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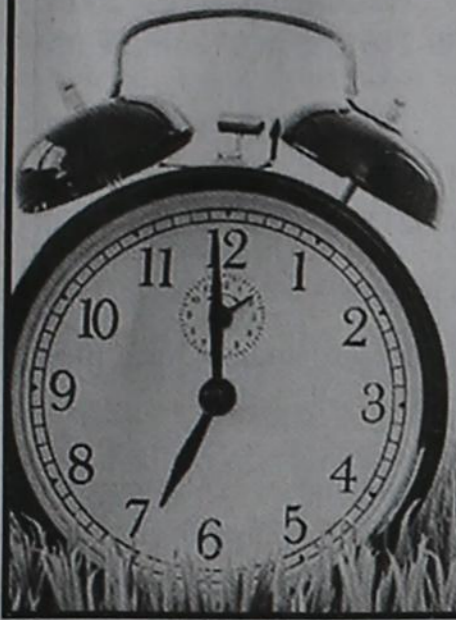
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Remember to turn your clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 8th



Love Fund for Javier Correa

A love fund has been set up at First National Bank Friona Banking Center for Javier Correa to help with medical expenses. Javier is in need of a heart transplant and will be traveling often to Houston for further testing to monitor his heart until he can get the transplant.

Brandon Slay to speak locally

Freestyle wrestling gold medalist Brandon Slay will be speaking to the youth of the community at 4 p.m. on March 26 at the First Baptist Church. Slay won gold at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Slay will also be the speaker at the 59th Annual Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet that evening.

Tickets for the banquet are available beginning March 5 at the Chamber Office at 621 Main or by calling (806) 250-3491. Tickets are \$25 and only available in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.



ron carr photo

This was a frequent sight at Sunday's donkey basketball game sponsored by the Friona FFA. Mason Loffin is either trying to get on or off his donkey as Kendall Barnett has a laugh. There was a good crowd in attendance and the students appeared to have a lot of fun entertaining the fans. More photos inside.



fire department photo

Front end damage to a PCS transport bus as a result of a wreck Monday evening on South Highway 214. The female driver was the only occupant of the bus. She and the driver of the car were transported to Parmer Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Monday accident injures two

Friona EMS and firefighters and a PCS transport bus collided left front to left front. The driver of the passenger car, a Guatemala native, was extricated from his vehicle by Friona firemen using their jaws-of-life tool. The female driver of the bus suffered a laceration near her left knee and the driver of the car had multiple injuries. Both were transported to Parmer Medical Center.

Kids Inc. registration

Registration for Friona Kids Inc. Baseball begins Friday, February 27 and will run through Friday, March 20. Children ages 4 through 13 are eligible to participate. Participants will be distributed to teams on March 26. The first Coach's meeting will be held at the Boy Scout hut on April 1. Games will begin Friday, May 1. Registration forms can be obtained by calling Tonia Abarca at (806) 240-2943 or Jamie Lewellen at (806) 206-0743. Registration fees are: T-Ball (4,5 & 6-year-olds) \$25; Coach Pitch (7 & 8-year-olds) \$30; Minor (9 & 10-year-olds) \$35; and Major (11, 12 & 13-year olds) \$40. Deadline to return completed forms with the registration fee is Friday, March 20, 2015 at 3 p.m. to the Friona Primary Office or the Friona Elementary Office. Checks can be mailed to Friona Kids Inc to 1205 W 6th St., Friona, TX 79035.

Council will cancel May 9 election

The Friona city council meets in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Monday March 9 in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public. One order of business will be to rescind a resolution to hold an election on May 9. Both the city council and school board had three openings available. Only three candidates signed up for each so an election will not be necessary.

The three incumbent council members, Alan Monroe, Bruce Fleming, and Nancy Davis, signed up for re-election. For the school board, incumbents Andy Montana and Antonio Rocha and newcomer Jason Rector signed up. Incumbent Mitchell Smiley did not sign up for re-election. Mayor Rick White will sign a proclamation of appreciation for our volunteer firemen.

Council will consider and take action to authorize the city manager to award bid to sell or exchange property owned by the city just north of AgTexas. The land is approximately 1.12 acres and has been proposed as a location for a new credit union building. The open bid to sell the property was published twice in the Friona

Star. An action to settle a dispute with N.G. Painting on the completion of the north water tower will be discussed and voted on.

The annual audit report will be presented by Randall Field, P.C. for the fiscal year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. The accounts payable and financial statement for February 2015 will be discussed for approval.

These agenda items are tentative and subject to change. By law the final agenda is posted on the front window at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Murder charges filed in Bovina death

An argument between two men in Bovina Monday night resulted in the stabbing death of Steven Dwayne Hanley, 31, of Bovina. Murder charges will be filed on Marko Garcia, 30, of Bovina who was arrested and remains in the Parmer County Detention Center. Hanley was transported by private vehicle to Parmer Medical Center where he was pronounced dead by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Sandra Clayton. An autopsy was ordered and performed in Lubbock Tuesday morning.

Hanley, who was employed by KAR, Inc. at Cargill, had moved to the area in January from the Oklahoma City area. Funeral arrangements will be pending in Oklahoma.



Marko Garcia

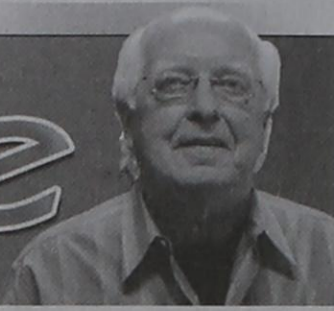


dana jameson photo

The ducks and geese at Reeve Lake came running when they were offered cheese crackers on a cold and snowy Sunday afternoon. When the box was empty their interest waned and they wandered off to do a little ice skating on the frozen pond.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Hillary

"Using private email, Hillary Clinton thwarted record requests."

Headline in the New York Times

Is she or isn't she?

Will Hillary Rodham Clinton ever announce she will run for president? It seems like there are unlimited Republicans that may run but only one Democrat is being mentioned and that would be Hill Rod. Joe Biden has hinted and he may very well run. A woman named Elizabeth Warren, who apparently lied about having some Native American blood to gain special favor, is being touted by the far, far left to run. Elizabeth is a Senator and an angry woman. She hates everything north of the poverty level including Wall Street and big banks.

Meanwhile, Hillary continues to bob and weave her way around the country, making big bucks for speeches and dodging most questions. As always, there are laws for the Clintons and laws for the rest of us.

There are many who say it doesn't matter who the Republican nominee is, Hillary will

win. There are many who will vote for Hillary and who want her to be president but cannot tell you why. There are many who will vote for Hillary because they want to see a woman president.

I'm always amazed by the stuff Hillary can get away with. Ever since she was First Lady, then a Senator from New York, then Secretary of State, to her pending run for President, she has pretty much ignored us commoners.

Now we hear that she conducted her Secretary of State business on her private email with a server at her home in New York. Way back when, Hillary lied about her legal files disappearing, only to have them magically reappear three years later on a dining room table at the White House.

Now she says she has turned all of her emails over to the State Department but there is no way to prove that since they came from her private email account. Does anyone possibly see the potential problem here?

It has also come to light that many foreign governments contributed big bucks to the Clinton Foundation during the

time she was Secretary of State. Does anyone see the potential extortion and bribery here?

Many Democrats have been asked to name one Hillary accomplishment during her Secretary of State years. As far as I know no one has been able to answer.

Do you remember when Hillary wrote a book and was traveling around on a book tour? She would come out on the stage carrying a book and try to convince people it was a bestseller. She looked pretty pathetic and I believe her book sales cratered pretty quickly.

Yet nothing phases Hillary. Not scandal, not lies, not laws, and certainly not common sense. She plods on, looking a little road weary and frumpy, promises not kept. She has very little personality, likes us to think she is just a common folk like us, tries to convince us she was once broke; and told an audience and national TV that "you know, corporations don't create jobs."

I'll be watching her potential run for president. "What difference, at this point, does it make?"

Apparently not much.

"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."

