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Caregiver support meeting on June 19

Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice will host a caregiver support group meeting Tuesday June 19 at 5 p.m. at their office, 304 East 11th in Friona. At these meetings one can learn communication tips, caregiver tips, and self care ideas for the caregiver. The group motto is to care, share, and learn. Feel free to join the group. For more information call 806-247-0057.

Grief/bereavement support meeting

The monthly grief and bereavement support group will meet on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., at the Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice office, 304 E. 11th, in Friona.

This is a community service open to the public. Anyone experiencing grief and/or loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. For more information, please call 806-247-0057.

**Sunday,
May 17 is
Father's Day**



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William Flowers of Two Horse Construction in Clovis unloads equipment Monday morning at the Subway Restaurant location on Highway 60. The restaurant, owned by John Teters of Hereford, began interviewing employees this week while Two Horse Construction continued work on the building. Teters owns two Subways, the KFC, and Taco Bell restaurants in Hereford. The Friona Subway should be open by July.

Council approves debt obligation schedule, hears Prairie Acres report

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday June 11 with all members present. New council member Greg Lewellen was seated for his first official regular meeting. Mayor J.B. Douglas presided.

A public hearing had been called for comments on the city's water quality report. No one from the public attended.

The council approved previous meeting minutes, re-elected Jim Atwell as Mayor Pro-Tem, and set the next regular meeting date for Tuesday July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

A discussion of accounts

payable and financial statements for May 2012 was held and both were approved. Mayor Douglas re-appointed Municipal Judge Deborah Campbell to a two year term from 2012-2014. City manager Patricia Phipps told council members Judge Campbell was doing an excellent job collecting fines and processing warrants.

The council heard a report from Josh Bates representing Transitional Health Services, the Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates management company from Argyle, Texas. Mr. Bates reviewed the financial

report for Prairie Acres, stating they had retired \$18,000 in "old" debt. He said an effort is underway by administrator Billy Ray Johnston to increase the number of residents at the facilities. Prairie Acres currently has 42 residents and Heritage Estates has 7 residents.

Mr. Bates said that a

resident on Medicare was equal to three residents on Medicaid based on the current Medicare/Medicaid payment schedule. A new dietary manager has been hired at Prairie Acres. She is Debbie Sanchez, most recently in charge of dietary at the Dimmitt Hospital. He said she will bring positive

changes to the meals served to residents. Also a new health insurance program for employees is being implemented.

The council previously approved the issuance of a \$1 million certificate of obligation for upgrading the city's wastewater treatment plant as required by the Texas Com-

mission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). At Monday's meeting the council members were given four scenarios for repayment of the \$1 million. After much discussion, they approved a nine-year repayment option that will save about \$200,000 in interest but require an increase in the local water/sewer rates.



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Transition Health Services representative Josh Bates, right, addresses the city council Monday evening. Transition Health Services is the management company for Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates. Bates gave a report on the two facilities. From left around the table are council members Jim Atwell, Martha Barker, City Manager Patricia Phipps, Mayor J.B. Douglas, Mark Osborn, Greg Lewellen, and Charlie Pope.

Commissioners approve fireworks, cancel burn ban

Parmer County commissioners met in regular session Monday June 11 in Farwell. Among other routine business items they continued the lifting of the burn ban indefinitely. There is no burn ban in effect in the county.

They also addressed the fireworks issue. The sale of fireworks was banned in the county last year due to the lingering drought. However, the commissioners approved the sale of fireworks this year, except for what they describe as "fins and sticks". The sale and use of skyrockets and missile type fireworks will not be allowed in the county.

The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday June 18 for a public hearing concerning the redesignation of the unincorporated area of Parmer County as a reinvestment zone. This is a prerequisite to granting tax abatements. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

The commissioners will then convene a special meeting Monday at 10:30 a.m. to meet with representatives of Cargill concerning the proposed feed mill location near the Hwy 60/86 intersection in Bovina. All commissioners meetings are open to the public.

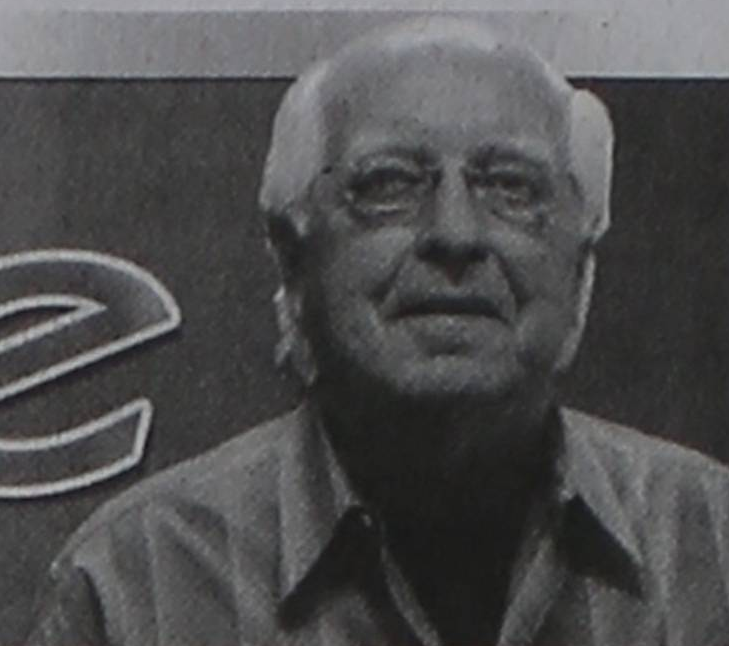


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When Tuesday night's storm blew through Eastern New Mexico it brought hail accumulations. This photo is the sidewalk at the Clovis News Journal building on Pile St. It was taken by former Friona resident Dianna (Tirado) Hernandez who is employed in the news department at the Clovis newspaper.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



vanished

Fifty years from now. Many people reading this, including me, will be passed on and departed. Unless of course I live to be 122. Not likely.

Fifty years from now my five children chronologically will be 96, 87, 85, 73, and 71. My grandchildren will age accordingly. Our descendants will continue to multiply.

Fifty years used to seem like a long time. Not so much anymore. I graduated from Hillsboro High School 55-years ago, June 6, 1957.

No doubt fifty years from now AARP will still be sending out monthly solicitations to purchase life insurance and auto insurance. Assuming there are still insurance companies in 2062.

In the June AARP bulletin they listed some items that are vanishing. They wrote, "In 50 years what do futurists predict will make Americans wax nostalgic?" In other words, what are we using now that we won't be using in 50 years. Here are a few things on the list.

Cursive writing. Illinois, Hawaii, Indiana, and Ohio have dropped handwriting as an educational requirement. Many other states are considering doing the same. With the advancement of technology, in 50 years pencils and pens may be obsolete. So will good grammar and penmanship.

Glove box road maps. No need for these when map apps offer directions, traffic info, drive-time estimates, and an arrow to the nearest Starbucks. I thought fold-up maps were already obsolete, although I still enjoy spreading out a map and tracing the route with my finger.

Physical media. Good-bye to CDs, DVDs, Blu-Rays, thumb drives, video game discs and their players. Electronic entertain-

ment will be bought and played directly from the Internet. Shucks. Better put those video game players in a garage sale soon.

Gasoline pumps. When your robotic car drives itself to a service station, it will be to plug in for a battery recharge or to fill up with hydrogen. They didn't mention the future of 18-wheelers. Don't see them running on batteries.

Home phones. As these 20th Century gadgets gather dust people will drop their landline plans and go cell phone only. Many are doing this now, especially the young folks.

Analog clocks. With cell phones synched to satellites, you will never forget to spring forward again. Clocks and wristwatches will become antique collectors items or just decoration. I haven't worn a wristwatch in years.

Toilet paper. Not sure I agree with this prediction. They say toilet seat bidets will wash and dry at the touch of a button, eliminating paper waste, greatly improving sanitation, and adding a splash

to one's daily routine. The visual of this made me laugh out loud.

Passwords. Instead of having to remember and update that combination of letters and numbers that we all forget, your device will remember you. Facial biometric software will enable you to simply look at your cell phone or tablet and unlock it. Not sure what you would do if you have a broken nose or black eye. Would you have to reset your facial ID password as you grow older and your face drops?

Desktop computers. Already some tech companies have desktop free offices. Employees work on laptops, saving to a "cloud"—a virtual server for data storage accessed through the Internet. They say soon (surely 50-years from now) all the computing power we need will fit onto our phones. From what I see that is happening now.

The AARP bulletin predicts these items are already going, going, gone... answering machines, tube televisions, phone books, bank de-

posit slips, subway tokens, rolodexes, printed encyclopedias, film, and incandescent light bulbs.

I can definitely remember many years ago buying my first Rolodex. It was a status symbol to be in all the right Rolodexes. I set about filling mine with customer information, airline contacts, tour operators around the world, and various important friends. Never did fill the thing up completely though. Today I still use a simple gray 3x5 card file box. Works fine, doesn't crash, and is portable.

