geries office:

March 9, 2006, Jody Bowman, 30, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with deadly conduct, pending County Court.

March 10, 2006, Imelda Ortiz, 29, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check in Castro County, posted bond and released.

March 11, 2006, Jody Barnes, 28, of Burley, Idaho, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 11, 2006, Kelley Wilburn, 37, of Hereford, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 12, 2006, Rainbo Snyder, 17, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with accident involving damage to vehicle more than \$200, pending County Court.

March 12, 2006, Sabino Soltero, 43, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

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# Chiefs in win column, beat WT High 12-11

BY RON CARR

The Friona Chieftains baseball team took care of the goose egg in the win column with an action-packed 12-11 squeaker over WT

High last Friday. It took a 7th inning rally to seal the win.

The Chiefs got out to a 9-2 lead after four innings and were coast-

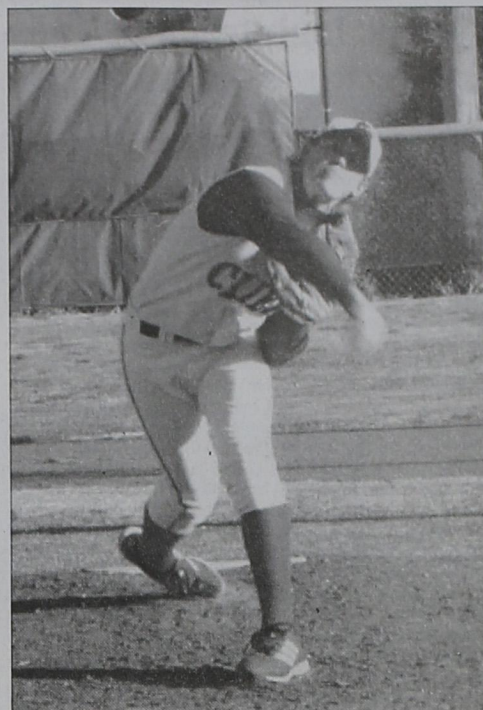
ing until the Comanches put up 3 runs in the 4th and added 6 more in the 5th inning to take the lead 11-9. After holding WT scoreless in

the top of the 7th, Garret Clark started the 7th inning rally with a lead off walk. Phillip Saiz, one of the fastest Chiefs and a hurdler on the track team, came in to run for Clark and promptly stole second. Lead off hitter Antonio Monreal drove him in with a single, followed by Hayden Patton's hit, which scored Monreal.

Junior Sean Lookingbill, batting in the cleanup position, drove in Patton for the winning run. Lookingbill was 2 for 5 in the game, scored 2 runs, had 2 RBI's, and was 3 for 3 in stolen bases. The Chiefs speed was good for a total of 10 stolen bases out of 11 attempts. Other Chiefs stealing were Monreal 1, Patton 2, Matt Martinez 1, Stephen Campbell 1, and Saiz 2.

The Chiefs had 13 hits, 2 each by Monreal, Patton, Martinez, Lookingbill, and Campbell. Kelby Monroe, Ryan Schwab, and Cesar Prieto had one each. Martinez had 4 RBI's.

Coach Greg Hazelwood said, "I am proud of the team for believing in themselves and coming back to win the ballgame. That shows a lot of character, especially after you give up a 7 run lead." The game at Bovina Friday March 17 was scheduled as a doubleheader but is now just one game. Game time is 4:30 p.m. at Mustang Field. Coach also said he and the team appreciate the support and fan attendance at the home games.



holly campbell photo

Chieftain sophomore Trent Hudson is back in action after an illness put him in an Amarillo hospital a few weeks back. He was thought to have meningitis but doctors diagnosed him with a liver ailment that requires medication every day. We hope he remains on the road to full recovery. Go Trent, Go Chiefs.



dana d jameson photo

The throw was not quite in time. Chieftain first baseman Stephen Campbell takes the throw but the WT High runner was safe.

# Chiefs JV 4, WT High JV 7

Enough players came out for varsity and junior varsity teams. JV doesn't usually play a full schedule because not all schools in the area

have enough boys to field a JV team.