President Barack Obama

July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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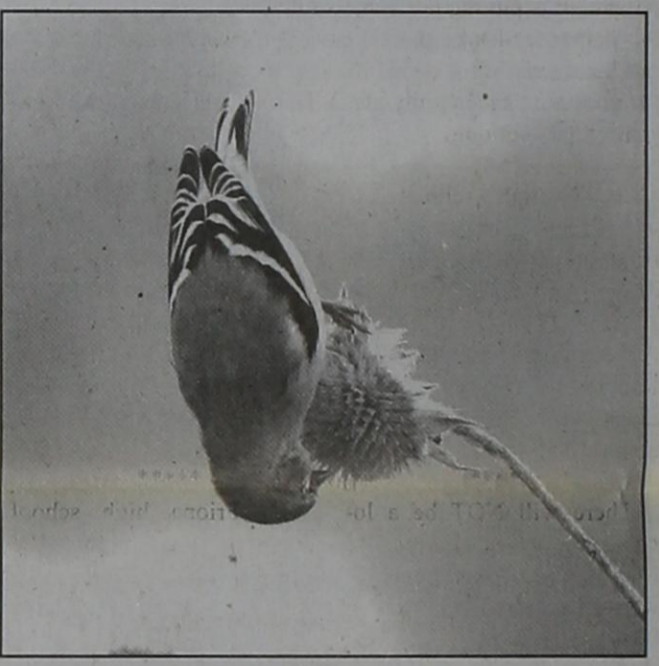
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ACROSS

- 1 Friona newspaper
- 5 Cresson once had the "___ Museum of Transportation"
- 6 TXism: "sounds like a dry ___" (bad singer)
- 7 TXism: "old ___ dirt"
- 8 TX Waylon album: "The ___ and Only"
- 9 "nap" south of the border
- 15 TX Perot founded "Electronic ___ Sytems"
- 16 he was a Cowboy player (1965-72) & coach (1972-80)
- 19 TXism: "mad as ___ on rooster"
- 21 Jennifer O'___ of "Rio Lobo" ('70)
- 22 foils or prevents
- 27 TX George H.W. said "___ my lips: no new taxes"
- 28 "watermelon" south of the border
- 29 kids can play this football at an early age in TX (2 wds.)
- 30 on OK border in NE Lipscomb Co.
- 32 ___ Edward's Univ. in Austin
- 33 TX poem says the devil "put ___ cactus, horns on toads"
- 36 this TX Brickell is wife of Paul Simon
- 37 past mgr. of King Ranch, Kleberg

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 1 mineral spring
- 2 state sales ___ is 6.25%
- 3 in Cass Co. on 59
- 4 this Lubbock base was closed in 1997 (3 wds.)
- 8 paddles
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TXism: "roosters crow, hens ___"

39 "mirror, ___, ___ the wall ..."

41 infamous TX Schlosser who killed her baby for God in 2004

42 TXism: "paddle your own ___"

45 direct selling beauty co.

46 giant American conglomerate

47 this St. Claire is a pen name of TX Sandra Brown

48 Cameron Park Zoo was "___ Tex Zoo"

49 TXism: "fast as oil from ___"

52 speed of music

53 early car

54 pen fluid

55 TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)

10 TXism: "___ cahoots with"

11 TXism: "let '___ rip!"

12 TX Cruz beat Paul Sadler in 2012

13 early Roy Orbison band: "___ Kings"

14 enthusiastic

15 several TX stories have been featured on "___ NBC"

16 distribution in "Texas hold 'em"

17 'er for "her," e.g. in Lubbock Co. on hwy. 84

18 TXism: "a ___ light idea" (inspiration)

19 solution on page 4

20 TXism: "mad as a wet ___"

21 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"

22 this Tom was a "Traveling Wilbury" with TX Roy (init.)

23 TXism: "mad as a wet ___"

24 unwanted plant

25 TXism: "growing like ___" (fast)

26 a Cincinnati Red from 1954-59

28 TX JoBeth '80 film: "___ Crazy"

31 TX "___ Brickell & New Bohemians"

34 TX Longoria

35 dir. from Quanah to Vernon

37 1982 sci-fi film with Jeff Bridges

40 TX Roy Orbison hit: "It's ___"

43 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"

44 West Africa republic

50 TXism: "small ___ in a big wheel"

51 Santa's word

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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr • Phone: 250-2211 • Fax: 250-5127 • Email: frionastar@wtrt.net

Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 a.m. Sunday March 8. Set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Remember, Spring forward. Also, Friona schools will observe spring break next week.

This up and down weather plays havoc with our life routines. It plays havoc with delivery of our Friona Star newspapers to out of town subscribers. We have had several "I didn't get my Friona Star" calls during the winter ice and snow. Obviously mail trucks and post office carriers face challenges when there is snow and ice on highways and sidewalks.

I have a by-mail subscription to the Clovis News Journal. They publish a paper six times a week, every day except Monday. Instead of receiving one a day, last week on Thursday I received five Clovis newspapers in my PO Box. Then I received two more on Saturday. There is no accounting for post office delivery to out-of-town readers, so be patient. If you don't get your Star on the day you think you should more than likely it is slow post office delivery (not the Friona post office). All we do is put the labels on the papers and take them to our local post office. Thanks for your patience. Spring and summer are coming.

Friona high school has 44 students going to state in band and choir. Seven students qualified in both band and choir. Congratulations to Allison Johnston and Chris Rackley and our talented students. We will have photos and more later.

There will NOT be a local election in Friona on May 9. There were three vacancies on both the school board and city council. Three people signed up on each so

an election will not be necessary. On the city council the three incumbents signed up: Alan Monroe, Nancy Davis, and Bruce Fleming. For the school board, incumbents Andy Montana and Antonio Rocha and newcomer Jason Rector signed up. School board incumbent Mitchell Smiley chose not to run for re-election. All will be sworn in at the May meetings.

Randy and Doreen Stone celebrated their 15th anniversary. Doreen had to celebrate her February 29 leap year birthday on February 28 but 2016 is leap year so she can celebrate her real birthday next year. Tonya and Kelly Lookingbill celebrated their 29th anniversary. Congratulations to all of these nice folks.

We like to see young folks come back home. Jacy (Grimsley) Weatherly and her family have moved back to Friona from Amarillo. Jacy is a pharmacist and will be commuting a couple of days a week to work at an Amarillo hospital. Her husband works in Hereford. Kyle and Heather (Clark) Grimsley are returning to Friona. Kyle is a DPS Trooper and will be assigned to our area. Good news all around. Welcome back.

Dana Jameson and I will be attending the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet next Thursday March 12 at the XIT Recreation Center. It is a nice facility and we are looking forward to the steaks and visiting. Tickets are \$15 each and available from Don or Gladys Spring or pay at the door. If you are attending let them know, 251-1552.

The Friona high school choir is selling Chieftain flip flops for \$20. Director Allison Johnston says they have all sizes available. See any choir member or Allison to

buy yours. You can let her know on Facebook or call or text her at 806-220-1610.

Enjoyed the Sunday Mexican dinner at St. Teresa's. A great plate and took home a pint of their homemade salsa. (Was not too crazy about the round chips though.) I want to compliment the junior high boys and girls that helped us get our food and tea and desserts to the table then came around often filling glasses, carrying away plates and cups, and cleaning tables. What a great bunch of nice polite friendly kids. They made the meal even better. Once again the Catholic ladies provided a great dining experience. Thank you all.

The first Class of 2015 senior banquet will be held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church Monday March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Mercedes Williams said she was ordering the sombrero this week and was planning the menu too. If the Baptist, Methodist, or Church of Christ has planned a senior banquet date please let us know.

After lunch Sunday I moseyed over to the gym to check out donkey basketball for a while. The event drew a nice crowd and the kids on the donkeys were pretty much hilarious. We took a lot of fun photos included this week. On the homemade sweets table I snagged a box of three dozen cream cheese chocolate chip cookies for \$10. The dessert sales were donations to the FFA students too. Thanks Diane White. Your cookies were scrumptious.

Kitty Gallman and Melanie Braun are holding garage sale #4 Saturday March 7 from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. at 306 W. 14th. This week features blankets, rugs, tablecloths, office and craft supplies,

some furniture and more, all from the estate of the late Clyde Black, Kitty's mom and Melanie's grandmother.

Our EMS and firemen first responders were dispatched Monday evening about 9:00 p.m. to a two vehicle accident on South Highway 214. Sheriff's deputies were also on the scene. Firemen used the jaws of life to extract one of the drivers. The two drivers were taken to Parmer Medical Center. Once again we thank our volunteer first responders for their service to the community.

Also want to give a shout out to the TxDOT workers that spent hours and miles in the cold plowing snow off the highways. And to the private citizen front loader guys that show up and clear off parking lots at businesses around town. We appreciate all of you too.

