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Attention Friona JH Football Players:

Sizing of athletes for their equipment will be held on August 20 at the Junior High Fieldhouse. Equipment handout time will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Your attendance is very important! If you cannot make that time, you will be issued your equipment on the first day of school.

6th grade orientation August 20

A 6th grade orientation will be held Thursday, August 20 at 10 a.m. in the junior high band hall. Students are reminded to be on time. Letters were sent to students the week of August 10.

All incoming sixth graders are encouraged to attend this orientation, as they will be given information on expectations, procedures, and opportunities as well as receive their course schedules. Sixth grade students may bring their school supplies that day and place them in their lockers.

Students who attend this orientation meeting will have a smoother first day of school on Monday, August 24.

Returning 7th and 8th grade students should receive their schedules in the mail the week of August 17. If your mailing address has changed since May and you have a 7th or 8th grader you are encouraged to notify the junior high office at 250-2788 before Friday, August 14.

All junior high students and parents should look online at frionaisd.com and click on the junior high page to find the dress code. The dress code will be enforced starting the first day of school.

The supply list can be found at frionaisd.com and was printed in the July 30 edition of the Friona Star.

The daily start time for the junior high is 7:55 a.m.



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Parmer County Chief Appraiser Jill Timms addresses the Friona city council at Monday's meeting. After her presentation the council adopted a .7512 per \$100 of assessed value tax rate, a decrease from the previous rate of .7979. Clockwise from the right are Alan Monroe, Martha Barker, city manager Patricia Phipps, Mayor Rick White, Bruce Fleming, Nancy Davis, and assistant city secretary Rosa Mendoza.

Council approves lower tax rate

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday August 10. Councilman Greg Lewellen was absent, Mayor Rick White presided.

The first item of business was to hear from Parmer County Appraisal District chief appraiser Jill Timms about setting the property tax rate for the new fiscal year, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. After a brief discussion the council approved a .7512 rate per \$100 of assessed value, a decrease from the current rate of .7979.

After her visit to the city council meeting Mrs. Timms was scheduled to give presentations to the Friona, Bovina, and Lazbuddie school boards. She had a busy night.

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave the July police activity report. The officers made 111 stops in July

and issued 57 citations. They had a total of 250 calls for service.

A property bid on 1.08 acres was awarded to the credit union and the city approved the purchase of 160 acres north of the city from John Mars. A discussion on a rate increase by Republic Services for trash pickup in the city was held but no action taken. The city manager was authorized to transfer funds from the water & sewer to the general fund, from the sewer account to the interest and sinking fund, and from the general fund to the fire department. She was also authorized to transfer funds for Prairie Acres as needed until the ownership transfer is official.

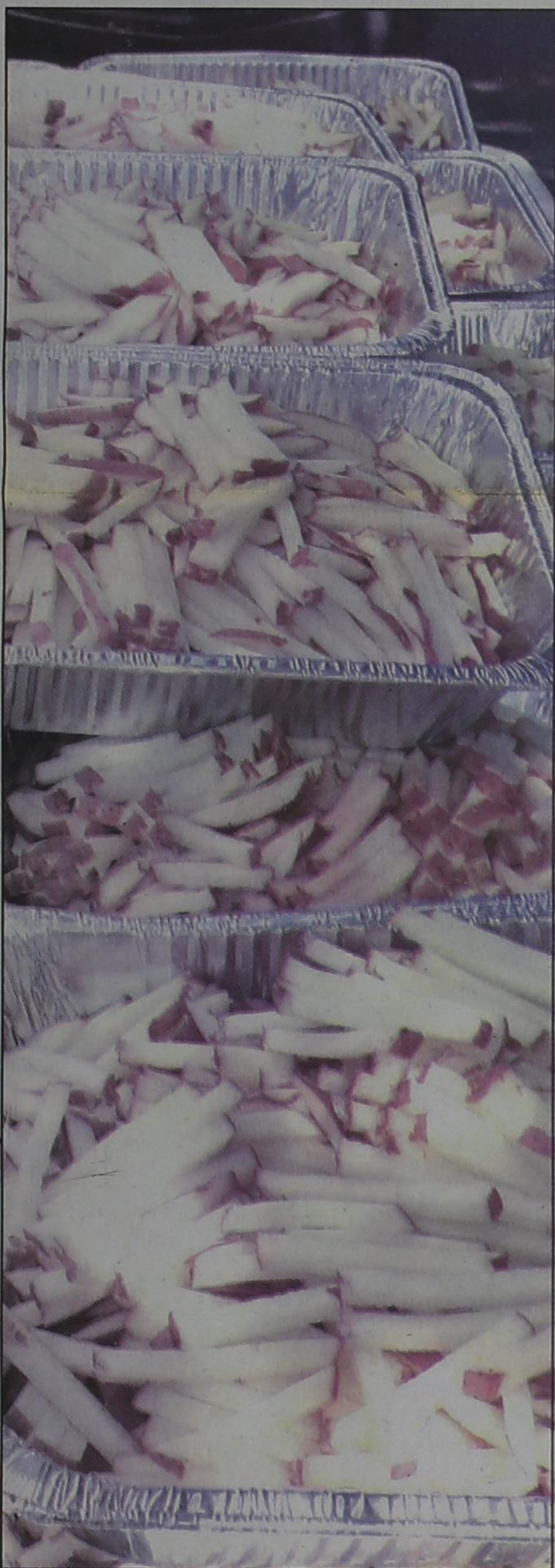
At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, the council approved sidewalk sale permits for all mer-

chants every year during Maize Days, Cheeseburger Festival, July 4, and Christmas in the Park. It means merchants can hold a sidewalk sale during those four events without individual permits.

The council reviewed and approved an updated ordinance pertaining to firearms and shooting ranges within the city limits outlining the limits and penalties.

The council will hold a budget workshop August 31 at 6:30 p.m. On that agenda the council will face the discussion of an increase of 25% in health insurance premiums for city employees.

The next regular meeting of the city council will be Monday September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.



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Pans of potatoes, shredded and waiting to become world famous Noon Lions Club French fries at the Saturday evening Friona Youth Dayz rally at Chieftain Field. The club donated, cooked, and served the fries as one of its community projects.

All-School Reunion deadline here

Attention: All Friona ex-students and teachers the All-School Reunion will be September 19, 2015. A short program followed by a meal will begin at 6 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. Deadline for registration is August 15. Please send \$15 per person to Marca Herring, c/o Friona InterBank, P.O. Box 549, Friona, TX 79035. Please make checks payable to Friona Ex-Student Association.

Meet the Teacher, Title I meeting

Friona High School will host a Meet the Teacher, Title I Meeting, and Accountability review for all students and parents, Friday, August 21 from 1-4 p.m. The general meeting will be held in the cafeteria beginning at 1:00 p.m. Students/parents may then tour the building and meet their teachers on their own. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Commissioners okay courthouse repairs

Parmer County commissioners met Monday August 10 in Farwell.

They approved the 287th Judicial District biennium budget for the probation office. Funds for this budget are provided by the state. Probation officer is Bruce Gipson.

A contract in the amount of \$200,000 for repairing the roof and third floor

of the courthouse was awarded to Basic IDIQ, a company from Lubbock.

The tax rate of .5069 per \$100 of assessed valuation was approved.

Commissioners approved moving the County Extension office permanently to Bovina. It has been operating out of the Justice of the Peace office in Bovina due to the roof collapse on the third floor

at the courthouse. Agents James Graves and Shana Fleming will be moving.

In other business they renewed the tax abatement guidelines and criteria. This is required every two years. Approval was given to the district attorney to use forfeiture funds to supplement employee salaries.