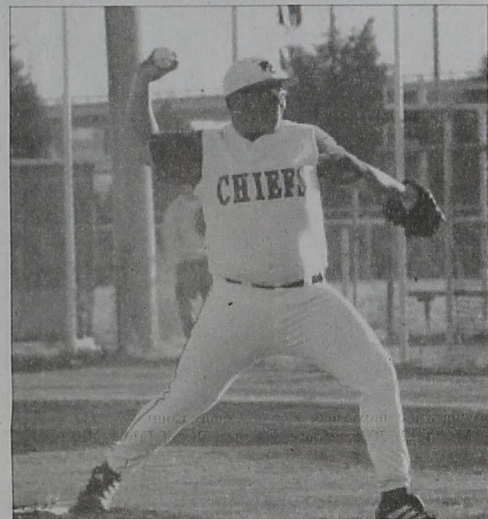
Friday March 17, the Friona JV took to the field after the varsity game with WT High. Due to the hour, there was a 1:45 time limit on the JV game and they only finished 4 innings with Friona losing 7-4.

Garrett Clark, Hector Sanchez, Jared Boyd, and Geraldo Garza each scored one run.

Coach Towner said, "We need to play faster. There was a total of 13 walks in the 4 innings but the boys had good enthusiasm and effort."

Other boys on the JV roster are Ritchie Casas, Casey Merritt, Alex Dunnam, Andy Bentley, John O'Brian, Tyler Shields, Omar Anchondo, Joey Mendoza, Rolando Castanon, Justin Dominguez, and Daniel DeLaO.

The next JV game on the schedule is set for Tuesday March 21 following the varsity game with Dimmitt here at Friona. Varsity starts at 4:30 p.m. and is the district opener and will be followed by the JV game.



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Chieftain hurler Ramon Salcido takes a turn on the mound vs. WT High.



## Fabian Dominguez FHS powerlifter heads for state

At the boys regional powerlifting competition in Brownfield March 11, Friona high school's Fabian Dominguez placed 2nd and qualified for the state meet in Houston March 24. Coach Jimmy Arias said Dominguez also won the best bench press award on the heavy platform. The award is given to the lifter with the best press in his weight class. Dominguez pressed 425 pounds according to Arias.

Others competing at regional were Ben Santiago 3rd, Dillon Welch 4th, Daniel Aguilar 5th, and A.J. Cordova 5th.



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Baseball is not all fun. Coach David Towner stripes around home plate before the start of a game.

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## Junior high track at Tulia

The 7th and 8th grade junior high boys participated in the Tulia Dobber Relays Friday March 10.

The 8th grade boys brought home 1st place in the competition against Clarendon, Dimmitt, Fritch, Happy, Lockney, Olton, and Tulia. Events and stats for Friona's 8th grade athletes are:

2400m run Jesus Sarabia 1st 9:32.79, Samuel Gonzales 3rd 9:55.87; 400m relay 1st place 49.94 Jordan Kelley, Marquese Saenz, Jonathan Licerio, Oscar Reyes; 110m hurdles Jose Ramirez 1st 20.83, Alex Ferguson 5th 21.87.

100m dash Marquese Saenz 3rd 12.29; 300m hurdles Jonathan Licerio 4th 53.70, Alex Ferguson 5th 54.57; 200m run Oscar Reyes 3rd 26.57; 1600m run Jesus Sarabia 2nd 6:13.88, Jordan Kelley 5th 6:38.39; 1600m relay 1st place 4:11.26 Leonardo Castaneda, Marquese Saenz, Jose Ramirez, Oscar Reyes; discus Stephano Orozco 6th 85'9"; long jump Jordan Kelley 6th 15'2.5"; triple jump Marquese Saenz 2nd 33'2"; pole vault Marquese Saenz 3rd 8'6".

