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## Kid Fish Day

The Friona Economic Development Corporation and the City of Friona is sponsoring a Kid Fish Day at Reeve Lake on Saturday July 6, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. TO 12 Noon. Prizes will be given in different age divisions. Children must be accompanied by an adult and must register before fishing. Participants may bring their own equipment but free fishing rods and bait will be furnished.

## Shingle dumping fee is set

With the many damaged roofs in Friona destined to be replaced, roofers will have to make arrangements for disposing of the old shingles. There is no disposal site provided by the City of Friona.

The County roll off box located on FM2397 west of the overpass, will be open seven days a week to accept shingles. Precinct 1 County Commissioner Kirk Frye said the rate for dumping shingles will be \$90 per ton. Cash, check, or money orders only. No credit cards.

## Chamber requests fireworks donations

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is asking for donations for the July 4 fireworks. Chamber executive director Chris Alexander says donations will allow the chamber to provide an even better fireworks show than last year. Stop by the Chamber office or mail to 621 Main Friona 79035. Any amount will be appreciated.



ron carr photo

After midnight Sunday June 16 a storm with straight line winds blew through the area, derailing at least 70 cars of a BNSF train in Summerfield (Castro County) along Hwy 60. Crews were on scene Monday morning starting the clean-up process. One report said the tracks should be re-opened by midnight Monday. The mishap closed the south side of the tracks, limiting the usual heavy train traffic through Parmer County.



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City of Friona employees were demolishing this house in the 600 block of Woodland on property owned by the Friona Economic Development Corporation. The block bordered by Woodland and Ashland between 6th and 7th St. was purchased from the estate of Watson Whaley with plans to find a builder to construct apartments on the property.

## Cargill Beef sponsors 'Homes for Troops'

Cargill's Wichita-based beef business is sponsoring "Help a Hero Come Home" via a ground beef initiative designed to raise money and awareness for Homes for Our Troops.

More than 1,600 U.S. military veterans have incurred life-altering combat injuries during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom, requiring specially adapted homes.

Homes for Our Troops, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization created in 2004, has built more than 130 homes in 35 states and now builds approximately 40 houses annually.

The Cargill ground beef initiative will include in-store ground beef promotions and burger grilling events throughout the United States over the next 12 months. Funds raised from various activities will be used for materials and labor to build homes that will be provided to qualifying veterans at no cost.

Cargill beef retailers will have the opportunity to display point-of-sale materials in support of the program, including posters, signage, on-pack stickers applied to ground beef products, checkout lane donation forms and regionally tailored handouts. There will also be a dedicated website—HelpAHero.com—that will provide more information on Homes for Our Troops and its mission, in addition to instructions regarding how to make a donation.

"We appreciate and salute those service members who have served our nation to promote liberty and defend freedom in far-away places," said Katie Blick-White, associate brand manager for Cargill Beef in Wichita. "We believe all veterans should be supported and acknowledged for the sacrifices they have made and through this initiative we are delighted to be part of an effort to provide deserving military heroes with a place they can call home for themselves and their families."

## National Dairy Month, no substitute for milk

By Darren Turley  
Executive Director, Texas Association of Dairymen

A long, tough regular legislative session recently ended at the Texas Capitol, just in time for the summer heat. As the Texas Association of Dairymen walked the hallways, met with legislators and sat in committee meetings into the night, it was easy to get entangled in the intricacies of public policy that impact our state's dairy producers and affect how that jug of milk makes it to grocery store shelves across the state.

Visiting the Capitol cafeteria for a bottle of milk or a bowl of frozen yogurt not only was a much-needed afternoon refresher, but also a reminder of what all the hustle and bustle was about — making sure that one of nature's simplest creations, milk, would remain

available and affordable to Texans.

June — National Dairy Month — is the perfect time to celebrate milk, the products it creates, the consumers who enjoy it, and the men and women who work hard not just this month, but year-round, to put it on Texans' tables.

History shows that humans have been consuming the milk of other mammals thousands of years before the birth of Christ. Today, an estimated 6 billion people worldwide consume milk and the products it makes.

In Texas, 456 dairies produced more than 813.6 million pounds of milk in April (the latest statistics available), or about 98.6 million gallons.

So it's worrisome to see that a pro-

longed drought, high feed and fuel costs, and tough economy continue to force producers out of business. At the start of this century, in January 2000, about 1,150 dairy farms were in operation.

Just as it's easy for anyone in our modern world to get caught up in the daily struggles of earning a living or raising a family, so dairy producers can get fixated on their business challenges plus the 24/7 responsibilities of running a farm.

How to refocus? Sometimes milk has the power to calm the mind, as I learned during busy days at the Texas Capitol. It's smooth and cool. In a Food Network world of fancy food and com-

plicated cooking, milk is proof that goodness can be simple. Other than pasteurization, it doesn't change much between cow and grocery store.

As Americans try and eat healthier, milk has long been one of the most wholesome products on the market. Interestingly, for a product that has been around so long, we are still identifying new benefits; chocolate milk is now being promoted as a recovery drink after a strenuous workout.

Milk also can have strong emotional connections. A bowl of ice cream might mentally transport you back to the simpler time of childhood, when nothing else could hit the spot during a hot summer afternoon of play. The

sight and smell of butter melting on hot mashed potatoes might bring memories of a family holiday flooding back. Macaroni and cheese can be the ultimate comfort food.

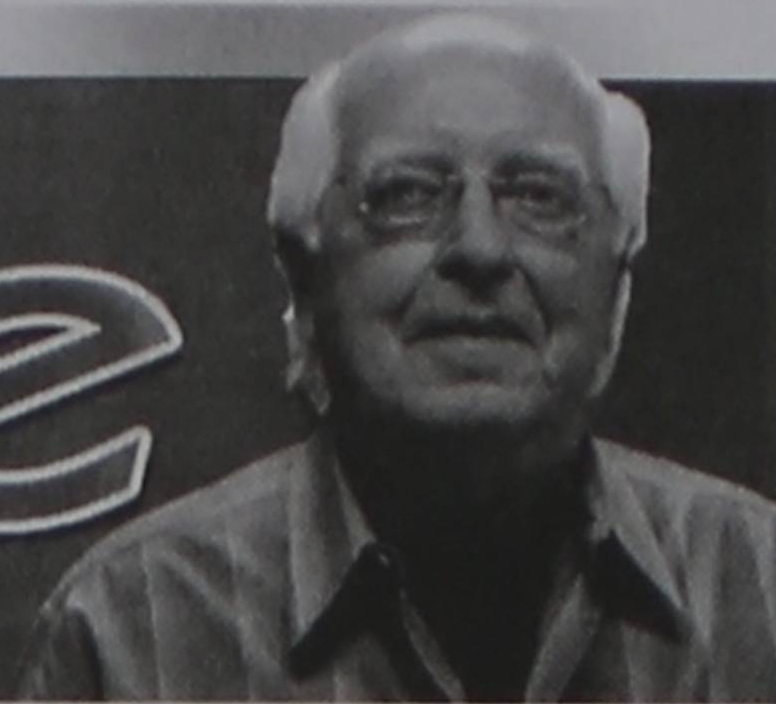
Milk and milk products can bring out so many positive memories and feelings. There's just no substitute.

