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Steer validation tags available

Steer validation tags are ready to be ordered for the 2016-2017 year. If you are a new family to the area or you have a third grader that would like to show, it is time to order Steer validation tags. Deadline for ordering is April 15, 2016. The cost of tags is \$11.

Orders can be placed with local FFA teachers, if steers will be shown with them. If steers will be shown through 4-H call or email the local Extension Office at (806) 251-5120 or email to parmer@ag.tamu.edu. Students must be third grade to show livestock. A tentative validation day will be Friday, June 24 in Muleshoe at Dr. Kennedy's office.

OAP public performance Sunday

The FHS Thespians will present a public performance of "The Curious Savage" on Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium.

"The Curious Savage" is a comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, an elderly woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately ten million dollars. Contrasting the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the avarice and vanity of "respectable" public figures, it calls into question conventional definitions of sanity while lampooning celebrity culture.

The community is invited to come and enjoy the talents of our local thespians.



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These daffodils blossomed around town to welcome the first day of spring Sunday March 20.

City Council sets new RV park fees

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday March 14. All members were present except Bruce Fleming.

A public hearing was opened for comments on Cre-

ative Chaos' request for funding from the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). No members of the public spoke.

During the public comments portion a Mr. Al Ortiz

of Mortenson Construction addressed the council about providing affordable monthly rates at the Reeve Lake RV Park. Mr. Ortiz is one of the many employees that will be in the area during construc-

tion of the wind farm. He stated rates at other RV parks in Dimmitt, Vega, and Clovis were less than a proposed \$25 daily Friona rate.

The construction crews prefer a monthly rate he said. After discussion the council thanked Mr. Ortiz for his input and comments. They approved a \$20 single night rate and a \$15 rate for 30-days or more. The city is in the process of adding another 10 RV spaces to the 10 that are already there.

After approving previous meeting minutes the council took up the FEDC request. Adriana Stowers, owner of Creative Chaos, had asked for a \$15,000 forgivable loan to purchase the building she occupies on Main St.

After discussion the loan was approved with stipulations that she maintains

at least 1.5 employees or a \$24,000 annual payroll and report at least \$140,000 in annual sales subject to sales tax. The FEDC will have a lien on the building. As long as the requirements are met the \$15,000 loan will be forgiven \$3,000 per year for five years. The loan was approved by a 3-1 vote, with Alan Monroe, Martha Barker, and Greg Lewellen voting for and Nancy Davis opposed.

A resolution to rescind the May 7 city election was passed. The city will be the official election staff for the school board election since the school district does not have certified election judges.

Rate requests from Atmos Energy and Southwest Public Service were discussed

and the council voted to join other communities around

the state in opposing the rate increases. By joining the coalition of cities Friona saves legal fees and other costs.

Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave a police department report. He reported 8 arrests and 88 traffic stops in February, including four stops for no driver license. A total of 162 calls for service were reported and the department drove a total of 3,041 miles patrolling the city. The department is still short one officer.

The annual audit report was given by a representative from Randall Field, P.C., the auditing firm from Muleshoe. Accounts payable and the February financial statement were discussed and approved.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday April 11. All council meetings are open to the public.



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Workers were taking advantage of spring break to break up some old concrete and pour a new sidewalk from the street to the band hall at the junior high.

DSEC meeting Tuesday in Hereford

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive credit refunds, including refunds from our Generation and Transmission: Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, totaling \$4 million dollars at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Members are reminded to bring their registration card.

When the doors open at 5:30 p.m. the Hereford Bull

Barn in Hereford, members are asked to register at any table, and then make their way to a meal of fish, chicken, and beef. (Please note the time.) Don't forget your registration card.

They will elect two directors. Position One candidate is incumbent Vick Christian, who is running unopposed.

Position Two candidates are nominees Joe Rohrback and Michael Carlson.