Fifty years from now the majority of the earth's population 40-and-over will be gone and a whole new batch of people will be minding the store, running the government, planting the crops, and trying to figure out which model of robotic vehicle to purchase with their cell phone debit card. And AARP will be promoting the latest portable Scooter Chair that will fold up handily to fit in a lady's purse.

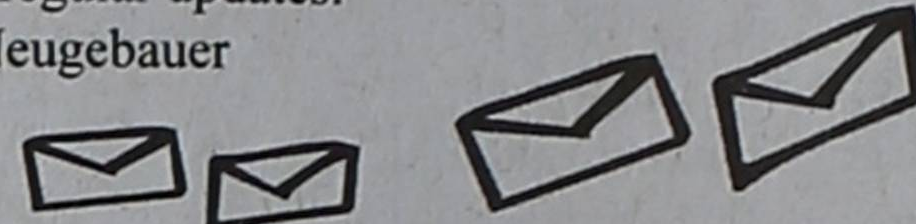
Too bad I won't be around to write about it.

Letters to the Editor

Legislative action is starting on the 2012 Farm Bill. The Senate is starting debate on its version this week and will be considering numerous amendments. In the next few weeks, the House Agriculture Committee will likely begin debating its own version of the bill. I remain cautiously optimistic that the House and Senate will reach an agreement before the current Farm Bill expires on September 30.

As a senior member of the Agriculture Committee, I look forward to being involved in this process. My goals are to help ensure agriculture producers are provided a sufficient safety net, and improve crop insurance with my plan to allow producers the option to buy group insurance that could be coupled with their existing multi-peril insurance plans. This would allow producers to achieve higher insurance coverage levels at more affordable prices. As this process progresses, I will continue to provide regular updates.

Randy Neugebauer



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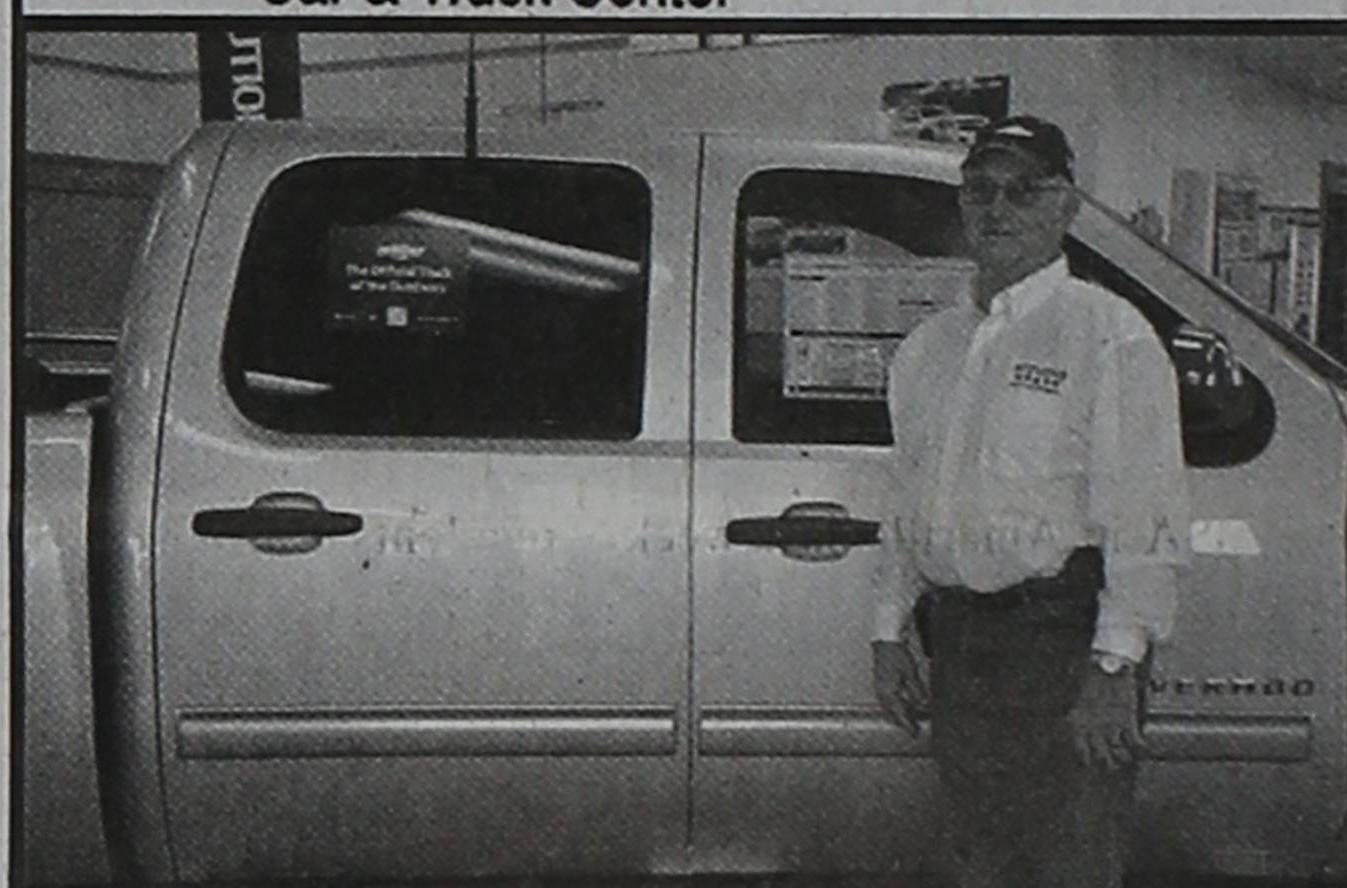
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- 1 TXism: "take a _____ at it" (try)
- 5 TX George Strait's "Ace in the _____"
- 6 in Liberty Co. on 90
- 7 Paris, TX FM
- 8 TXism: "could _____ through a crowbar" (strong coffee)
- 9 lowest soldier rank (abbr.)
- 12 nickname of great Cowboy FB Daryl
- 17 Travis drew _____ the dirt at Alamo
- 19 actor McConaughey was born here
- 21 former TX Mercury astronaut Deke
- 22 extreme cleaning of a car or truck
- 23 TX wrestler Terry Funk is featured in '99 documentary: "Beyond _____"
- 28 Patricia of TX-filmed "Hud" (63)
- 29 interest percent
- 30 related to a western Asian country
- 31 Big Texan in Amarillo will give you a 72-oz. steak free if you can _____
- 35 pinkish-violet color
- 36 TXism: "fast as _____ tail on fire"
- 42 TX Janis Joplin, et al. (2 wds.)
- 44 Texas among others
- 46 he makes technical plans or drawings

DOWN

- 48 TXism: "bet your bottom _____" (sure thing)
- 49 nevertheless
- 50 TX Autry wrote "Comes Santa Claus"
- 51 former Ranger slugger, Sierra
- 52 TXism: "_____ chaser" (early riser)
- 53 Colorado Indians
- 54 what Texans do best
- 56 "sawing _____" (snore)
- 57 TXism: "run _____ white flag" (surrender)
- 58 snakelike Gulf fish
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- 15 Venetian blind strip
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- 20 _____ Lago, TX
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- 26 this Perkins was in "Coyote Ugly" with TX-born Perabo
- 27 1st King Ranch land: 2-cents
- 32 "_____ shucks, ma'am"
- 33 TX semiconductor co.
- 34 TXism: "high tail _____"
- 36 telecommunications co. with HQ in TX
- 37 TXism: "_____ on the barrel head"
- 38 TXism: "busy as a one-_____ paper hanger"
- 39 "_____ Home for Christmas"
- 40 ceramic squares
- 41 "_____ the Man"
- 43 1st two initials of the "Father of Texas"
- 45 JFK was taken here in Parkland in '63
- 47 unused lariat (2 wds.)
- 48 the illegal variety can get you arrested
- 55 Tex Beneke sang "_____ in Calico"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Town Talk II

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Breaking news: We had a storm blow through Tuesday night around 11 p.m. that left the city with 1.06" of rain according to weather guy John Gurley's official reading. The local cable channel logged 1.20". Some gauges showed up to 1.50". Along with the rain we had wind gusts exceeding 60 mph and pea size hail mixed in. The storms brought much needed rain to most of the Texas Panhandle.

Summer Drama Workshop dates, July 9-21. Elementary, junior high, and high school presentations. Cost \$25 per child. Registration forms at high school office or call Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610 for information. This is a long-running great program for the kids. Directors are Allison Johnston, Candice Geske, and Joy Morton.

The Subway Restaurant owner John Teters stopped by the office last week. Said they would be interviewing for employees this week and all the equipment is being installed this week. Mr. Teters owns the two Subways, KFC, and Taco Bell in Hereford. He said he operated the Mr. Burger in Hereford for over 25 years. The local operation will employ about 10 people and hopes to be open by July.

