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Hospital District board unopposed

At their March meeting, the Board of Directors for Parmer County Hospital District cancelled the election for May 9 as the incumbent board members, Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley were unopposed. Kendrick and Neelley will serve a two year term. Existing board members include Dale Schueler, Dennis Anthony and Brett Whitten.

Easter egg hunt Saturday

The Annual City Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church will be held Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. at the Friona City Park on Main Street. Bring the kids and plan to have a great time. Special prizes will be hidden in eggs along with plenty of treats. Open to all kids in grades Pre-K through 6th.

Bovina Chamber expands egg hunt

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is planning to add a little more fun to the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

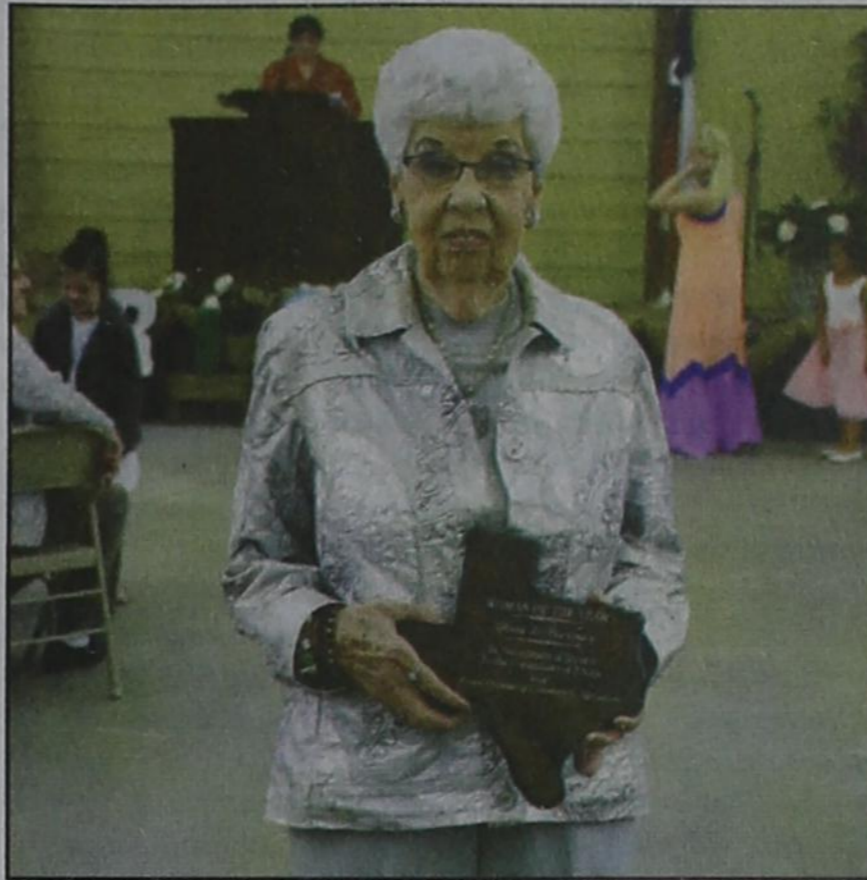
The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department and the Bovina Lions Club sponsor the egg hunt each year and the chamber thought it might be fun to hold a three legged sack race right after the hunt. The young folk from Bovina High School Student Council will be assisting in laying out the course and helping the folk get lined up for the races.

There will be seven events: under 6 years old daughters and moms; sons and dads; and the same for the 6-12 year olds and over 12 years old; and a grand finale of husbands and wives.

Each contestant will wear rabbit ears and have a cotton nose and a cotton-tail which they must keep on throughout the race.

Prizes of \$5 first, \$3 second and \$1 third will be awarded and a grand prize of a lotta fun for everyone.

Plan on spending a little time in the Bovina City Park on Sunday April, 5 at 2 p.m. for the Easter egg hunt and the sack races.



Anna Jo Blackburn
Woman of the Year



Cris Ingram
Man of the Year

Blackburn, Ingram named Woman, Man of Year

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture celebrated the citizens of Friona on Thursday, March 26 at the 2015 Friona Chamber Banquet.

After a dinner of prime rib, those attending were treated to an inspirational speech given by Brandon Slay, Olympic gold medalist for the United States in Freestyle Wrestling in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Slay spoke earlier in the day with a number of youths at First Baptist Church and carried on the theme with the audience. Slay likened Friona Feeding the World with four key themes: time, talent, treasury and testimony.

Employee of the Year. Karen Baker was named the 2015 Employee of the Year award. This year's Employee of the Year was described as a gift to her employer, her family and to the community. On very cold days,

Baker gets up extra early and prepares something for her fellow employees to eat. She sometimes even prepares a warm meal at noon or for breakfast. She is not required to do this; it is something she

does because she cares about all the people who work with her. Two years ago, she moved her elderly parents to Friona so she could care for them.

Baker was described as a woman of great character and high integrity. She is the first person you see when you walk into the office at PACO Feedyard.

She is married to John Baker and they have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Male Student of the Year. Brandon Berend was named Male Student of the Year. Berend is a senior at Friona High School. He has served on the Student Council all four years and is in the Gifted and Talented program. He has maintained a 90 or above average while taking dual credit and challenging courses. He was selected as Student of the Six Weeks and played football all four years.

Berend serves as an officer in FFA and earned his Lone Star Farmer Degree his junior year. He manages to find time to volunteer by cleaning yards and shoveling snow for the elderly, walking

for the Parmer County Cancer Coalition, and participating in the Snack Pack 4 Kids program. He has a genuine, caring attitude that spills over into many acts of kindness for others.

He is the son of Roddy and Sandra Berend.