The 7th grade boys placed 2nd in the meet. Results and times are: 2400m run Raul Anchondo 4th 10:36; 110m hurdles Aaron Osborn 4th 22.34; 100m dash Michael Chico 3rd 13.37; 400m run Ernesto Monreal 4th 1:08.45; 300m hurdles Duncan Welch 1st 50.78; 200m run Michael Chico 1st 26.79; discus Duncan Welch 1st 88'11"; shot put Rocky Orozco 2nd 30'2"; high jump Duncan Welch 1st 5'2"; long jump Zack Fair 2nd 14'8"; Ernesto Monreal 5th 14'5"; triple jump Ernesto Monreal 5th 28'10.5"; pole vault Chris Garcia 2nd 6'6", Devin Brown 5th 5'6".

Participating for the 8th grade were Leonardo Castaneda, Alex DeLaO, Joey Dickson, Alex Ferguson, Bryan Flores, Samuel Gonzalez, Jordan Kelley, Jonathan Licerio, Stephano Orozco, Jose Ramirez, David Ramos, Oscar Reyes, Marquese Saenz, Jesus Sarabia, David Schwab.

Participating for the 7th grade were Raul Anchondo, Brenner Barnett, Devin Brown, Michael Chico, Zack Fair, Chris Garcia, Alex Gonzales, J Gurley, Silvestre Huerta, Dominique Kellum.

Also, Cyle Lookingbill, Sergio Mendez, Cristoval Mendoza, Ernesto Monreal, Mikey O'Brian, Rocky Orozco, Aaron Osborn, Adrian Padilla, Miguel Reveles, and Duncan Welch.

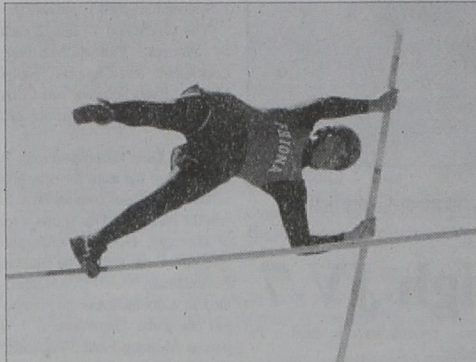
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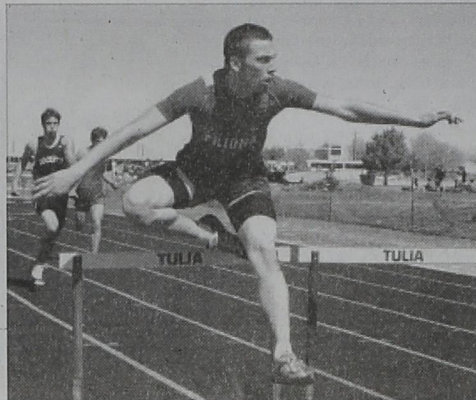
Hurdlers Julie Echevarria and Miranda Frye practice on the infield.



Lucretia Field concentrates in the hurdle competition.



Flying high. Chieftain pole vaulter Antonio Monreal clears the bar.



Phillip Saiz ran the 110m and 300m hurdles.

## Tulia track meet results

Friona participated in the Tulia track meet last Saturday. The junior high meet was held Friday.

For the varsity girls, Friona earned 48 points and 6th place. Briar Barnett was 2nd in discus with 96'7" and 4th in the shot put at 30'3 3/4". C. Sanchez was 5th in pole vault at 6'6"; Jordan Monroe 4th in the 3200m at 14:27.69; S. Palacios 5th in 3200m at 14:34.11.

The girls 400m relay was 6th in 55.53; S. Hinton 6th in 800m at 2:48.08; Emmie Crutchfield 5th 400m 65.35; J. Monroe 3rd 1600m 6:32.62; S. Hinton 4th 1600m 6:41.32; 1600m

relay 3rd 4:32.31.

For the varsity boys Stephen Campbell was 4th in discus at 119'8"; and Ryan Schwab was 6th in long jump at 19'9 1/2" and 4th in triple jump at 40'1".



Josh Jameson in a 110m heat.



Sprinter Emmie Crutchfield runs the 400m



Runners Beth Nava and Hannah Carthel are stride for stride.