Speaking of Hereford restaurants, many probably already know that the Hereford K-Bob's is now the Parsons Steakhouse, "family owned since 1970" the sign says. Not much else has changed at the steak joint. I'm still gonna call it K-Bob's.

Lee Gibson was back in BSA in Amarillo last week dealing with a collapsed lung. Sam Mears is now back in the Friona hospital after a month stay in an Oklahoma City hospital. His infection from back surgery was finally traced to

some former medication he was given for bladder cancer. He will be at PMC for maybe another month. Sam has had a long tough road the past several months.

Betty Jarboe is recovering from gall bladder surgery. Lunell Horton is in the Friona hospital recovering from a broken hip when she fell in Canyon Friday June 1. She had surgery in Amarillo. Former resident Louis Welch also fell recently and broke his wrist and pelvis. He now lives in the Tyler area. Thoughts and prayers to all of these fine folks and their families.

Brent Riethmayer's real estate company, Brazosland Classic Realty, in Bryan/College Station won 2nd place in the 19th annual Bryan Rotary Club's Newman 10 Business Performance Awards. He is a co-owner and VP of Sales. The competition is sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and submitted entries were judged by the Mays Business School at Texas A&M. Competition is based on percentage increase in sales during a five year period.

Brent's company is a real estate brokerage, development, property management and leasing firm. They had a 146.18% sales growth during the period and have 66 employees. He is a 1988 FHS graduate and the son of Mike and Becky Riethmayer. (P.S. His name is really Brenton.)

Some June anniversaries to mention. Ellis and Mildred Parson 50 years, John and Sherri Taylor 44 years. Dorothy and Roy Lee Stowers of Bovina 40 years. Former residents Carol and Byron Boyd 32 years. Jon and Rachel Douglas 17 years. Former residents Jeff and Brittany Isom 16 years. Tyson and R.J. Kerby 6 years. Last but not least, Andrew and Emily

Stowers one-year. Congratulations to all. I picked these up here and there but if you want an anniversary mentioned shoot me an email or Facebook.

Karen Baker's parents, Doris and Howard Johnson, moved to Friona last week from Washington State due to serious health issues. Doris is now a resident of Prairie Acres. Doris and Howard lived here years ago and were friends of my mother Hannah and her late husband Harry Lookingbill. Mother said they would visit and eat together often. Doris and Howard celebrated their 65th anniversary with a party at Prairie Acres and Karen came by and took mom to the party where she enjoyed renewing an old acquaintance.

In the big New Mexico wildfire near Ruidoso, Casey Sharrock's aunt and uncle lost their home to the fire and another aunt and uncle lost their travel trailer. A cousin's home was being threatened earlier this week.

Carmela Hernandez's brother-in-law and 9-year-old niece were injured in a motorcycle accident in Fort Sumner Sunday. They were on the way to Albuquerque when they were sideswiped by a vehicle. Some relatives, including Carmela's son, were following in a vehicle when the accident occurred. It was a low-speed collision but the brother-in-law suffered multiple injuries. He and the niece were in Clovis Regional Hospital recuperating.

Next Thursday, June 21, stop by the First National Bank parking lot and enjoy some sausage wraps. Donations will be accepted. The bank's annual sausage wrap cookout benefits the local Parmer County Cancer Coal-

ition. Stop by and see Wade Easley, Ab Hendley, and the bank guys for a nice fat Eades sausage. If you are lucky, Bill Stovell might be there too.

The annual H.K. "Pudge" Kendrick golf tournament is coming up June 23-24 at the Friona Golf Club. Greg Lewellen says the tournament is filled already with the 60 team limit. Tournament proceeds also benefit the Cancer Coalition. Greg says the Cancer Coalition board is aiming to have the cancer survivor dinner this year sometime during Maize Days. More info later.

The 7th annual Cheeseburger Festival & Car Show is set for Saturday July 21 at the city park. Kris Gordon and his band will be featured again. Entry forms for the cook teams and car show and vendor booths are available at the Chamber

website www.frionachamber.com or call 806-250-3491. The Friona Noon Lions will be selling their world famous french fries again.

The NewsChannel 10 Summer Celebration comes to the city park on Wednesday July 25, just a few days after the Cheeseburger Festival. Plan now to attend. Vendors are needed for the Summer Celebration event. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 250-3491 if you would like to participate. Channel 10 will be broadcasting the 5, 6, and 10 p.m. news from the park with other activities in between.

Maize Days is coming soon. Maize Days week is September 8-15. The Miss Friona Pageant will be Saturday September 8 and Little Miss Pageant is Tuesday September 11. Girls, now is the time to be lining up a sponsor and

contacting the Chamber to register and participate in the pageant. Let's have a good turnout this year. Parents, encourage your daughters to enter and compete. For info, call the Chamber, 250-3491.

Sunday June 17 is Father's Day. My dad died in 1971. Been a long time ago. We were not close. He gave up living years before he died. He had a prescription drug addiction and mental and emotional problems. I wish I had tried to help him more. I wish I could have one more long conversation with him. I would ask him what his life was like and what happened. And I would tell him he was my dad and I loved him and I wish things had been different. Regardless of circumstance, consider talking to your dad this Father's Day. See you next time. Until then!



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The Parmer County 4-H chicken show was held May 19 at the Lazbuddie Fire Department in Clay's corner. Participants were Hunter Widner, Garret Graham (champion junior record book) Dason Graham (champion trio, champion cloverbud record book), Daniel Silva, Ramon Silva, Bud Woods, Garrett Henderson (champion cloverbud showmanship), Landry Henderson (champion single), Kolter Henderson, Sterling Henderson (champion junior showmanship), Clay Brigham, A.J. Woods, and judge Zack Smith.

Wild horse & burro adoption in Amarillo

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Amarillo June 14-16, 2012. The three-day event at the Arena of Life will feature over 50 spectacular animals. These are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption Schedule: Adoption begins with a competitive bid Thursday, June 14, at 2 p.m. First-come-first-served adoptions follow until 6 p.m., then again Friday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, June 16, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Adoption Qualifications: Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses and five feet for yearlings. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates

and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process, answer any questions and load horses.

Adoption Fees: The standard adoption fee is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

\$500 Adoption Incentive: BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of horses at least four years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

Wild horses and burros – iconic symbols of America's western heritage – are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 225,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country.

For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866-468-7826) or visit www.blm.gov/nm/oklahoma.

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Lions Club News

A black and white photograph of a young man and woman sitting on a wooden fence outdoors. The man is wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, and the woman is wearing a light-colored cardigan over a patterned top and dark pants. They are both smiling at the camera.

County sales tax received

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 2.85%, broken down as Bovina -1.73%; Farwell 11.36%; and Friona 1.76%. For the year, Parmer County citizens have received a total of \$289,102.92 as compared to \$278,768.67 for the same period last year, a 3.70% change.

Happy Birthday

June 17 - June 23, 2012

June 23-Carrie Jones, Kenneth Watkins, Katelyn Steen, Amanda Roxan Mendoza, Darrin Stovey, V'Laura Wilcox

2012 is the final year for Texas to sponsor its own reading programs due to budget cuts. The Texas Reading Club began in 1958. State contributions each year include the design, production, printing and distribution of a theme idea manual, posters, logs, bookmarks and certificates, plus the hiring of professional authors expertise to design these materials. The governor's official proclamation of the Summer Reading Club Day and signatures for the certificates are also provided by the Texas State Library. All other services are provided by your local libraries all across the state.



Friona police officers, l-r, San Miguel, Jiminez, and Otero talk crime prevention to the Library Summer Reading Club.

Southwest corn borer moth meeting June 15

On Friday June 15 there will be a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Farwell Community Center to talk about southwest corn borers, fall armyworms, and western bean cutworms. There will be one IPM or CCA CEU offered. There is a \$10 charge at the door. Participants will receive weekly counts on all three species throughout the summer.