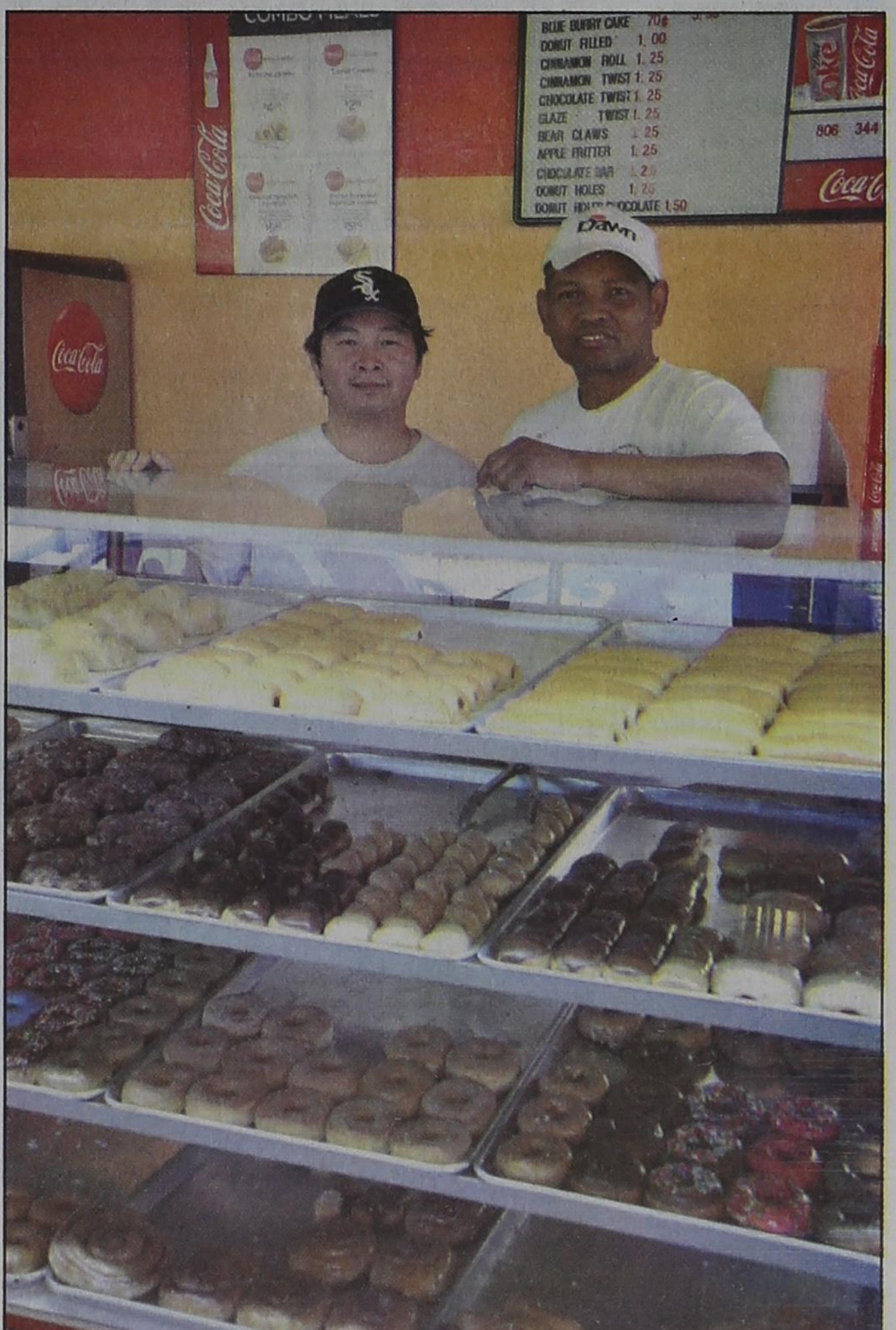
Mike Veazey, President and General Manager, will provide information that affects members and the cooperative.

The highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,500, including the grand prize of two airline tickets. All members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are urged to attend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and don't forget your registration card.



courtesy photo

Jerry Casarez, left, and Edward Fuentes, right, finished hanging the sign for the cooperative annual meeting announcing \$4,000,000 in capital credits. The 2016 Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.



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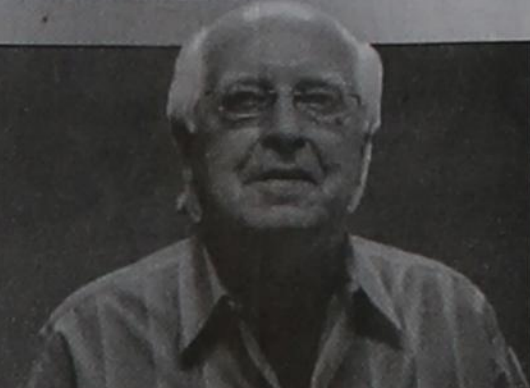
The Friona Donut Shop opened bright and early on Monday. The shop is located at the old Five Star Bistro location. They will be serving up yummy goodies 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pictured are Sapanha Eng and Sarin Kheav. They have something for every taste from donuts to kolaches and breakfast sandwiches.

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wrtt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- Mar. 17-19-V Baseball at Nazareth Tournament
- Mar. 17-ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Mar. 18-Girls Powerlifting State-Corpus Christi
- Mar. 20-SPRING BEGINS
- Mar. 20-PALM SUNDAY
- Mar. 20-One Act Play Public Performance-3 p.m.-FHS Auditorium
- Mar. 22-DSEC Annual Meeting @ Hereford Bull Barn-5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22-JV/V Baseball vs. San Jacinto-Home-4:30/6:30
- Mar. 22-Celebrate Spring-6 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
- Mar. 22-7th/8th Track @ Dimmitt
- Mar. 23-24-FHS One Act Play @ Tulia
- Mar. 24-Easter Egg Hunt @ Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates 9:30 a.m.
- Mar. 24-Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church
- Mar. 24-FHS Track @ Dimmitt
- Mar. 24-FHS Tennis @ Levelland
- Mar. 25-GOOD FRIDAY
- Mar. 25-Prairie Acres Resident Easter Party-3 p.m.
- Mar. 27-EASTER
- Mar. 28-St. Teresa's Catholic Church Senior Dinner-6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29-WRTT Annual Meeting @ Hereford Bull Barn
- Mar. 29-Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet 7 p.m. @XIT Recreation Center-\$15 per person
- Mar. 29-JV/V Baseball at Shallowater 4:30/6:30
- Mar. 29-Quilting 101-6-8 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
- Mar. 31-7th/8th Track @ Lockney
- Mar. 31-FHS Tennis @ Levelland
- Apr. 1-APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- Apr. 1-2-Ogallala Quilt Festival-Dimmitt
- Apr. 1-2-Boys' Sake 2016-Hereford Sugarland Mall Lanes
- Apr. 1-FHS Track @ Lockney
- Apr. 1-2-Boys' Powerlifting State @ Abilene
- Apr. 2-JV/V Baseball vs. Muleshoe-Home-2:30/12:00

Out Here

By Ron Carr



living in realville

It is not what you wish it was. It is not what you hope it was. It is what it is.