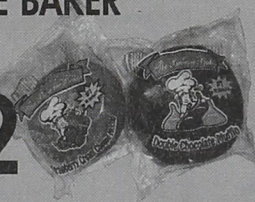
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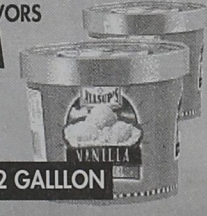
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## Bovina firemen set propane safety training

On Monday, March 27, Charles Oil and Gas, Inc., in Bovina and the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Division will put on a free propane (LP-gas) training class for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. The Railroad Commission is the agency in charge of propane safety in Texas. The class will be taught by Thomas Petru, the Commission's director of propane training.

"Using and handling propane safely is very important to us," said Kenneth Waters. "The Commission's propane safety training for local fire departments is designed to increase firefighters' knowledge of propane and help them respond effectively in any situation."

Charles Oil and Gas worked with the Railroad Commission to custom-design a four hour class to meet local needs. The class includes propane safety topics ranging from barbecue cylinders

to residential tanks and commercial bulk installations. Participating firefighters will receive hands-on experience with propane equipment as well as classroom instruction.

Kenneth Waters of Charles Oil and Gas says, "These volunteer firefighters play a vital role in propane safety in this community. That is why our company is committed to building a strong relationship with them."

Cesar Marquez, chief of the Bovina Fire Department, is inviting area volunteer fire departments to take part in the training. He is excited about the event and encourages all to attend. To learn more about how to use propane safely contact the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 800-64-CLEAR or visit [www.rrc.state.tx.us](http://www.rrc.state.tx.us) and click on Propane/LP-Gas.

## Mustangs win their tournament

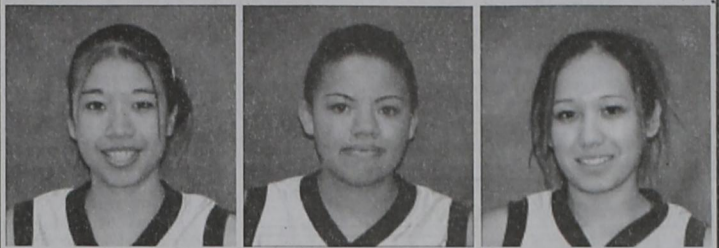
Baseball season is in high gear in Bovina as the Mustangs take to the field with a brand new scoreboard in center field.

After being thumped by Dimmitt last week, Coach Hector Guevara's boys hosted a tournament March 9-10. The Mustangs won overall with three victories: 7-5 over Whiteface, 13-0 shutout of Cotton Center, and 4-3 over Dimmitt JV.

In the Cotton Center game, Trent Quintana went 3-3-3, with 3 for 3 hitting and scored 3 runs. James Lara was almost as good as he was 3 for 3 at the plate and scored twice.

Against Dimmitt JV, Michael Ortiz was 4 for 4, Isaac Tavera went 3 for 4, and Frank Martinez was 2 for 4. The Mustangs host Friona Friday March 17 in what was scheduled as a doubleheader but will now be just one game. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

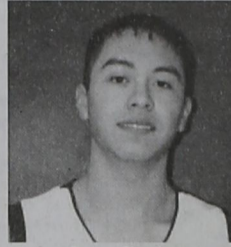
## All-District-Bovina



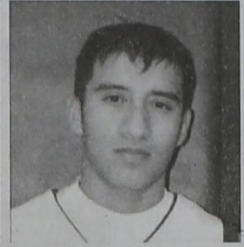
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**Jesus Rocha**  
Bovina freshman  
All-district 3-1A



**Michael Ortiz**  
Bovina Senior was  
Most Valuable Player in  
District 3-1A basketball All-district

## Guevara is new Bovina head football coach

Bovina high school graduate Hector Guevara has been named head football coach at Bovina High School. Guevara, a West Texas A&M graduate, has been an assistant coach at his alma mater for eight years. Guevara has served as an assistant coach in football, basketball and track. When Bovina started baseball last year Guevara took over as head baseball coach.

Guevara was defensive coordinator for last year's Mustang team that made the foot-



**Hector Guevara**  
Head football coach  
Bovina Mustangs

ball playoffs for the first time in nine years. Guevara will become head football coach, replacing Kent Torbert who left the school for a similar position in Lamesa.