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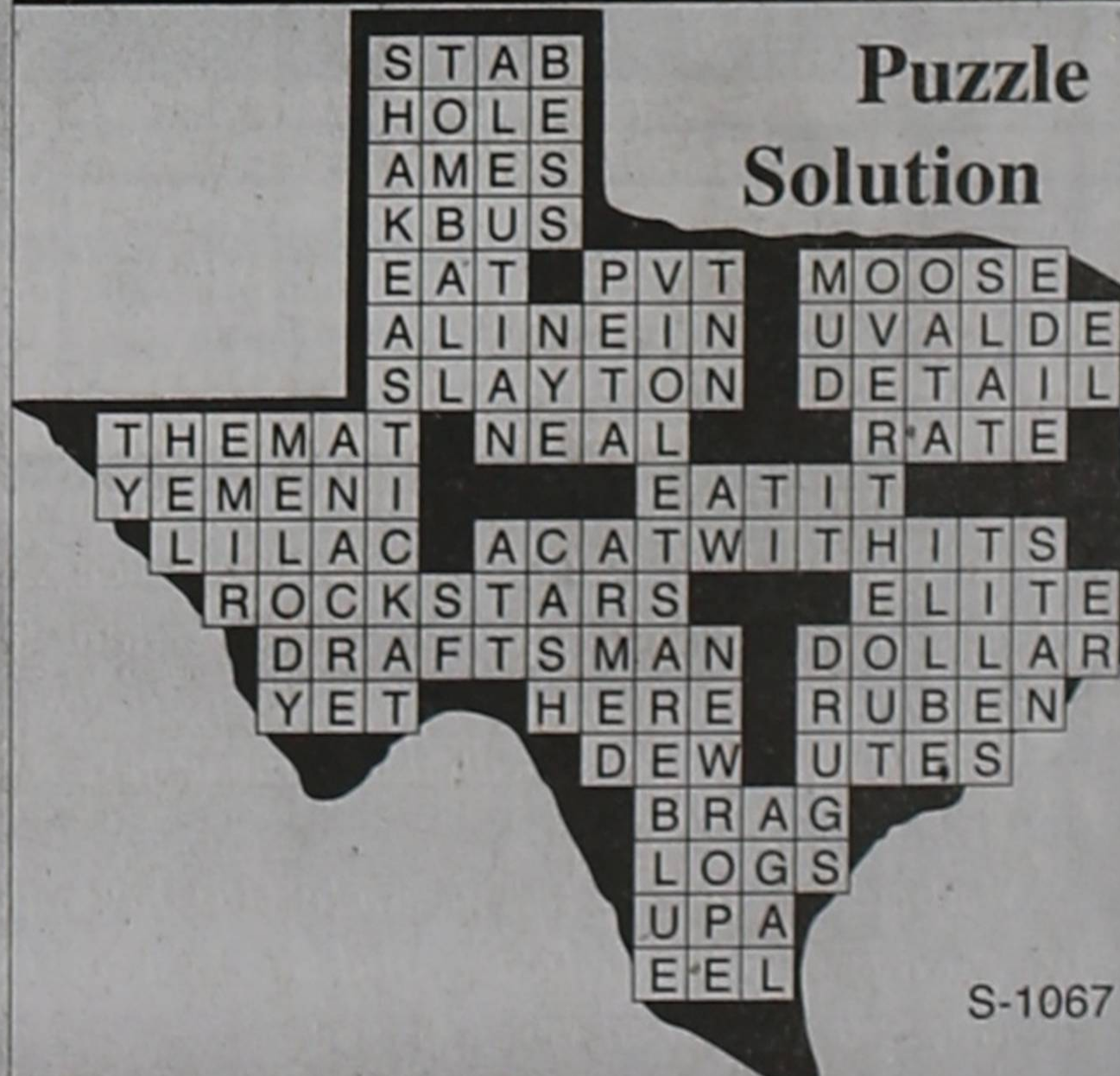
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Father's Day

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

David in the Bible was an amazing soldier, mighty king, talented psalmist and a horrible dad. Please don't follow in his footsteps when it comes to parenting. What is it that made David such a horrible dad? 1 Kings 1, tells us of his son, Adonijah, and how he tried to steal the throne as David was nearing his final days.

Packed into this chapter is the saddest commentary a father could ever hear regarding himself, "His [Adonijah's] father had never at any time displeased him by asking, 'Why have you done thus and so?'" (v6). In other words, David was a permissive parent, because he never held his son accountable. This is further evidenced in David's dealings with Amnon and Absalom, which eventually snowballed downhill into civil war. Permissive parenting leads to death and destruction.

Regarding David's permissive parenting, he surely had greater and more kingly business to attend to each day, such as writing psalms, tending to his wives or welcoming foreign dignitaries, but do those important things excuse him from being the father his sons needed? No they don't. Good fathers are a blessing to their children, but our world is full of fathers who are a curse to their families. Permissive fathers are a curse to their children, because children are never held accountable for their actions and leave home with no moral compass or spiritual foundation.

If you are prone to be too busy to check on your kids, discipline them or talk to them, you are following the path of David. This path will be easy, often outsources parenting to others, and may seem cool, but in the end it leads to death and disaster. Instead of passive parenting, determine to make God known among your children and grandchildren by pressing into their lives biblical truths, genuine faith, the joy of knowing Christ, and living a consistent, Spirit-filled example, before them each day.

Panhandle Parables

Prayer for Dads

BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

Dear Heavenly Father, what a privilege and blessing it is to be able to call you Father. God, we need your help these days. Many fathers are struggling to know what to be and how that should look. Our culture has redefined fathers to be merely a paycheck and sadly many men have reduced themselves to just that.

God, we pray for all men who are dads today. We ask that You help us in seeking Your definition of fatherhood and boldly step to the line and defend our families against the onslaught of this culture.

We pray for those young men stepping into fatherhood. Give them strength and the steadfastness to be engaged in the life of their wife and child.

Lord, we pray for dads of little boys. Help them to lead these little boys. Let them show these little boys how to treat a lady, by how they treat their wife. Give them balance to help these little boys to know how to stand for the right even if standing alone.

Father, we pray for the dads of little girls. Give them the gentleness to enjoy a tea party or two. Help them to protect these little girls and love these little girls so that they will know what to look for in a godly husband someday.

We pray for those fathers who willingly raise the child of another man's genetics. Thank you for their willingness to be a dad to someone who needs one.

Lord, we pray for courage to do what is right, to lead by example and live a life that reflects Jesus in each step. We need the courage to let our yes be yes and our no, ho. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed and for your strength to reclaim our families to your Glory.

Lord we thank you for giving up your Son that we might call You our Father. In Jesus, Amen

Madeline Garcia presents Senior Recital in Lubbock

Madeline Garcia was recently presented in a Senior Recital by her parents, her Private Home School Academy, and her teachers, Jeffery N. Lastrapes (cello) Texas Tech professor, and William A. Murphy (piano). The "invitation only" event was held May 12, 2012 at the Johnson Recital Hall on the LCU Campus with 72 people in attendance.

Madeline is the daughter of Noel and Laura (Ellis) Garcia of Lubbock, and granddaughter of Bill and Carol Ellis of Friona.

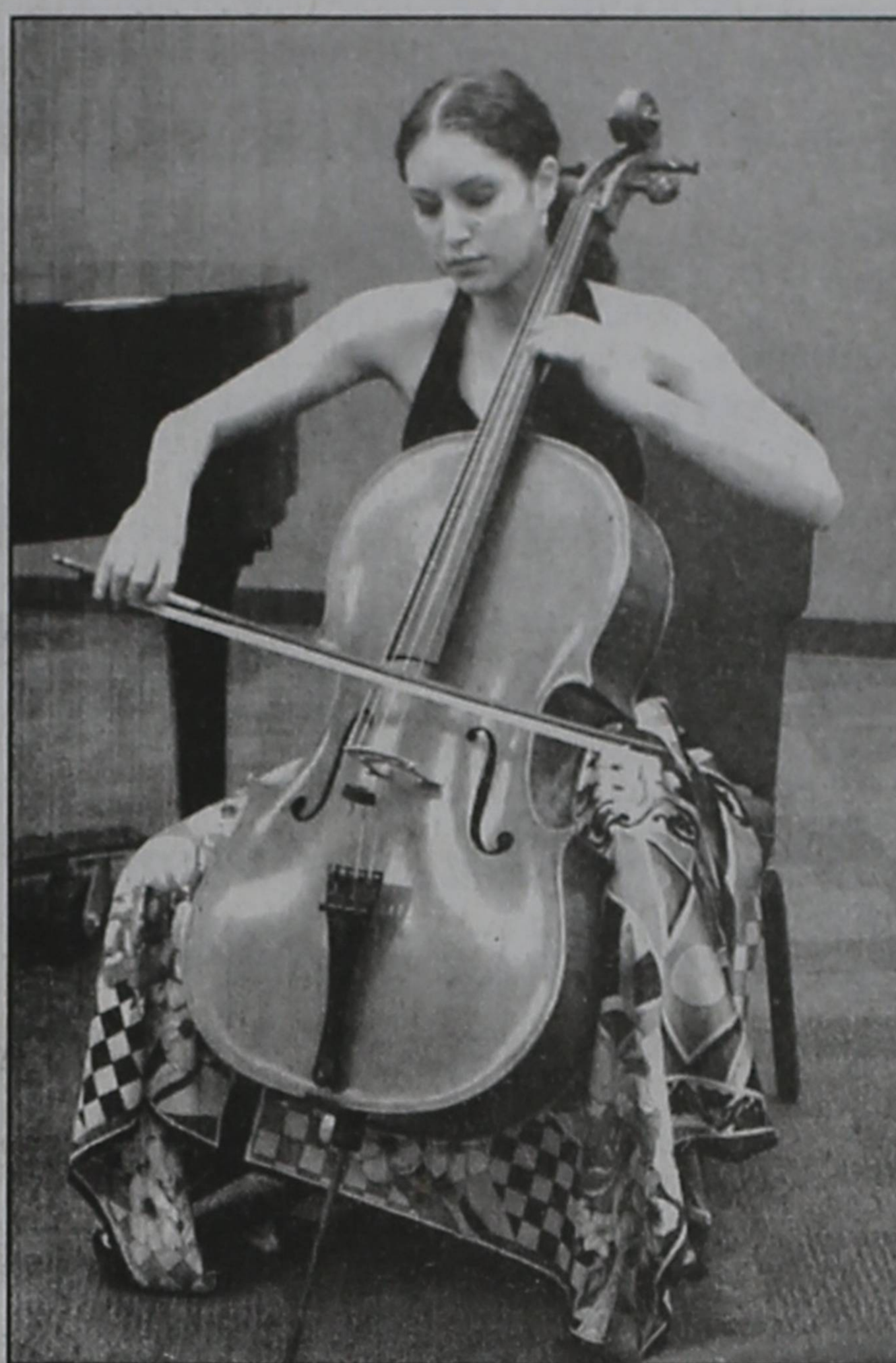
Madeline's repertoire at the piano and cello program included the following piano numbers: Bach Prelude and Fugue in E Major; three movements from the Beethoven Sonata in F Major, Op. 10 No. 2, including Allegro, Allegretto and Presto.