Those words and the 'Realville' title come from Rush Limbaugh. He claims to live in Realville, a place not many politicians and voters live in today.

I do not listen to Rush Limbaugh on the radio. In fact I seldom listen to the radio except in my Tahoe. I keep my XM on Fox News or I turn it off.

Rush's daily comments are posted on Facebook in written form. Sometimes they are too long to read and keep your concentration. I generally skim through to see if there is anything I can agree with or use.

He says there is an all-out assault on conservatism and Republicans are joining it. I agree.

I have to tell you folks this may be my last column

about politics until at least the November election. With Trump you know what you are going to get if he remembers what he said. Cruz and Kasich are boring. Where this election is going is anybody's guess. It is very tiring to watch day after day.

The old white men in the Republican Party, referred to as the establishment, do not like Ted Cruz and they hate Trump. This election has rocked their death grip on the establishment politics. The old white men are sitting around tables in expensive restaurants trying to figure out what to do to stop Trump.

Right now the American people do not seem to want what the old white men want. The conservative faction in the Republican Party is in disarray and on the decline as we know it. As Limbaugh says the Republicans

are assaulting themselves.

I do not know how or what to write about the current candidates. They all seem to be nuts. When a candidate declares what he/she will do on their first day in office their credibility goes down for me. None of them, yes none of them, will ever do everything they promise.

That includes Queen Hillary, a most obnoxious, condescending liar who does not really care about most of the people she will claim to help. If Hillary is elected I vow to not write a column with her name in it as long as she is president. If Hillary is elected America will get what it deserves. She will be a disaster for the country so I shall not write a word about her from her inaugural day forward. That I can tell you.

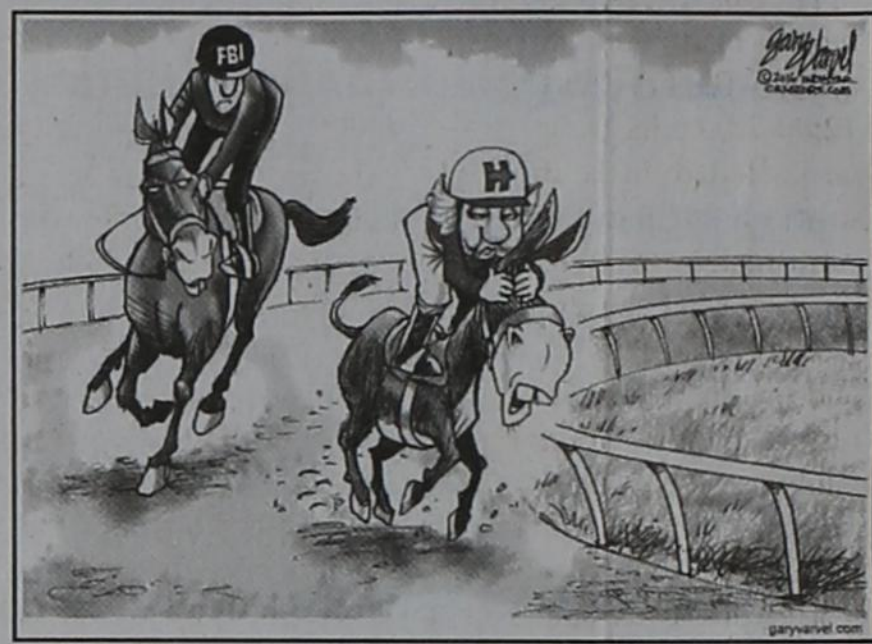
The Republicans asked the

candidates, including Trump, if they would support whoever is the nominee. Trump made the pledge, now the others are trying to figure out how to break their pledge and not support Trump.

I say there are not enough true conservative votes in America to elect a so-called true conservative like Cruz. There are too many uninformed low information

voters that like free stuff. I suggest the Republicans knock off the true conservative ambitions and try to win the election.

It is all disgusting and quite frankly scary. I'm tired of it so I am swearing off of politics and hypocrites for a while. I will leave it to the old white men to figure out. I'm going to live in Realville.



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greetings!!!! Just a quick comment on the Chamber Banquet. Chris Alexander and the Chamber of Commerce did a fantastic job. It takes many people being involved to make the banquet a huge success. Congratulations to everyone that received an award, all well deserved.

Judge Campbell had 21 new court cases filed in February with two new juvenile cases. There were 19 conviction pleas and 29 cases dismissed. Total collection in fines was \$9,811.45 and \$2,374.28 in court cost.

Emergency Medical Services had 30 total runs in February. There were 11 calls for 9-1-1 service, 11 calls for transfer and 8 calls ended with no transport. Collected were \$6,337.92 and total billing was \$32,118.00.

Volunteer Fire Department had six emergency calls in February. There was a car wreck on Highway 60 and Dairy Queen, four grass fires in which one fire ended in a con-

trolled burn and a fatal accident with a young man working on his car and the car fell, trapping him under the car. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I cannot say enough about our volunteers that go out on these emergencies, not knowing exactly what to expect, but handling all situations very well. The Chamber of Commerce could not have recognized a better group of men to be the Citizens of the Year.