The athletic director responsibilities will be assigned to Bovina high school principal Dale Fullerton, a former Clovis athletic director. Hector Guevara is married to Lisa who works at First National Bank in Friona. They have two children.

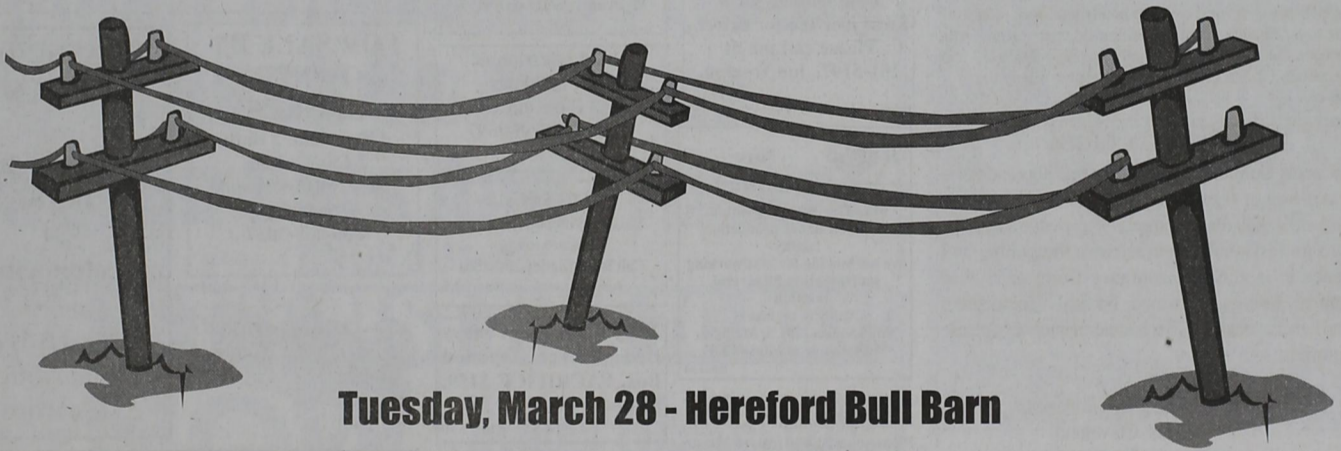
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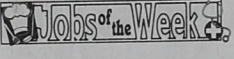
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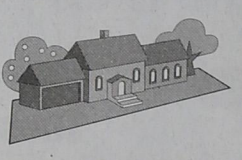


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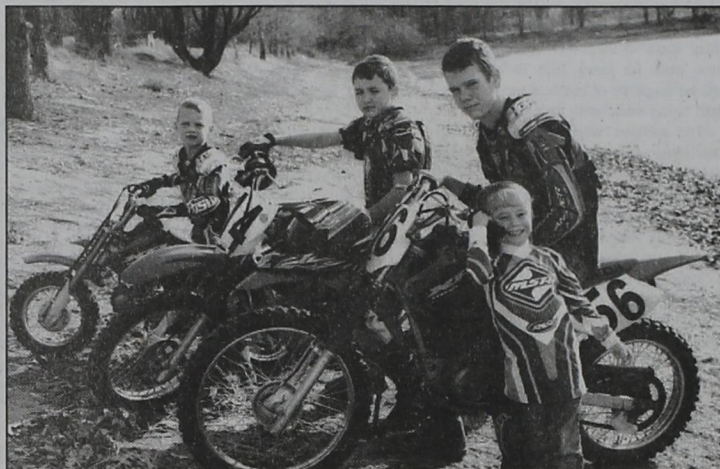


Dillon Kelley



Jordan Kelley

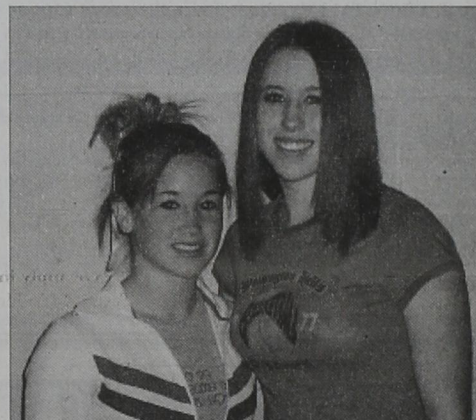
courtesy photos  
The Kelley boys race motorcycles for fun and competition. Jason Kelley (5) is 7-years-old, Dillon Kelley (7) is 11-years-old, and Jordan Kelley (51) is 14-years-old. The boys are shown competing in the Arena Cross at the Amarillo National Center. They are the sons of Doug and Ann Kelley of Friona.