A discussion and approval was given for

health insurance through Blue Choice for elected officials and county employees. After an increase the cost will be \$793.48 per person per month with a \$250 deductible. Lacey Meeks from the Farwell clinic was appointed as the jail physician. Sheriff Randy Geris reported the purchase of a new 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sheriff's department.

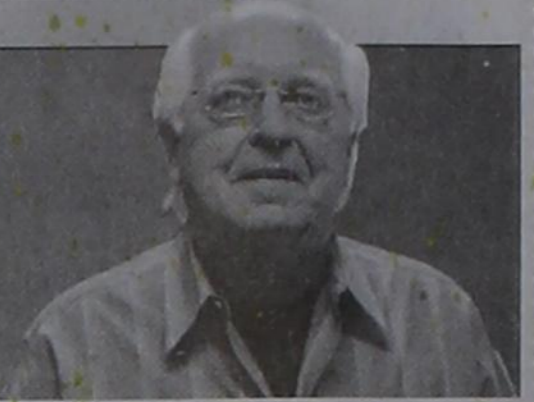


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The JV Squaws volleyball team prepared for the season by attending a camp in Albuquerque this summer. Come out and support the teams as the season begins. The girls are, l-r, McKenzie Hurst, Graci Stallings, Nishna Soto, Coach Hannah Johnson, Natali Godinez, Amelia Sandoval, Emma Rector, Vivianna Rivera, Megan Stone, Rickie Castillo, and Gabbi Douglas.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Send Calendar information to frionastar@wrt.net

August 14
Varsity Volleyball @ Shallowater Tournament

August 15
Last day to order goat & lamb tags
DEADLINE FOR ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friona vs. Panhandle-There-Scrimmage
Varsity-11:30 a.m. J.V.-10 a.m.

Varsity Volleyball @ Shallowater Tournament
JV/C Volleyball vs. Olton @ 10 a.m.

August 20
FRIONA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE @ Calvary Baptist Church-12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 21
Meet the Teacher, Title I meeting 1-4 p.m. @ FHS cafeteria

Friona vs. Sundown-Home-Scrimmage
Varsity-6:30 p.m. J.V.-5 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball @ Littlefield Tournament

August 22
Varsity Volleyball @ Littlefield Tournament

FHS Cross Country @ Canyon-6 Mile Relay

August 24
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 25
Varsity Volleyball vs. Brownfield/River Road @ 7:30 p.m.

August 28
Friona vs. Olton-Home-7:30 p.m.-SENIOR NIGHT
FHS Cross Country @ Clovis

Varsity Volleyball @ Denver City Tournament

August 29
Varsity Volleyball @ Denver City Tournament

The Landon Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament @ Canyon

September 1
Varsity Volleyball @ Melrose-7 p.m.

September 4
Friona vs. Abernathy-Home-7:30 p.m.

FHS Cross Country @ Lubbock Plains Presort

September 5
Varsity Volleyball vs. Olton-8 p.m.

September 7
LABOR DAY

death to america

In the debate last week Rick Perry referred to President Reagan as Ronald Raven.

Now it is being said Perry has run out of funds and campaign contributions have slowed if not stopped. He says no they are just taking a break.

It seems that years in the future there will no longer be males and females. Just let everybody choose their gender. Glad I won't be around then. Target is leading the way by doing away with boy and girl toys and bedding.

Hillary Clinton has proposed a very complicated system so everybody can attend college. She says states will get money to help college students with low interest loans and see to it they don't end up with a lot of debt. Something about paying 10% of their income toward college loans. I don't get it and I don't think most people will either. Sounds good though.

Bernie Sanders, who people now lovingly call Bern, is drawing big crowds to hear him promise that if he is elected there will be no more war and most everything you need in life will be free, including college tuition. Thank you rich people.

Obama said he has been a pretty good president and boasted that he would win a third term if he could run. A later poll proved that he was wrong.

Apparently Hillary lied about her little email server and classified info. No surprise there but with Democrats inhabiting the Attorney General's office and the President commanding the FBI, she will

likely not face any serious punishment.

The GOP debate and demonstrations again in Ferguson and the #BlackLives Matter movement and the Iran nuclear deal dominated the news during the last week. More news happened than the average American could keep up with.

There was, however, one news item that went pretty much overlooked that stuck out to me and was not broadly challenged. It was an example

of how intolerant and shameful politics has become.

The President of the United States actually said the Iranians who chant "Death to America" and burn our flag have a common cause with the Republicans in Congress. When asked about it he did not apologize but instead said that his statement was a fact.

The President said the Iran protesters who shout "Death to America" are a small percentage of the Iranian people and we should overlook it.

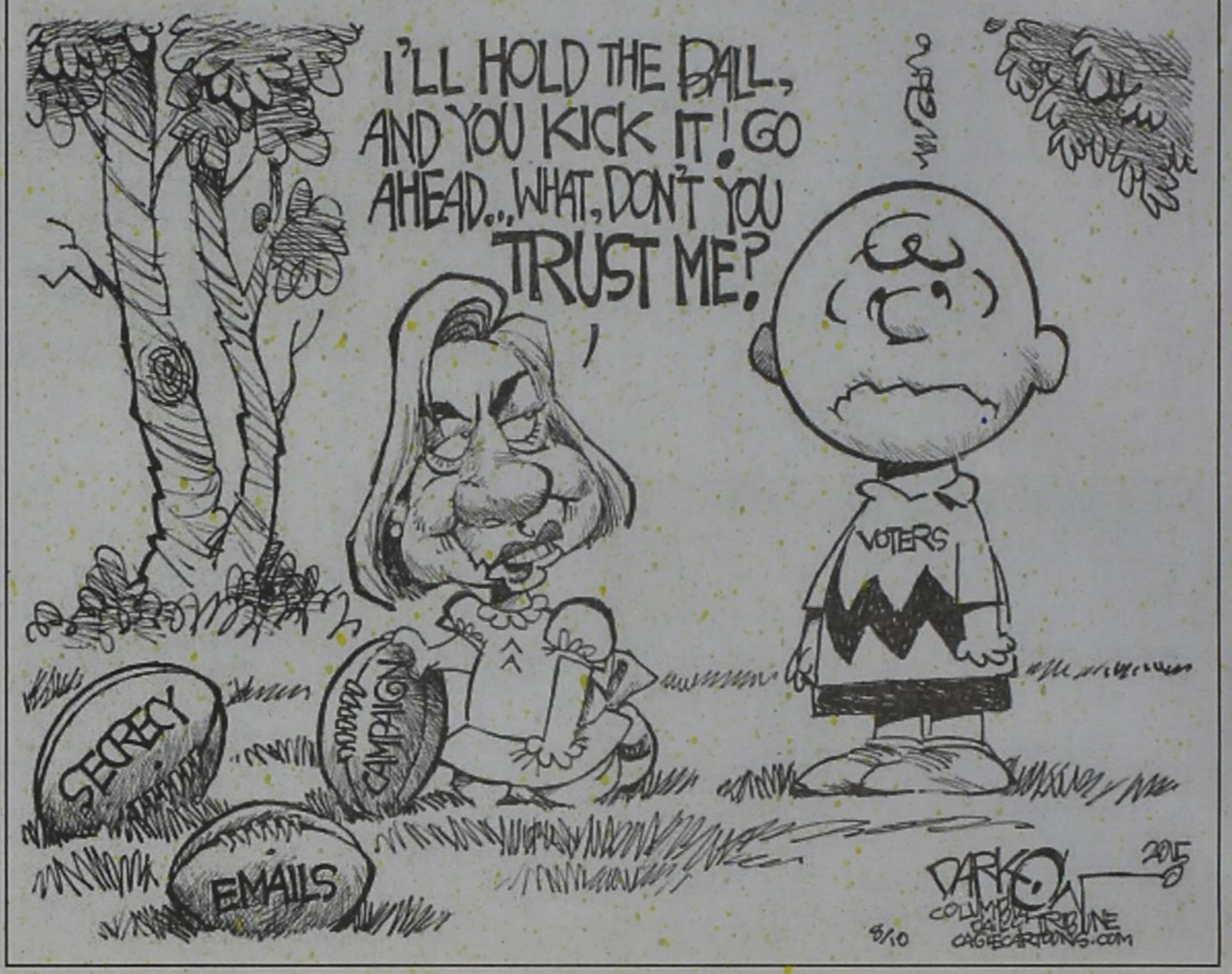
How did calling ISIS the JV and overlooking them work out? He failed to mention that the supreme leader Ayatollah also has proclaimed "Death to America."