Female Student of the Year. Karina Hernandez. She is a model student and works diligently to be the best. Hernandez is eager to learn new things and will succeed. She is a cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a leader in the Family and Career Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA).

She is always respectful and is on a path to graduate with a distinguished diploma from Friona High School. Hernandez volunteers for Little Dresses for Africa, Friona Canned Food Drive, Parmer County Cancer Coalition, Ronald McDonald House, Evelyn Rivers Christmas Project and has served as a Hospice Volunteer.

She is the daughter of Martha Hernandez.

Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year is Tracy Blount. He is described as a great role model, a strong Christian man that has a passion for his career, his students, his community, his school and his family. He goes over and beyond his job description on a daily basis and he handles everything with patience and a kind heart.

Blount makes things happen and is always a few steps ahead. He has made it possible for students to be certified for specific job opportunities after graduating from high school.

Blount and his students sponsored a toy drive for Christmas in 2014, wrapped the toys, and delivered them to specific locations. He and his students entertained the community with a donkey basketball game. He has been teaching for 26 years with four of those in Friona.

He is married to Linda and has two children, Colter and Clayton.

Citizens of the Year. Larry and Sharon Rector were named Citizens of the Year. They have lived their entire lives in Friona. They can both be described as honest, caring, compassionate, hard-working people with character and integrity.

Sharon gives up vacation time to help teach Vacation Bible School every year. She teaches Sunday school and is in the process of becoming a Big Sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. She had a program last year where she taught basketball basics to kids, all for free

and all on her time.

Larry helps with children at his church every week. He has organized lawn mower races, kid's motorcycle poker runs, and is always willing to bring Santa to the park during the Christmas in the Park celebration. He and Sharon give all the kids a fun ride in the Polar Express Train at no charge. Larry commented that he loves to put a smile on a kid's face.

Woman of the Year. Anna Jo Blackburn was named Woman of the Year. Blackburn has served as a volunteer at Prairie Acres since the doors opened 40 years ago. She has worked in visitation, planning social events and as a hairdresser. She has delivered Meals on Wheels for 28 years.

Blackburn is described as one of Friona's most hospitable residents to both young and old and is one of the town's best cooks. She is a longtime fan of Chief-tain and Squaw athletics, as well as a strong supporter of school and community events.

Blackburn operated her own business in Friona for over 60 years. She ran a hair salon on Main Street in the 1940's and 1950's and has worked for Avon for over 50 years. As a disciple and servant of Jesus Christ, she has been a faithful and very active member of the 6th Street Church of Christ for 68 years.

She is the mother of Hal Blackburn and grandmother of Jennifer.

Man of the Year. The Man of the Year is Cris Ingram. Ingram supports local kids by buying animals at the Parmer County Livestock Show. He has coached Little Dribblers, taught Sunday school for Pre-K and Kindergarten and supports all school functions no matter what they may be.

He volunteers on various boards and is currently on the Farmers Co-op Gin Board, The FSA Board, the Appraisal Review Board and serves as chairperson of the Friona United Methodist Church Administrative Board. He also served on the church Board of Trustees as a member and chairperson.

He is the chief coordinator and organizer of the biannual county farm sale, a need he recognized as truly beneficial for local farmers.

He has been known to take care of a neighbor's farm when that neighbor was in the hospital. He also may have wrapped your gifts at Christmas if you purchased them at Sylvia Ingram's department store.

He is married to Sylvia and the father of Candice and Colby.



Larry & Sharon Rector
Citizens of the Year



Karina Hernandez
Female Student of the Year



Brandon Berend
Male Student of the Year



Karen Baker
Employee of the Year



Tracy Blount
Teacher of the Year

Immigration, citizenship seminar Apr. 7 in Hereford

CASA del Llano, Inc. will be offering a free Immigration/Citizenship Seminar for persons wanting to get the latest news on immigration and U.S. citizenship. The free seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Invited and confirmed presenters are Jesus M. Ramirez, a USCIS Community Relations Officer and Salah Lohony with Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle.

Ramirez has 12 years of immigration experience as Information Officer Adjudications Officer and Community Relations Officer. His jurisdiction is North Texas and Oklahoma. He also is a 10-year Army Veteran.

Lohony is an experienced delegate for immigration.

The seminar is open to all persons as well as employers

wanting to get the latest information on immigration laws and what steps are needed to becoming legalized in the United States. Everyone in the community and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend this important and vital seminar.

For more information, please contact CASA del Llano, Inc. at 309 E. 6th Street or call (806) 364-4445 or email casa2@wtrt.net.

CASA del Llano is a non-profit community based organization that offers ESL (English as a Secondary Language), U.S. Citizenship classes, a summer youth camp and women's programs. Job applications from several major companies, notary public services and immigration information are available. Find CASA del Llano on Facebook or visit their website: www.casadellano.com.

Happy Birthday

April 5-11

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wtrt.net.)

Apr. 5-Cindy Rando, Trudy Reeve Banner, Brian Clark, Teresa White, Tim Hendricks, Will Hughes, David Spring, Lois Miller, Joyce Read, Dickie Clayton, Adynaih Dominguez, Sabrina Raymond

Apr. 6-Jennifer Cantu, Richard Dickson, Mary Lou Venhaus, John Paul Gonzales, Steffan Busch, Chad Hutson, Magaly Anaya, Jimmy Schilling

Apr. 7-Sherry O'Brian, Laura Goen, Susan Neill Baker, Don Bate, Danny Auburg, Bill Stovell, Bruce Fleming, Lexie Bracken, Ricky Downs, Yuruby Schlenker, Craig Louis Schueler, Brecken Scott

Apr. 8-Julie Buchanan, Linda Conlee, Keaton Behrendson, Jenny Echevarria

Apr. 9-Dale Williams, Stuart Walker, Shirley Donnelly, Fran Hawkins, Isabel Martinez, Kinsley Wiseman