Cheers to milk producers and consumers during National Dairy Month.

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# Out Here

By Ron Carr



## me and my academy hat

Went shopping Saturday. That's not unusual here. There is a steady stream of Friona folks who commute to Amarillo to shop. I am not a shopper. On occasion I might drive to Clovis and wander through the little mall or visit Office Max to stock up on rubber bands.

Instead of a shopper I am a buyer. I go to stores to find specific items. Find it, buy it, get out. That is my goal. I'm old and don't want to spend what time I have left trying to find the right pillow or the latest gadget at a store like Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Everybody should have a 20% off coupon from Bed, Bath, and Beyond. You are not a real shopper if you don't have one. That store, more than any other, probably has more merchandise crammed in floor to ceiling than any store I have ever been in. The narrow aisles don't help the shopping experience. Plenty of smiling clerks though. "You finding everything okay?" How can I find anything with all of this stuff in here? To me it is a claustrophobic shopping experience. You can have my 20% coupon.

I didn't really need much but decided

to take a break and go to Amarillo for a few hours. I had a list of items at Office Max. My real goal was to find a sun hat. With outdoor summer events and football season starting up in August, I wanted to get a hat to keep the sun off of my head and ears.

First stop was the Academy store. Since I don't play sports, fish, camp, hunt or workout there's not much left in common for me and Academy, except maybe a sun hat. After dodging a couple of young boys taking batting practice in the aisle, I headed for the shoe department. As long as I was in town I thought I might accidentally find a pair of tennis shoes I liked. Wrong!

Today's walking, running, training shoes don't seem to come in size 7 1/2. The ones that do have lime green streaks and orange soles more suited to guys 50 years younger. Maybe it is time for me to wear those with the Velcro straps.

I made my way through the clothes and fishing rods and coolers to the general area where I thought I might find a sun hat. They have hats and caps scattered all through the gigantic store.

A gentleman about my age was looking over a display of hats. He said he

was going to Disney World soon with a grandson and needed a sun hat. I picked up an Under Armour hat, complete with a chin rope and the Under Armour logo. It was \$24.99, upscale priced like all of the Under Armour apparel.

I told the gentleman he should buy the UA hat because he would be "cool" and it would impress his grandson. He tried it on and didn't like the rope under the chin. I told him hats with ropes were also cool these days, not that I know a damn thing about being "cool."

We tried them on. Nice to find a hat that actually comes in sizes instead of one size fits all. A young lady standing nearby who had obviously just come from the Amarillo 5K Color Run told me I had the hat on sideways so she pointed out the Under Armour logo goes in the front. I knew that. She was very friendly and said, "Those are cool hats, I am going to get one for my grandpa."

Me and my new grandpa friend each bought one of the hats. They were lightweight, crushable for stuffing in a bag, and best of all they were Under Armour. The \$24.99 was a small price to pay for greatness.

We both left feeling pretty cool.

## Letter to the Editor

Remarks by U.S. Senator John Cornyn regarding the immigration debate and focusing on a real plan for reforming our broken immigration system.

"The rhetoric from Washington has been impressive but the results have been pathetic. The reality on the ground in Texas and in other border states has been quite different.

"Until Congress acknowledges our credibility problem when it comes to enforcing our immigration laws, including border security, and until such time as we take serious action to fix it, we're never going to get true immigration reform.

"And we will never be able to pat ourselves on the back and say, 'You know what? This is not going to happen again.'

"My amendment goes beyond mere promises and platitudes. It demands results and it creates a mechanism for ensuring them.

"Unfortunately many of our colleagues don't want a real trigger when it comes to border security. Above all, they want a pathway to citizenship and I'm not convinced beyond that they have much concern for whether we keep our promises with regard to border security.

"They are hoping that once again the American people will put their faith in empty promises but the time for empty promises is over when it comes to our broken immigration system.

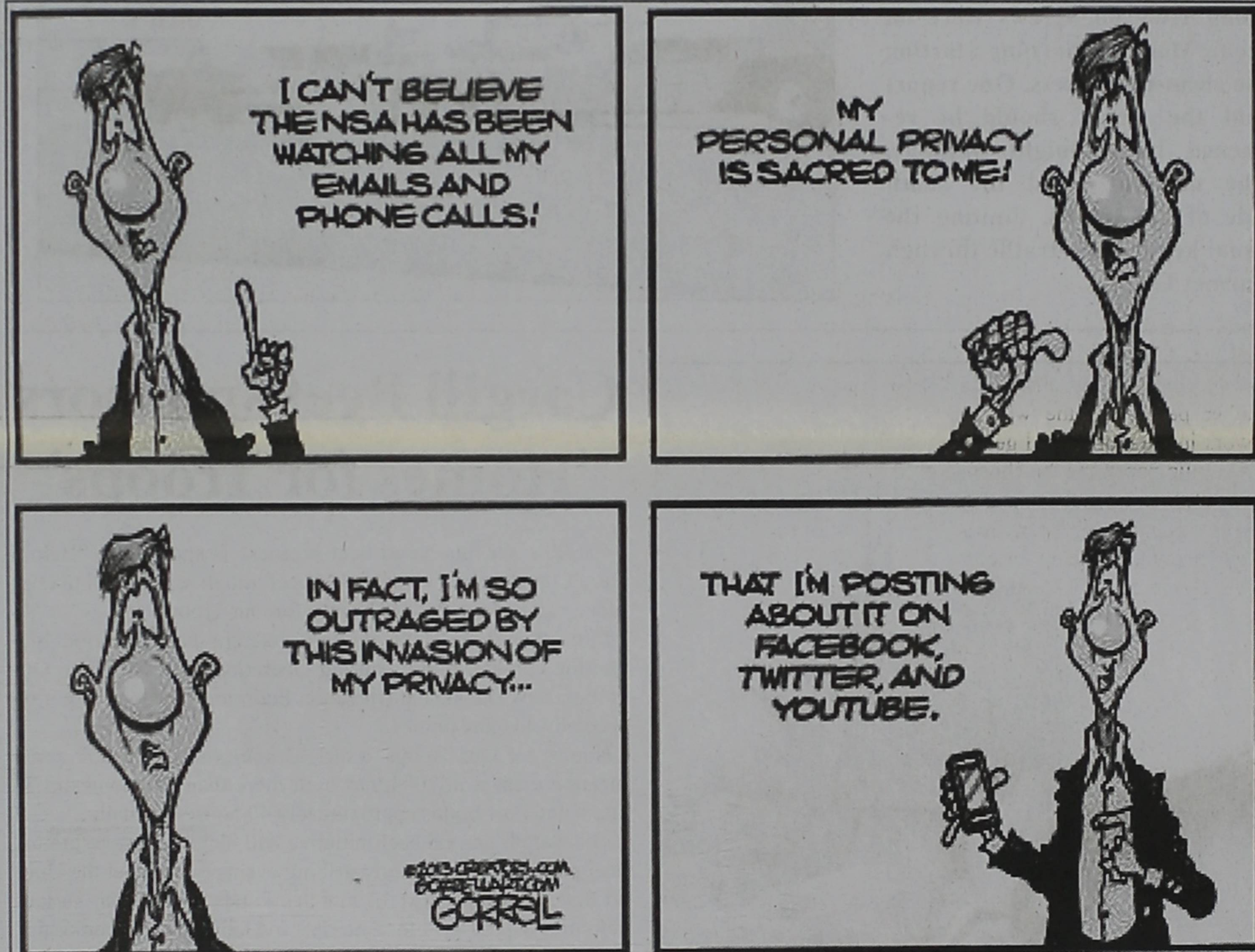
"If we're ever going to push immigration reform across the finish line, which I want to do, we need to guarantee results and my amendment does that.