The Kelley Clan, l-r, Jason, Dillon, Jordan and Robin.

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3-1A All District honors were announced recently. Representing the Lazbuddie Lady Horns were All-District sophomore, Chelsea Nichols (r) and Honorable Mention freshman Brittany Sexton.



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# The season of Lent You've never really known fear until you've tried to harpoon a mad Chihuahua

BY JULIA ALEXANDER, Congregational Church

The season of Lent in the church year is set aside for a time of prayer and reflection, a time of repentance and renewal before the people of God celebrate the joy of Easter. One of the best ways of honoring this time of deep reflection is through the renewed commitment to personal devotions.

Setting aside a personal devotional time is an important part of any Christian's journey in this life and one of the surest ways of securing a closer relationship with our Lord. As with most things spiritual, the spirit may be willing, but alas, the flesh is weak. Even finding the time in the first place seems an impossible task, especially considering the time already demanded in our lives by our family obligations, community needs and the responsibilities of the workplace.

Even after time (and a quiet place!) are found, the task of how to fill up that time - prayer and bible study? Or just prayer? If Bible study is included, which materials to use? - can intimidate even the most faithful church goer. Personal devotional time is like anything else that is good for us, but hard to initiate - exercise, eating right, cutting out bad habits - sometimes it may seem that if we only had a coach standing over us and urging us on!

Well, in the coming weeks, our local Ministers within the Friona Christian Ministries (formerly the Ministerial Alliance) would like to share some of their own strategies for making personal devotional time work for them. It is their sincere hope that these series of articles might be of practical use to anyone who wishes to experience that "closer walk" with their Lord.

The subjects which the articles will examine begin with the **Discipline** of developing a personal devotional time; the next week's article will discuss strategies for making the time a **Holy Time**, set aside for the Lord; the article in the third week will delve into **Accountability** and how to use it to stick to the commitment made; and finally, the last article will examine the **Application** of the strategies, in order to have a fulfilling personal devotional time.

May God bless you in your quest to see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly.

The Friona Christian Ministries (formerly the Friona Ministerial Alliance) submitted this article during the season of Lent.

## GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

### THINK ABOUT THIS

#### Everyone should be slow to speak

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

I think we often forget the tremendous power of the spoken word. I believe this is why James made the following statement in James 1:19:

Read on and you see that James compares the tongue to the bridle of a horse, to the rudder of a ship and to the destructive force of a raging fire. (3:3-6)

Our speech, when controlled, has great power for good, just as it does for evil. With the tongue, we can praise God (3:9); we can comfort one another, and express our love.

When we don't control our tongue, the result is always sin. If we can't control our tongue, our religion is vain. (James 1:26)

Surely James was very timely in his inspired advice to be slow to speak.

Think about it.

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb

Not long ago, a daytime talk show had a feature on phobias. A very disturbed woman ran screaming from the stage when another woman brought out a Chihuahua puppy. This was a harmless puppy, not mad dog Chihuahuas like mine. My dogs know no fear, except when they go to the doggy doctor. There they lose their swagger. If they get too scared, they lose more than that.

Recently I took my Chihuahuas for their annual shots. It may not be a big deal to your dogs, but to mine those needles are the size of harpoons and the doctor is Captain Ahab. Holding them down is like watching the Crocodile Hunter grab a snake from behind or Martha Stewart approaching a bad salmon croquette. When we get home, Molly and Tiny pout and mope for a week, milking the ordeal for every ounce of sympathy.