Apr. 10-Mitchell Reeve, Brittany Reeve, Shannon Marie Brookfield, Louise Walker, Adam Rule, Tammy Ready, Juanita Baldwin, Nathan Shrode, Byron Boyd, Evan Rapp, Julie Echevarria, Victor Nathaniel Gonzales, Ann Flores, Haley Lascellas, Hayden Robert Bingham

Apr. 11-Karen Head, Brandee Rule, Jared Boyd, Melissa Barnett, Audra King, Mary Alice Merrill, Diane Orr, Sophie Rose Lewellen

Clovis dinner concert Apr. 9

The 3rd Annual Clovis Community Band will host a dinner concert benefiting the Norvil Howell CCC Scholarship Fund on Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. (MST) at the Clovis Civic Center. Tickets are \$35 per person.

For more information, contact Dave Thompson at (806) 250-3761 or Rickey Rector at (806) 265-7272 for tickets.

Friends annual raffle Apr. 26

The Friends of the Library Annual Basket raffle is off to a great start this year with thirteen baskets. The staff at the Friona Public Library encourage everyone to come in and buy your tickets for \$1 each. The annual meeting will be held Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the Redeemer Center, 1304 Virginia, at 2 p.m. Need not be present to win.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office for the week of March 19, 2015 to March 25, 2015:

Jim Roy Daniel-Blue Sky Farms, LLC, NW/4 S22 Blk H Thomas Kelly, SW/4 S30 Blk H Thomas Kelly, NW/4 S30 Blk H Thomas Kelly, SW/4 S21 Blk H Kelly, SE/4 S32 Blk H Thomas Kelly.

Joy Wilterding-Blue Sky Farms, LLC, SE/4 S21 Blk H Kelly.

Jim Roy Daniel-Blue Sky Farms, LLC, 12.00 AC N/2 S21 Blk H Kelly.

Panderosa Cattle, LLC-J & S Dairies, LLC-N@S18 Blk Z W D and F W Johnson, E 239.75 AC S479.5 AC S16 T15S R2E, SW/4 S15 Blk Z W D and F W Johnson, E/2 SE/4 S18 Blk Z W D and F W Johnson, SE/4 S29 Blk Z W D and F W Johnson, SE/4 S31 Blk Z W D and F W.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

March 24, 2015

Michaela Gatewood, 21, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

Ismael Reyes, 40, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a parole violation. The case is pending a hearing.

March 26, 2015

Patricia Cagney, 52, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Deaf Smith County warrant. Cagney posted bond and was released.

Victor Mannrique, 41, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of sex offenders duty to register. The case is pending in District Court.

March 27, 2015

Naymin Soe, 18, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of failure to appear (possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces). The case is pending in County Court.

March 28, 2015

Adrian Casarez, 27, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of no drivers license. Casarez posted bond and was released.

Guadalupe Dominguez, 46, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (Possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces). The case is pending in County Court.

March 29, 2015

Joseph Saiz, 49, of Kress, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

Bernabel Lopez, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.



Chieftain catcher Dallin Woods waits on the throw to home plate in the Tuesday game with Shallowater. The runner was tagged out but the Chieftains lost the district opener 11-4 and travel to Muleshoe Saturday. Game time in Muleshoe is 12 noon.

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Chieftain Jacob Dickson slides safe into third base in Tuesday's district opener with Shallowater.

Have a Happy and Wonderful Easter



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Crime of the Week

The Parmer County Crime Stoppers needs your help. On March 4, 2015 in the early morning hours an unknown individual(s) committed an Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle on the 600 block of 3rd Street in Farwell TX. The unknown individual(s) stole a silver 2002 Chevy Impala bearing New Mexico License plate MGF-307.

The Parmer County Crime Stoppers needs your help. On March 19, 2015 an unknown individual(s) committed Criminal Mischief on the 100 block of Halsell in Bovina TX. The unknown individual(s) egged a gray 2 door car that was parked at a residence on Halsell.

If you have any information at all about these crimes, please call the Parmer County Crime Stoppers at (806)481-9178. You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

Call Crime Stoppers at: 800-774-TIPS (8477), (806) 481-9178 or www.pbcstips.com.

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An Easter Conspiracy

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Conspiracy is in the air, and it has been for millennia, centering around the most important answer you will ever give. Before we get to the conspiracy, it will serve you well to know the question to which you must answer. That question is, "What must I do to be saved?" Thankfully, the scripture answers this vital question with utmost clarity. Galatians 2:16 says, "yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified." Simply put, to be saved you must place complete faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

That means if you are a Baptist your church membership can't save you; if you are a Catholic the Pope can't save you; if you are a Methodist, confirmation can't save you; if you are Church of Christ, baptism can't save you; if you are atheist, your denial of God can't save you; and if you just assume you are a good person, good works can't save you. Only Jesus is worthy to take away your sins, because He laid down His life on the cross for you and me.

The conspiracy, then, is the belief that things other than Jesus can save you. Satan loves for people to trust in good works, riches and religion, for he knows they will join Him in hell. In Jesus Christ, and in Him alone, can one gain access to heaven and peace with God.



dana jameson photo

The Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic honored their providers at a reception on Thursday, March 26. Medical providers in attendance were, l-r, Felipe L. Jubay, Jr., MD, Michael Sermon, PA-C, Lynette Jubay, PA-C, Gary Webb, MD, and Jeff S. Dickson, MD.