Prairie Acres administra-

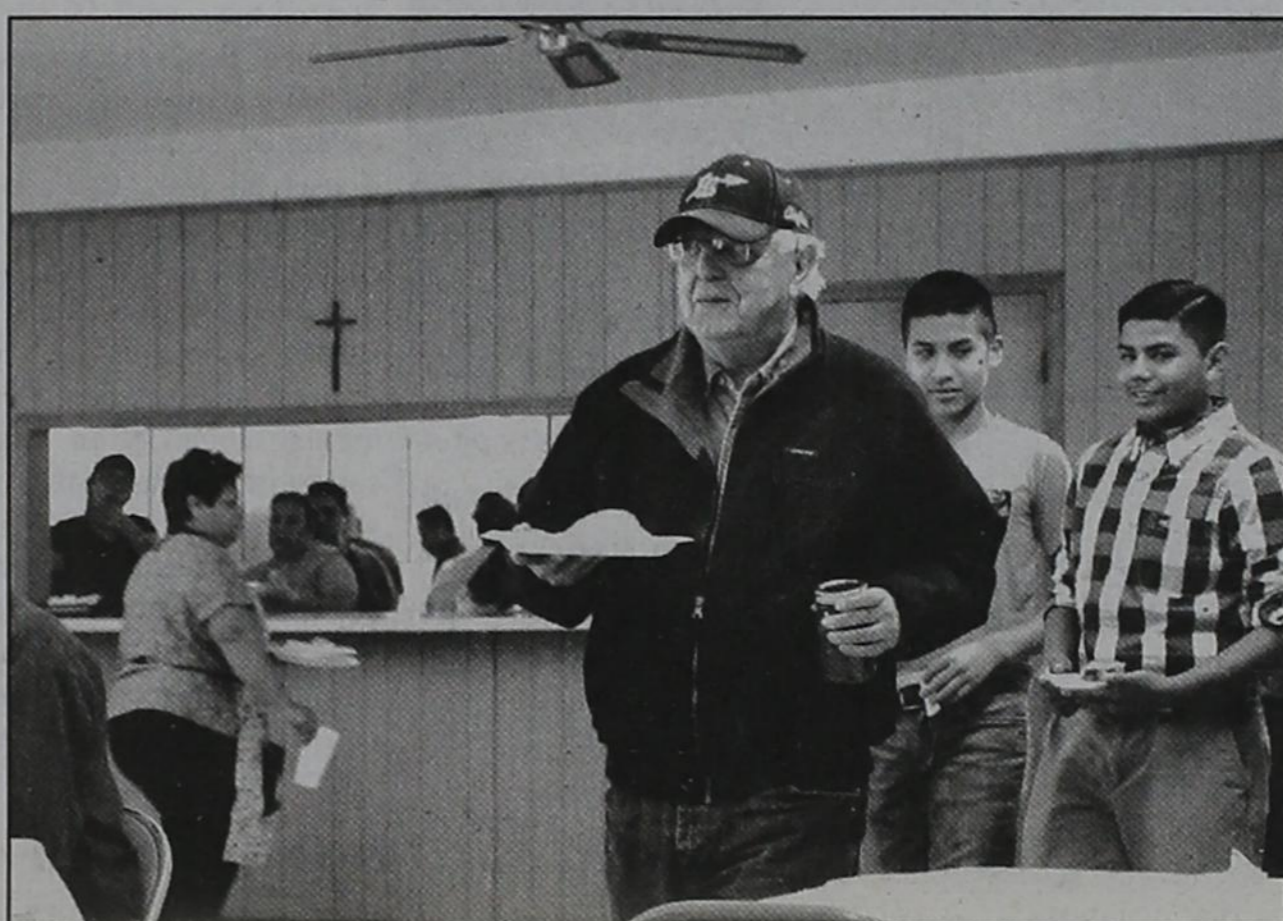
tor Billy Ray Johnston reports the census is below 40 at Prairie Acres and 12 at Heritage Estates. He says the reconstruction of the last several months is finished with new roof, kitchen, plumbing, electrical, new flooring in the front lobby and down the hall to the nurse's station, plus new furniture in the board room.

Resident of the month is Avanelle Sherrill and employee of the month is Jonathan Cruz who works in the dietary department and has been employed since November 2011. Elizabeth Williams is recognized for 15 years of service at Prairie Acres.

The Chieftains squeezed in a baseball game Tuesday afternoon. The Monday Dalhart game was moved to Tuesday because of the melting snow and a sloppy field. Some baseball dads helped coaches dry out the field during the day Tuesday, using fans and other devices. It was

the Chiefs first official game and they beat Dalhart 15-0 in the five innings mercy rule. I predict the Chiefs baseball team will have a good year. They have some big boys, lots of experience in returning starters, and new enthusiastic coaches in Jesus Quiroz and David Woods. Make plans to go watch a game.

Finally, many folks noticed that the sprinklers were watering at the city park last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday when there was snow on the ground. People called the city and the police department to report it. City manager Patricia Phipps explained they had to empty water from the north water well tank because contractors were coming to do maintenance inside the tank. They ran water at the cemetery and city park to empty the tank for cleaning. Now you have the rest of the story. See you back here next week. Until then!




rick castaneda photo
Friona Star publisher Ron Carr gets some help carrying his food, drink, and dessert at St. Teresa's Catholic Church Mexican dinner Sunday. Junior high students Rogelio Palacios, left, and Jonathan Torres were part of the junior high crew helping with the dinner logistics.



ron carr photo
Jim and Amelia Taylor, left, visit with Butch and Renee Preston at Sunday's St. Teresa's Catholic Church Mexican dinner. The weather was tolerable and a good crowd enjoyed the feast. The Catholic ladies say thanks to all who attended. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



Fun stuff in the news

We receive many emails that in most cases are considered 'junk'. We also take a good hard look at Facebook and much of it is 'junk'. Nevertheless, occasionally we find pearls in amongst the junk. Here are just a few.

NBCnews.com reported the following story. With all the snow the country has been receiving, there have been business opportunities that have sprung up. In this case a 'Yard Sale', literally.

If you REALLY LOVE snow, you can send your requests to purchase snow to Ship-SnowYo.com. Kyle Waring, the owner of the website, took a joke and turned it into a money-making business. His slogan is "Our nightmare is your dream!"

Waring stated that he was shoveling the front walk and joked that they should ship the snow to friends and relatives just to get it out of the front yard.

For \$89, you can receive a 'blizzard in a box' that weighs six pounds. If you prefer a larger 'blizzard', you can order a fourteen-pound box for \$169.

He says that in one day he received 30 orders. He will not ship 'blizzards' to the northeast. By mid-February, he shipped out more than 130 boxes.

Waring stated that the money earned would be given to charity.

He plans to 'branch' out next year by shipping New England fall leaves.

This story from the Association of Mature American Citizens brought a tear to my eye and gave me faith that there is good in the world.

A 10-year-old Texan, Savannah Solis, has been writing love letters. Not just any love letters but letters to the New York Police Department.

Young Solis became concerned about the NYPD and all police agencies after two officers were ambushed and murdered in New York City last December.

"My goal is to tell as many police officers as I can that I love them, and I am thankful for all that they do for us," Solis explained.

The NYPD officers collected enough money

to bring Solis to New York to express their appreciation of her gesture. A formal ceremony was held where Solis called them "my heroes". She also went on to say, "Many do not care or appreciate the sacrifices you make every day, but I do. Officers of New York City, you matter to me. Officers all across America, you matter to me."

How can you top that?

It was reported on WashingtonPost.com that as of Wednesday, February 25, 2015 that this is the longest period, 75 days, without a U.S. military combat-zone death since 9/11.

Previously, the longest periods that the United States has gone without a fatal military casualty since 9/11, all occurred in 2002 before the U.S. invaded Iraq. Those periods lasted 56 days, 48 days and 43 days, respectively.

Makes one wish it could always be so safe for our soldiers.

This bit of news made me scratch my head and ask, "Why?"

Foxnews.com reported that Kentucky Fried Chicken is unveiling an edible coffee cup in the United Kingdom.

The cups are to promote Seattle's Best Coffee. The mini-cups are cookie-lined wafer cups. They come in the 'feel good' scents of coconut sunscreen, freshly cut grass and wild flowers. The scents are mood-enhancing scents meant to evoke memories of summer holidays and warm weather. The aromas were chosen to make everyone smile.

Scientists have found that when we eat we use the sense of smell more than any of other the senses. Personally, I do not want to eat sunscreen, grass or flowers. However, I could be wrong.

Lastly, I was told the top two words for 2014 were 'hashtag' and 'selfie'. These two words were spoken more often than any other words in 2014.

I have never 'hashtagged' anything but I can say I have 'selfied' but not often. I wonder what the top words will be for 2015.

Have a great week!

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Lions Club News

Lion Randy McCasland presented the February 26 program for the Evening Lions Club. McCasland is the terminal manager for CHS Inc.

"The Friona plant is the only CHS that sells grain, liquid fertilizer and dry fertilizer at the same plant," stated McCasland. "We receive 200 trains with 100 plus cars each year. Then these products are shipped out to our customers in 160 to 200 trucks each day. Deliveries are made within a 200 mile radius."

According to McCasland, it takes seven minutes to load a dry fertilizer truck and fifteen minutes to load a liquid fertilizer truck. All weighing, billing and loading is controlled by computers.

"Efficiency and safety are our paramount concern at CHS," McCasland said. "Shut everything down" is the order if there is ever any danger."

The Friona CHS grain plant is fifteen years old and employs seven to ten people. The Friona plant is the most efficient of all the CHS plants.

CHS is a worldwide company and is a Fortune 100 Company. The headquarters are in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Special guest at the meeting were Cynthia McCasland, Tommie Boeckman, Jeannie and Larry Martin, and Wynona Martin.

The meal was provided by Country Rose Catering.



courtesy photo

CHS terminal manager Randy McCasland, center, presented the program at the February 26 meeting of the Friona Evening Lions. Also pictured are, l-r, Cynthia McCasland and Friona Evening Lions Club Sweetheart Aspen Fleming.

TCEQ unveils Take Care of Texas License Plate

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Take Care of Texas program today unveiled a specialty license plate, encouraging drivers to proudly show their commitment to the state's environment.

"With more than 9 million automobiles on the road in Texas, and about 80,000 miles of highway, a specialty

license plate gets noticed," said TCEQ Commissioner Zak Covar. "It's a great way to get the word out on our program."

The Take Care of Texas program encourages all Texans to help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste. Until now, the program has used more traditional outreach

mechanisms such as website, social media, and radio and TV public service announcements. The TCEQ worked with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to design a new license plate with the TCEQ's environmental slogan: Take Care of Texas. It's the Only One We've Got.

The cost of the new Take Care of Texas license plate is

\$30, with \$22 going directly to the Take Care of Texas program to further promote environmental education and outreach.

For more information on the program and how you can spread the Take Care of Texas message with a specialty license plate of your own, visit the Take Care of Texas license plate page.

Farmers and ranchers who signed Conservation Stewardship Program contracts in 2011 with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service have until March 31 to renew those expiring contracts for another five years.