My daughter, Meredith, took Tiny for a walk the other day. Putting a leash on Tiny is like trying to rope an angry mother at a Little League baseball game. Tiny is a three-pound meat loaf gone bad. She fears no other dog. They were walking down the street, minding their own business, with Tiny stopping every thirty seconds to do her business, when the neighbor's poodle, Ginny, came over for a visit. With her fur trimmed to the skin, Ginny looked like a fire hydrant with legs.

Before Meredith could react—Tiny, having a very small brain, lit into Ginny like a soccer mom going after her daughter's coach, stopping only long enough to do more business (Tiny, not the soccer mom). Within a few seconds, Ginny had her mouth around Tiny's throat. The fat dog had sung, and this opera was over. Tiny disagreed. It only made her madder, and she broke away. Very little damage was done to either dog. Meredith, fresh from her shift in the emergency room at the hospital, asked them

both to please fill out some forms. We all have fears. When I was a child, I became frightened during severe thunderstorms at night. The combination of thunder and darkness was more than I could handle. I would run down the hall and climb into bed with my parents. My mother or father would hold me close. That was my haven. I knew they would always be there during a storm. I am no longer afraid of thunderstorms. I have other fears. I had

fears when I sent my children off to first grade. As a parent I guess I will always have fears when it comes to my children. I just do not let fear consume me. Two of the most overlooked words in the New Testament are *fear not*. Jesus can calm any storm and brighten any darkness I may face.

As a child, I was safe in the arms of my parents. As an adult I am still safe in the arms of the Father.



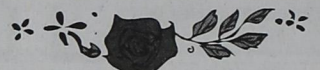
## OBITUARIES

### Stanley R. Varner

Stanley R. Varner, 64, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away Friday, March 10, 2006 in Amarillo. Funeral services were held Monday, March 13, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel with Coy Upton and Larry Harvey of Harvest Life Center officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. in Friona Cemetery with Pansey Dillon of Woodville Pentecostal Church, officiating. Services were under the direction of Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel of Amarillo.

Mr. Varner was born November 6, 1941. He married Martha Lynn Dalton in 1971 at Friona, Texas. He lived most of his life in Friona and was a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. He loved to bowl and bowled many games with his parents. He worked for John Allen Electric.

Mr. Varner is survived by his wife; a son, Ray Lynn Varner and his wife Renee, of Amarillo; and one daughter, Nicki Varner, of Amarillo. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Krista Varner and a grandson, Dalton Varner, both of Amarillo; his mother, Stella Varner of Granbury, Texas; two brothers, Jimmy Varner and his wife Lindy, of Glendale, Arizona and Phillip Varner of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two sisters, Martha Shepard, of Granbury and Gail Trevison and her husband Bob, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; special friends Mike and Martha Petschle of Amarillo and lots of nieces and nephews that he loved very much.



### Ethan Cruz Fernandez

Ethan Cruz Fernandez, 2-months-old, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2006 in Amarillo. A Mass of Angels service will be held Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 3 p.m. at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, Texas with Father Johnson Vadakumchery officiating. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Ethan is preceded in death by grandparents Andy Cruz and Henry Fernandez, Sr.; and an uncle Joe Cruz.

Survivors include his parents, Henry Fernandez and Yolanda Cruz of Amarillo; and one brother Andrew Cruz of Amarillo. Ethan is also survived by grandparents Janie Cruz of Friona and Rosa Fernandez of Hereford, Texas.

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**A WOMAN OF UNDERSTANDING --- BEAUTIFUL ABIGAIL!**

ABIGAIL WAS THE WIFE OF NABAL, A WEALTHY OWNER OF SHEEP AND GOATS IN CARMEL. IF NABAL WAS A CHURLISH AND EVIL MAN, THEN ABIGAIL WAS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE, BEING KNOWN FOR HER BEAUTY OF FACE AND INTELLIGENCE. WHEN DAVID'S MEN WERE TURNED DOWN BY NABAL OVER A SIMPLE REQUEST FOR FOOD FOR HIS TROOPS, IT WAS ABIGAIL WHO PLACATED DAVID'S ANGER AND THIS SAVED NABAL'S LIFE. WHEN NABAL DIED, SIXTY THEREAFTER, ABIGAIL BECAME ONE OF DAVID'S WIVES. AFTER THE AMALEKITES CAPTURED ZIKLAG, THEY TOOK ABIGAIL CAPTIVE WHILE DAVID AND HIS MEN WERE OUT CAMPAINING IN THE WILDERNESS. BUT SHE WAS SPEEDILY RESCUED BY DAVID WHEN HE ROUTED THE AMALEKITES. ABIGAIL BORE ONE SON TO DAVID AND NAMED HIM CHILEAB (2 SAMUEL 3:3).