**Panhandle Parables
Gardens Don't Grow
Themselves (Part 2)**

**By JEFF PROCTER,
Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ**

It takes work growing a garden. A time and energy investment that pays some dividends in late summer as you begin to reap the benefit of the weeding, feeding and watering of all those little plants. You watch them grow, noticing the first fruits on each plant and eagerly wait getting to eat the vegetables. For those garden professionals they will tell you the stuff out of your garden tastes much better than any store bought (pick a vegetable) you can buy. Yet I am also told it costs more to raise your own than to drop by the store and pick it up.

There was a time when gardening was a necessity. Now it is reduced, for most, to a hobby, at best. I believe there are some correlations between gardening and relationships that may at least be worth looking at. Even if you are not a gardener, I bet you have a few relationships. Let's compare:

- 1. A relationship requires a time and energy investment. Relationships that are worked on, "weeding of areas in your life", feeding the other in the relationship and watering the relationship so that it grows, tend to offer continued and valuable benefit to those in it.
- 2. Relationships that do not have the above tend to not be as good. Store bought if you will.
- 3. Relationships that are oversimplified? Maybe, but walk with me a little further.

God could have reached down and snatched that fruit out of Eve's hand and stopped the whole sin mess right there in the garden, but He wanted a chosen relationship with us. He chose us and hopes we will choose Him and the story that would follow the fall of man in Genesis 3 becomes one of great love and investment by our Creator. In fact, one of the high marks of Christian faith happens this week, as we are humbled by a bloody cross and celebrate an empty tomb. God invested all to have this relationship with you, don't in turn give Him a store bought response, with little effort on your part. Garden's don't grow themselves, nor do relationships. Now go invest in your relationships.

Show Someone Jesus' Love

By TEENA HUGHS

A few years ago, Feller brought home two new-born kittens. One of them was very healthy and the other was scrawny. I immediately contacted Randa Copley about what I should do. Long story short, the healthy one died, but Scrapper fought and lived, and we still have her. Scrapper is a funny cat. She is a house cat, so we had her de-clawed. When she is around humans and other cats during the day, she is the most anti-social cat. She doesn't want to be loved or held more than 10 seconds; and, she will hiss at you, slap your feet as you walk by, or slap your face if you get too close to her.

Jesus loves everyone, and everyone is important to Him. To prove it, He came to earth to show us how to love others. His greatest sacrifice of love was dying on the cross. We need Jesus and His love; and, we need to demonstrate Jesus and His love to every person we come in contact with, especially the ones who are difficult to love. Easter Sunday is nearly here. Let us honor Jesus and His love by showing love to someone, maybe someone you don't even know. And, if you don't know what to do for someone, ask Jesus. He knows our needs and our desires better than we know them, and the Holy Spirit will direct you in meeting those needs and desires.

Night time with Scrapper is another story. When we go to bed, she goes with us. She wants to be petted and loved; she purrs and licks us; snuggles with us; and is just a completely different cat. Some humans are a lot like Scrapper and are difficult to love. They act tough and think they don't need anyone in their life. They act like the only one they need to depend on is themselves. And, because they are tough, they don't need love from anyone. Whether we want to admit it or not, we all want to be loved. We all want someone to recognize us and pay us attention. We all want to know that we are important to someone.

Have a happy Easter! And, help someone have a happy Easter by showing Jesus' love to them.

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We have been so touched and humbled by the many acts of kindness and expressions of love and sympathy for our family in the loss of our Landon. He was husband, daddy, son, brother, grandson, friend to many and special to all of us.

With thankful hearts we appreciate all of the calls, texts and messages, cards, the wonderful food, beautiful flowers, memorials and gifts of love. We especially thank all of you that lifted us up in prayer and that continue to do so.

We are very thankful for the loving and caring people of Friona that have been such a blessing to us.

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." Ps. 121:1-2

- May God richly bless you, Ashley, Hunter, Kinsley & Piper Wiseman Mitchell & Johnnie Wiseman Daniel Wiseman Chris Wiseman Julie Wiseman Lindy Wiseman Buddy & Betty Wiseman

Area Church Directory

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Bautista takes win in Lubbock

Jacob Bautista, Friona Chieftain Boxing Club, competed in the West Texas Boxing Classic on March 30, 2015. He was the only member of the local boxing club to receive a match. He was matched with Tapia Boxing's Eladio Castillo of Albuquerque. Bautista represented the club well and easily outpointed Castillo to win a unanimous decision scoring a victory in the 85 lb. division.

The Chieftains will compete on April 11 in Dodge City, Kansas or Lubbock in preparation for the West Texas Regional Junior Olympic Box-off in Midland on April 24-26. The winners of each open division will advance to the state tournament in El Paso on May 7-10.



courtesy photo

Jacob Bautista

Saving the Lives of Tweens

Parents, Don't Give Up Until They Buckle Up!

By Shana Fleming, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent

We all know everything is bigger in Texas! However, one number that we do not want to see bigger is the number of children ages 8-14 who are fatally injured in motor vehicle crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2009-2012, a total of 188 children ages 8-14 were killed in motor vehicle crashes. Nationally, among children fatally injured in this age group, an average of 49% were unrestrained; in Texas, however, the rate of unrestrained fatalities was 58%. Parents and caregivers need to work to change this statistic! Seat belts save lives, but NHTSA data show that as children get older, they are less likely to buckle up. The percentage of child passengers who die while riding unrestrained generally increases with age and is most pronounced among 13- and 14-year-olds, regardless of seating position.

NHTSA just announced its first-ever national advertising campaign aimed at parents of children ages 8-14 to make sure their kids are consistently and properly wearing their seat belt every time the car is moving.

"Buckling up is an important habit to instill in children at a young age. As parents, we need to lead by example and reinforce the message to make sure it sticks," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "This campaign urges parents to never give up until their kids buckle up."