The President said about the Iran deal, it is either sign it or war. That is ridiculous but all Democrats expect us to believe ridiculous statements. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York and the next Senate minority leader after Harry Reid, announced he was voting against the Iran deal. As a

result he is being threatened, chastised, crucified, and all but thrown out of the party. So much for tolerance.

When the President compared "Death to America" to the Republicans, I lost all hope for America as long as he is in office. Congress is in recess for five weeks and the President is spending millions of our cash in Cape Cod on a two week vacation. Death to America is something to be concerned about.

Too bad nobody cares.



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greeting's!

The Cheeseburger Festival was a huge success. Chris Alexander and the Chamber of Commerce members did a great job planning and organizing this great event. There were approximately 2500 burgers sold. Thanks to all of the competitors and vendors for participating.

The Public Works employees continue to stay very busy with all of the daily responsibilities and keeping up with the mowing. With the much needed rain fall we have been blessed with there are a lot of areas to mow (sewer plant, cemetery, Redeemer Cen-

ter, Community Center, R.V. Park, playground, state parks, swimming pool, City Park, softball field, 4 well field plants and 16 wells).

The plan is to complete decorating the corner lot north of the post office before the Maize Days festivities. The lot is looking fantastic.

The city will continue spraying for mosquitoes. County Commissioner Kirk Frye helped the city with the cost of the mosquito spray. We want to thank Kirk for his help.

Judge Campbell had 78 new cases in July and 3 new juvenile cases filed. There

were 58 cases disposed, some of which were carry-overs from last month. Court costs totaled \$9,630.05 and \$7,287.24 was collected in fines.

The Emergency Medical Service responded to 15 calls in July. There were nine transfers and three no transports. The payments collected equaled \$11,296.69. There was a total of \$37,086.63 in billing.

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to four emergency calls in July. There were two fire calls and two calls for vehicle accidents. Dollar General had an electri-

cal fire and the other fire was in a wheat field. There was one car wreck at Highway 60 and Columbia and one wreck 3 miles west on Highway 60.

The swimming pool was not as busy in July as compared to June. There was a total of 331 adults and/or children swimming in July. A total of \$2,207.00 was collected. Thanks to Kendall Kimbrough and all of the lifeguards for the great job, they have done this summer watching over the children.

The City pumped 19,039,400 gallons of water and sold 14,079,000 gallons of water. There were 1428 accounts billed for a total of \$67,727.22.

The Friona Public Library was open 22 days in July. There were 1508 visits averaging 78 visits per day. Darla Bracken and the staff have done a great job this summer with all of the programs implemented for the young

readers. Chief Jimenez and the police department responded to 279 total calls in July. There were 111 stops made, 82 warnings issued and 57 citations handed out. There were 10 arrests-3 for no driver's licenses, 1 for public intoxication, 1 for possession of marijuana, 4 for warrants served, and 1 for driving while intoxicated. There were a total of 3753 miles traveled by the patrol officers protecting our city and making it safer.

The city accounts payable totaled \$174,865.32 for July. The money covers all expenses and keeps our city in good standing.

The City Council will meet on August 31, 2015 to discuss the new budget for 2016. City Manager Patricia Phipps has done a great job meeting this year's budget and setting next year's budget for council approval. Your Mayor

- ACROSS**
- "connect the _____"
 - currency for 19 countries
 - infant bed
 - TX Buddy Holly's "That'll _____ the Day"
 - TXism: "the _____ was flying" (fight)
 - TXism: "_____ like week-old dishwasher"
 - retired TX tennis pro, Garrison
 - TXism: "active as a fox in _____"
 - TXism: "_____ gravel" (fell)
 - pungent bulb grown in TX
 - scabbards
 - TX B.J. Thomas' "The Eyes of _____ York Woman" (1968)
 - TX Charley Pride's "I'm _____" (1971)
 - oil rich country: Saudi _____
 - TX beetle (2 wds.)
 - "Hook '_____ Horns!"
 - TXism: "you _____ a hornet's nest" (caused trouble)
 - 1962 ballad by TX Roy Orbison
 - "kampground" found in TX
 - TXism: "mad as _____ on rooster"
 - lights for 37-across users
 - criminal evidence
 - Zsa Zsa of "Picture Mommy Dead" with TX Martha Hyer

- satisfy
- TXism: "weak _____ a two-day-old kitten"
- TX Larry Hagman dreamed of this Barbara
- CIA forerunner
- of long ago
- film: "The Texan _____ Calamity Jane" (1950)
- early name of TAMU-CT in Killeen
- TX rock band: "ZZ _____"
- homeowner association (abbr.)
- TX Sissy Spacek was born on 25th of this month (abbr.)
- TX McFarland was "Spanky" on "_____ Gang"
- newspaper: "Quanah _____-Chief"
- TXism: "_____ in court"
- TXism: "_____ like scales on a fish"
- TXism: "went to _____ often"
- this Albert was smart enough to be a TXn (init.)
- this Nash was point guard for the Mavs (1998-2004) (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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"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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Town Talk II

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Official weather guy John Gurvey reports that Friona received a total 1.35" of rain Saturday and Sunday evenings, .90" Saturday and .45" Sunday night. Altogether, year-to-date, Friona has received 21.78". The rain and wind drove the Youth Dayz

events inside. Saturday night the burgers and fries were served and musical equipment set-up on the football field but about 7:30 p.m. the rain came and the event moved into the high school gym. Sunday night's activities were supposed to be at the football

field but were moved to the junior high auditorium.

Happy anniversary this week to Dr. Gary and Mrs. Cash 49 years, Glenda and Ted Procter 42 years Aug 11, and Alan and Brenda Fair-weather 30 years also on Aug

11. Hope you all have great anniversaries. If you or someone you know have an anniversary let us know. Thanks.

Two local businesses, Creative Chaos and Interior Expressions, have opened showrooms at the Main Street Market in Hereford, which is owned by Amy, Adrienne, and Deirdre Osborn. I know they would all appreciate it if you stopped by for a bit of shopping.

Teena Hughes says a pair of bifocals were found at the back of the junior high auditorium Sunday night after the Kidz Days event. You can contact her at 250-2377 or 265-7661.

The Friona blood drive is next Thursday August 20 at Calvary Baptist Church. You can make an appointment

online. They have stopped taking phone appointments. The Noon Lions will cook a few hamburgers for donors and each donor gets a Boots & Badges t-shirt. See the ad in this Star for more information.

A small airplane crashed trying to land at the Clovis airport Sunday. Chance Lewellen and his parents operate D&D Aviation over there. Chance said he was at the crash site all Sunday afternoon working with FAA inspectors. The pilot is in a Lubbock hospital.