IN THESE ANCIENT TIMES, THE ONLY PLACE OF HONOR A WOMAN COULD HOLD IS AS A MAN'S WIFE -- TO BE UNMARRIED OR A WIDOW PLACES A WOMAN IN A LOWLY STATE OF LIFE. THUS DAVID'S ACT OF SAVING ABIGAIL AS HIS WIFE IS A VERY KIND AND REWARDING DEED! ALL OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN 1 SAMUEL: CHAP 25

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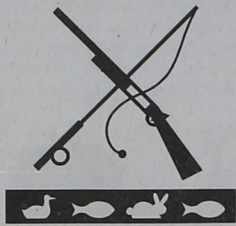
# Lubbock to host new outdoor sports show

Texas Classic Shows, a Lubbock-based professional tradeshow management company, introduces the Texas Outdoor Adventure show to be held for the first time March 25-26, 2006. This unique show will feature outdoor sporting displays, demonstrations and educational opportunities, along with a large exhibit area of outdoor sports related exhibits in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Texas Classic Shows also produces the Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic in Lubbock.

The purpose of the event is to provide regional sports enthusiasts of all ages an opportunity to meet with company representatives, see and learn more about all types of outdoor sporting products and services. Exhibitors entered in the show already span national, regional and local companies representing hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, kayaking, campers, off-road equipment and vehicles,

motorcycles, animal breeders, exotic food products, apparel, home décor and accents, wildlife feeders and feed, hunting blinds, guide services and lodge facilities.

The show has planned activities for the whole family! Show guests will be able pick and choose from a full schedule of programs each day of the event. Hunter's Safety Certification Courses, fly fishing demonstrations, outfitting for hunts, and wildlife habitat management and lease program are just a few of the activities planned.



## Comptroller reports 15 percent increase in sales tax revenues

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.54 billion, up 15.2 percent compared to February 2005.

Strayhorn delivered \$375.7 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 15.5 percent increase compared to March 2005. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 16.6 percent compared to the first three months of 2005.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$255.4 million to Texas cities, up 15.3 percent compared to March 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 14.9 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$22.9 million, up 19.8 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 17.8 percent higher than last year.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 14.

Parmer County's March 2006 payment totaled \$33,736 broken down as Bovina \$5,449; Farwell \$8,578; and Friona \$19,709. In March 2005 the tax payment total was \$30,894.

Comparing March 2005 to March 2006 tax receipts, Bovina is down 9.53%; Farwell is up 10.38%; and Friona is up 15.26%.

For the year 2006, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$123,087 as compared to \$112,716 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 5.18%; Farwell is up 26.30%; and Friona is up 3.93% for an overall increase of 9.20% for the county.



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The JV Chiefs basketball team compiled a 20-8 season record, 8-2 in district, and were in a 3-way tie with Dimmitt and Floydada for the district championship. The boys are, l-r, back, Coach Jose Gonzalez, Kaison Graham, Alex Gurley, Chris Haile, Garrett Clark, Phillip Saiz, Beth Nava; middle, Trent Hudson, Eric North, Dillon Welch, Omar Hernandez; front, Jared Boyd, Aminadab Alvidrez, Brett Field.

## Plains Cotton Growers 49th annual meeting April 7

The Plains Cotton Growers 49th annual meeting will be Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center banquet hall. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the programs starts at 9 a.m. Featured speakers this year are John Maguire of the National Cotton Council in Washington, D.C. and J. Berrye Worsham, III of Cotton Incorporated in Cary, North Carolina.



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