Parmer County District Conservationist Earl Behrends said existing 2010 CSP contracts in Texas that will expire on Dec. 31 if not renewed. Behrends said landowners may renew their existing contracts on a non-competitive basis if they are willing to adopt additional conservation activities aimed at helping them achieve higher levels of conservation on their farms, forests and ranches. Farmers and ranch-

ers without CSP contracts can apply for the voluntary program until March 13, which is an extension of the previously announced deadline for new applications.

"CSP offers landowners the opportunity to be rewarded for the good resource conservation efforts they are currently undertaking," Behrends said. "This program provides additional incentives for them to continue their enhancements on a voluntary basis."

CSP will also help broaden the impacts of the Natural Resources Conservation Services' (NRCS) Landscape Conservation Initiatives through a new pilot effort where NRCS established target enrollment in Texas set at 45,000 acres

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: February 25, 2015

Gary Schueler, 54, of Waxahachie, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of theft of property more than \$20,000 and less than \$100,000. The case is pending in Grand Jury.

February 27, 2015

Francisco Velasquez, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of an accident involving damage to a vehicle more than \$200.00. The case is pending in County Court.

Courthouse Notes

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

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Elizabeth McLellan, Joe Lynn McLellan and Loy McLellan-Jason Wright Farms, Inc. and Melissa LaGay Wright, SW/4 of S2 Blk B Rhea Brothers, NW/4 S19 Blk A Rhea Brothers.

Deadlines for Conservation Stewardship Program

Farmers and ranchers who signed Conservation Stewardship Program contracts in 2011 with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service have until March 31 to renew those expiring contracts for another five years.

Parmer County District Conservationist Earl Behrends said existing 2010 CSP contracts in Texas that will expire on Dec. 31 if not renewed. Behrends said landowners may renew their existing contracts on a non-competitive basis if they are willing to adopt additional conservation activities aimed at helping them achieve higher levels of conservation on their farms, forests and ranches. Farmers and ranch-

ers without CSP contracts can apply for the voluntary program until March 13, which is an extension of the previously announced deadline for new applications.

"CSP offers landowners the opportunity to be rewarded for the good resource conservation efforts they are currently undertaking," Behrends said. "This program provides additional incentives for them to continue their enhancements on a voluntary basis."

CSP will also help broaden the impacts of the Natural Resources Conservation Services' (NRCS) Landscape Conservation Initiatives through a new pilot effort where NRCS established target enrollment in Texas set at 45,000 acres

for the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative, 90,000 acres for the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative and 2,500 acres for the Long Leaf Pine Initiative.

Behrends said changes in the 2014 Farm Bill allow CSP participants with expiring contracts to renew them by exceeding stewardship thresholds for two or more existing natural resource concerns or by meeting stewardship thresholds for at least two new natural resource concerns such as improving water quality or soil health. The 2014 Farm Bill includes an expanded conservation activity list that offers farmers more options to address natural resource challenges. New conservation activities include testing the effects of cover crops on soil quality, incorporating wildlife-beneficial management, and using

innovative irrigation efforts to reduce water use.

CSP pays participants for conservation performance—the better the performance, the higher the payment. Nearly 70 million acres have been enrolled in the program nationally since its launch in 2009. About 9,300 contracts covering 12.2 million acres in the U.S. are nearing the end of their five-year term.

Behrends said that all farmers and ranchers interested in CSP should contact their local NRCS offices, keeping in mind the two different deadlines for new contracts (March 13) and for contract renewals (March 31).

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted or a local USDA service center.

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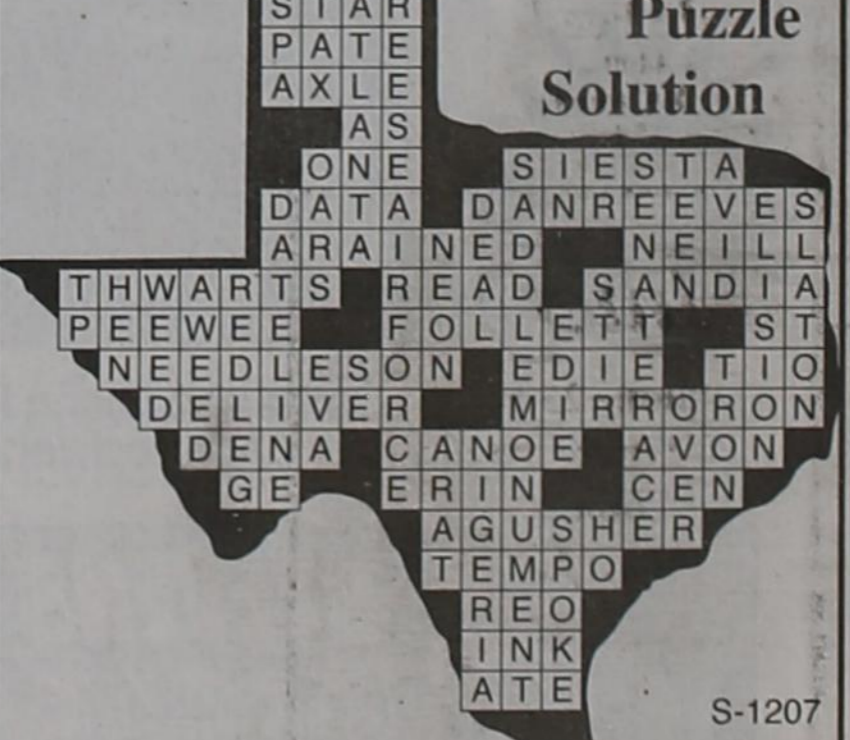
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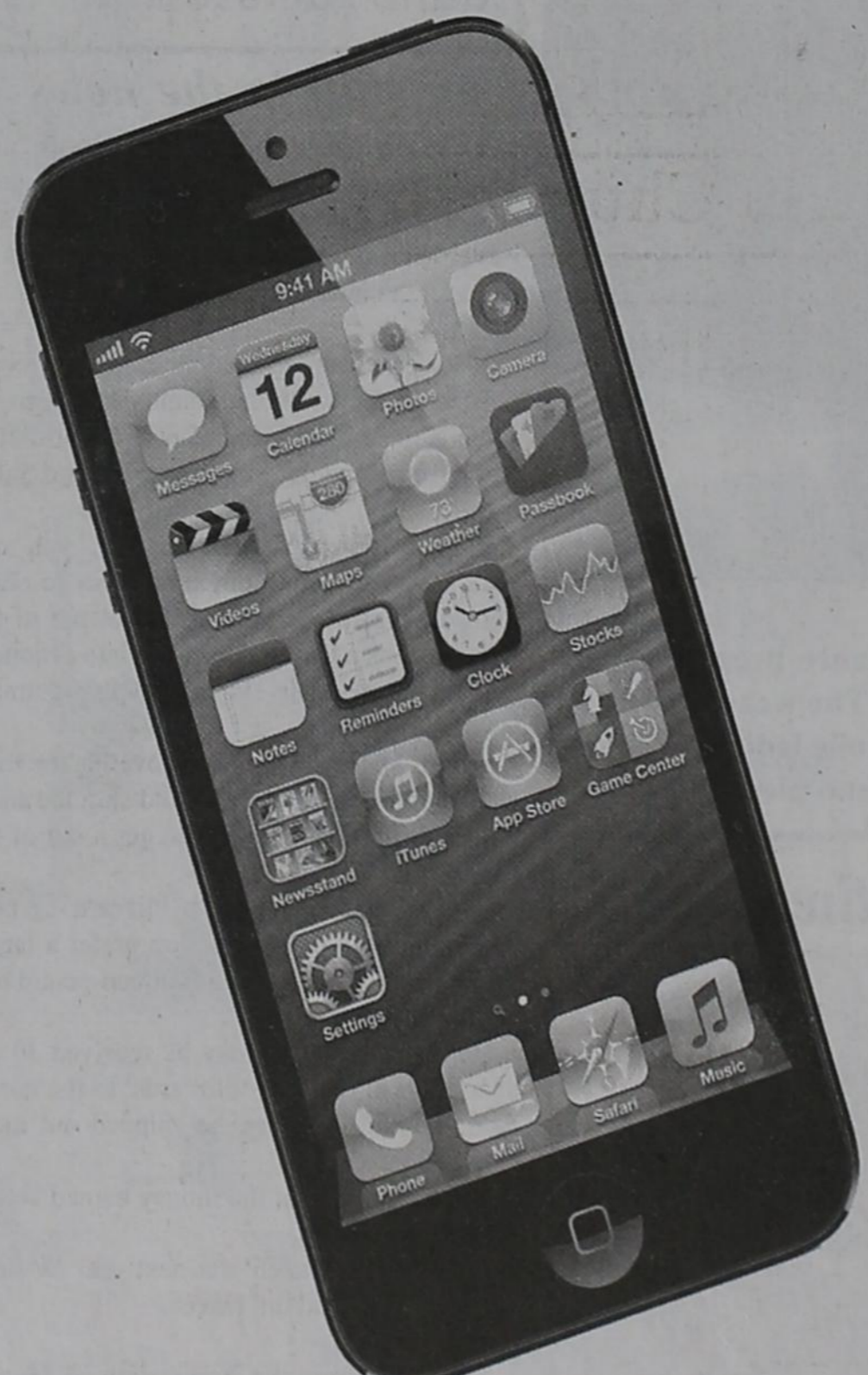


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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

If you were going to describe yourself with one word, what would it be? Having trouble with just a one-word description? What about ten words? In James 1:1, he describes himself simply as a servant. Nothing more, nothing less, simply "a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ." Of all the things one could be known for a servant of Jesus Christ is one of the best!