"I would contend, Mr. President, that rather than my amendment being the poison pill, the failure to pass a credible provision ensuring border security and interior enforcement, that will be the poison pill that causes immigration reform to die. That is not a result that I want.

"I want us to see a solution. I do not want the status quo because the status quo is broken. It serves no one's best interests.

"We've had 27 years of input since the 1986 amnesty and we still don't have secure borders and now it is beyond time to guarantee, not just for promises or inputs, but real outputs.

"In other words, my amendment, Mr. President, is not a poison pill. It's the antidote because it's the only way we're ever going to truly have bipartisan immigration reform."



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- unskilled actor who overacts (2 wds.)
- Sieur \_\_\_ Salle led 1st French expedition in TX
- cable sports network
- TXism: "small fish in \_\_\_ pond" (unimportant)
- religious group
- TX Johnny Nash sang "I Can \_\_\_ Clearly Now"
- TXism: "useless \_\_\_ on a sow"
- this Nate was a great Cowboy guard in the 90s (init.)
- sailing group
- this TX Mehle was a gossip columnist under the name Suzy Knickerbocker
- UH BB team (82-84); "Phi \_\_\_ Jamma"
- TXism: "hot as a \_\_\_ griddle"
- ranching community on FM 1329 in Duval County
- Giants and Yankees city (abbr.)
- TXism: "thick \_\_\_ hound dog"
- this Canary is a TX transsexual author
- Guadalupe is a spring-\_\_\_ river
- goes down
- \_\_\_ & Sciences
- \_\_\_ straits
- sleepy head?
- how to get out of TX (2 wds.)
- anti-narcotics agcy.
- these predated 7-11 s Slurpees
- this swimsuit model Meredith worked for a Dallas agency
- TX CBS anchor Rather
- noted Dallas sports announcer, Hitzges
- TX singer Buck
- across the border from Presidio
- "\_\_\_ out" (not listening)
- wife of 40th gov., Preston Smith
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ strut sitting down"
- TX Don Henley s "The \_\_\_ of the Innocence" (89)
- TX Tanya sang "Can \_\_\_ You Tonight"
- Braunfels, TX
- McGregor h.s. class
- rail transports
- Mertzon is the seat of this county
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- big military program at TX A&M
- \_\_\_-cone (flavored crushed ice)
- former Oiler CB, Dishman (88-96)
- military flutes
- TXism: "up and \_\_\_" (coffee)
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ pinch"
- TX Ross \_\_\_
- Texan FB, Jones
- \_\_\_ of gum
- "Texas . . . \_\_\_ indivisible"
- TX Bobby who was almost Clinton's Sec. of Defense

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ still bite" (beware)
- TXism: "he looks like \_\_\_ ridden hard and put up wet"
- Brewster Co. seat
- tropical fruit
- Presidio Co. site of strange lights

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## Town Talk II

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They say we had wind, thunder, and lightning blow through Friona Sunday night after midnight. I didn't hear it but had to reset some clocks after the electricity went off for a bit. Straight line winds further north near Summerfield (in Castro County) derailed 70 train cars. I drove there mid-morning and took a few photos of the clean-up operation. It was a busy scene with BNSF employees, cranes, front loaders, etc. A TV report said they should have it cleaned up and reopened by midnight. Don't see how that could be possible. Bet there will be some rail cars lying around for quite a while.

Tuesday rain report: Official weather guy John Gurley said Monday night's rain brought varying amounts in the area. He reported .15" in Friona, .60" at Clay's Corner, and Dennis Anthony said 4" was recorded at Bootleg.

This is a good time to remind everyone about mosquitoes. With the rain we have received no doubt mosquitoes are breeding in standing water. If you have water standing around your property dump it out. I've talked to a couple of folks this week who suffered mosquito bites while out in the yard. Buy some Off, maybe wear long sleeves if you are working outside, and be careful to avoid mosquitoes and the possibility of West Nile Virus.

Tenna Montana, daughter of Andy and Erika Montana, was named to the University of Incarnate Word's Dean's List for the 2013 spring semester. The university is located in San Antonio. Congratulations Tenna.

CASA del Llano summer camp program offers children completing kindergarten through 7th grade an opportunity for fun, creativity, and learning. Registration will be from June 24 to July 2 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Casa del Llano, 309 E. 6th St. in Hereford. Apply in person. The camp will be July 2 - August 1 (Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. for ages 5 thru 12. Cost is \$25 per child. For more information contact the office at 806-364-4445 or email [casal@wtrt.net](mailto:casal@wtrt.net).

Bovina will have a 4th of July parade starting at 10 a.m. in front of the fire station, proceed down 3rd St. and end at the city park. If you have a horse, bike, or any vehicle and want to be in the parade just show up. Booths in the park will be \$35. If you want a

booth call Ben Cantu sat 806-206-1796. There will not be a rodeo this year. Bovina will have fireworks but the exact site has not been decided.