Wishing a happy 90th birthday to Floyd Rector on August 12. He is a regular Friona Star reader down there in Lubbock. Friona sends birthday wishes.

School starts Monday Au-

gust 24. Citizens are reminded to drive safely, watch for kids running around, and slow down in the school zone. Let's have a safe school year.

Long time Friona resident Nola Faye Vestal passed away this week. She was an active member of the community for many years. A memorial service was held Thursday August 13 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Our sympathies to the family.

Town Talk is shorter than usual this week but the summer lull is about to be over. School activities and Maize Days are just ahead along with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. We like being busy and would like to hear from you with any news to share. See you later. Until then!

Texas launches toll-free number for older Texans

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has launched a toll-free number to help qualifying Texans connect with long-term care services.

The telephone number is 1-855-937-2372. It has been set up to help older adults (60 and up) who currently receive Medicaid and/or Medicare, people of all ages with disabilities, and caregivers.

The growing population of aging Texans, in addition to the approximately four in 10 Texans who have some type of disability, has created demand for the new number. According to the 2010 census, Texas has the third largest aging population (65 and older) in the United States. More than 3 million Texans are over the age of 65, and that number is expect-

ed to more than double to 7.5 million by 2040.

The new number streamlines the process for those seeking information about long-term care services, which include personal care, nursing care, help around the house, and help for caregivers.

"Texans who take advantage of the new number will speak with a trained professional who can help identify their needs and put them in touch with service providers in their area," said Jon Weizenbaum, DADS commissioner. "We think this approach will help Texans receive the services they are eligible for much more efficiently."

When Texans call the number, they will be routed to a representative at the nearest Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

based on the ZIP code they enter. ADRCs provide information and help connect individuals to state and federal benefits. They are linked to hundreds of service providers statewide and can help Texans enroll for services if requested. ADRC representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and this service is free.

Additionally, the new number will help existing Medicare/Medicaid recipients ensure they are receiving all the long-term care services they are eligible for.

Unlike the Texas 2-1-1 number, which provides broad referral services for all Texans seeking assistance, this new toll-free number is dedicated to older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers who need long-term care services.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



When is it enough?

What is up with all these phone calls on my cell?

I have been contacted to purchase insurance, attain a car loan and any number of other offers.

I counted this past Saturday that in the span of 8 hours I received 63 phone calls from numbers I did not recognize. When I did happen to push the wrong button I was met with salespeople trying to sell me insurance, etc. The faceless voices even left partial messages taking up time on my voicemail.

I am pretty sure that I am on the Do Not Call list. What happened?

I can tell you what happened. My peace has been disturbed by someone giving out my number and then companies using that number to call repeatedly for things I do not need nor want.

Isn't there a law about disturbing the peace? Whom do you call when it is not your neighbor's music bothering you but a faceless, pain in the behind that is simply trying to do a job they were hired to do?

I don't blame the employees but the employers and the automated system they purchased to help them boost sales.

I blame myself as well. I should unplug at least once a day and not be so attached to this piece of technology that is causing the disturbance.

I understand the reason they are calling because from time to time I have to call advertisers to solicit an ad for the newspaper.

I understand that my phone calls are not always at the best time. I also understand that people do take time off and they do say no.

The automated services do not understand

the word 'no'. That just gives them the chance to call on a different number to try one more time, hoping I will give in and buy their product to just shut them up.

A few years ago, I was working at the Castro County News and not long after I started phone calls started coming in for the former editor. The calls were from pharmaceutical companies wanting to speak to her.

We, my secretary and I, patiently explained that she was no longer employed at the newspaper. We went on to explain to the faceless voice that she did not leave a forwarding address or phone number.

The phone calls escalated to the point we were receiving calls every ten minutes. The faceless voice became threatening after a while. One call comes to mind where the faceless voice threatened to come to Dimmitt and inflict harm to us.

This is when the Sheriff was called. He told us to give them the Sheriff's Office number and they would handle the problem.

Unfortunately, this only enraged the faceless voice and he called back screaming obscenities and threats.

These calls came to an abrupt stop when the Sheriff answered our phone and informed the faceless voice that he was being recorded and the tape would be turned over to the authorities. The faceless voice uttered a few obscenities and we never heard from him again.

With this age of being plugged-in have come more faceless voices that find it their right to invade our ears and use up our valuable time trying to sell anything and everything.

When is enough, enough!
This has got to stop!

Friona Flashbacks

News and Editorial

from Thursday, August 16, 1956

*Dr. Lloyd Shackelford, Friona dentist, and Nelson Welch, Friona farmer-businessman, have entered into a partnership called Friona Enterprises, Inc. which will spawn the community's first effort at an independent retail shopping district.

*Teaming with what he describes as "The best-working committee I have ever had the pleasure to work with," H.K. "Pudge" Kendrick, his wife and four other couples last week drew up the unofficial and tentative program for the coming 50th Anniversary Celebration for Friona.

*The Star's Editorial Comment by W. H. 'Hop' Graham, Editor

Overlooked Resource
Frionans have learned to appreciate and how to brag on the resources of their community. Most any interested citizen of the community can cite statistics off the cuff on water, land, transportation, climate, the people, and other factors which go to make Friona a good town to live in.

However, there is one "natural" resource in Friona that is not being viewed in its proper perspective. In fact, it isn't even considered a resource in the usual sense. But we believe that we can show you

where this factor truly has a bearing on Friona's future.

We are speaking of the babies born here. In a report filed last week, Justice of the Peace Walter Loveless noted that in July, 19 tiny lives had their beginning in our community.

What will become of those 19? No doubt, the figure includes several who were born to parents residing in town, but likely the majority of children being born in Parmer County Community Hospital are from Friona proper.

As these lives mature, the community will have innumerable opportunities—in fact, a constant opportunity—to impress on young and pliable minds the good things and bad about living in Friona.

When the time comes that these boys and girls are ready to leave Friona to attend college elsewhere in preparation for life, will they be thinking of coming back to where they got their start? Or will they have no encouragement to do so?

If, by opening more opportunities, Friona could manage to attract young and eager men and women to return to this community to work and live when the time comes to "set-

tle down," then there is little doubt but what this community's future would be assured.

It's worth thinking about.

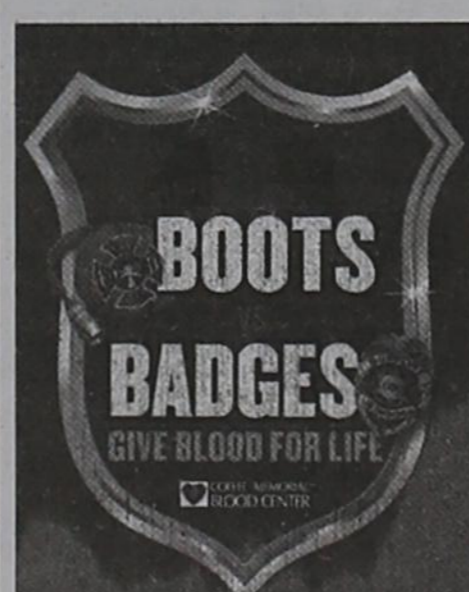
We're Learning

When the fire alarm sounded Monday evening, the usual pattern of rushing feet and craning necks could be observed all over town as citizens strove to answer their natural curiosity concerning the whereabouts of the fire.

Also there was the usual line-up of cars after the department's truck had swished by on its way to the fire. However, the scene of the fire itself indicated that Friona residents have come a long way in controlling their morbid curiosity.

Most persons were thoughtful enough to park their cars at a safe distance from the scene, so as not to interfere with the operation of the department.