The city pumped 10,926,400 gallons of water, sold 9,571,000 gallons of water. There were 1438 accounts billed for a total of \$52,957.38.

The city's accounts payable totaled \$477,468.98, which is considerably higher than normal. The last two months the city accounts payable averaged \$146,000.00. The city made a bond payment and an interest payment, \$215,822.50 to Bank of New York and \$115,000.00 to First Financial Bank. The money spent pays all of our bills and keeps us in good

standings.

Chief Jimenez and the police department responded to 195 calls in January. There were 88 stops, 62 warnings, 26 citation and 8 arrests made. (4-no drivers license, 1-warrant, 1-driving while intoxicated, 1-violate promise to appear and 1-assault) The officers drove a total of 3041 miles patrolling our city.

Public Works employees continue to stay busy working on alleys and repairing potholes. It seems it is a never-ending task.

Thanks to the employees that assisted with the Chamber Banquet moving and hauling chairs and tables from the city office to the community center.

The city has been contacted by a couple of outside businesses requesting more spots for trailer hookups. There will be many people working in this area associated with the construction of the wind turbines and many will be bringing in a travel trailer.

The city is working with the Friona Economic Development Committee and entertaining the idea of adding more hookups at Reeves Lake. The city council will consider and take action on suggested changes to the City of Friona Park Rules and Charges.

Lastly, the weather is getting warmer and the weeds and grass are beginning to grow. We are going to communicate to all residents and business owners along Highway 60 inside the city limits to keep the weeds under control, grass mowed and frontage looking good. There are many businesses that do a great job keeping their frontage looking great, we want to say thank you, and if everyone would concentrate on this, Highway 60 would look great consistently. People driving through our city notice these things and we want to do everything we can to make their experience positive.

Your Mayor

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School Menu

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, waffles, fruit punch juice grapes, milk.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, mixed California veggies, apple DeLite, milk.
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit punch juice, banana, milk.
Lunch: Roasted chicken, toasty bread, corn, pork & beans, oranges, milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, Holland burrito, grape juice, apples, milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, French oven potatoes, fresh tomatoes, Mandarin oranges, milk.
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pears, milk.
Lunch: Beef spaghetti, pizza stick, broccoli, carrots, tropical fruit, milk.
- Friday**
Breakfast: Cereal, apple Frudel, fruit punch juice, oranges, milk.
Lunch: Fish, roll, cole slaw, green beans, fruit salad, milk.

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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ACROSS

- 1 Bowie crossed the line on this (2 wds.)
- 5 Texoma is largest man- TX lake
- 6 TXism: "beats ___ thing I ever saw"
- 7 "___ in peace"
- 8 TX B.J. Thomas' "I Could Cry"
- 17 Chester, TX was named for this Pres. Arthur (init.)
- 18 TXism: "he blazes ___" (large)
- 21 TXism: "costs ___ arm and a leg"
- 22 pickle herb
- 23 Texans dance ___-step
- 24 TX London's role on "I'll Fly Away"
- 29 rattlesnake caves
- 30 TX Freeman "One Life to Live" character: ___ Hall
- 31 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 32 TXism: "down the road ___" (quite a distance)
- 34 TXism: "a real go getter"
- 35 previous name of Fox Sports SW
- 36 way to get in
- 37 film: "___ for TX"
- 38 video: "Nolan Ryan: Feel the ___"
- 39 Carswell AFB once had a unit of the Strategic ___
- 41 intended

DOWN

- 1 TX Ferguson ran for president in '20 on this ticket (2 wds.)
- 2 TX Quaid '81 film "___ Midnight"
- 9 Shirley Mac ___ of TX-made "Terms of Endearment"
- 10 Rice mascots
- 11 none
- 12 TV Sullivan who showed TX talent
- 13 a laying hen or an Irish dog
- 14 TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the ___"
- 15 TV's talking horse
- 16 TX rancher slogan: "___ More Beef"
- 19 TXism: "if ___ better I couldn't stand it"
- 20 TX Sissy played this Lynn in "Coal Miner's Daughter"
- 22 TX film TX was admitted into U.S
- 24 Sha Na ___
- 25 TXism: "a coon's ___"
- 26 San Jacinto Monument has a 220-___ star on top
- 33 TX-based Alon USA Energy, ___
- 34 Tex Ritter's "Life Gets Teejus, ___ It"
- 35 user of ears
- 37 describing recently laid eggs (2 wds.)
- 38 TX Gene Tierney's "Leave ___ Heaven" (1945)
- 40 ___ shoe, TX
- 41 sail support
- 44 jet speed word
- 47 TXism: "if ___ giddyup, you better go!" (mean)
- 49 TX carpenter's tool

solution on page 4

"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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Spring begins Sunday March 20 on Palm Sunday. Easter is Sunday March 27. Great spring weather is already here but supposed to be colder over the weekend. Did I see a forecast of possible "flurries?"

My daughter Candee Holmes came to visit over the weekend. She is my first-born oldest child. Candee lives in Coppell with husband Walt. My kids don't get to visit often enough so it is always a special treat when they do.