A recent series of NHTSA focus groups

found seat belt use can fall by the wayside when shuttling kids to and from school and activities, when running short errands, or when parents are a bit worn down by the daily grind, which makes this campaign urgently important.

"Kids will always test the limits with their parents or caregivers, but there is no room for compromise when it comes to wearing a seat belt," said NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind. "Sounding like a broken record can save your child's life. Kids need constant reminders, and this is one that can't be skipped."

Tweens test the limits, because it's how they learn and grow. The focus groups confirmed that it's critical that they absorb the message that the car doesn't move until everyone in the vehicle is buckled up. After a while, it won't be a fight; it will be second nature. And it is a lifesaving lesson that they'll carry with them always.

Watch for the campaign, which has been developed in both English and Spanish and includes television, radio, outdoor, print and digital ads. The ads take a direct approach to parents. One radio spot says, "You're the driver. The one in control. Stand firm. Just wait. And move only when you hear the click that says they're buckled in for the drive."

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent Shana Fleming reminds parents that most children are killed in crashes close to home. Keep children buckled up on every trip!



ron carr photo

The first grade Tiger Cubs Troop 56 and their parents visited the Friona Star office on Monday, March 30 to learn about how the newspaper is created and printed. Troop members were, back row, l-r, D'Andre Graves, Mizael Carrasco, Bo Reed and Foster Gilley. Front row, l-r, Gael Lara, Kaysen Stanberry, Azriel Flores and Isaiah San Miguel.



courtesy photo

The Friona Junior High School 8th grade class and instructor Jennifer Gonzales held the first ever Bake-off Contest on Wednesday, March 25. Gonzales explained that it was a way for the students to explore their possibilities and interests. Participating students were required to make their dessert at home and submit a recipe with their entry. Parents were also required to verify that the dish was made by the students and the recipe was accurate. Winners were, l-r, Natali Godinez (first place), Brenda Jaramilo (second place) and Rickie Castillo (third place).

**PARMER COUNTY SHARED SERVICE
ARRANGEMENT
909 E. 11TH STREET
FRIONA, TEXAS 79035
(806) 250-3315**

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Friday, April 10, 2015.

FARWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPEECH ROOM

8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY

12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

**FRIONA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
909 E. 11TH STREET**

1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at: (806) 250-3315.

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El Condado de Parmer, con Servicios Compartidos sirviendo los Distritos Independientes de las Escuelas de Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, y Farwell, están ofreciendo una **CLINICA DIAGNÓSTICO GRATIS** para niños de 3, 4 y 5 años que parecen tener un problema de aprendizaje o en el desarrollo. Especialistas Certificados van a estar trabajando con niños en esta clínica que va a ser localizada en los siguientes lugares, Viernes, 10 de Abril, del 2015.

**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FARWELL - En la salón de
Terapia de Lenguaje**

8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE BOVINA - RIDGELEA

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

ESCUELA DE LAZBUDDIE - BIBLIOTECA

12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

**EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE LA ESCUELA
DE FRIONA
909 E. de la calle 11TH**

1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

Si usted está interesado sobre el desarrollo de su niño, tráigalo a esta clínica. Si usted necesita más información, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educación Especial al: (806) 250-3315. SE HABLA ESPAÑOL



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These five young ladies, Nastassia Luna, Airam Chavez, Christina Green, Arianna Moreno, and Celeste Rivas-Flores, made up the 4X200 Meter Relay and 4X400 Meter Relay teams that took first place in both events at the Dimmitt Track Meet last week. Chavez, Green, Luna and Moreno ran a 1:51.94 4X200 Meter Relay. Rivas-Flores, Chavez, Moreno and Green ran a 4:20.20 in the 4X400 Meter Relay.

Varsity Squaws tie for 1st at Dimmitt

The FHS Varsity Squaws tied with Amarillo Highland Park for first place at the Dimmitt track meet held Friday, March 27. Both teams racked up 131 points to tie. The Varsity Chiefs placed 4th with 74 points while the JV Chiefs came in 5th with a total of 43 points.

The Squaws results are as follows:

Long Jump: Christina Green, 5th, 14' 01"; Arianna Moreno, 7th, 13' 11"; and Taylor Stallings, 10th, 13' 06". Triple Jump: Arianna Moreno, 5th, 30' 03"; Taylor Stallings, 7th, 28' 11 1/2"; and Erika Grado, 9th, 28' 06".

Discus Throw: Kendall Barnett, 6th, 71' .75"; and Marilena Viernes, 7th, 69' 5.75". Shot Put: Kendall Barnett, 3rd, 27.00.

3200 Meter Run: Brianna Alvarado, 2nd, 13:15.92. 4X100 Relay: Friona 'A', 2nd, 53.16 (Taylor Stallings, Raquel Davila, Celeste Rivas-Flores, Arianna Moreno). 800 Meter Run: Chelsie Gomez, 3rd, 2:39.19.

100 Meter Hurdles: Christina Green, 1st, 17.67; Sierra Mendoza, 5th, 20.43; and Erika Grado, 9th, 21.70.

100 Meter Dash: Taylor Stallings, 4th, 14.15; and Raquel Davila, 6th, 14.26.

4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 1st, 1:51.94 (Airam Chavez, Christina Green, Nastassia Luna, Arianna Moreno).

400 Meter Dash: Vivianna Rivera, 2nd, 1:06.79; Erica Barrera, 4th, 1:08.49; San-

dra Gonzales, 7th, 1:09.07; Kim DeWitt, 8th, 1:09.71; and Alexis Alvarado, 9th, 1:10.57. 300 Meter Hurdles: Celeste Rivas-Flores, 1st, 52.44; Megan Stone, 6th, 58.58; and Sierra Mendoza, 7th, 1:02.88.