Well, Cowboy and Bronco fans, or all NFL fans, beginning with pre-season games this year the following items will NOT be allowed into any stadium at a National Football League game or event: purses or any other bag measuring more than approximately the size of a hand, coolers, fanny packs, briefcases, backpacks, luggage of any kind, computer bags, camera bags, and seat cushions. You can take purse contents in a clear Ziploc bag, a smart phone, binoculars, and cameras but only if it is not in its own bag. Here is the neat part: official NFL sponsored clear plastic bags, with a team logo, will be available for purchase at gate entrances and merchandising kiosks. How much will a Cowboy logo Ziploc bag cost?

Received a nice note from Joy Graham along with her subscription renewal. Joy lives in Lubbock and is doing well. Said she enjoys reading about all of her Friona friends and keeping up with Friona news. Thanks and good to hear from you Joy.

Mike and Reta Martin's grandkids will be operating their "Cousin Camp Lemonade" stand at A-1 Service Center July 1-3. They will be open from 1 p.m. to whenever. They were here last year and we had a photo of them in the Star. Cute kids and very efficient. Plus it was good lemonade. Stop by and see them.

Bryan and Dana Campbell celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary this week. Congratulations you two. They have their house listed and plan to move to Muenster, Tx. We will miss the Campbell family and wish them well. Know anyone that wants to buy a really nice house have them call Property Associates at 250-2745.

Flowers and cake for Bryan and Allison Johnston who celebrated 31 years of marriage on June 19. Bryan is lawyering in Hereford. Allison will be preparing for another summer drama workshop in July after the wedding of her daughter Deirdre this weekend. She is a busy lady. Maybe that is why their marriage has lasted so long. Congratulations Johnstons.

Saturday, June 22, at 8 p.m. in Clovis' Ned Houk Park, the

Clovis Community Band will perform "Music Under the Stars." Friona residents Dave Thompson, Rickey Rector, and David Sides perform with the band. Take lawn chairs, blankets, and mosquito repellent.

Bruce and Jo Beth Gipson left last week for a mission trip to Hungary. They flew to El Paso, then Chicago to London then Budapest. Long trip of some 40 hours she said. They are keeping in touch via Facebook and will return home on June 27.

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) purchased the lots at Main and Hwy 60 next to the post office from the owners of Hometown Hardware. The purchase price of the three lots was \$40,000. The city, FEDC, and Chamber of Commerce are discussing plans on utilizing the lots as a 'Welcome to Friona' area, perhaps with an electronic message sign, landscaping, and/or widening the right turn lane to accommodate truck traffic turning east onto Hwy 60 from Main. No plans are definite at this time but city crews have cleaned off the area. Be interesting to watch the progress. Hats off to the FEDC and the city for transforming the cluttered lot into a presentable area for visitors and residents alike.

Fast Stop was closed on and off for a couple of days because of computer network problems. It seriously disrupted my routine. Fast Stop is a daily stop for me and many other people on the way to work in the mornings. I get an Amarillo paper, maybe chocolate milk and donut sticks or a sausage egg biscuit. Many regular customers line up for coffee, fountain drinks, burritos etc. I've seen Fast Stop manager Esperanza Herrera almost every morning for the past 18 years. When they are closed we get out of sorts. This morning there was a help wanted sign on the door, looking for deli/grill help. If you know anyone looking for that kind of work send them to see Esperanza or Brenda Fairweather.

Congress keeps kicking around a Farm Bill. One interesting point about the Farm Bill is that 80% of Farm Bill spending (\$80 billion a year) goes to food stamps. They like to call it SNAP but it is still food stamps. About 50 million Americans receive food stamps. The government has actually run advertisements urging people to apply for food stamps. Nancy Pelosi has stated that the food stamp pro-

gram creates jobs and boosts the economy. I suppose it does in a left-handed sort of way. The Farm Bill affects our area so we will be trying our best to keep up with it.

My middle daughter, Kirsten McCurry, has a birthday this week. She was born in Dallas June 19, 1975. She was indeed a pretty baby and has grown into a pretty person, living in Frisco and mother to my grandkids Hannah and Holden. Happy birthday Kirsten. You make me proud.

The Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at Friona Golf Club. Tee times Saturday are in the morning and afternoon. There will be food and fun out there along with door prizes and prize money to flight winners. About 60 teams will be playing, many from out-of-town. I'll be hanging out taking some photos and listening to the normal B.S. being thrown around. It is always a popular event. Thanks to Danny Kendrick, Greg Lewellen, Dee King and the Kendrick Oil and Friona Golf Club employees and volunteers for coordinating the tournament. It is definitely an asset to the town.

Don't forget the Friona Interbank cookout on the bank lawn Friday June 21 from 11:30 to 1:30 in honor of bank president Gary Brown's 50-years in banking. Friday is also the first official day of summer. Let's hope this summer brings us ample rain for a change.

And then there is this tweet from Texas U.S. Senator Ted Cruz. "Does anyone know if President Obama intends to perform background checks on the Syrian Rebels before providing them weapons?"

And during his trip to Germany President Obama is being greeted with protest signs that read "Yes we Scan" and "Ich bin ein snoop." Have a great week. Until then!

### School menu

Summer school menu for June 24-28, 2013.

**Monday:** Cereal, toast, waffles, fruit, juice, milk  
Breaded chicken, crackers, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk

**Tuesday:** Cereal, toast, pancake sausage stick, fruit, juice, milk  
Hamburger, cucumbers, fries, fruit, milk

**Wednesday:** Cereal, toast, breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk  
Chicken nuggets, crackers, lentils soup, carrots, fruit, milk

**Thursday:** Cereal, toast, pizza, fruit, juice, milk  
Burritos, rice, lettuce & tomato salad, carrots, fruit, milk

**Friday:** Cereal, toast, donuts, fruit, juice, milk  
Pizza, lettuce & tomato salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk

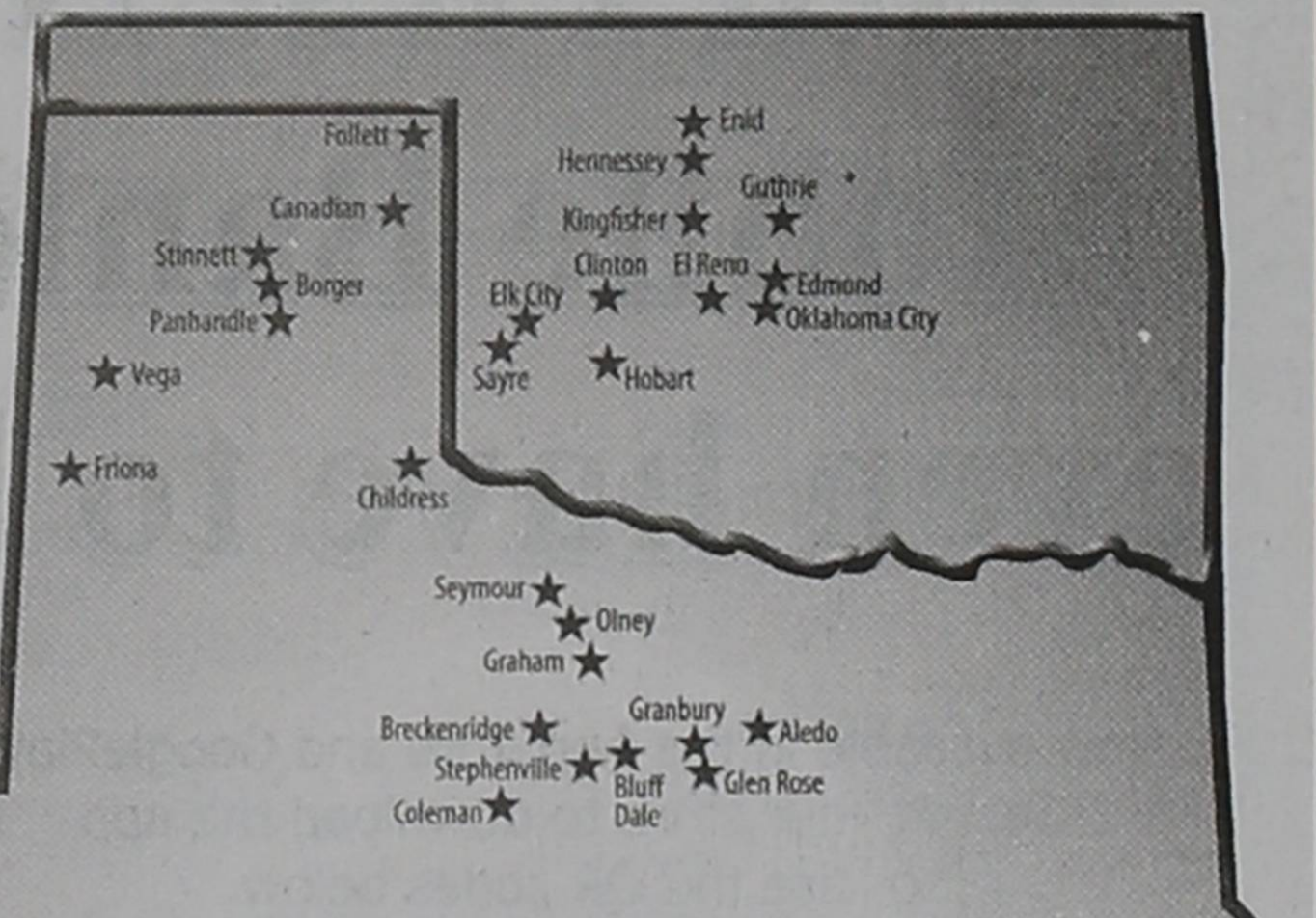
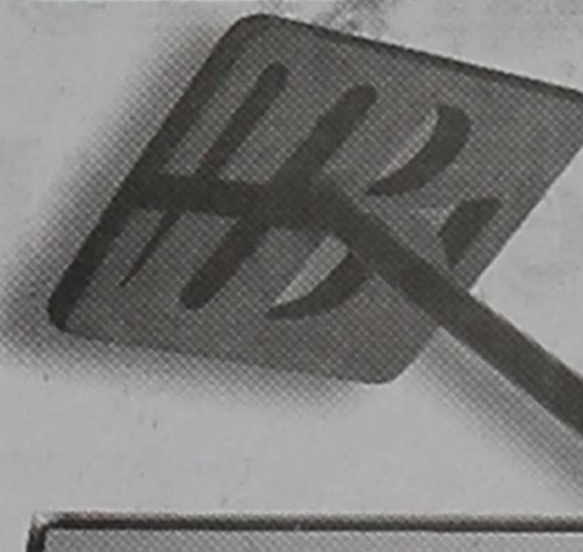
### COUSIN CAMP LEMONADE

At A-1 Service Center  
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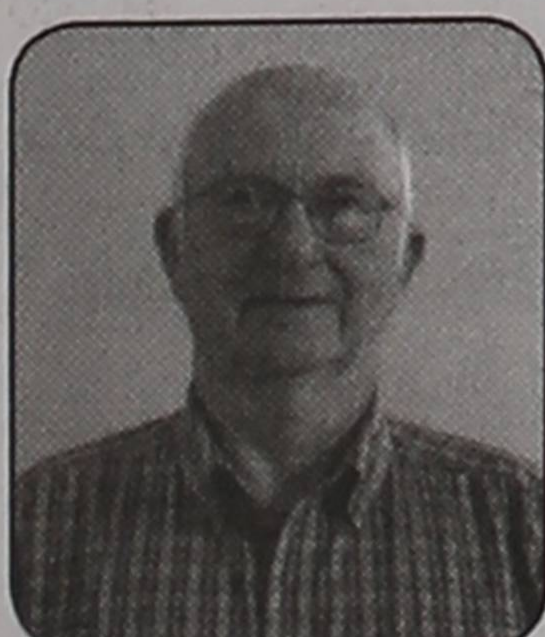
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# OBITUARIES

## Nan Johnson

Nan Johnson, 72, of Friona, formerly of Muleshoe, died Friday, June 14, 2013 in Friona. Funeral services were held Monday, June 17, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Bobby Broughton officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park in Muleshoe. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Nan was born July 21, 1940 in Hagerman, New Mexico to Oscar and Sammy McKinstry Allison. She was a long-time Muleshoe resident. She graduated from Muleshoe High School, received her Masters Degree and became a school teacher.

She married L.T. Johnson in 1986. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Muleshoe. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include: one daughter, Alison Broughton and husband Bobby of Muleshoe; one son, Greg Pool of Plainview; two brothers, Sam Allison and wife Kathy of Amarillo and



Nan Johnson

Mack Allison and wife Kay of Enid, Oklahoma; and one sister, Susan Black of Dumas.

Memorials can be made to the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation and Center, 2200 U.S. Hwy 84, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 or Muleshoe Senior Citizen Center, 319 S. Main St., Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

You may sign the online register at [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com).