So how does one become a genuine servant of God? First, you must be born again unto salvation. This comes only when you repent of your sin and turn to Jesus Christ to save you.

You see, James grew up with Jesus, as they both had the same mother, and for a great deal of his life James did not believe in Jesus as Messiah, but all that

changed when he turned his life over to God and was saved from his sins. Next, to be a great servant you must be humble. James was humble, as seen in his life and service to the church, as well as giving himself the lowly title of servant. A great servant must also be a person of action. They talk the talk and walk the walk.

Finally, a true servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ must be a person of commitment. James was committed to the point of being martyred for following Jesus in 62 AD. His unwavering commitment allowed God to do great things in the kingdom of God for the glory of God.

May this also be true of us as we serve the Lord with humility, action and commitment.

Friend is like Jesus to me

By TEENA HUGHS

We all know someone who, for whatever reasons, thinks they are Jesus. However, I know someone who is about as close to Jesus as anyone I know. I call this person "Friend".

Friend is an appropriate name for this person, because we have no truer friend in our lives than Jesus. He is the only One we can count on every second of every day; Friend is someone people can count on any time, night or day. And, when people listen to a Friend, things always turn out right, just like they do when we listen to Jesus.

Friend is not particularly attractive to look at, and some scholars believe the same about Jesus. I have decided that if this is true, God created Jesus less than attractive so that humans would be attracted to Him for who He is and not because of what He looks like.

Friend has been through MANY trials, problems, and "hard knocks of life." Friend has been made fun of, looked down upon, and has been left out of many activities because Friend didn't have a lot of money and wasn't thought of as "cool". The reality is, being part of the "in group" or running with the most popular people never

has been important to Friend. You see, Friend has always been happy and at peace with the person God created Friend to be, and that was enough for Friend.

What is important to Friend is God and His Word, and how best to serve and love Him. Friend is loving, kind, compassionate, and accepting of everyone, including the very people who have caused trouble and made life difficult. Friend never gossips or degrades anyone. Friend always has a smile, and does not reveal what is going on in life unless asked. Even when describing the problems Friend is experiencing, you feel Friend's faith and peace in God. Friend lives life knowing God is going to work things out for the best, because God is in control, and Friend lets Him be in control.

Does Friend really exist? YES!

Can anyone be like Friend? YES; but, being like Friend is a choice, and it requires A LOT of effort.

Is it worth it to be like Friend? YES! Friend is God's good and faithful servant, and some day God is going to welcome Friend home by saying, "Well done"; words we should all desire to hear!

The Clothes Closet will be open
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The Clothes Closet is free to the public.

Panhandle Parables Yo-Yo Weather

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

I think this year we are getting our spring weather mixed in a few days at a time during winter.

Today as I write the high is around 60. By the time you get to read this the high will have been 27-30 and then back up to the 50s. The old saying, "if you don't like the weather hand around a half hour and it will change," has really been true this year. With all this up and down we have had moisture and for that we are truly grateful.

Life too, is often described as having ups and downs, mountain tops and valleys, of which is true enough, but sometimes difficult to manage. We do face good times and difficult ones. We face trials and victory. There are days and will be again that feel closer to an eternal bull ride, while other days are a stroll in a fancy carriage. Accepting this on some level as reality is difficult. I think most of us would prefer calmer, slower transitions into whatever is next.

So how does one cope with having chickens one minute and feathers the next?

Paul has a great answer, but one we often miss. Contentment. If we allow our circumstances to decide our joy then our joy will be fleeting not eternal.

Paul writes in Philippians something I suggest you go read completely in context. But for this article focus on Phil. 4:11-13 "[11] Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (ESV) Often we isolate verse 13 to be a verse to conquer our goals and fulfill our dreams. But that is out of context. Paul is reminding us to be content, even when we have great need, because our joy is not dictated by our circumstance.

A difficult but valuable lesson when dealing with the ups and downs of life.

OBITUARY

Gwen Graves

Gwen Graves, 85, of Dumas, passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Memorial services were held Friday, February 27, 2015 at Morrison Memorial Chapel with Rev. Tom Wylie, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Private family interment was in Dumas Cemetery. Services were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.



Gwen was born on May 22, 1929, in Merkel, TX to L.B. and Ida Gertrude (Higgins) McLain. Upon Ida's passing L.B. married Pearl Mickey who raised Gwen from the age of six. On November 20, 1946, she was united in marriage to I.T. Graves in Martin County, TX; he preceded her in death on October 13, 2014.

Gwen loved to read and especially enjoyed playing bridge. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband I.T., she is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry

Graves; and a granddaughter, Avry Graves.

Gwen is survived by her sons, Travis Graves and wife Ann of Smithville, TX, and Mark Graves and wife Susan of Dumas; a sister, Patsy McLain of Houston, TX; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorial be made to Avry Graves Sunset Memorial Fund, 7925 Mitcham, Amarillo, TX 79121.

Online condolences can be made on www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com

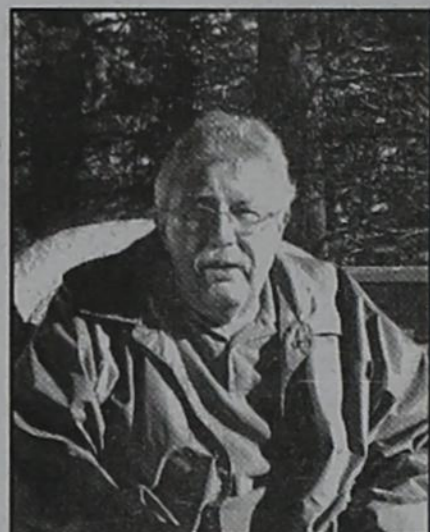
Clark "Scotty" Scott

Clark "Scotty" Scott died on February 15, 2015 at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, Texas at the age of 65. A memorial service will be held at the Lodge Resort in Cloudfroft, New Mexico on March 14 and at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson, Texas on March 28.

Clark was born in Denver, Colorado in 1949. He attended the University of Northern Colorado and later Texas Tech University where he earned an M.A. in Math Education. A long-time Math instructor, Clark taught high school math in Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico, teaching at Friona Schools from 1989 to 1997. He was recognized by his students and fellow educators as a passionate, caring teacher. He had a great love of music and sang and played the guitar his entire life. He loved being outdoors in the mountains and enjoyed his final years in Cloudfroft, New Mexico.

Clark was a loving husband, brother, father and a compassionate teacher. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and students.

He is survived by his wife,



Liz Scott of Cloudfroft New Mexico; his mother, Inge Trelstad; his sister, Ingrid Hillebrand; his three children, Nathan Scott, Mariah Rushing, John Freeman; and four grandchildren, Luke and Josh Scott and Ella and Jack Freeman.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Clark M. Scott Memorial Scholarship benefiting Friona High School can be made by contacting clarkscottscholarship@gmail.com.

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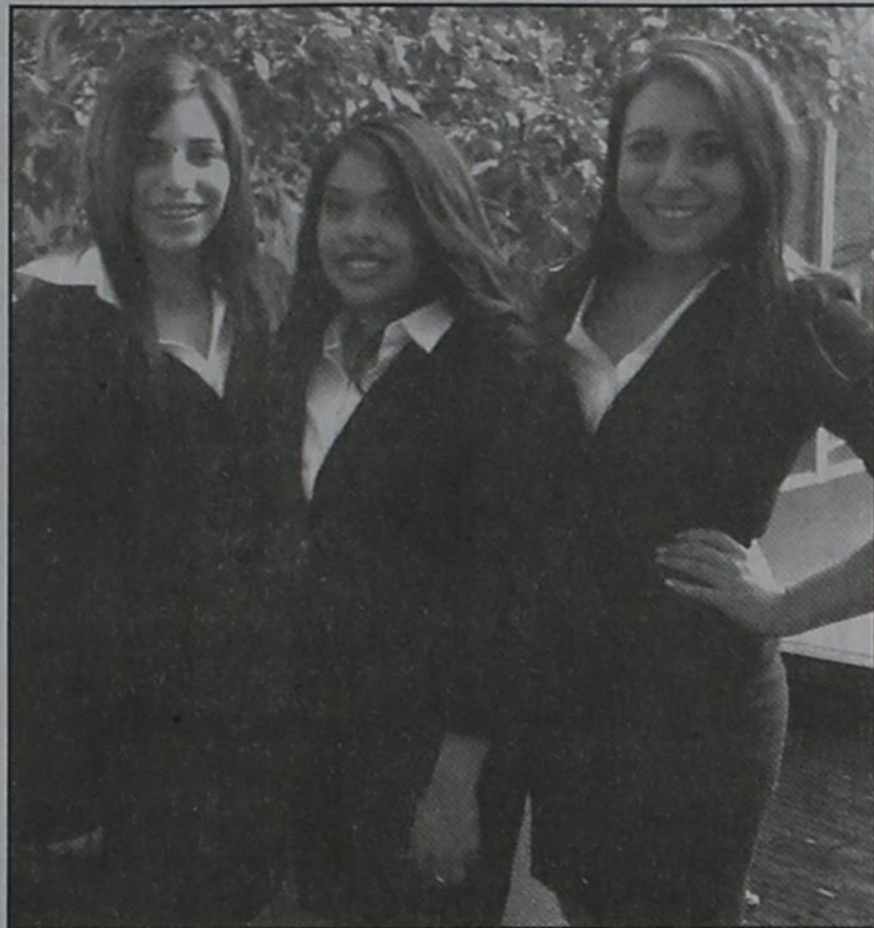
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FCCLA teams advance to State

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Also advancing to State competition are Danielle Ortiz, Dayana Prieto and Jessica Vital with the Chapter Service team; The Promote and Publicize team of Karina Hernandez, Bianca Arellano and Josephine Samarron; and the Advocacy team of Aspen Fleming, Gladwyn Senibalo and Alexa Garcia.