For the cello portion of the program she played: Faure's Elegie; and Hayden's Concerto in C Major. Orchestral accompaniment was provided by Ya-Li Pekowski.

She closed the program with MacDowell's Piano Concerto in D Minor, again accompanied by Ya-Li Pekowski.

A reception at the Recital Hall was held following the event. Later in the evening, relatives and close friends attended a barbecue dinner at the Ellis Party Barn/Exotic Animal Farm owned by Kenney and Beverly Ellis.

Recently Madeline was awarded a piano scholarship by William Ballenger, Dean of the School of Music at Texas Tech. This is a special award offered to one deserving undergraduate piano major. She also received a scholarship from the Lubbock Music Teachers Association and a cello scholarship awarded by the Strings Department of Texas Tech.



Madeline Garcia

She began her musical studies at age five, joined the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra at age eight and won "Outstanding Musician" her first year. This year, as a graduating senior, she won "Outstanding Musician" again. She has consistently been principal cellist for Lubbock Youth Orchestras as well as being a piano finalist in the Texas Music Teachers Association All-State Finals and in the Juanita Miller Concerto Competition held at SMU Dallas. She has taken "All-Region" top chair status for seven years and "All-Area" two years.

At Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, Arkansas during the summer of 2010, Madeline won the Concerto competition and played Hayden's Concerto for Cello with the Arkansas Festival Orchestra. She played cello for two summers with the Civic Orchestra for Lubbock's "Moonlight Musicals" in the park.

She is a current member of the Big Spring Orchestra and the Plainview Orchestra. She is the featured soloist for Lubbock's Trinity Church, and in the orchestra at Monterey

Baptist Church and Victory Life Baptist Church. Last year she was in the orchestra for LCU's production of "Cinderella". She plays piano accompaniment for ballet classes at Ballet Lubbock.

Two weeks after her senior recital, Madeline left on a missionary trip to Guatemala with the Lubbock First Baptist Church's group that works with Buckner's Children's Homes. They brought gifts, helped with crafts, songs and taught the children about the Bible.

Madeline plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall with a double major in piano performance and cello music education.

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Plays chosen for summer drama workshop

Allison Johnston says plays have been chosen and ordered for the 2012 season of Summer Drama Workshop.

The elementary show will be a musical once again set in the roaring twenties titled, "Flapper." It has glamour, excitement, intrigue and of course tons of cute with all of those little munchkins.

The junior high show will be "The Quest: a fairy tale with an attitude." It is full of fun characters, laughs, mystery, and a quest. It is a show that uses the audience to help drive the story.

The high school show is "Dogsbreath Devereaux, the Dastardly Doctor, or Nurses, foiled again." It is a medical melodrama that is sure to bring many laughs.

Mrs. Johnston says, "All we need now are actors and actresses! This year will surely be one of the best ever." Workshop dates are July 9-21. Cost is \$25 per child for TWO WEEKS of fun. Registration forms are in the high school office. Donations are still being accepted.

Junior high and high school participants are welcome to come in the morning and be official helpers for the elementary show. Mrs. Johnston said there is no way she can direct the elementary show without many, many helpers.

Elementary show rehearses from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a snack break mid-morning. Snacks are provided by participating elementary show families.

Junior high show rehearses from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. If junior high kids want a snack during their break they will need to bring one with them to rehearsal.

The high school show rehearses from 7-10 p.m. High school kids usually take a break sometime during their rehearsal and make a quick run to Fast Stop or other local business to grab a quick snack.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610. And you can also call her for details about donations to the workshop.

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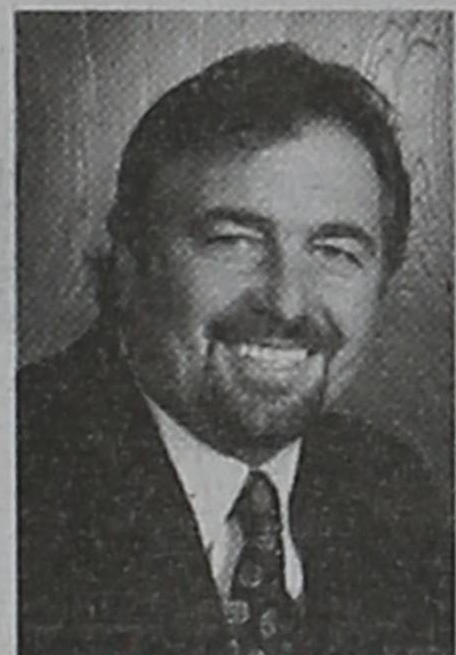
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John Blackwell is still involved with the funeral home and still helps with services. The mission of Mike and Eva Mullins is to serve the families of Parmer County with the utmost honor and integrity and to care for their loved ones as if they were our own.

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We Have to Work Together to Fix Our Water Challenges

By Bob Meyer

In his 1852 expedition to explore the headwaters of the Canadian and Red Rivers, U.S. Army Brigadier General Randolph B. Marcy—a Captain at the time—described the Llano Estacado as "very smooth and level ... without a tree, shrub, or any other herbage to intercept the vision ... the almost total absence of water causes all animals to shun it: even the Indians do not venture to cross it except at two or three places."

General Marcy's description of our region probably sounds unfamiliar to many who, like me, call the Texas High Plains home. Instead of being considered an ocean of short prairie grasses, the Llano Estacado today is known primarily as a sea of cotton, corn and cattle. So, what is the difference between General Marcy's view of the Llano Estacado then, and our experience today? Of course, the answer is water.

Irrigated agriculture has been the economic lifeblood for most of the High Plains region since our forefathers mastered the ability decades ago to tap the vast underground water reservoir called the Ogallala aquifer using mechanical pumps. But unlike many groundwater aquifers found in other parts of Texas, the Ogallala doesn't fill back up—or recharge—as fast as it is pumped.

Think of it as a savings account that earns very little interest, but that is still relied upon often to make large withdrawals. Unless the pace of withdrawals is changed, it's likely that those finite resources are going to dwindle to unhelpful quantities before we are in a position to easily adjust.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) has taken important steps to address these issues by recently developing new rules on groundwater pumping measurement, recording and limits. These rules were crafted and adopted after the HPWD held numerous meetings across the 16-county district to engage as many interested people as we could in the overall discussion. They also satisfy the requirements placed on the district by state law. Once the rules were finally adopted, however, my fellow HPWD board members and I all expected that we would continue to receive feedback on the district's path toward long-term water conservation for the High Plains.

We were right. After hearing from valued stakeholders across the district, my board members and I decided that a two-year moratorium on the enforcement of the new HPWD rules was needed to create a greater window of time for groundwater well owners and operators to better adjust to the new requirements.

In addition, the HPWD is using this window of opportunity as a chance to take an even closer look at available alternatives to water well meters, and to examine the reliability of those alternatives for groundwater management purposes. This technical study will also include an assessment of how to identify areas within the HPWD boundaries that, because of depletion, may not even be capable today of pumping as much as the groundwater production limits in the district's rules.