And it didn't appear that the volunteer fireboys were having much trouble working because of the spectators. This has not always been the case. Friona citizens are learning that it just makes good sense to stay clear of fire scenes until they are sure they won't interfere with authorized fire, police, and ambulance activity.



FRIONA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 20th
12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1500 Cleveland

Vote for your favorite local hero (law enforcement or fire).

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free Boots vs. Badges t-shirt! Hamburgers will be served to all donors courtesy of Friona Lions Club.

Photo ID or Donor ID card required
Must be at least 17 years old; 16 year olds may donate with signed parental consent.

Ask about giving Auto Reds to maximize your donation!

This promotion generously sponsored by: Amarillo Police Officer's Association, Amarillo Professional Firefighters Association Local #542, The Donut Stop, Amarillo Thunderheads, KGNC AM & FM, 100.9 The EAGLE, DJ Entertainment, Old Dog Tray, Newschannel 10, Telemundo and the 100 Club of the Texas Panhandle along with valued assistance from other law enforcement agencies and firefighters

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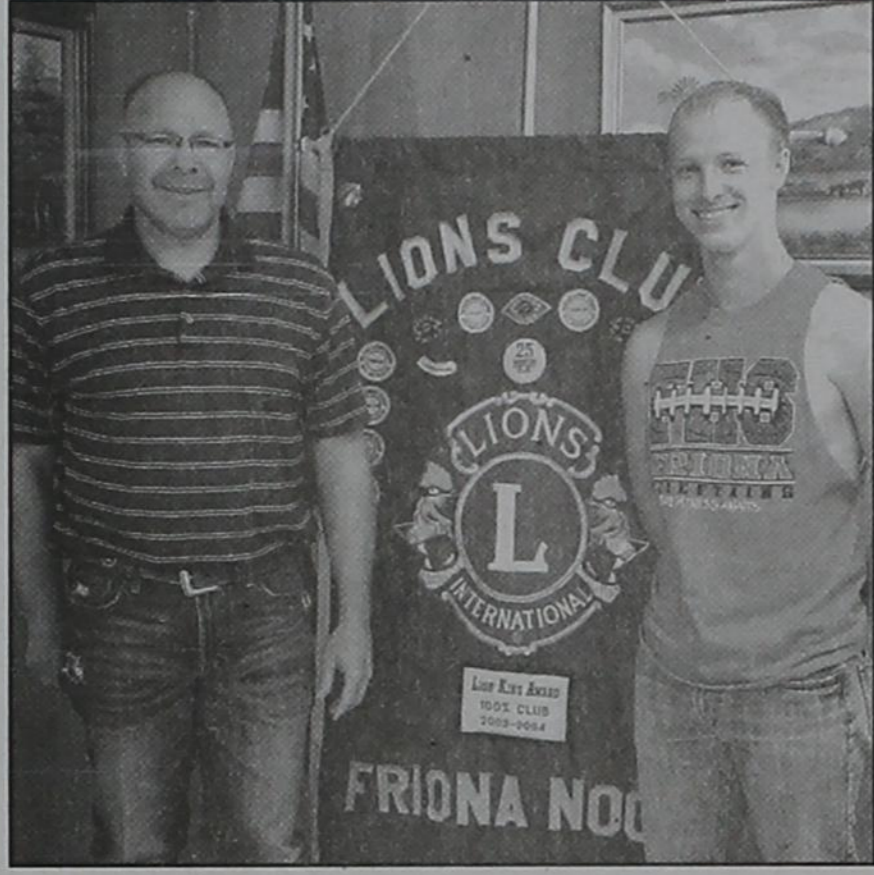
The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday August 6 with 12 members present. We are glad to announce a new member, Tracy Bunker, and we had a guest, Josh Barnett.

The club cooked fries Saturday evening for the Friona Youth Dayz event at the football field. Just after feeding everyone a rain and wind storm blew through as we were breaking down our equipment and loading the trailer.

We will be furnishing hamburgers for blood drive donors Thursday August 20 and will cook fries at the first Chieftain home game August 28 along with free Cargill hamburgers. Within the month we should have tickets available to sell for our annual shotgun raffle fundraiser.

We also agreed to sponsor the Border Bash volleyball tournament for JV and junior high September 3 & 5 at the Friona gym and activity center.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday August 20 at Headquarters Restaurant. Visitors and prospective members are invited to attend.



ron carr photo

The Friona Noon Lions welcomed new member Tracy Bunker, left, and guest Josh Barnett at the August 6 meeting.



ron carr photo

The Noon Lions' world famous French fries were served to attendees at the Friona Youth Dayz event last weekend at the football field. Working the cookers were, l-r, Ricky Barnett, Jaime Benavides, Dale Houlette, and Clint Mears. The club donated the fries as a public service project.

Landon Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament Aug. 29

The Landon Wiseman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 29, 2015 with an 8 a.m. tee time at the Palo Duro Creek Golf Course, 50 Country Club Drive, in Canyon.

The family and friends of Landon Wiseman invite everyone to share in the memory of Landon by participating in the tournament to benefit his children Hunter, Kinsley and Piper with funding for their college educations.

The tournament is a 4-man scramble with an entry fee of \$300. The fee includes the meal, complimentary range balls and a goodie bag. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Entries are due by Wednesday, August 26 and may be sent to JBerry Business Solutions, Box 396, Farwell, TX 79325. For more information, call (806) 481-7360.

Panhandle Association of SWCDS to meet

The Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (PASWCDs) will meet Tuesday, August 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Canadian at the Hemphill County Exhibition Center located at 10865 Exhibition Center Road.

"Program Speaker will be Jason Abraham, of Abraham Equine Inc. located in Canadian. Abraham will address soil and water conservation district (SWCD) directors attending the meeting on 'The Power of Cloning: Future in Beef Industry and Wildlife', said David Bowers, president of PASWCDs.

During the business session directors attending the meeting will hear reports from rep-

resentation on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues.

Established as a local unit of government, soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) coordinate and provide natural resource conservation planning and programs to farmers and ranchers.

SWCDS also participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural non-



Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
August 3, 2015

Leticia Granado, 41, of Bovina, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of possessing a false drug test falsification device. The case is pending in County Court.

August 4, 2015

Alyssa Hollman, 25, of Texico, NM, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

August 8, 2015

Amber Garcia, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

August 9, 2015

Esteban Jimenez, 25, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of driving while license invalid. The case is pending in County Court.

August 10, 2015

Andy Ramirez, 26, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container. The case is pending in County Court.



Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office for the week of July 30, 2015 to August 5, 2015:

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Harvest Days booths available

The Castro County Fair and Harvest Days Celebration will be September 10-12, 2015 in Dimmitt. If you are interested in renting a booth for Saturday, September 12, please contact Donna at 647-2243 or dsr60@windstream.net or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524.

Booth rental is \$40 per booth inside the Expo and \$30 for booths inside the Quonset and outside. Electricity is \$5 extra. Booths inside the Expo go fast and it is first come, first served, so contact us soon. Hope to see you at the fair!

CASA to host immigration speaker

CASA del Llano, Inc. located at 309 E. 6th Street in Herford has invited Attorney Nathan Bogart, Petty & Associates, PLLC, of Amarillo, to offer a consultation on legal immigration issues. Mr. Bogart will be on hand to offer a free consultation on Monday, August 17, 2015 at CASA del Llano from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Petty & Associates launched the Amarillo office in January 2015 to better serve the needs of clients already located in the Texas Panhandle. Services offered by Petty & Associates are Naturalization, Violence Against Women, Visa U, Employment Authorization, Employment Visa, Family Immigration and more.