Thursday, March 24, is the next Friona blood drive at Calvary Baptist Church from 12:00-7:00 p.m. Donors will be included in a drawing to win a 24" flat screen TV furnished by Bi-Wize. It is on display at the drugstore. Donors also get a t-shirt and hamburgers will be furnished by the Noon Lions Club. At the January blood drive Melissa Monreal won a \$25 gift card from Interior Expressions and Yvette Garcia won a \$20 gift card from Blackburn Hardware. Ashlee Willey of Amarillo won the fajita party from Jorge's and a big screen TV from Sears. Details of next week's drive are in an ad in this Friona Star. Give the gift

of life. Thanks. ***** The March Chamber of Commerce newsletter says the Ladies Spring Luncheon will be Saturday April 30 at the First Baptist Church. More details later but the Chamber is now taking a list of names of you ladies that would be willing to model in the style show. Call Raquel at 250-3491. *****

My friend Norma Whitten of Bovina called to say her granddaughter Chloe Whitten has some serious archery skills. Chloe is a 4th grader at Clovis Christian School. She celebrated her 10th birthday this week. Chloe's archery team placed 1st and she placed 1st in state archery competition in Albuquerque. She was 13th out of 826 overall participants from around New Mexico. That is impressive. Archery takes strength and a steady hand. Her photo with her bow is on this page. *****

Chloe is the daughter of Sherry and Brett Whitten of Bovina. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Norma Whitten of Bovina and Erma Brown of Friona. *****

The Friona Donut Shop opened this week, according to owners Sopanha Eng

and James Lu. The building next to Tasty Cream on Hwy 60 has a new yellow and red paint job. They bought the entire building complex including the old Budget Motel property which is now the Frio Apartments. The Donut Shop is open from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. seven days a week. In addition to all kinds of donuts they serve kolaches, pigs in a blanket, biscuit sandwiches, croissant sandwiches, coffee and all drinks. The phone number is 806-344-6486. Stop by and welcome them to Friona and enjoy some goodies. *****

Union Colony Protective Services is a company from Kersey, Colorado that will be providing security for the wind turbine project that is about to get underway. They are running a classified ad this week looking for security guard personnel. I visited with General Manager Pete Haugh this week. They are interested in veterans, retirees, or senior citizens and anyone else that may qualify. *****

The Parmer County burn ban is still in effect according to the county commissioners meeting Monday. *****

The Class of 2016 senior church banquets will start with St. Teresa's Catholic banquet March 28 at 6:30 p.m. So far we have the Methodist banquet April 18 and the Church of Christ banquet April 25. Still checking on the Baptist and Victory Family dates. Stay tuned. *****

The FHS one-act play public performance will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday March 20. The FHS senior steak dinner is Sunday April 10. I believe the cost is \$15 this year. As always details later when we get them. Hard to find anybody this spring break week. My schedule says the Chiefs are competing in the Nazareth baseball tournament this weekend. KNNK 100.5 FM will broadcast the Chieftain baseball district games beginning March 29 at Shallowater. *****

The Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op annual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. March 22. The West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op annual meeting is 6:00 p.m. March 29. Both are at the Bull Barn in Hereford. The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet is also March 29 at the XIT Center at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for a pretty good steak supper. *****

When spring break ends the race is on to graduation

for the Class of 2016. We will start putting together our Special Graduation issue of the Friona Star which we plan to publish Thursday May 26. Graduation ceremonies are May 27. If you want to place an ad to honor your senior call us at 250-2211. *****

As usual it has been a fast year but a good year. Thanks for reading the Friona Star. We will be back every week about this same time. Until then! *****



Chloe Whitten, a 4th grade student at Clovis Christian who celebrated her 10th birthday this week, placed 1st in archery competition in Albuquerque. Her team also placed 1st and she was 13th overall out of 826 participants. She is the daughter of Sherry and Brett Whitten.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson

Comparisons

OK, I confess. I watch the Super Bowl for the commercials and the awards shows to see what everyone is wearing. The commercials are actually more fun to watch than the fashion but sometimes you have to quietly giggle at what actors and actresses wear to these very big deal award shows. Some try to shock us with the lack of clothing. (Cher was the best at shocking us.) Those are the ones that defy gravity and being human. I am always surprised when there is not an unfortunate unveiling of an unsuspected epidermis nature. (Janet Jackson comes to mind.) I truly believe that you can put ANY man in a tuxedo and he would be knockdown gorgeous. With that being said, I also believe that tuxedos should be black with black bow tie. Other colors of tuxedos just do not have the same effect. Black tuxedos with red piping are just not as attractive. I'm just saying... Back to the dresses. Some of the dresses were truly beautiful and make the women wearing them more attractive. Some of the dresses were likened to 1950 couch covers. I could see that in a couple of cases. Yes, they were flashy and caught the eye but garnered a great deal of bad publicity. I know that many of the dresses cost more than a year's salary for people like me. I also know that if I were spending that much on a one-time wear dress I would have to question the designers' choice of materials and designs. They may be great designers but for the everyday person they are a bit over the top.