The FFCLA teams will present at the State level in Corpus Christi April 8-11.



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FCCLA Promote & Publicize team Josephine Samarron, Bianca Arellano and Karina Hernandez.



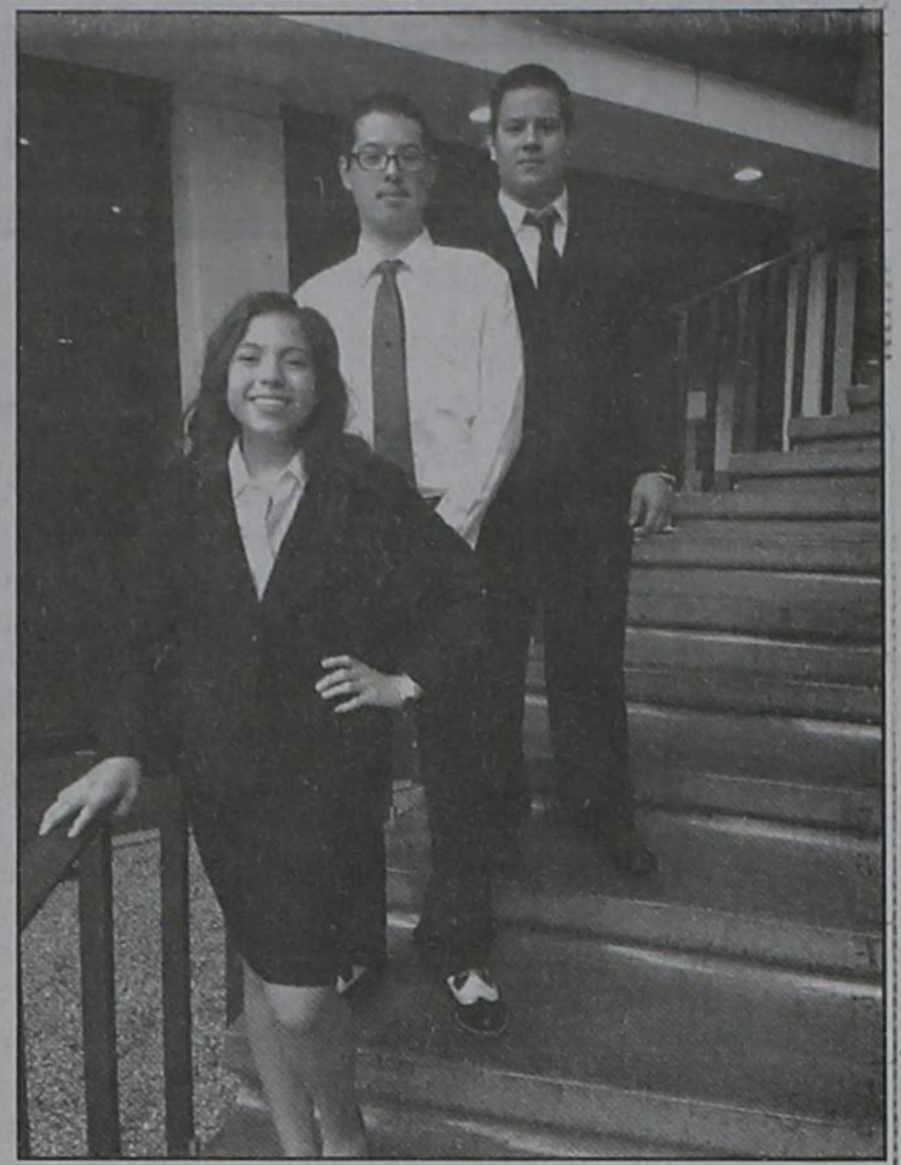
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FCCLA Chapter Service team Danielle Ortiz, Dayana Prieto and Jessica Vital.



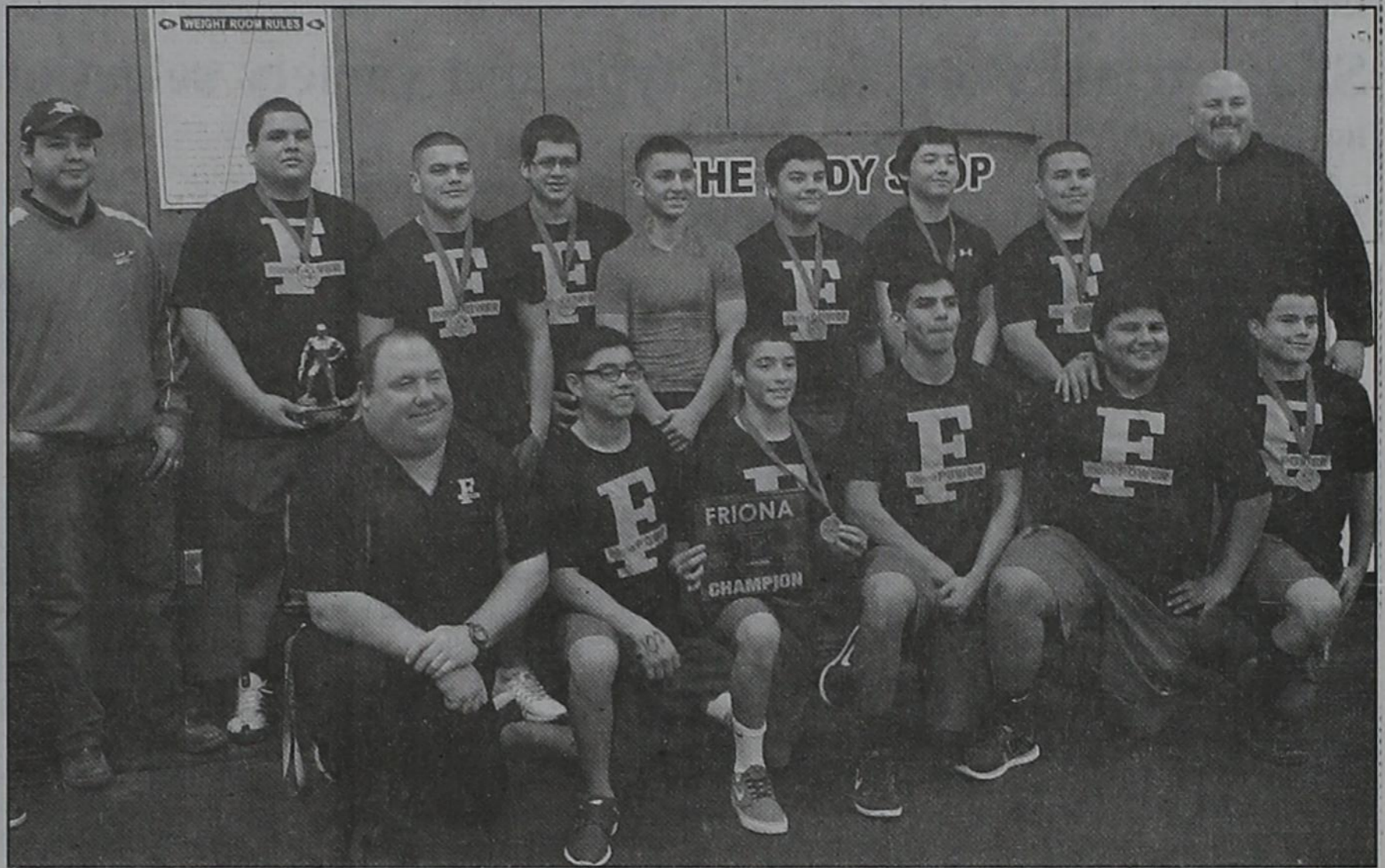
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FCCLA Advocacy team Gladwyn Senibalo, Alexa Garcia and Aspen Fleming.



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FCCLA Sports Nutrition team Briana Alvarado, Juan Jaramillo and Carlos Zazueta.



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Friona powerlifters, front row, l-r, Coach David Towner, Alex Licerio, Mario Hernandez, Alvaro Gardea, Miguel Davila, Juan Macias-Martinez; back row, l-r, Coach Fernando Moreno, Edgar Guerrero, Juan Samarron, Isaac Summerlin, Rocky Barrios, Guillermo Quintana, Joel Cigarroa, Luis Rodriguez, and Coach Daniel Hutchins.

Powerlifters qualifying meet in Friona

At a powerlift meet in Friona Saturday February 28, the Chieftains placed 1st followed by Dimmitt 2nd and Highland Park 3rd. Individual results:

1st place, Mario Hernandez 114 lb class 635

lb total; 1st place, Luis Trejo 132 lb class 990 lbs total; 1st place Edgar Guerrero super heavyweight class 1,785 lb total.