CASA del Llano, Inc. unites the regional education and training interests of other groups with the development goals of a community-based grassroots organization. They are a non-profit organization multifaceted rural outreach facility that focuses on community empowerment, language classes, a resource library, a Hispanic Women's group, a summer youth outreach program plus many other community service events.

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Why FYD?

By TEENA HUGHES

While we were planning Friona Youth Day, I spent more than a few minutes really thinking about why we were going to the effort to put on a youth rally.

Yes, I want kids to know Jesus; yes, I want them to have a relationship with Him; and yes, I want the kids to be Jesus to anyone they come in contact with.

But, the real reason I wanted FYD is because America needs to become the country God intended it to be: a country whose foundation is God; a country that has Jesus as its top priority and worships Him and only Him; a country that studies and lives according to His Word; a country that knows God created this country and everyone in it, and He has blessed us with everything we have, including the Constitution.

We have gotten so far away from God's Word. Rather than center our lives around Jesus and His Word, we try to adjust His Word to make it fit us in the world and what we want so we can justify our wrong beliefs and actions.

It is time to quit talking about the problems and start correcting them. That is why I wanted FYD to happen. If we are going to save our country, it is going to begin with the youth knowing Jesus.

I am humbled by the ministers, youth ministers, youth and church leaders, and volunteers who helped with FYD. All of them are working hard so that our kids will know Jesus and follow Him. You have either said or heard that the youth are our future, and they are. We need to be preparing them for the world they are living in, with Jesus as their guide.

I was totally impressed by the kids who attended the rally. They were polite; they worked hard during our service projects; they listened to the speakers. Youth are "ripe for the picking". Who are they going to pick—Jesus or the world? It is their choice as to who they pick; it is our responsibility to help them pick Jesus!

Panhandle Parables

The Mosquito

By JEFF PROCTER

Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

We have been blessed with rain this year and I know just how thankful we are for this wet blessing from above. It would be nice to be able to stop at that, but we are human and what often happens with blessings is Satan sends distractions.

I remember one occasion when I was traveling and had to stay in a motel in a place that had been blessed like us with an abundance of rain. I went through the whole get ready for bed routine and was finally ready to turn out the light. The light went out and I heard it in the dark. A high pitched sound that told me in the darkness I was not alone.

Somewhere in the darkness was the smallest vampire known to me. I recognized the sound, a mosquito. I knew that little "sucker" had me on its menu.

On went the light and the hunt began. Nothing. Off went the light and on que the sound taunted me. On went the light... sound stopped. For the better part of an hour the light went on and off until finally it flew into sight. With some malice I admit I went for the kill and missed! By the time I went to sleep and woke up with a mosquito bite on my forehead of all places I had lost all focus of the blessed rain.

I gave up a half a drop of blood and was mad. Mad about all the rain, mad about why God even created a mosquito. Mad at Noah for not killing the two little blood suckers on the ark, although I must admit he might have tried. (Note: my exaggeration here. There is no biblical record of mosquitos on the ark.)

Does that ever happen to you? God blesses you in some way and the first sign of distraction and our blessing we change to a curse.

The Hebrew writer reminds us, to fix our eyes of Jesus. (Heb. 12:2) Sometimes we lose sight of the blessing. Sometimes the curse turns out to be a blessing. Regardless, I must not lose heart and keep from getting distracted even if it is a mosquito.

OBITUARIES

Javier Martinez

Javier Martinez, 72, of Friona, TX, died on Sunday, August 9, 2015 in Canyon, TX. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with Reverend Anthony Swamy Aakula, Pastor, and Reverend Ed Sweeney, retired Pastor. Burial will follow in Friona Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Javier Martinez was born on December 3, 1942 in Durango, Mexico to Carmen Martinez and Elena Medina Martinez. He married Lucy Reyes in July 1973 in Juarez, Mexico, she preceded him in death in 1993. He had worked as a farm laborer for GB (Gary Brown) Farms for many years. His hobbies included: growing fruit and vegetables, gardening, horses, welding, watching basketball, especially the San Antonio Spurs and baseball, boxing, and raising chickens and roosters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carmen and Elena Martinez and his wife, Lucy Martinez.

Survivors include two sons, Javier Martinez of Denver, CO and David Mar-



tinio of Amarillo, TX; one daughter, Lisa Guevara and husband, Hector of Canyon, TX; two brothers, Manuel Martinez and wife, Elvira of Yucaipa, CA and Jesus Medina and wife, Olga of Juarez, Mexico; three sisters, Rosario Medina of San Gabriel, CA, Elvia Medina of Juarez, Mexico, and Jesusita Romero and husband, Enrique of El Paso, TX; two granddaughters, Evie Guevara and Emma Guevara both of Canyon, TX.

Memorials can be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 6600 Killgore Drive, #110, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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Joao Alberto Ferreira

Joao Alberto Ferreira, 59, of Friona, died Friday, August 7, 2015 in Friona. Memorial services have been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Ferreira was born August 18, 1955 in Portugal to Mario Ferreira dos Santos and Lucinda Candida Vaz Ferreira. He loved his family, bullfighting, singing, playing soccer and woodworking.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Survivors include one daughter, Desirae Ferreira of Friona; two sons, Donald Ferreira of Canyon, and Jessie Ferreira of Dallas; three brothers, Jose Ferreira of Las Vegas, NV, Mario Santos of California, and Luis Santos of Chino, CA; three sisters, Alda Santos and Maria Santos of San Bernardino, CA and Eva Ponte of Ontario, CA; and six grandchildren.

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Patience Under Pressure

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

When life gets stressful, oppressive and hard how do you normally react? Do you seek to give folks a piece of your mind, or wallow in pity and excuses so everyone knows your aches, pains and problems, or do you seek to remain patient in the Lord through the trials? In all honesty, the first two options are our natural response, but for the believer in Christ the aim is to remain patient in the Lord and be steadfast as one leans on the strength God gives.

James 5:7-12 speaks clearly of remaining patient in the Lord, and speaks of four powerful truths that can uphold you through difficulty.

First, anticipate Christ's return. Jesus is coming back, and it could be soon. Therefore, don't dare think the present trials are eternal for the child of God, but suffer well in anticipation of Christ's return or your call to go home to Him.

Second, acknowledge Christ's judgment to reward steadfastness, and to bring vengeance upon those who persecute the faithful. Further, affirm the blessedness of persecution and trials, and see the Lord's use of trials as the cauldron to purify His child.

Finally, though, aspire to see God's purpose through suffering and persecution. His purposes will lead to Him being glorified in the end, but also He may take you down an unexpected and even painful path, so that you could be a faithful sufferer and ambassador for the gospel to those you meet along the way.

CCBS starts August 26

Clovis Community Bible Study will begin Wednesday, August 26 at 10:30 a.m. (CST) at Central Baptist Church. Ten books, starting with 1 Thessalonians, will be studied over 30 weeks.

Classes are divided into three sessions and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Cost for the study is \$35. Anyone interested in registering for the class or needing information is asked to contact Teena Hughes at 250-2377 or 265-7661.

Labor Day weekend picnic and fundraiser

Holy Family Church of Nazareth will host their annual Labor Day Weekend Picnic and Parish Fundraiser on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at the Nazareth Community Hall and surrounding area.

The event will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Holdin' On, Hangin' In, Hand-in-Hand!" Parade entries will be judged with prizes awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

Bake Shoppe sales will start before the parade at 9 a.m. Adult raffle, Adult Bingo and Cow Patty Bingo will begin after the parade.

A delicious roast beef lunch with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Hall at 104 First Street. Cost for the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those ten and younger.