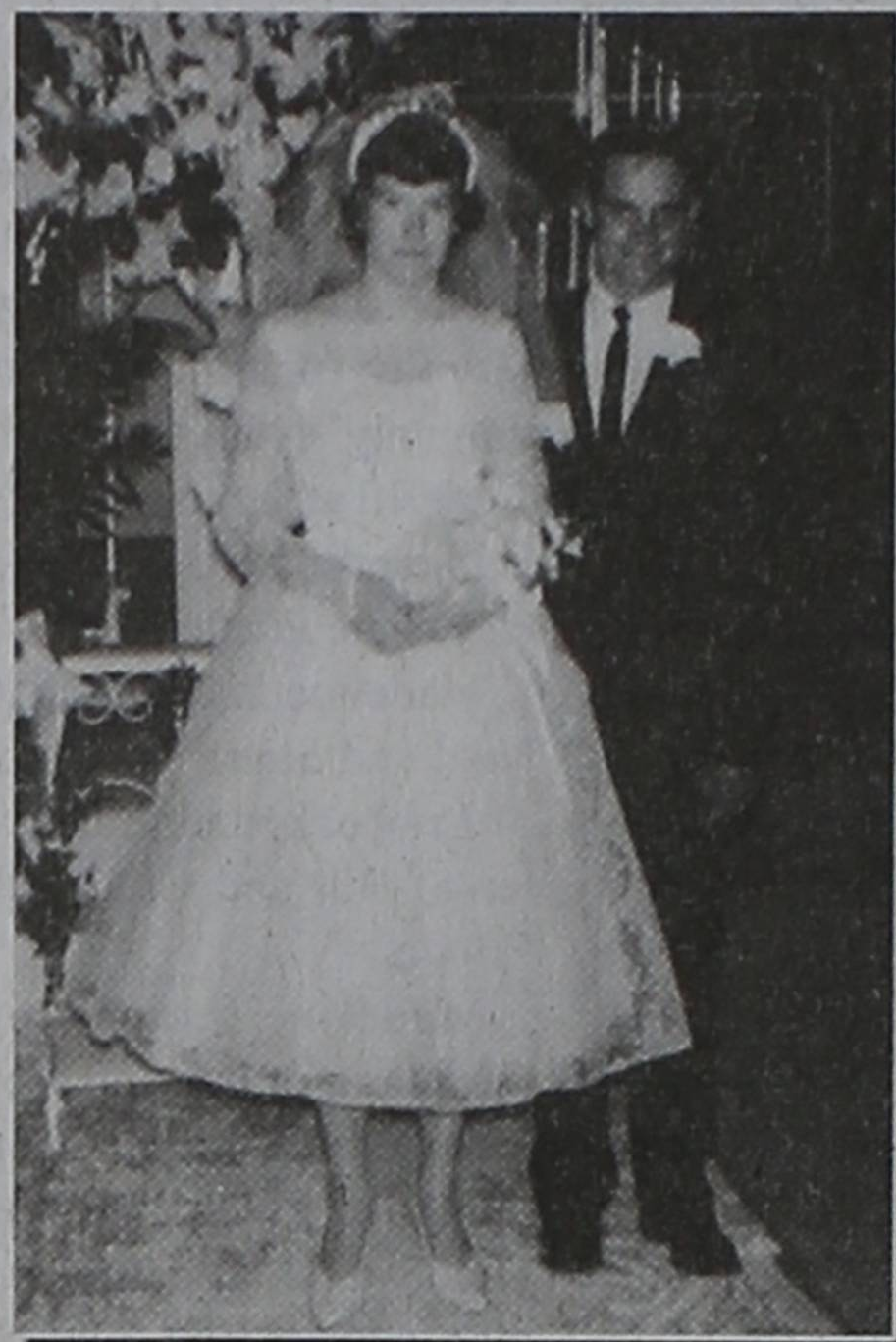
This work is being performed with the assistance and feedback of the district's recently created Agricultural Stakeholder Science Advisory Group. At the end of the study and the advisory group's work, which is expected to wrap up within the next 14 to 18 months, the District's board will consider the findings from the study, which will give the board an opportunity to re-evaluate the direction, scope and appropriateness of other aspects of policy in the rules.

As many of our valued stakeholders have said repeatedly, it is important that we all continue working together to tackle this issue that is so critical to the success of our farms, our families and our entire way of life on the High Plains. The HPWD is committed to doing just that—to keep our stakeholders engaged in the process while we all work toward addressing this important challenge.

To those who live, worship, work and raise their families on the Texas High Plains like I do, we can't fathom a return of the Llano Estacado to the grassed, inhospitable mesa of General Marcy's days. In fact, we will work to do everything we can so that our future generations won't have to describe our region someday as having an "almost total absence of water." This challenge is far too big to tackle alone, though. We will only get there by working together.

Robert "Bob" Meyer is an irrigated and dryland producer in Deaf Smith County. He currently serves as the HPWD Board president.

Friends and family of Ellis and Mildred Parson are invited to Summerfield Baptist Church on June 24 from 12:00 - 4:00 to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Lunch will be served.



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Friona ISD staff and teachers at a retirement reception recently were, l-r, Deanna Duke, Glenda Procter, Terry Hunt, Connie Johnson, and Ron McWilliams. Not pictured are John Duke, Paul J. Smith, Olivia Jones, and Connie Johnson.

Band, choir bring home the gold/silver

The Friona High School band and choir had 51 students travel to Austin May 27-30 to compete in the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest. The band brought home five gold medals and fourteen silver medals.

Band students receiving a first division or gold medal were: Jessyca Rivas, flute solo and flute quartet; Jessyca Rivas, Holly Johnston, Sajal Patel, Katie Osborn.

Band students receiving a second division or silver medal were: Kailey Lucas, both snare drum and marimba solo; Candice Malone, French horn solo; Miguel Soto, bass clarinet solo; clarinet quartet, Miguel Soto, Cesia Boyzo, Bianca Romero, Nohely Juarez; brass sextet, Ben Anthony, Christian Rangel, Maegan Davis, Eduardo Rojas, Connor Woods, Diego Licerio.

The choir students brought home 17 gold medals and 16 silver medals: Choir students receiving a first division or gold medal were: solos, Christian Rangel, Esdras Rodriguez, Lino Tarrango, Miguel Soto, Haden Smiley; mixed madrigal, Holly Johnston, Cassidy Malone, Cesia Boyzo, Candice Malone, Isaac

Gallardo, Sergio Soliz, Haden Smiley, Miguel Soto; men's quartet, Gabriel Avalos, Jacob Pena, Christian Rangel, Dakota Hernandez.

Choir director Allison Johnston said this is the first time for an ensemble to achieve gold medal status in choir.

Students receiving a second division or silver medal were: all solos, Maegan Davis, Mirella Galaviz, Cesia Boyzo, Alejandra Garcia, Holly Johnston, Cassidy Malone, Magali Morales, Lesly Serrano, Angela Torres, Gabriel Avalos, Coke Capshaw, Isaac Gallardo, Dillon Kelley, Michael Ortiz, Braxton Upton, and Jose Zamudio.

Mrs. Johnston said, "The kids represented Friona so very well. It was a wonderful trip. I believe this is a record for the music department in Friona. We are very, very proud of these kids. It is extremely difficult to achieve either a gold or silver medal at the state level. The standards are set very high. The judges are all college level professors who are accustomed to hearing music majors all day. For Friona to bring home this many medals as quite remarkable."

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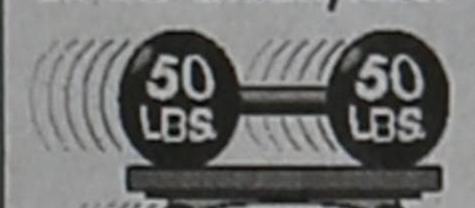
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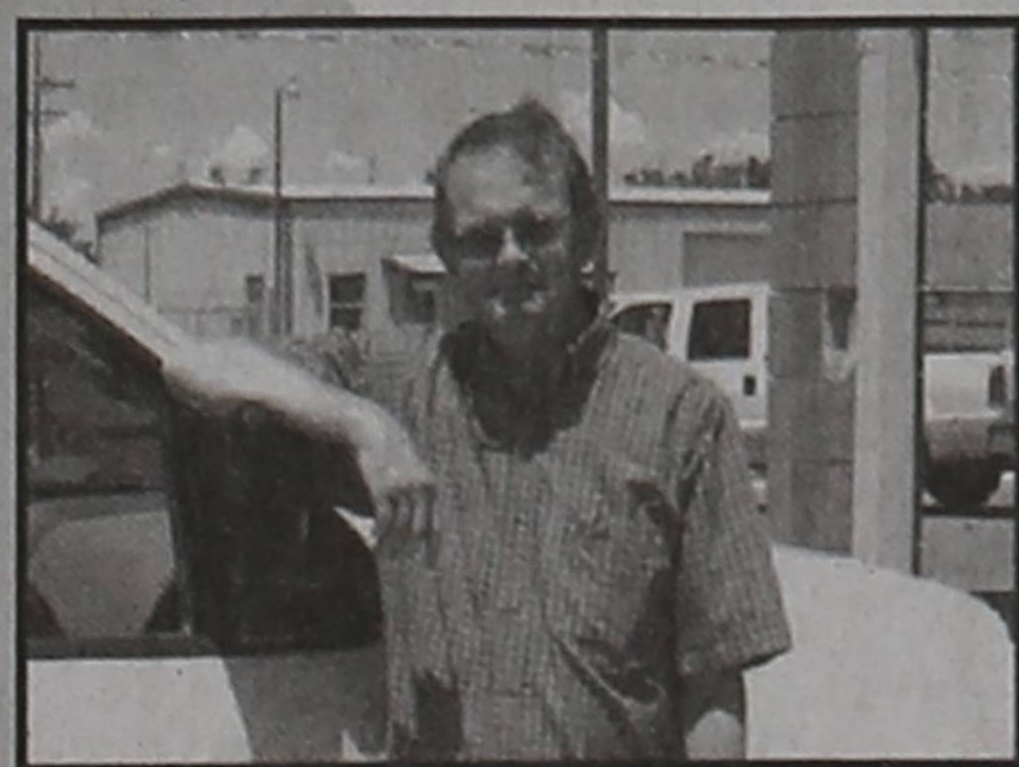
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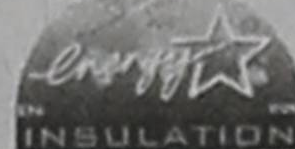
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area with storage building, lots of extras, close to High School.....\$124,900
- 3/2/2 Brick w/central h&a, fireplace, large utility room, new storm win-
dows, walking distance to the schools, fenced backyard.....\$124,500
- 3/2 Brick w/central heat & air, newly remodeled, corner lot, storm cellar,
two living areas, corner lot, metal roof, double carport.....\$79,900