I did notice one winner at the Oscars that it looked like no designer even approached her and she wore something from her own closet. It was a bit of a standout but that is okay. She didn't let her clothing define her and her win. I think she won for costume design. One comment made about a perfectly lovely woman made me question just how far sniping can go. The woman had on a beautiful gown but had taken a very severe hairstyle to the max. She had basically taken her hair out of the equation opting for the dress to make her statement. Her hair was severe but it was not hanging in her eyes obstructing her view as she watched the awards. Her hair also did not block the view of the person sitting behind her. So what was the issue? With the award season in overdrive, I will probably get to see even more interesting clothing and hair. I do know that Facebook has no problem plastering these screen idols good and really bad choices. With that I have to confess I have spent good money on dresses that were only worn once or twice and now hang in my closet taunting me to find another occasion to show them off. They hang among my everyday clothing that begs to be taken out of the lineup and given a rest. I realize I am referring to my clothes as if they are football players on the sideline of a game begging to be put in the game or just need a breather before being put back in. Therefore, I guess football and fashion have more in common than I thought.

Conservation Program applications at NRCS office

USDA National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Earl Behrends announced applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices at 109 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas. NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding for 2016 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after March 18, 2016. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2016 should do so before this ranking deadline. EQIP—one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill—is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations. "EQIP is a valuable tool to help Parmer County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices

that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Behrends. EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2016 funding allocation is March 18, 2016. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency. EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist produc-

ers financially with these land management practices. Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 3,141 EQIP contracts with \$72 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 1.8 million acres across the entire state. In addition to help our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally. For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Farwell at (806) 481-3311. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

News from Friday, March 16, 1956

*If a Body See a Body.. It looked like a good story at first. Engineers of a Santa Fe Freight train which was through Friona about 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, arrived in Amarillo and notified officials there was a dead man lying on the railroad right-of-way between post 19-20, which is between Black and Friona. Officials called the police, who notified Deaf Smith County Sheriff's officers. These officers called J.W.

Roberts, Parmer County deputy, who notified Marcum-Claborn Funeral Home and then they all started their search for the body. The "body" turned out to be very much alive. What train personnel has seen was a 65-year old man asleep in a bedroll not far from the train tracks. The "body" told officers who discovered him about 9:30 p.m., that he was enroute, afoot, from Oklahoma City to Bakersfield, Calif., where

he was going to apply for his pension. He said he slept out the night before and it wasn't any colder on Tuesday than it had been on Monday. Amazed officers turned around and left, and the "body" supposedly went back to sleep. *There will be 922 students enrolled in Friona Public Schools next year. There will be approximately 103 first graders and 55 seniors. The largest class will be in the third grade. *"Welcome to Black, Where Farmers Have Ways with Maize," is the new slogan for Black Community. *The Senior Class of Friona High School presented their play, "The Zombie," on March 9, and it was termed a big success, netting just over \$300 for the Senior Trip. *Members of the Town & Country Bridge club surprised Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, Jr. with a housewarming last Wednesday evening.

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It's Not That Bad

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever been lulled into a situation where those around you were saying that things were not that bad, but in reality the situation was worse than you could ever imagine? In 2 Kings 24:17-20 we read of King Zedekiah, whose eleven year reign is summed up in just a few verses. These few verses do state that "he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord," but for some reason the brevity could leave one with the impression that things weren't that bad. Another way to look at it is from the viewpoint saying, "things could have been worse." The reality, though, is that things really couldn't get any worse, and Zedekiah would be the final king of Judah.

You see, Zedekiah's reign is also documented in 2 Chronicles 36:10-16, which paints a more graphic picture of his wicked leadership. This passage points out his unwillingness to listen to the Word of the Lord, his willingness to harden his heart toward God, lead the people in sins of all kinds, even polluting the temple of the Lord with pagan worship. Although the list could go on, the reality is that things were that bad.

Our culture is a master at preaching that things aren't that bad, or that things are not even bad at all, but when you listen to the Lord and His Word, you see that things really are worse than you realize. Our nation, our state and our town are in serious shape before the Lord, and our only answer is not relativizing sin, but turning from sin and to Jesus Christ.

Good Friday Passover Meal

On Good Friday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m., the First Baptist Church of Friona will have a Passover meal. The evening will begin with a wonderful meal (with regular food), then following the meal Joel Horne will lead us in a traditional Jewish Passover Celebration, and point out the significance of each element as it relates to Christ.

Joel Horne is a retired Baptist pastor and evangelist who has served the Lord faithfully his entire life, and currently his church home is Central Baptist in Clovis, NM.

This very special and worshipful evening is open to everyone who would like to come, but you must sign up by Monday, March 21 so we can plan for the meal. Families are encouraged to participate and to sign up simply call the office to reserve your spot, 806-250-3933.

Oven French Toast with Nut Topping

Ingredients

- 1 loaf (12 ounces) French bread, cut in 1-inch slices
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mace

TOPPING:

- 1-1/3 cups packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 3 tablespoons dark corn syrup
- 1-1/3 cups chopped pecans, walnuts or hickory nuts

Directions

1. Fill a well-greased 13x9-in. baking dish with bread slices to within 1/2 in. of top; set aside.
2. In blender, combine the eggs, milk, cream, vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon and mace; cover and process until blended. Pour over bread slices. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
3. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Meanwhile, combine topping ingredients. Spread over top.
4. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until puffed and golden. (Cover with foil if top browns too quickly.) Yield: 8-10 servings.