Children's games and water events as well as the Children's raffle and Children's Bingo will be from noon until 4 p.m. "All Day Pass" armband prices are \$10 for ages 8 and up and \$5 for 7 and under.

Livestock donated by local ranchers and parishioners, and goods donated by area businesses, will be auctioned beginning at 1 p.m. Due to large attendance at the auction, everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs.

A hamburger supper may be enjoyed from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. Hamburgers are \$5 each (double meat \$7), \$1 for chips and \$1 for tea, soft drinks and water.

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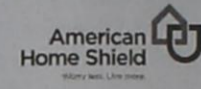
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These youngsters are anxious to eat their burgers and fries at Saturday evening's Friona Youth Dayz rally at the football field.



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From Dr. Gary Cash: Coming in for a landing....

Governor urges Texans to use energy responsibly

Governor Greg Abbott urged all Texans to use energy responsibly during peak hours – between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. – to combat the growing statewide demand for electricity. For the first time since 2011, electricity usage in Texas has set a monthly record, and the state's electric grid will face continued stress as seasonably hot weather conditions are expected to persist. Adding to the stress on the electricity grid, several generation units have been forced out of service due to the persistent weather and high demands.

"I encourage all Texans to implement responsible energy practices," Governor Abbott said. "In order to mitigate stress on our state's electricity grid, Texans should take simple measures to save as much energy as possible."

Consumers can help ensure the system is able to continue serving current power needs by taking the following steps to reduce demand on the system:

- *Turn off all unnecessary lights and electronic equipment.
- *Close blinds and drapes for windows that get direct sun.
- *Try not to use the dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffeemakers, or other appliances during the peak hours of 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- *Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers unnecessarily.
- *Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven.
- *Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or late evening.

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The Friona ISD today announced an amendment to the policy for serving meal for students served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for the 2015-2016 school year, which would allow for all students at all campuses to be served meals at no charge.

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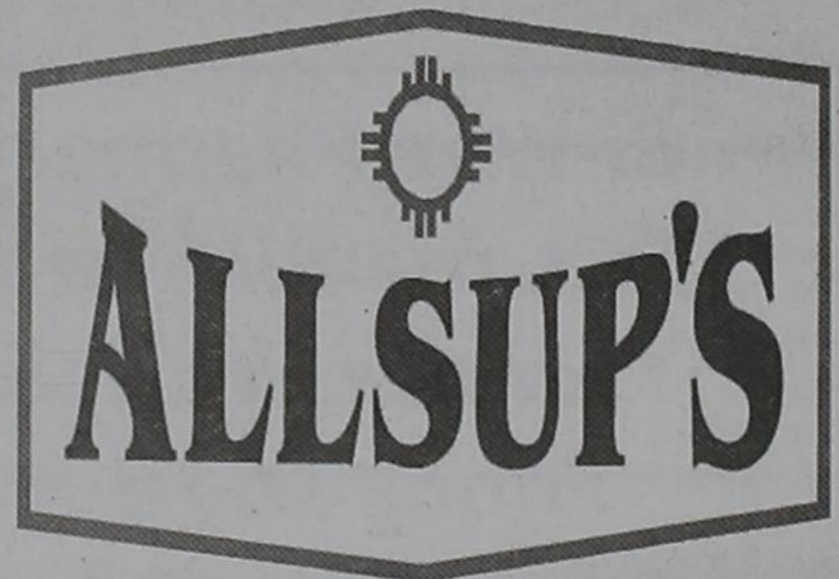
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Five Friona FFA members attended the Area 1 FFA Leadership Camp that was held at Clarendon College on June 23-25. Members attending (L-R) were Cason Drake, Brandon Douglas, Chelsie Gomez, Tristan Stormes, and Reagan Stowers.



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Friona FFA Members receiving their Lone Star FFA Degree were (L-R) Josh Barnett, Gavin Douglas (received by Brandon), Dan O'Brian, Cody Stowers, and Seth Fothergill. Tyler Hough also received his Lone Star FFA Degree but was unable to attend.

Busy summer for Friona FFA



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Ten FFA members attended the State FFA Convention in Corpus Christi during the week of July 13-17. Members attending the convention were (L-R) Cason Drake, Seth Murphree, Cody Stowers, Josh Barnett, Brandon Douglas, Dan O'Brian, Bryce Bunker, Tristan Stormes, Reagan Stowers, Instructor Tracy Blount, and Seth Fothergill.

LEGAL NOTICE

Statement of non-discrimination for Career Technology classes

1. Friona I.S.D. offers career and technology education programs in Family and Consumer Sciences; Business, Marketing, and Finance; Digital and Interactive Media; Agricultural Science; Small Engine Repair; and Multi-Occupational Cooperative Training programs. Admission to these programs is based on course requests, grade classification, job ability, and class size. Work programs require filling out an application.
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4. Friona I.S.D. will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Kenny Austin, at 909 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. The phone number is (806) 250-2747.

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Statement of non-discrimination for Career Technology classes

1. Friona I.S.D. ofrece programas de educación profesional y tecnológica en las siguientes clases: Familia y Ciencias del Consumidor; Negocios, Mercado Tecnía y Finanzas; Medios Interactivos y Digitales; Ciencias Agrícolas; Reparación de Motores pequeños; y los programas de formación Cooperativa Multi-ocupacionales. La admisión a estos programas se basa en las solicitudes de los cursos, la clasificación de grado, la capacidad de trabajo, y tamaño de las clases. Los programas de trabajo requieren llenar una solicitud.
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4. Friona I.S.D. tomará medidas para asegurar que la falta de conocimientos del idioma inglés no sea una barrera para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.
5. Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Kenny Austin, en 909 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. El número de teléfono es (806) 250-2747.

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Consumer Scams: Know when you're being fooled

August Consumer Tips from the Independent Bankers Assoc. of Texas

Unfortunately, there will always be scam artists out there. These people are looking to make a few bucks, sometimes much more, on trusting and unsuspecting consumers. Scams aren't always easy to spot, even for savvy consumers, so remember to do your due diligence and if something seems too good to be true, it most likely is. Below are common consumer scams to be aware of to help ensure they don't happen to you or someone you love.

Merchandise Fraud
This is often the top consumer complaint, especially with the continuously rising rate of internet shopping. Let's say you've found the perfect product online—one that you've been looking for a while and the price is substantially less than anywhere else for an identical product. While very rarely you may find an amazing deal, what happens more often is the product is nonexistent or misrepresented. If you're ordering from a company or website you've never heard of, start by checking the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org). Then search for reviews from people who have purchased the same product from that retailer. Lastly, use a credit card for the purchase if at all possible, particularly when buying online or over the phone. If you're victimized and you've paid with cash or by check, you could be out of luck. If the order doesn't arrive, you can challenge the purchase under federal credit-card rules. Debit-card purchases offer less protection, although some banks provide additional safeguards.

Fake Checks
This common scheme can

occur in many forms, be it a fake check for something you've sold or payment for a "work from home" or "make fast cash" opportunity. Bogus checks can be used to pay for something you're selling, especially through local sites such as Craigslist. It could be for a smaller amount if you're selling a piece of furniture or a larger amount if you're selling something like a car. While these checks may look official and certified, there's no guarantee that's the case. It's always best to ask for payment in cash or a wire transfer if it's for a larger amount of money. If you do accept a check, contact the institution whose name appears on it before finalizing the exchange with the buyer. If you deposit a fake check, it will bounce and you'll be on the hook with your bank to settle the fee!