200 Meter Dash: Airam Chavez, 3rd, 27.96; Vivianna Rivera, 8th, 29.46; Nastassia Luna, 29.59; Kim DeWitt, 17th, 31.61; and Erika Grado, 18th, 31.67.

1600 Meter Run: Alexis Alvarado, 4th, 6:13.63. 4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 1st, 4:20.20 (Celeste Rivas-Flores, Airam Chavez, Arianna Moreno, Christina Green. Varsity Chiefs results are as follows:

High Jump: Jacob Dickson, 3rd, 5' 8". Long Jump: Marco Maldonado, 10th, 15' 06". Triple Jump: Jacob Dickson, 2nd, 38' 9.50"; Marco Maldonado, 9th, 34' 4.5"; Discus Throw: Josue Ojeda, 8th, 94' .5".

4X100 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 3rd, 46.68 (Adan Hernandez, Saul Espino, Oscar Huerta, Justin Rocha). 800 Meter Run: Alvaro Gardea, 1st, 2:06.12. 110 Meter Hurdles: Blake Mills, 6th, 18.70.

100 Meter Dash: Saul Espino, 5th, 12.35; Jose Rocha, 7th, 12.62; and Brent Hickman, 8th, 12.67.

4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 4th, 1:36.58 (Oscar Huerta, Adrian Munoz, Marco Maldonado, Justin Rocha). 400 Meter Dash: Jose Rocha, 7th, 59.53; and Adan Hernandez, 9th, 1:04.10.

300 Meter Hurdles: Blake Mills, 8th, 46.94. 200 Meter Dash: Adrian Munoz, 2nd, 23.68; Marco Maldonado, 3rd, 23.85; and Adan Hernandez, 13th, 25.71. 4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 3rd, 3:36.44 (Brent Hickman, Oscar Huerta, Adrian Munoz, Alvaro Gardea). JV Chiefs results are as follows:

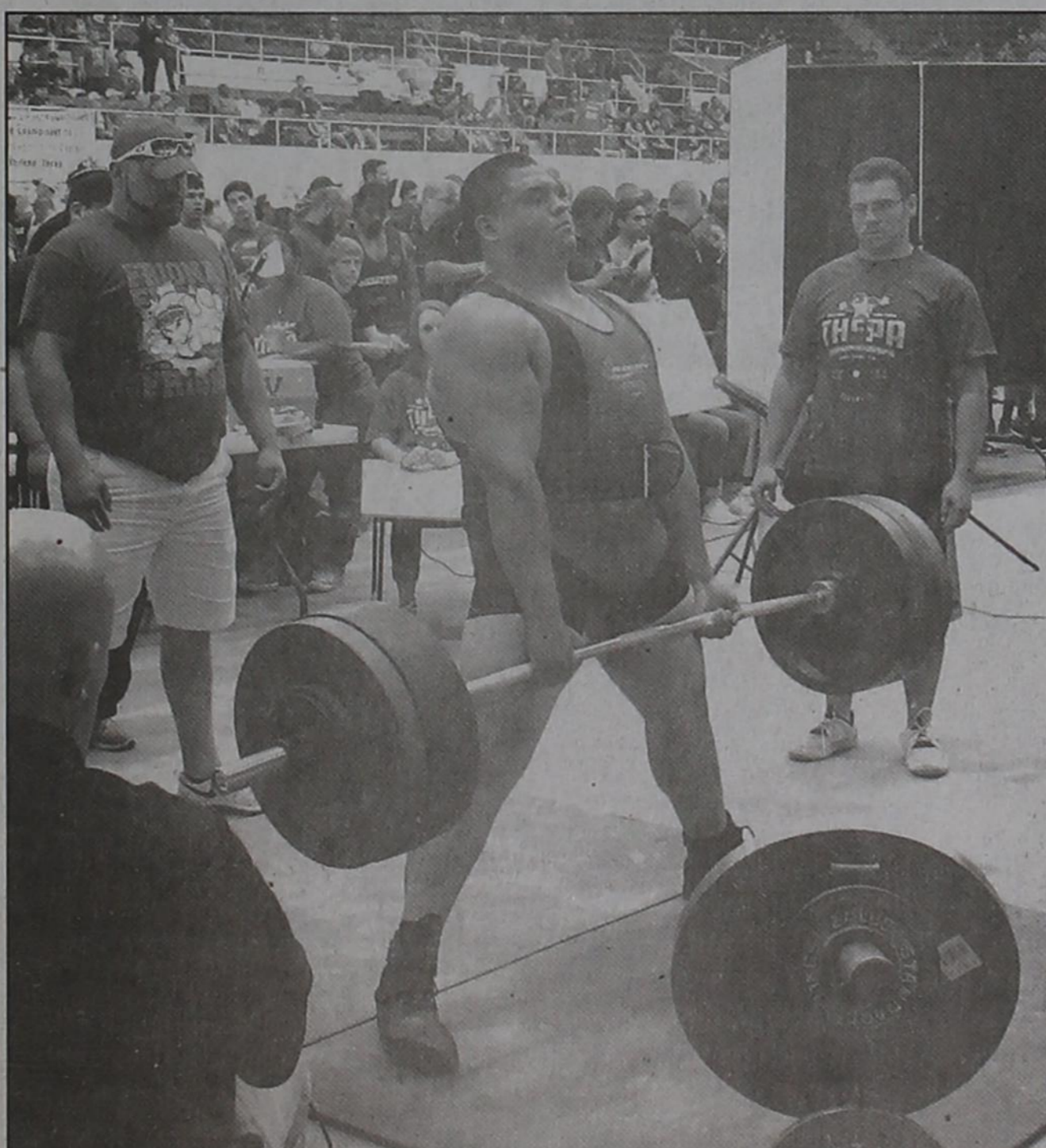
Long Jump: Junior Reyes, 3rd, 16' 8"; and Alex Mendoza, 10th, 14' 11". Triple Jump: Junior Reyes, 7th, 32' 9.5"; Rocky Barrios, 9th, 32' 6.5"; and Alex Mendoza, 11th, 28' 11.25". Discus Throw: Edgar Ramirez, 6th, 78' 8"; and Joel Cigarroa, 10th, 68'. Shot Put: Jose Rodriguez, 5th, 32' 2".