OBITUARIES

Ronnie Stevick

Ronnie Stevick, 65, of Friona, died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in Amarillo. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Ronnie was born July 12, 1950 in Friona to Glen Curtis and Nellie Ruth McElroy Stevick. He was owner of Stevick Sales and Service in Friona. He was a 10-year member of the Friona City Council, and a past president and board member of the Friona Country Club. He loved riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, football, especially the Dallas Cowboys, boxing and associating with friends. He had a very caring heart.

Survivors include his wife, Yanina Stevick, of Friona; two daughters, Brook Stevick



of Friona and Ivette Y. Flores Guevara of Maracay, Venezuela; one son, Chad Stevick of Lubbock; two sisters, Janet LaFrance of Roswell, N.M. and Karen King of Maricopa, Arizona; one brother, James Stevick of Bovina; and six grandchildren.

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com

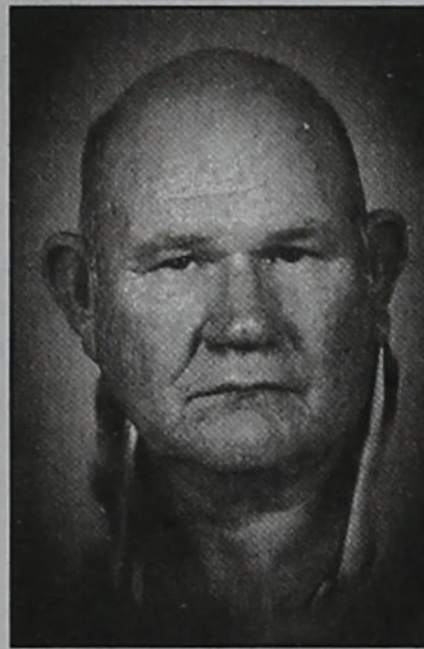


Wilford J. Hensley

Wilford J. Hensley, 70, of Bovina, died March 11, 2016 in Lubbock. No services are scheduled. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Hensley was born November 15, 1945 in Lorena, Texas to Wilford Andy and Dela Mosline Atkins Hensley. He married JoAnn Recer September 17, 1968 in Lubbock. He was a retired automotive mechanic that loved to fish and play video games.

He is survived by his wife Joann Hensley of Bovina; two sons, Ronnie Joe Melton of Oklahoma, and Wilford Andy Hensley of Ackerly, Texas; one daughter, Laura Ann Velarde of Midland; four grand-



children; and three great-grandchildren.



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Panhandle Parables

Santa Fe Trail

By JEFF PROCTER

Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

As I sit here this fine Monday evening writing this article we are in a hotel room in Santa Fe, NM and by the time you read this we will be safely back home in Friona, Lord willing. We are here to listen to our good friend Haden Smiley sing with the Harvard Glee Club, can hardly wait.

Driving up we took the road less travelled to Adrian, yes a bit out of the way, but we were able to eat lunch at Russell's truck stop somewhere around the New Mexico line. I highly recommend it. But, between Friona and Clines Corner there is not much going on and if it hadn't been for the fence post I would have thought we were not moving at all. It is a long road; I was even wanting to ask if we were there yet.

The long road made me think of the Israelites leaving Egypt. I can't say I can judge them to harshly with all their complaining. Of course their lack of faith got them a 40-year detour which I am pretty sure cured the "are we there yet" thoughts because it just seemed never ending.

I think there are times in our lives where we don't feel the progress and the road seems eternally long and at moments pointless. Some will give up. Some will look for a shortcut and few will endeavor onward clinging to the hope that what lies ahead is far better than what is in the rearview mirror.

Regardless of where you are in this journey called life let me offer two encouragements.

1. Home with God at the end of this journey is worth the countless fence posts you have passed.
2. See the beauty in the journey.

The people that will come and go in your life will teach you something if you will let them. The trials and hills you will climb will prepare you for some work yet revealed, but if it for the Lord it will not be in vain. So keep going. Life really isn't long enough for you to spend any of it complaining about where you are now. Keep your eyes focused on the Savior and one day your destination will be reached and your reward received.

What Would You Have?

By TEENA HUGHES

About 10 days ago, I was going through some catalogs, and I ran across a plaque that read, "What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?"

I try to thank God throughout the day for things, especially for those things that really help me out in tight spots, or when something comes together that I thought would be time-consuming or difficult.

I know I thank God for things throughout the day and then forget them; but, to be honest, the only things I could remember thanking God for the day before seeing this plaque were Tech beating K-State in men's basketball and Ted Cruz winning Kansas and Maine. So, if those were the only two things I thanked God for the day before, I wouldn't have very much when I woke up, would I?

I wouldn't have Feller, Will, Lauren or family or friends; I wouldn't have a warm, comfortable home, dependable vehicles, food, etc. These are things I take for granted, and I wouldn't have them.

Honestly, I don't thank God nearly enough for all the things He does for me; all the things He gives me; all the things He offers me, like His love, grace, mercy, hope, and forgiveness.

I know I can never re-pay God for all that He is to me, but the least I can do is thank Him, because without Him, I would have nothing. I wouldn't have all the people in my life that I do; I wouldn't have all the things in my life that I do; and, if it weren't for Him loving and pursuing me, I wouldn't have the greatest gift of all--Him. Thank You, God; may I honor and glorify You with everything You have done for me and given me!!!