Phishing and Identity Theft
Scammers often use emails, phone calls or other methods of communication to trick people into revealing their passwords, credit card information or Social Security numbers, in addition to other personal information that can be used to steal identities, open credit lines or other damaging activities. Never respond to an email or phone call asking for financial passwords or other personal information, no matter how urgent it seems. Instead, contact your bank or the business that made the request to verify it is legitimate. These institutions will never ask for this type of information via email, no matter how credible it looks. Also, never click on hyperlinks in suspicious email messages and keep your computer's antivirus

and anti-phishing software up to date.
Advance-Fee Loans
This is one of those "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is" situations. This involves a company promising to get you a loan or credit card even if you have bad or zero credit. However, after paying the required fee, you either never hear from the company again or you're offered a debit or stored-value card. You will never be asked to pay an advance fee for a loan, even if it's for "insurance," "processing" or "paper work." Run fact: It's illegal for a company doing business by phone to promise a loan and require a fee before it's delivered. Your credit score is important when it comes to loans and credit cards, so if a company says it doesn't matter, that's a red flag.

The Grandparent Scam
The elderly are often targeted by scam artists who view them as easy targets. This scheme works by a scammer, perhaps someone who identifies himself as a grandson or nephew, saying he needs help because of an accident or arrest in a foreign country so money needs to be wired immediately. The bottom line is don't give money to anyone without verifying his or her identity. If you get a call from a friend or relative asking for help, politely hang up and call the person's home or cell phone number to find out if the call truly came from this person and if the emergency is real. If you're unable to reach the person, call another relative or close friend to confirm the story.

Phony Charities
Be it an email or phone call urging you to support a charity that lugs at your

heartstrings, never immediately respond to this type of solicitation. Some charities are outright frauds and others do little of what they say they do. Instead, first check with the major charity watchdogs—the American Institute of Philanthropy (www.charitywatch.org), the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance (www.give.org) and Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org)—to ensure it is legit. Many con artists use names similar to legitimate charities so

ensure the name is exact. Also, organizations like the Red Cross will provide a list of charities that need help during disasters.
Sweepstakes Scams
Everyone wants to win a big prize. However, sweepstakes mailings or prize-related phone calls asking for an advance payment to cover taxes, shipping and handling, or other incidental costs of processing or delivering your fabulous prize are not real. You'll find that nothing is ever mailed to you. Also, by

law, buying services or merchandise can't increase your odds of winning a sweepstakes so just say no.
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Local students compete in 2015 TCFA Challenge

A new generation of cattle industry leaders is emerging, and 47 of those individuals made their way to the campus of West Texas A&M University on Saturday, Aug. 1, to showcase their skills and knowledge at the 2015 TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge.

This annual contest allows students age nine through graduating seniors the opportunity to gain industry knowledge and practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers and compete on their knowledge of the industry through a written test and an interview or oral presentation, depending on their division. Cattle performance points are also figured into the score to determine the winners of more than \$20,000 in prizes, premiums and college scholarships.

The overall champion of the contest and winner of a \$5,000 scholarship, a plaque and trophy buckle sponsored by Zoetis was Dawson Dittrich of Schulenburg. Reserve overall champion and winner of a \$3,000 scholarship, a plaque and trophy buckle sponsored by Micro was Trent Uptmore of West. The first runner-up and winner of a \$2,000 scholarship, a plaque and trophy buckle sponsored by Merial, Ltd. was Caitlyn Harmon of Weimar. In the junior division, Seth Hale of Throckmorton was named the overall champion, receiving a \$200 prize, a plaque and a trophy buckle sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

In addition to the previously listed winners, students who participated in this year's contest include from Friona were Adaline White, Hadley White and Jarrett White.

TCFA represents the cattle feeding industry in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Known as Cattle Feeding Country, this area is the largest cattle feeding region in America and annually markets about 6 million fed cattle – 28 percent of the nation's fed cattle production. To find out more information about TCFA, visit www.tcfa.org.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for RE-ROOFING Prairie Acres for the City of Friona, Texas, will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud.

Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest, best or most acceptable bid or bids will be presented to the City Council for the City of Friona at 619 Main Friona, Texas 79035 for review and possible approval at a meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Sealed bids shall be addressed to Patricia Phipps, City Manager, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX, 79035. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, must be plainly marked "Prairie Acres roof bid" in the lower left-hand corner, and must be received before the above stated time. To be valid, the bid must be manually signed in ink by an authorized person or a person authorized to sign on behalf of the bidding entity.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and inform themselves of all relevant local condition.

Requests for detailed plans and specifications shall be addressed to Gary Johnson in writing at Prairie Acres, 201 W. 15th Friona, Texas, 79035 or via telephone 1-575-693-6381.

The City of Friona reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and does not bind himself to accept the lowest bid or any proposal for this work or any part thereof, and shall have the right to ask for new bids for the whole or parts, should he desire to do so.

By submitting a proposal, the proposing party agrees to waive any claim or cause of action against the City of Friona, Texas, Prairie Acres, and their respective agents and employees, should any such claim of action arise out of or be made in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any proposal pursuant to this advertisement for Bids.

Bids will be awarded at the 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting to be held on Monday September 14th, 2015 at 619 Main, Friona, Texas.

NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR City of Friona

A tax rate of \$0.751200 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Friona.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.751200 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.799200 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.751200 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Friona from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

JILL TIMMS-CHIEF APPRAISER
CITY OF FRIONA tax assessor-collector
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 12:00 noon on August 24th in Friona ISD Boardroom Friona, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$100,000,000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.082400 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	2.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.000000% (increase) or	% (increase)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$361,303,351	\$351,229,796
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$9,308,771	\$1,350,762
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$343,470,769	\$336,350,936
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$9,288,771	\$1,092,300

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$3,740,850

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.940000	\$0.076700*	\$1.016700	\$3,354	\$6,101
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.961040	\$0.082710*	\$1.043750	\$3,319	\$6,261
Proposed Rate	\$1.000000	\$0.082400*	\$1.082400	\$3,461	\$6,359

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$67,302	\$72,235
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$51,256	\$47,190
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.016700	\$1.082400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$521.11	\$510.78
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$-10.33

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.082400. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.082400.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,711,509
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	-\$3,781

Friona Youth Dayz Rally



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Pizza, swimming and worship were on the agenda last Friday evening at the Friona Youth Dayz first day of activities. One hundred pizzas were purchased to feed the youth in attendance.

Watermelon and worship! Sunday Friona Youth Dayz were moved into the Friona Junior High Auditorium due to threatening rain clouds.



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Victory Family Church Youth Pastor Randy Stone, left, introduced the band from Templo de Adoracion on Sunday. Jorge Torres, right, is also pictured.



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The lifeguards at the Friona City Pool enjoyed the Friona Youth Dayz pizza/pool party on Friday evening.



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The band from Templo de Adoracion performed for the Friona Youth Dayz rally on Sunday.



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Friona kids got to enjoy a little pool basketball, pizza and worship on the first night of the Friona Youth Dayz Rally.



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The crowd got into the inspirational music that the band from Templo de Adoracion performed.

August Member of the Month

Bermea Construction

1620 W. 9th Street
Friona, TX 79035
(806) 250-5766

Richard Bermea, Owner

"We started in 1991 patching holes for some Friona businesses to make money for our honeymoon," stated Monica Bermea, co-owner. "We used recycled materials."

From there with help from Joe Bermea, Sr. they acquired a paver and other equipment.

"We have had our ups and downs but continue to employ 6-8 people," continued Bermea.

Bermea Construction services West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

"We are blessed to have Francisco Trejo and David Tafoya as foremen."



Bermea Construction owners Richard, Monica with Chili and Blasé Bermea

Friona Star Football Contest Coming Soon!!



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