## David Connor Lawlis

David Connor Lawlis, 68, formerly of Bovina, Texas, died Thursday June 13, 2013 in Lubbock, Texas. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Bovina with Reverend Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Bovina Cemetery with arrangements by Blackwell Mullins Funeral Home.

Mr. Lawlis was born August 29, 1944 in Sweetwater, Texas to Ovid Connor Lawlis and Doris Lucille Steed Lawlis. He graduated from Bovina High School then went to work in several fields including working as a consultant in computer programming in the Dallas Metroplex. He retired in 2010 and moved to Tulia, Texas to be closer to family. His hobbies

included watching movies and sports, his teams included the Dallas Cowboys and the Dallas Mavericks.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one great grandchild.

Survivors are: two daughters, Connie Morphis of Lubbock, Tx and Christie Walker of Arlington, Tx; one son, Keith Lawlis of Austin, Tx; one brother, James Lawlis of Tulia, Tx; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

To sign the register book online go to [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com).



# Farm bill update

By Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack

This week, the U.S. Senate acted in bipartisan spirit to approve the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act – a balanced, comprehensive bill that will drive continued growth in rural America. The House of Representatives now has another important opportunity to stand with rural America and pass their version of a bill.

People often call this the Farm Bill – but it's much more than that. This is a conservation bill. It's a trade promotion bill. It's an innovation bill. It's a jobs bill.

And it's a bill that will help continue a tremendous increase in markets for locally-grown foods. This includes creating more farmers markets, building additional regional food hubs and strengthening farm-to-institution programs.

In recent years, USDA has carried out a very successful Farmers Market Promotion Program that has increased the number of farmers markets by 67% since 2008. The Senate bill expands these efforts through its Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

This would continue to help producers sell their product directly to consumers through farmers markets, but it would also help farmers who are ready to scale up and sell to local grocery stores or other institutions. Regional food hubs, which connect farmers to these larger-volume markets, would have a new tool

to expand and grow.

Passage of a Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would help farmers develop new value-added products for local or regional sale, creating new income opportunities in rural America. In recent years, the Value-Added Producer Grant Program has already helped more than 285 projects directly related to local markets for agriculture.

It would continue efforts to provide healthy, locally-grown food in schools – building on our work to serve 3,200 schools and 2 million students through USDA Farm-to-School projects across the country.

And it would provide investments in the infrastructure that locally-oriented producers can use to grow a better crop. This includes support for new cold storage facilities, hoop houses to extend the growing season, and access to credit to start or expand an operation.

The Food, Farm and Jobs Bill isn't just needed by America's farmers and ranchers – it's important for all of us who enjoy fresh, local foods at a farmers market. It's important to ensure our nation's youngsters have access to healthy, fresh foods. It's important to help create new economic opportunity in rural America. These are all good reasons why Congress must get a Food, Farm and Jobs Bill passed as swiftly as possible.

# Halfway

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What do you think about the halfway house, a half truth, you car with half its wheels, eating with half your teeth missing, having half a brain or politicians only working half the time a normal person works? You probably are not impressed with any of these "halfway" statements, and wouldn't want to have to deal with such things. That is exactly what God feels about your halfway commitment to Him.

1 Kings 15 tells us of a king named Abijam, and God's verdict on Abijam's life was that "...his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God," (v3). Abijam had the right position and pedigree for kingly stature, but he did not want to commit wholeheartedly to the Lord. He was too busy chasing idols and allowing idolatry in his kingdom, and his relationship with the Lord was put on the backburner. God doesn't want or need your halfway commitment, but desires you to love Him with all that you are, and experience all that He is.

## Panhandle Parables

# A Turtle Named Flash

JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th St. Church of Christ

As a kid the joys of summer were most evident around the 4th of July. It meant fireworks, cookouts and a turtle race up at the community center by Reeve's lake. As the days of June faded into July it was important to be on the lookout for a turtle to race. I was getting a little desperate because I hadn't seen a turtle in weeks. Then around the first of July, I found "Flash". His name was a true representation relative to turtle speed. Plus I thought it might help him go a little quicker if he had a fast-sounding name.

Flash's shell was decorated with red, white and blue paint, a little glitter and a few red feathers glued to the edge, he looked more like a Mardi Gras participant than a racing turtle, but I was hedging my bets that if he didn't win the race maybe he could rank in the best looking category. The race began, and Flash flew (sort of) as he neared the finish line a bigger snapping type turtle bumped Flash sending him in his shell, thus leaving us short of first, but he came back out in time for third. That afternoon I took "Flash" back to the tail water pit, no real worse for wear except he might have caught a little grief from the other turtles until the glitter and feathers wore off.

A simple childhood memory that reminds me we are in a race. Life is a race towards home. We may get some decorations or bumps and bruises along the way, but we keep going. So if you see a little box turtle north of town with a worn out red feather, a little glitter with red, white and blue paint, that is Flash. He placed 3rd on July 4th, 1977? and is still going. It is not about finishing first, but finishing. You keep going too! Run the race before you, Jesus laid out the course follow it Home.

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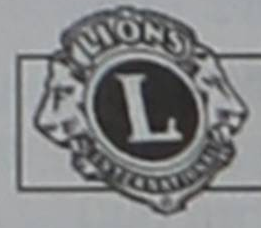
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City employees Larry Martin and Jose Samarron began clearing the lot at Main St. and Hwy 60 next to the post office Monday. They took down the fence around the property. The lots were purchased from the owners of Hometown Hardware by the Friona Economic Development Corporation. Final plans for the property are being discussed by the FEDC, city, and Chamber of Commerce.



Lions Club News



courtesy photo

Lion Katherine Woodward invited County Extension Agent Benji Henderson as the program for the Thursday June 13 Evening Lions Club meeting. Henderson spoke to members about the 4-H chicken projects. The program is for kindergarten and older 4-H members. The Cornish rock chickens are not too expensive and easier to handle than large farm animals. The chicken show has been at Clay's Corner fire station for the past four years. This year there were 46 chicken entries and 33 trio entries. Trios are three chickens judged by their matching look.

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### Parmer County Appraisal District

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In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest by Monday, June 24, 2013.

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## Gary Brown honored by Texas Bankers



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Gary Brown, left, receives his 50-Year Banker Award from Eric Sandgery, president of the Texas Bankers Association, at a luncheon in San Antonio during the recent Texas Bankers Association convention.