Residential

- 3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, fireplace, basement, sunrom, fenced back-
yard with storage building, built in 2001, Western Addition.....\$199,500
- 3/2/2 Brick Country Home on 2.79 acres, fireplace, central heat & air,
basement, sprinkler front & back, well, incinerator.....\$175,000
- 3/3 Brick w/central h&a, fireplace, 2 living areas plus gameroom dbl car-
port, large fenced yard with storage, garden area and lots of trees.....\$149,900
- 3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, office, Class
4 Metal roof, fenced backyard with storage, close to Hospital.....\$149,500
- 4/2/1 Brick w/cent.h&a, fireplace, 2 living areas, stor.bldg.....\$129,900
- 4/3/2 Brick w/central heat & air, fireplace, fenced backyard with pool,
gazebo, large storage building, dbl carport, WESTERN addition Cont Pend
- 3/2/2 Brick w/central h&a, office, fireplace, fenced backyard with storage
and patio area, sprinkler system in front, close to Hospital.....Cont Pend
- 3/2/2 Brick w/cent h&a, fireplace, Western Addition, sprinkler.....Sold

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Apartment Complex (includes 4 apartments) + empty lots.....\$219,000

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First Baptist Church opens enrollment for SonShine School beginning im-
mediately. SonShine School will start on September 4, 2012. The program will
combine Christian teachings and values with early childhood learning.

Days for SonShine School will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m.
to 12:00 p.m. There will be two classes offered for ages 2-4. Placement of the
child will depend on the child's age as of September 1, 2012.

Registration begins immediately and spaces are limited. A non-refundable
\$40 enrollment fee will reserve your child's spot. Additionally, a \$50 supply
fee is due at the beginning of each semester and tuition is \$75 a month.

A discounted rate is available for multiple sibling registrations. Registration
forms may be picked up at the church office at 404 W. 5th, Monday - Thursday,
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., or they are available on our website - www.
fbefriona.com. For further information, contact Candice Schueler at 250-3933.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, August 24, 2012.

Bank group tours Mackinac Island area

A report from Marca Herring.

Seventeen customers and friends of Friona State Bank left Amarillo May 7 for a nine day trip to an area of our country most of us haven't seen before, the northern states of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

We began our trip with a flight to Chicago. In Chicago we learned that after harvest the Northern and Southern Indians canoed down the Chicago River to trade their furs and grain with each other. Chicago means "bad smell" which got its name from the wild onions that grew beside the river.

In 1870-71 the area was stricken with drought resulting in the Great Fire of 1871. Today Chicago is the 3rd largest city in the U.S. with 3 million people. We enjoyed a city tour where we drove on the 13 miles "Magnificent Mile" with its 400 shops and saw Lake Michigan to the east.

Some of us toured the Sears Tower, the Naval Pier, and rode the first ferris wheel built for the 1893 World Exposition. We saw Hugh Hefner's Playboy building, Dwight Moody Bible Church, Hyde Park, President Obama's house, and Soldier Field. One of the most interesting things was the tearing down of a 30-foot statue of Marilyn Monroe which was being moved to California. We all have a greater appreciation of Chicago and want to go back.

On day two we drove through Illinois and Wisconsin to Green Bay. There were many dairies along the way. There was also nice green wheat and corn stubble from last year's crops. Wisconsin is definitely a farming and dairy state. The countryside is very clean, green and wet. It was a beautiful drive to Green Bay.

Day three and four found us driving the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on our way to Mackinac Island, which is pronounced Mackinaw. It lies between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan where Lake Huron and Lake Michigan are joined by the Straits of Mackinac.

For generations the island was revered by Native Americans who called it "island of the great turtle" because from a distance the island profile looks like a turtle at rest. Fur trading was the first major in-

dustry, soon replaced by fishing, then tourism.

There are three ways to reach the island: by ferry, by plane, and in the winter when the lake freezes over and you are brave, by snowmobile. Mackinac Island is very quaint with no motorized vehicles so the mode of transportation is walking, bicycling, or horse drawn carriage. We did all three; an island tour by carriage, rode around the island on a bike (8 1/4 miles), and walked many of the trails and streets of the village.

The main attraction on Mackinac is the "glorious Victorian era resort, the Grand Hotel" which is known to have the longest porch in the world, at 880 feet. The hotel opened July 10, 1887. It was financed by two railroads and a steamship company to meet the needs of the Victorian traveler. We were fortunate to visit on their 125th anniversary.

Both the island and hotel are National Historic Landmarks. The staff were all standing and waiting for our comfort. As we entered the Salle a Manger for dinner, we were greeted by the maitre d'hotel, then a tuxedo clad captain escorted us down the long runway of mirrored pillars to the tables. The dining room can seat over 750 comfortably. It was very elegant and we looked elegant dressed in our finery.

Each of the over 300 guest-rooms was decorated differently with soft colors of spring and antiques galore. The halls, parlor, and foyer, were decorated in bright summer colors with geranium designs in the carpet and other bright colors used for the upholstery and walls.

We learned that the movies "This Time for Keeps" with Esther Williams filmed in 1947 and "Somewhere in Time" with Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour (1980) were filmed on the island. We watched the second movie on the bus before arriving.

The front of the hotel has a beautiful view overlooking Lake Huron. The tulip beds were aglow with different colors that delighted our senses and all the grounds were green and lush. It is a beautiful place to enjoy the gracious living of yesteryear and we all



courtesy photo

Members of the Friona State Bank travel group on the trip to Mackinac Island were, back row, l-r, Elizabeth Gore, Lewis Gore, Dale Widner, Bob Naylor, Perry Fugate; middle row, l-r, Guadalupe Villarreal, Marca Herring, Pat Martin, Joann Ratliff, Pat Holland, Clara Fugate; front row, l-r, Linda Brown (from Pittsburgh, PA), Cathy Spencer, Frankie Lindeman, Betty Renner, Sharon White, and Lorraine Stoll.

enjoyed resting and rocking on the wonderful porch.

Day five we headed for Grand Rapids for overnight then day six to the small village of Holland, Michigan, population 5,000. We arrived in time to see a street washing before the big Tulip Fest parade. Young ladies of several area villages gather in Holland in Dutch dress and dance traditional Dutch dances on the street. Then water is poured on the street by the buckets full and the ladies used push brooms and washed the streets.

We drove to Veldheer Tulip Gardens on the outskirts of Holland where 18,000 tulip bulbs were planted last fall. Like here in the Panhandle Michigan had experienced a heat wave in April and the tulips had mostly bloomed early. Our guide bought a t-shirt that said "Stem Fest 2012" instead of Tulip Fest 2012.

We saw wooden shoe, candle making, and fudge demonstrations. Fudge making and sales is in every shop from Mackinac to Holland and our next destination, Frankenmuth. Being in Holland, Michigan is the next best thing to being in

the real Holland, Netherlands.

Frankenmuth is like a Bavarian village with traditional architecture, dress, and food. We made our own pretzels and then went on a city tour. We visited the largest Christmas store in the world, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. There were ornaments and crèches and other decorations of every design covering every country, organization, and tradition. We visited Silent Night Chapel where there were many translations of "Silent Night."

Our last two nights were in Southfield, a suburb of Detroit. It was not a place we thought we'd want to visit but we were pleasantly surprised. We visited the Henry Ford Museum and Ford Factory on the Rouge River. It took all day and we still didn't see it all. Later that evening we ate and toured the elegant and beautiful Edsel and Eleanor Ford mansion.