3200 Meter Run: Edwin Garcia, 2nd, 13:56; Bryan Ayala, 3rd, 14:05.66; and Franky Summerlin, 14th, 14:13.75. 4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 6th, 49.08 (Axel Puga, Junior Reyes, Alex Mendoza, Rocky Barrios). 800 Meter Run: Axel Puga, 3rd, 2:24.12.

110 Meter Hurdles: Alex Lucero, 9th, 22.51. 100 Meter Dash: Germain Garcia, 11th, 13.87. 4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 5th, 1:45.30 (Rocky Barrios, Junior Reyes, Alex Lucero, Alex Mendoza).

300 Meter Hurdles: Alex Lucero, 9th, 52.39. 200 Meter Dash: Rocky Barrios, 7th, 26.86; Hadley White, 8th, 27.31; Germain Garcia, 11th, 29.10.

4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 'A', 5th, 4:02.28 (Axel Puga, Junior Reyes, Hadley White, Alex Mendoza).



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Friona high school senior Chieftain Edgar Guerrero is the back-to-back state champion in powerlifting held Saturday March 28 in Abilene. Edgar had totals of 760 in squat, 455 in bench, and 675 in deadlift, a total of 1,890 lbs., a new personal record. He finishes his high school career ranked #3 strongest lifter in the state across all classes.

OBITUARIES

Hank Blackburn

Hank Blackburn, 27, of San Antonio, Texas passed away Monday, March 23, 2015. He was born to Brian and Kerry Blackburn on May 31, 1987 in Hereford, Texas. Services were held Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Matthews Funeral Home Chapel, 601 S. Kelly, Edmond, Oklahoma, followed by burial at Memorial Park Cemetery, 13400 N. Kelly, Edmond.



honors. He earned an athletic scholarship to play baseball in college.

He is survived by his parents Brian and Kerry Blackburn of San Antonio, Texas; two brothers Colton and wife Josie, and Clayton, all of Edmond, Oklahoma; his grandparents Rex and Marilyn Blackburn of Friona, Texas and Myrna Cain of Orange Grove, Texas; and many other family members and loved ones.

Hank worked in the oil and gas industry, doing a job that he loved. Hank had a passion for writing music and loved the Dallas Cowboys. Hank

excelled in baseball at Edmond Santa Fe High School earning first-team All-Edmond and first-team All-City

In honor of Hank, memorial contributions may be made to Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Annie Myrtle Nunn Melton

Annie Myrtle Nunn Melton, 91, of Hereford, formerly of Friona, died Saturday March 28, 2015 in Hereford. Funeral services were held Wednesday April 1, 2015 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Pastor Bobby Broughton, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



daughters, Carolyn Dement of Friona and Gail Blouch and husband Jim of Catoosa, Oklahoma; two sons, Ronald Melton of San Angelo and Doyle Melton and wife Patty of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one son-in-law, Larry Martin and wife Jeannie of Friona; one sister, Wanza Graham of Lorraine; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Myrtle was born October 19, 1923 in Clarksville, Texas to Matthew Allen and Annie Cleveland Miller Nunn. She married Rufus Floyd Melton on September 11, 1943 in Clarksville. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she attended the nursery for many years. She loved her family, especially her

grandkids, gardening, flowers and plants.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Judy Martin, a son-in-law, H.T. "Tuffy" Dement, five sisters and one brother.

She is survived by two

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Delmira Bautista

Delmira Bautista, 57, of Friona, TX, died on Monday, March 30, 2015 in Friona, TX. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at First Baptist Church of Friona with Reverend Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



sisters, Esmeralda Mendez of Friona, Rosa Chavez of Bovina, Anita Salcido for Friona, Diana Ramos of Hammond, Indiana, Jeanie Bautista of Chicago, Illinois, Janie Cortez of Amarillo, TX, Sandra Bautista of Friona; five brothers, David Bautista of Friona, Elisandro Bautista of Canyon, TX, Gilbert Bautista of Friona, Michael Bautista of Friona, and Victor Mannrique of Friona; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Delmira was born on June 23, 1957 in Los Fresnos, TX to David Bautista, Sr. and Ramona Arumbal Bautista.

She was a homemaker, and a caregiver for many children, including her grandchildren, whom she adored. Her hobbies included playing cards, bingo, and watching Family Feud. She was a Christian

woman. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include three daughters, Geneva Vargas and husband, Ascension, Norma Torres, Yolanda Torres and friend, Josh Snyder, all of Friona, TX; seven

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Library Corner By Darla Bracken

The oldest house in Friona...

What is the oldest house in Friona? Do y'all get questions like this? Well, I do and I love it!

Off the top of my head I said probably the house on Main Street across the from the drug store. That belonged to D. W. McMillan and I have seen photos where that is about all that is on Main.

Also, the founder's house at the end of main, George Wright's house, is probably one of the older ones, plus the old Wentworth house just west of the First Baptist Church and maybe the old Ballard house on the corner of 7th and Summitt. These are the ones that are still standing.

There is a picture of Friona's first doctor near Friona's first church that is also very neat. Keep in mind now folks, that I do not remember these things firsthand; I have studied the history of them. LOL

I hope you enjoy these pictures from our historic Friona file. We are very fortunate

that Friona had a photography shop way back when...and a photographer who was interested in recording history.