The Texas Bankers Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Texas Bankers Association, honored Gary E. Brown of Friona with the 50-Year Banker Award during a special luncheon held at the 129th annual TBA convention in San Antonio. The prestigious award honors bankers with a half century or more of service and dedication to the banking industry.

Brown is president and CEO of Friona Interbank. He started his banking career in 1963 as an agriculturist in loan operations for Friona State Bank.

He has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and two terms on the Friona City Council. He is also past president of Friona Evening Lions Club, chairman of the Friona United Way, and has been active in Parmer County Junior Livestock Shows.

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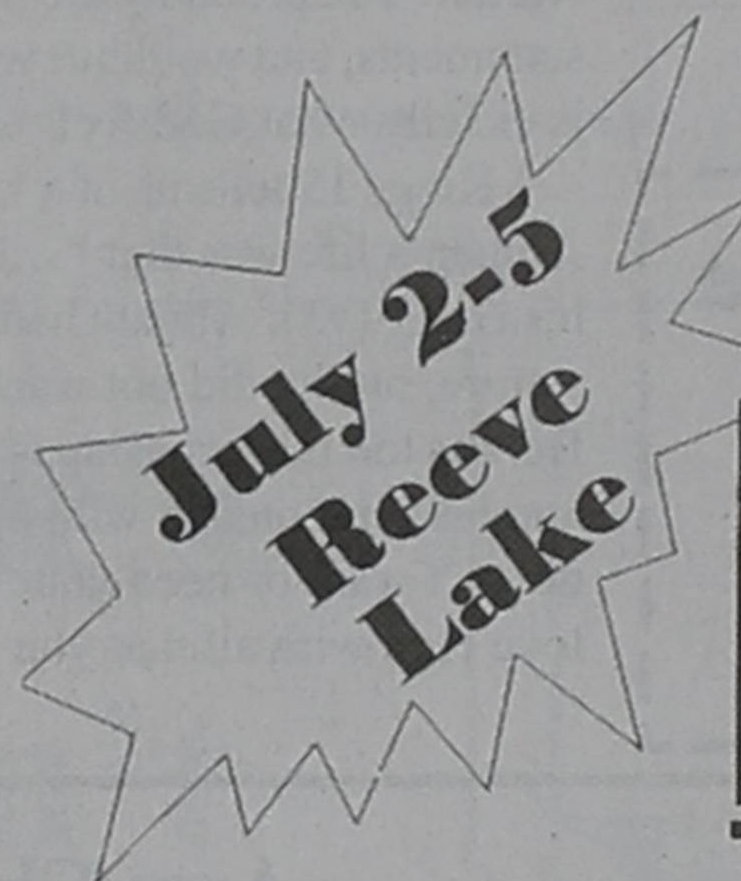
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### Summer Readers Celebrate Library's 50th Birthday

On a nicely rain-cooled morning, 155 children and 45 teachers and parents enjoyed homemade ice cream provided by several Friends Members for the 50th Anniversary of the Friona Public Library. June 1963 marked the beginning of a very special addition to our community. Founded by Friona Women's Clubs, the library has grown into the beloved institution it is today thanks to its many dedicated volunteers and their continued generous support.

Hand cranking a freezer of old-fashioned homemade vanilla ice cream at the party highlighted and delighted club members present who were also able to participate in the hands-on. Other ice cream flavors served were banana nut, butterfinger and

more vanilla. Ron and Melba Smiley, Ruby Rodriguez and Angel Mills, Lucy Hernandez, Lexie and Laura Bracken and Brylee Jesko made the ice cream for the event; and all but Ron and Melba were first time ice cream makers. Vickie Field, Cody Bracken and Patricia Phipps furnished freezers and Terry Hunt supplied the emergency backup chocolate ice cream. Shawna Fleming and Carolyn Stowers answered the Facebook call for hand cranked freezers for display and for making the ice cream live. What a FUN & AMAZING way to celebrate!!

Prizes were given for last week's program due to lack of time last week included a jar of honey, T-shirts, a backpack and books. This week's prizes

included pocket puzzles provided in randomly marked serving cups in addition to the T-Shirts, backpack and books. Special thanks to the Texas Commission on the Arts for their grant assistance toward the "Buzz About Bees" Program by Kim Lehman, a high quality program which all really loved. Thanks Friends!

Special thanks to all of our ice cream makers and also to the class for the touching handwritten thank you notes. Remember June is National Dairy Month and July is National Ice Cream Month. Thanks to Friona ISD Cafeteria Staff for allowing us to use the cafeteria. Enjoy your library! 50 more years!!! Next week: Dig into Ventriloquism with Nancy Burks Worcester.



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Retiring FISD teachers and staff were honored with a reception recently. Shown, l-r, are Connie Slagle, Donald Herbert, Ophelia Florez, and Larry Gonzalez. Not shown are Janie Gonzalez and Sherry Zehner.



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Summer Readers enjoyed ice cream at the library's 50th anniversary party. These youngsters learned about making ice cream the old-fashioned hand crank way.



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Another great antelope photo by Dr. Gary Cash. You can find this and many more of Gary's nature photos on his facebook page. Search Gary Cash.

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# AgriLife Research potato breeding field day

By Kay Ledbetter

The annual Texas A&M Potato Breeding and Variety Development Field Day, hosted by cooperator Bruce Barrett, will be held July 24 near Springlake.

Those planning to attend should assemble at 10 a.m. at Springlake Potato Sales, located between Littlefield, 12.5 miles north, and Springlake, 8.5 miles south, on State Highway 385, according to Dr. Creighton Miller, Texas A&M AgriLife Research potato breeder in College Station.

The program will be on the Barrett Farm, where Miller has 144 different potato varieties for viewing at the field day.

He said side-by-side plantings of each variety allows digging of one row of tubers during the field day, while leaving the second row for plant canopy observation. A field book will be provided with necessary information growers might want for each variety.

Miller will discuss the potato breeding program and recent developments in zebra chip research. He and his colleagues have planted about 18,000 offspring plants representing 183 different parental combinations at the Springlake site, and have a larger set of trials planted near Dalhart.

"Most people don't realize in Texas we produce potatoes and have a breeding program to develop new varieties," Miller said. "This program has been ongoing for more than 30 years."

Variety testing, such as that at Barrett's, is done in cooperation with the Southwestern Regional Potato Improvement Group, which includes Texas,

Colorado and California. Additionally, the three states participate in the Western Regional Trials with Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

"As we develop promising selections, we enter them into the Southwestern Regional Trials," Miller said. "And then if they do well there, we enter them into the Western Regional Trials. We hope we find something that is superior in yield and/or disease-resistance that producers are looking for."