2nd place, Juan Macias-Martinez 148 lb class 955 lb total; 2nd place Juan Samarron 198 lb class 1,165 lb total. 3rd place, Joel Cigarroa 181 lb class 1,055

lb total. 4th place, Luis Gomez, Claudia Correa, Rodriguez 198 lb class 915 lb total. 5th place Guillermo Quintana 198 lb class 870 lb total; 5th place Isaac Summerlin 220 lb class 825 lb total.

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Jarret White exhibited his barrow at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. White's barrow placed 6th and made the premium sale.

Stock show season busy for FFA

The Friona FFA members have been busy since January with stock show season.

Tyler Hough, Truman Hough and Seth Murphree exhibited goats at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Murphree exhibited a 15th place goat while Antonio Adame exhibited a 7th place Finewool Cross lamb. Dan O'Brian, Hadley White, Adaline White and Jarret White exhibited barrows at the Fort Worth.

Several Friona FFA members exhibited barrows at this year's San Angelo Stock Show. These members were Dan O'Brian, Carter Gilley, Kambree Kimbrough and Jarret White.

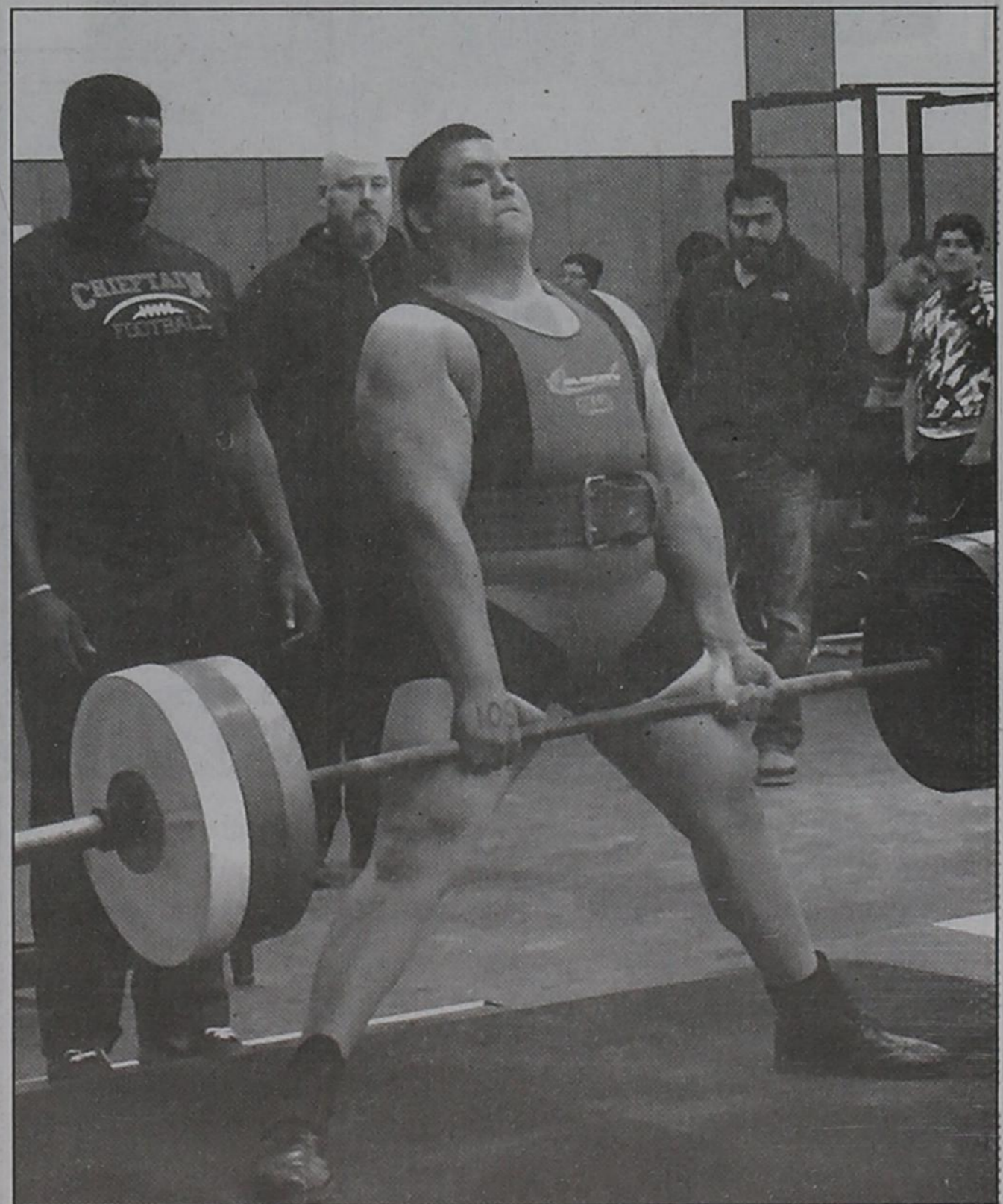
Erica Barrera exhibited a Finewool lamb at the San Antonio Stock Show while Tyler

Hough, Truman Hough and Seth Murphree exhibited their sheep.

Barrow exhibitors at the San Antonio show were Courtney Bunker, Bryce Bunker, Andrea Juarez, Brayden Pope, Keegan Hurst, Kendall Barnett, Josh Barnett, Dan O'Brian, Carter Gilley, Hadley White, Adaline White and Jarret White.

Jarret White exhibited a 6th place Hampshire barrow at this year's show and made the premium sale.

Dan O'Brian, Carter Gilley, Hadley White, Adaline White and Jarret White will be exhibiting barrows at the Houston Livestock Show on March 15-16.



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Chieftain super heavyweight state champion powerlifter Edgar Guerrero at the Friona qualifiers meet. Looking on are Coach Dannon Wafer, left, and Coach Daniel Hutchins. Guerrero had a total lift of 1,785 pounds at the Friona meet and is looking to return to the state meet March 27 in Abilene.

Library Corner By Darla Bracken

Friendship Quilts

Friendship quilts...I first became acquainted with them in about 1960 when my mother, Marie Perkins, helped make one for a co-worker. She and her fellow school cafeteria ladies made one for a longtime quilter, Irene Pope. Each lady pieced a block of the same pattern in colors and fabric of her choice with their names embroidered onto the blocks. The blocks then were all stitched together into a quilt as a parting gift for their friend when she retired. Mother later inherited the quilt after Irene "Popie" passed away.

Friendship quilts, also known as signature, autograph or album quilts were as varied as the quilters who made them and trace their beginnings back to around 1840. Friendships and extra fabric scraps were indeed scarce and valued both for the

beauty and their usefulness. Patterns reflected their lives: parting with friends and family, traveling to unknown destinations and provided a little measure of comfort to the women as they faced the sometimes difficult changes in their lives. Many times they would then gather together to quilt the finished product.

Patterns included Chimney Sweep, Nine Patch, Open Star, Rocky Road to Kansas, Road to California or Oregon Trail, Broken Dishes, Log Cabin, Bear Paw, Pine Tree, Wild Goose Chase as well as Churn Dash or Monkey Wrench, Prairie Queen or Crazy Quilt, Jacob's Ladder or Rose of Sharon. Almost any pattern could be adapted to include the names, dates and memories included in a friendship quilt. Today, we might call them memory quilts which include photographs and other

tokens provided by technology. If they were industrious enough, each lady pieced enough blocks to exchange with 10 or 15 friends and then they all would have a quilt! Imagine how treasured these quilts were when blankets and other bedding items were not as readily available as they are today. "When I get lonely, I read the names on my quilt. It was like them putting their arms around me and giving me a hug." Names were added in indelible ink, cross stitch or embroidery stitches as well as stamped images.

Many times friendship quilts were constructed to help raise funds for important causes as was the case in our very own Parmer County Historical Museum. The adobe chapel constructed after fire destroyed the original frame structure had as a fundraiser a friendship quilt, autographed by

all the members. A sad note: on the very Sunday of the dedication of the new chapel in 1923, tragedy struck when two Reeve brothers, Mark and Russell, drowned in a local playa lake. This original quilt is in the museum.

Another friendship quilt also in the museum was made for Norman "Skip" Sirmic, a local pastor and also the son of a pastor at the Congregational Church, when he and his wife Angela moved from Friona. Norman later was the victim of the infamous railroad killer and that quilt also is included in the museum's collection; both very sad notes in the history of the church. Precious memories, nonetheless, were preserved in the cloth chronicles of a friendship quilt.

As I was writing this column today, a friend came in the library and requested that I sign

a block on her friendship quilt, the first time in my life that I have done so. Awesome! A very beautiful Friendship Quilt done by the Stitching Post Quilting Guild is on display in the newly redecorated foyer at Prairie Acres and served as the inspiration for this writing.

New quilt books added: Four Centuries of Quilts: the Colonial Williamsburg Collection, Remember Me: Women and their Friendship Quilts, 500 Traditional Quilts and Quilts in Everyday Life, 1855 - 1955: a 100 year Photographic History.

Other new arrivals and new-on-the-bookshelf: All the light we cannot see by Anthony Doerr and Assassin by Clive Cussler.