We are always thankful to Friona State Bank for sponsoring these trips and are especially thankful when we all arrive home safely. Those

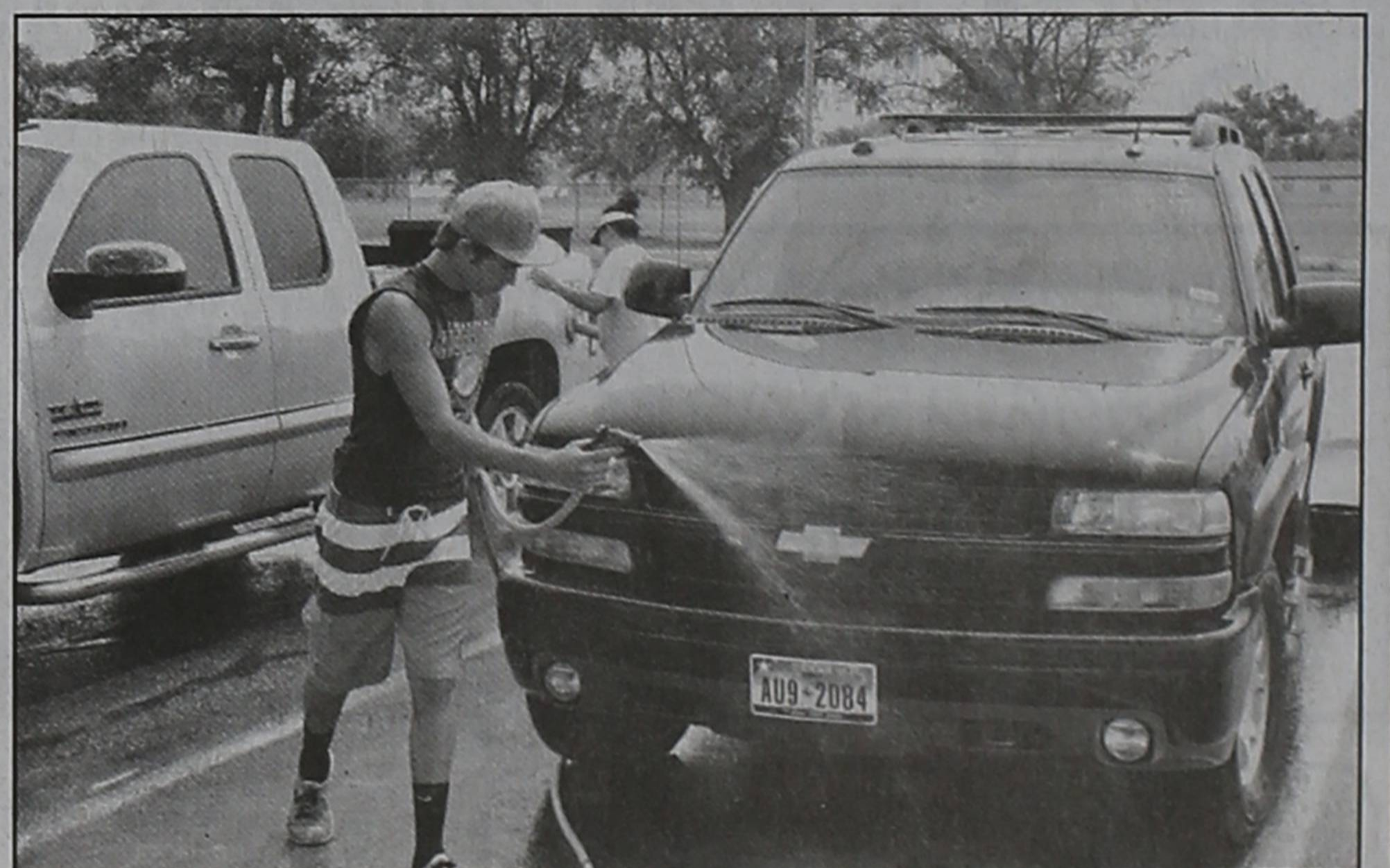
traveling with us on the trip were: Elizabeth and Lewis Gore, Cathy Spencer, Frankie Lindeman, Pat Martin, and sister Joann Ratliff of Canyon, Sharon White, Bob Naylor, Dale Widner, Pat Holland, and sister Linda Brown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Perry and Clara Fugate and Lupe Villarreal all of Hereford, Betty Renner of Amarillo and friend Lorraine Stoll from Kansas and Marca Herring.

We're in the planning stages of going to Alaska in the summer of 2013. Come go with us!!!

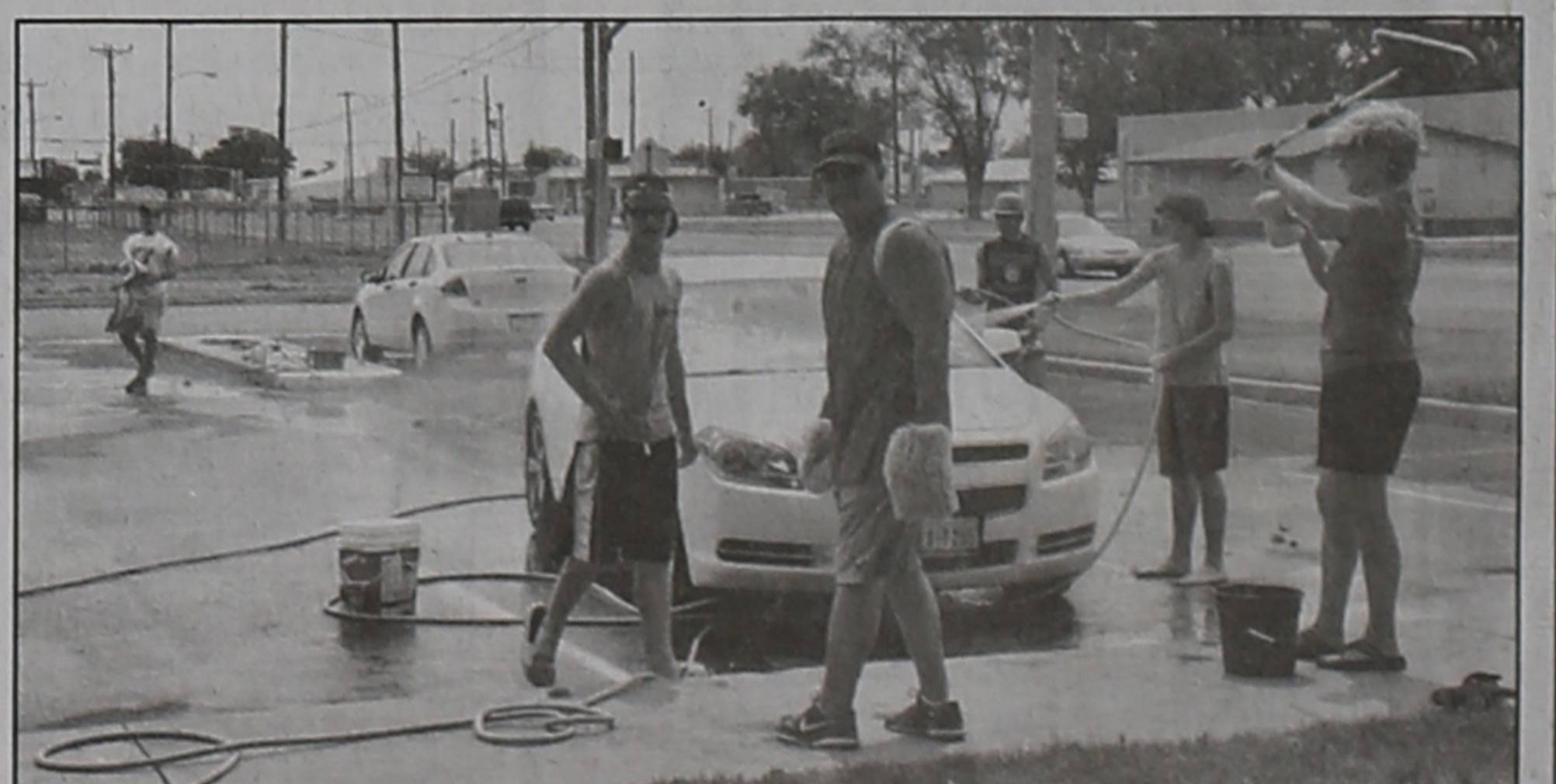


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Working at the car wash! Chiefs/Squaws basketball players, parents, and boosters held a fundraiser car wash Saturday at Friona State Bank to help with summer basketball camp expenses.



Cole Stowers shines up the Friona Star mediamobile during Saturday's Chiefs/Squaw basketball camp car wash fundraiser at the Friona State Bank parking lot.



Chieftain basketball coach David Woods puts on the mitts to help out at the Saturday fundraiser car wash. The players, parents, and boosters say thanks to everyone who came by to get their vehicles washed and donated to the cause. Others in the photo, l-r, are Dallin Woods, Cole Stowers, Jacob Dickson, and Booster mom Annette Loflin.

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