He said three of the Texas selections collectively rank fourth in total seed approved for certification and produced in the U.S. in 2012.

"We are breeding for and to help our Texas producers, but Texas varieties are also produced throughout the western U.S.," Miller said.

"We are breeding for improved russets, known as bakers; reds, used primarily for potato salad and boiling; and more common now are specialty potato varieties such as Yukon Gold, a yellow-flesh variety, and baby potatoes which cook fast. That's one thing the modern home wants is fast meal preparation and the baby potatoes lend themselves to that."

Miller said there are several new things happening in the potato world, and the Texas breeding program is at the forefront with its recently released variety called Sierra Rose, a red-skin, yellow-flesh variety.

For more information on the AgriLife Research potato breeding program, contact Miller at 979-845-3828 or cmiller@ag.tamu.edu.

"One step at a time is good walking" –Chinese proverb. One step at a time is also good fitness. The first step is often times the hardest to take, but oh what fulfilling journeys come from that first step! Think of the times in your life when you "just did it" and stepped up to a challenge. I'm betting you learned a lot on that journey, reaped some great rewards and shaped a part of your life in a positive way.

Step out again and start the journey toward a healthier, stronger you! The walking challenge starts on Monday, June 24. Start a friendly competition with your spouse, family members or co-workers. We've got a daughter-in-law/father-in-law step-off brewing in our family.

Start a daily walking program. Adults are advised to exercise at least thirty minutes a day. You can break that thirty minutes into three ten minute sessions. That sounds doable, right? Ok, so how many steps a day? Ten thousand. Yikes! That

# 10,000 Steps

By Melanie Gallman Braun

doesn't sound so doable? It truly is doable by setting a goal and taking small steps toward that goal.

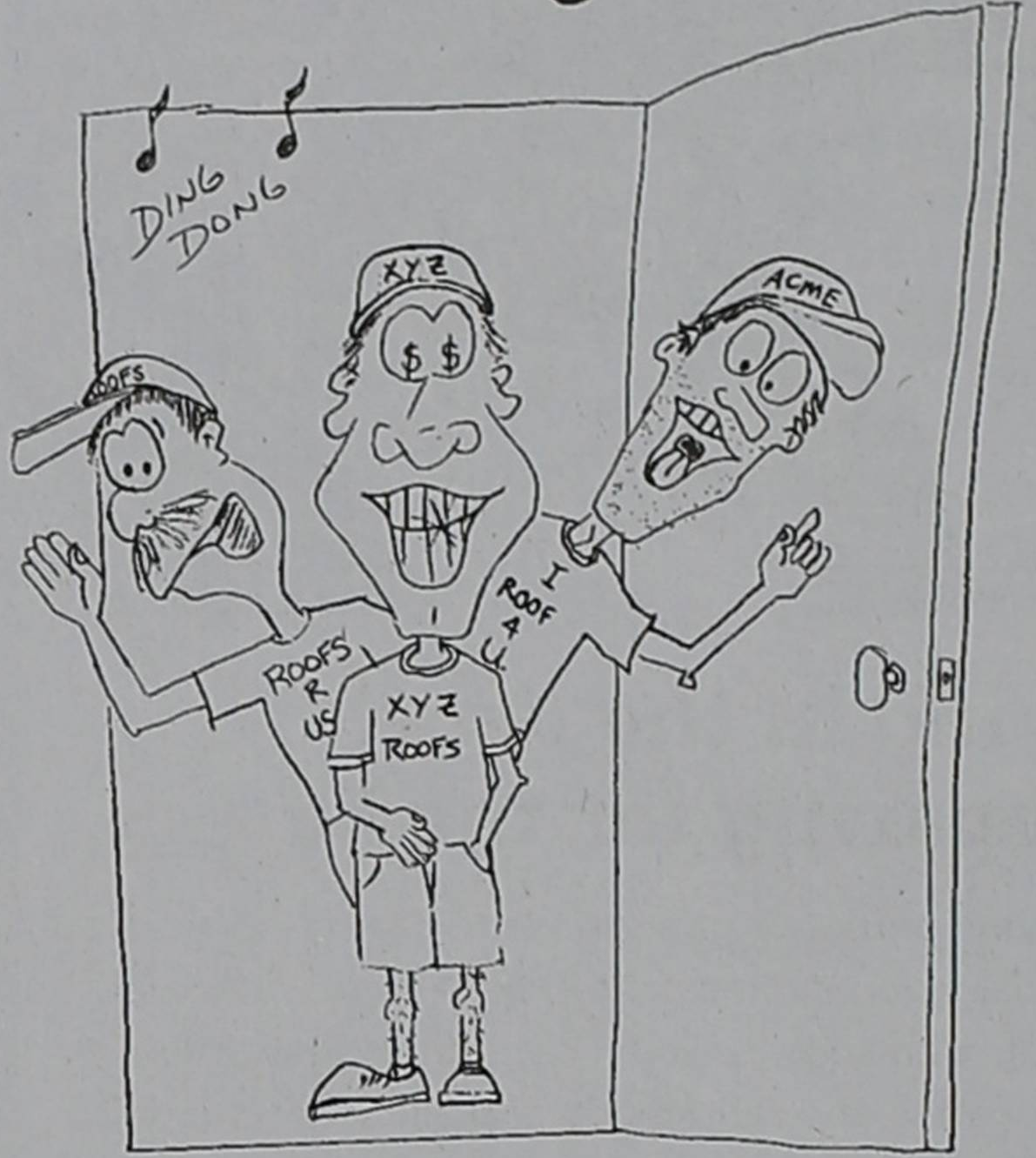
Start with a pedometer. Wear it a couple of days to determine your baseline. From there, set your SMART goal. A SMART goal is specific, measureable, attainable, realistic and time specific. When you set your goal, share it with others. Quitting is tougher when someone else knows what you are trying to accomplish. How to get those steps in? Walk in different parts of town. Walk to music. People who listen to fast-tempo music tend to exercise longer and more vigorously. Instead of sitting on the couch, walk on the treadmill while watching TV. Facebook and the treadmill is also a good combo! You can get

an extra 100 steps just by parking further from the door at WalMart. Set aside a regular time(s) for exercise and hold that time "sacred." As you monitor your step count, you'll find all sorts of creative

ways to add extra steps. It becomes a fun game on your fitness journey.

Registration for the "Just for the Health of It" Walking Challenge is on Friday, June 21st! Pick up a registration form at The Friona Star, Bi-Wize or WT Services and bring it to the pavilion at Reeve's Lake anytime between 8 AM and 1 PM. Start your journey on Monday, June 24th!

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