P.S. Thanks to Gladys Spring for help with the story of the Friendship Quilt as a fundraiser for the adobe chapel. db

Silage trials show forage type and variety selection key to yield and quality

By Kay Ledbetter

Ongoing Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service sorghum silage trials have revealed forage type and variety are key considerations to optimizing both quantity and quality, according to two specialists.

Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said the 2014 trials in Potter County under center pivot irrigation evaluated 90 forage sorghum silage varieties for optimal yield and quality.

Bell said because silage is in high demand by both feedyards and dairies in the High Plains, she and Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist of Amarillo, are taking a closer look at what makes a difference in production outcomes, especially on sorghum silage.

"In many areas with declining well capacities, sorghum silages are a great alternative to corn silage," Bell said. "Producers can achieve very good sorghum silage yields with about half the irrigation water requirement of corn silages."

But, she said, "not all sorghum silage varieties are created alike. There is great variability in yield and quality between varieties, which is why the AgriLife Extension variety trials are used by many producers as they make their variety selections."

"Variety selection is really key to achieving optimum yield and quality," she said. "It is important to evaluate the different sorghums used for forage and silage production. When we discuss types, there are forage sorghums,

sudangrasses and sorghum-sudangrasses."

In these different types, Bell explained, there are normal or conventional varieties, brown midrib varieties that have decreased lignin and increased digestibility, and several different maturity classes, including photoperiod-sensitive varieties.

The initiation of reproduction by the photoperiod-sensitive varieties is regulated by day length, McCollum said. Reproductive activity will not begin until day length is less than 12.3 to 12.5 hours. In the High Plains, this is about mid-September. As a result, these varieties will not flower until mid-October, if weather permits.

Bell said the 2014 trials included 44 non-brown midrib varieties and 46 brown midrib

varieties. Of the entries, 15 were photoperiod sensitive. She said varietal selection showed up during the trials as the key to achieving optimum yield and quality.

"We saw a wide range in yields among the varieties," she said. "Our maximum yield was 39.8 tons per acre at 65 percent moisture, while the lowest yielding variety was 11.3 tons per acre at 65 percent moisture. The trial average was 21.7 tons per acre at 65 percent moisture. We had some very good yielding varieties."

However, Bell said, 2014 growing conditions significantly affected yields. While 8.5 inches of irrigation was applied, the plots received 9.2 inches of in-season precipitation.

"In addition to very timely in-season precipitation that greatly enhanced crop production, we received 5.3 inches of precipitation in May and June prior to planting, which provided very good stored soil moisture," she said.

Bell said there were also significant differences in quality between varieties.

"We evaluated crude protein, acid detergent fiber, neutral detergent fiber, lignin, starch, neutral detergent fiber digestibility and relative feed quality," she said. "In general, the brown midrib varieties had the greatest digestibility and crude protein values, while the photoperiod-sensitive varieties tended to be lower quality and the others in between."

Bell said because the photoperiod-sensitive varieties remain in the vegetative stage of development longer, average yields were greatest; however, lignin was greater and digestibility was lower, which is reflected in lower relative feed quality scores.

McCollum said in the 2014 trials, as in previous years, there was a great deal of overlap in quality among these different genetic types, "so comparing actual trial data for

specific varieties is a better selection approach than simply using genetic type."

"Selection of a silage variety should first consider where the silage will be placed in the nutritional management program of the end user," he said. "Some production systems need higher feed quality and yield may be a secondary consideration, while other systems may be less focused on feed quality and yield may be a greater consideration."

"One variety or type does not necessarily fit all, especially when we reframe the thought process and include the water needs and irrigation capabilities in the discussion rather than just focusing on the end use of the silage," McCollum said. "The diverse types and varieties give a producer and an end user the capability of fitting a variety to

their capabilities and needs."


Harvest timing is also very important with regards to silage quality, Bell said. The ideal harvest time optimizes both quantity and quality of the forage, but with silage, "we also must consider harvest moisture, which affects the packing of the silage and silage quality."

In this trial, all varieties were harvested at or near the soft dough stage.

"Harvest timing is critical if an end user is relying on grain production in the silage crop," McCollum said. "If harvest is delayed beyond soft dough, digestibility of the starch in the sorghum berries declines severely. It is best to err on the early side of harvest rather than the late side."

Complete results of the forage trials will be available at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu>

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DPS offers Spring Break Safety Tips

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to drive responsibly and to take extra precautions as they make travel plans during Spring Break.

“With students and families out of school and off work, the weeks during Spring Break can result in an influx of traffic on Texas roadways,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “DPS urges all drivers to do their part to help keep the roads safe for all travelers by adhering to safe driving practices and always driving sober.”

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it’s the law.

Don’t drive fatigued, and

allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

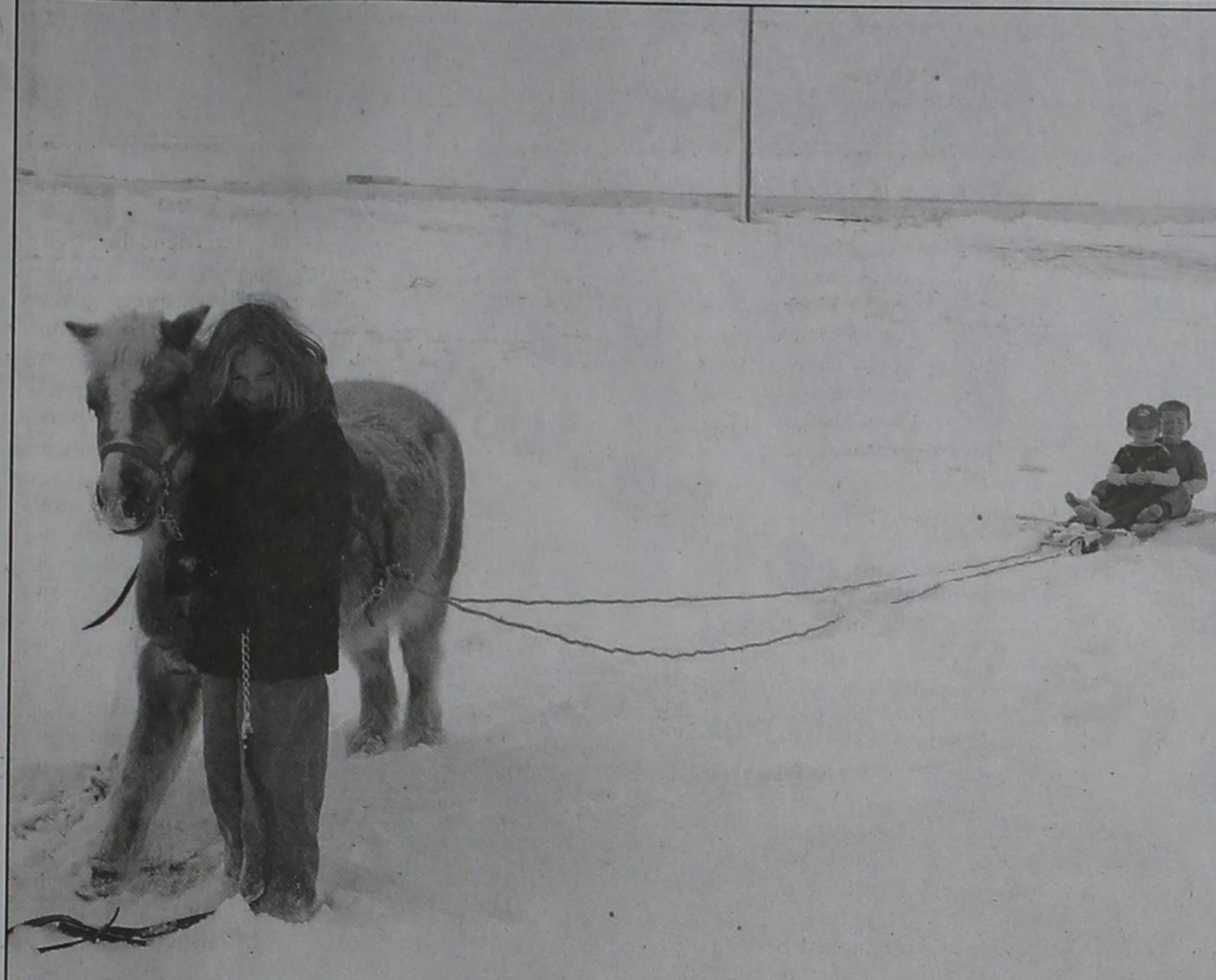
Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it’s the law.

DPS also urges Texans to avoid travel to Mexico.

The Mexican government has made great strides battling the cartels, and the department commends their continued commitment to that effort.

DPS also has a responsibility to inform the public about safety and travel risks and threats, and based on the unpredictable nature of cartel violence and other criminal elements, the department urges individuals to avoid travel to Mexico at this time.



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Bobby Tyler sent in a photo of Maddie, Dylan and Logan Tyler with Pistol Pete playing in the recent snow. Thank you Bobby for sharing.



dana jameson photo

Susan Gonzalez prepared tacos during the St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner on Sunday. The St. Teresa ladies prepared a delicious meal of enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice and homemade desserts.



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Helen Pharis (Patty's mother), Patty and Homer Haile are lined up for a delicious plate of Mexican food while Mercedes Williams looks on.

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