We hope that you and your families are all looking forward to a blessed Easter. Thanks to the Methodist Church for the wooden crosses.

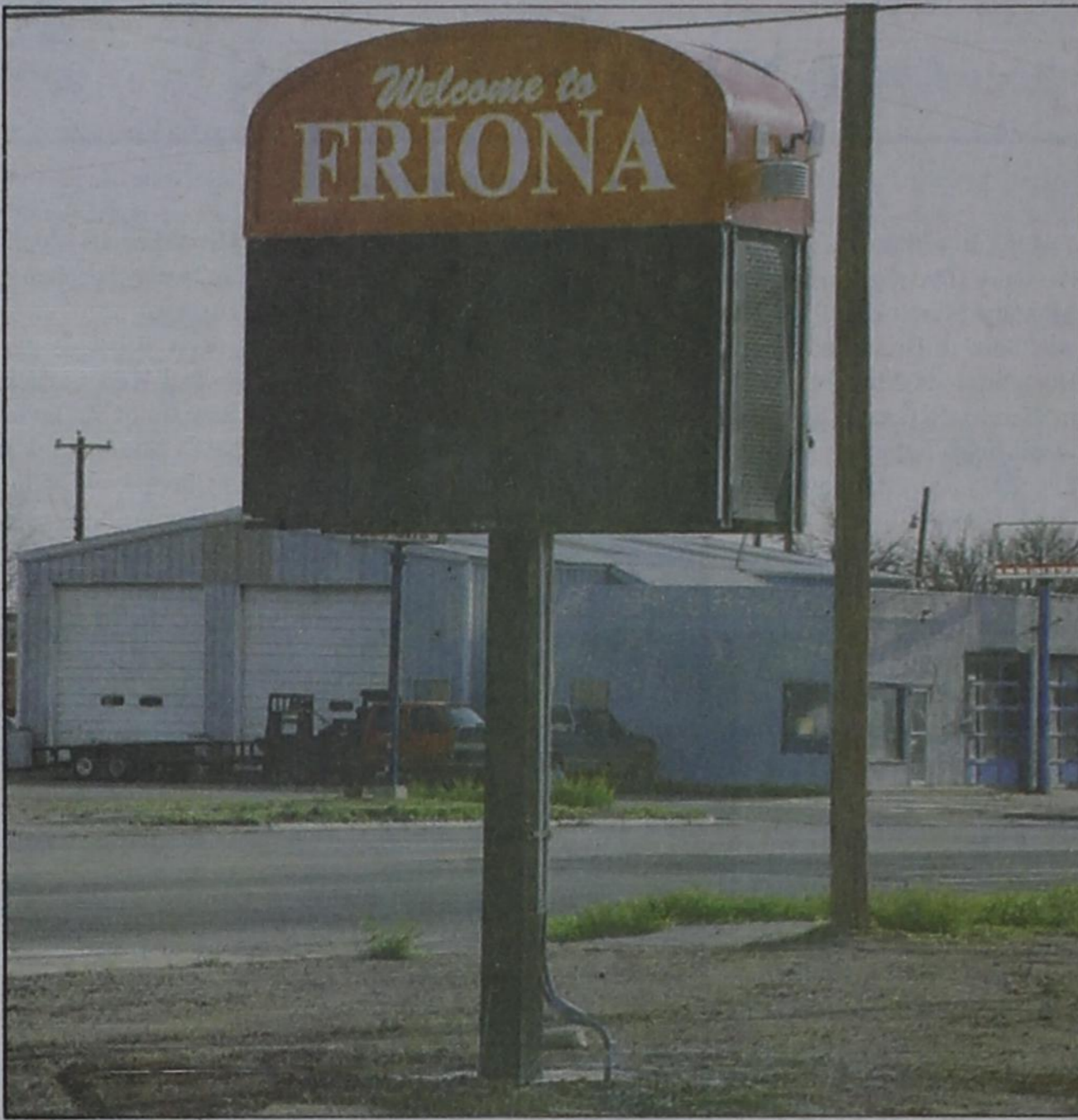
New on the bookshelf: the latest: Hank the Cowdog and the Almost Last Roundup #65 for those who are keeping track, Trisha's Table by Trisha Yearwood (she's revamped recipes to make them healthier); A Dangerous Place by Jacquelyn Winspear.

Don't forget to come in and see the Literary Baskets-- all 13 of them. Tickets are still just a dollar per chance to win and we have lots of neat projects we are supporting so y'all come! Friends always welcome new members and our newsletter will be out this week. Drawing on the baskets will be April 26th.

Looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt at Prairie Acres; they are always lots of fun.



The George Wright House.



ron carr photo

The new Welcome to Friona electronic sign on Hwy 60 by the post office has been installed and should be up and running soon. Messages will be posted by the Chamber of Commerce.



ron carr photo

The Friona blood drive last Thursday collected 53 donations. The Noon Lions provided hamburgers and cherry cobbler for the Coffee Memorial staff and the donors. Valeria Martinez was one of the donors being attended by Nicole Yocum of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Thanks for giving the gift of life.



dana jameson photo

Kitty Gallman, right, thanked Dr. Felipe Jubay for his service to the community at the Providers Reception held Thursday, March 26 at Parmer Medical Center



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Friona firefighters were called to a fire in the 600 block of Euclid Sunday evening about 8:00 p.m. The fire started at the rear of a residence but was quickly put out by the firemen, avoiding a potentially disastrous result. No cause of the fire was given.



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Brandon Slay, Olympic gold medalist for the United States in Freestyle Wrestling in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, addressed the crowd at the Friona Chamber Banquet.

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