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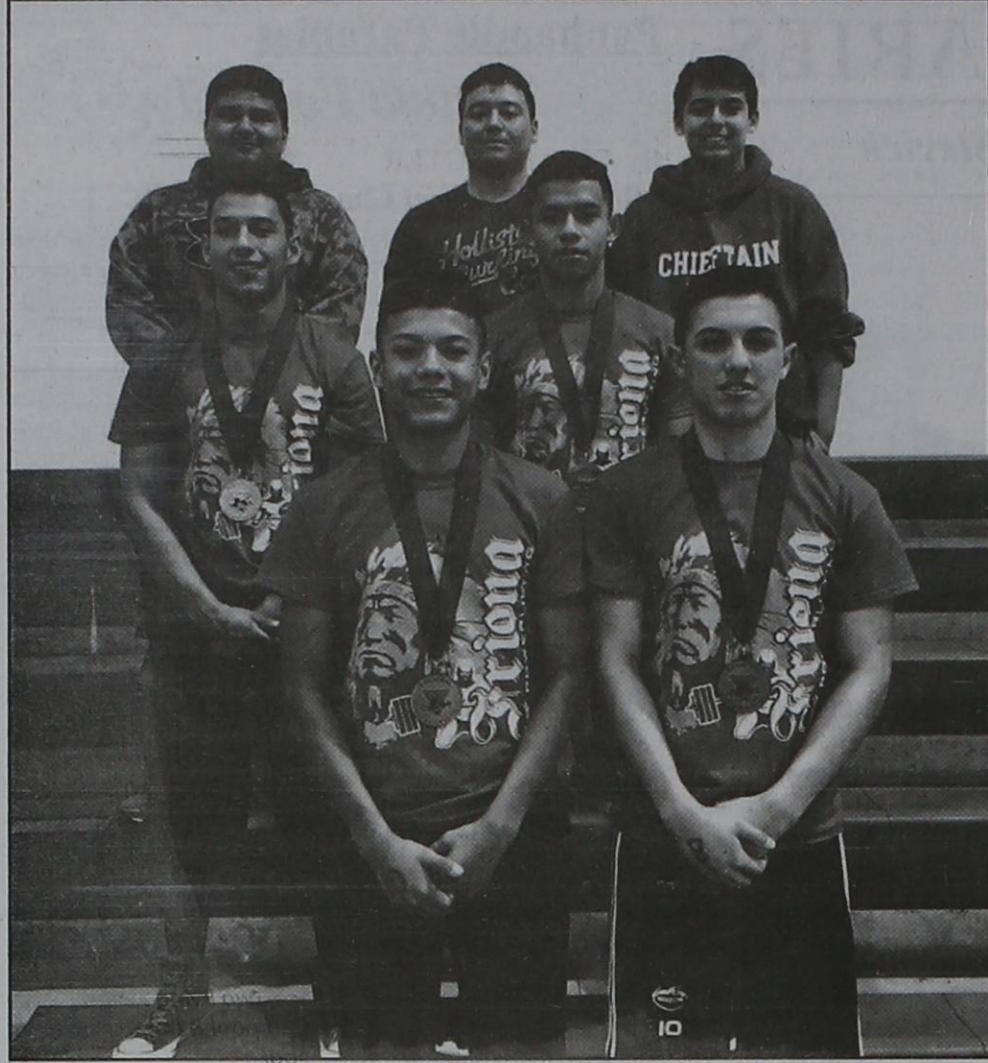
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Friona Chieftain Powerlifting team, l-r, back row: Miguel Davia, Joel Cigarroa, Andrew Cigarroa; middle row: Luis Trejo, Salvador Santiago; front row: Marin Santiago, Edwin Garcia.

Powerlifting Update

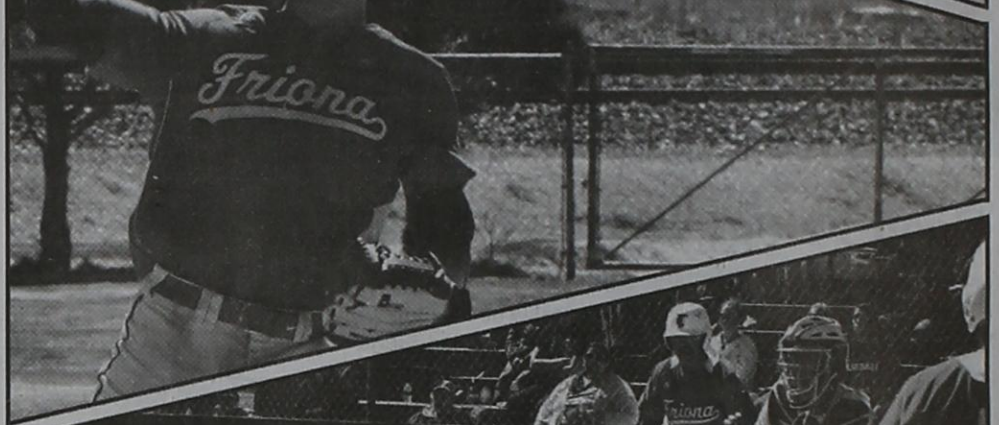
By Coach Daniel Hutchins

The Friona Chieftain Powerlifting team was represented by five lifters (Joel Cigarroa, Edwin Garcia, Marin Santiago, Salvador Santiago, and Luis Trejo) at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association (THSPA) Region 1, Division 3 meet on Saturday, March 12, in Sundown.

These young men led a team with no senior lifters to a successful season. On the day the Chiefs were tied for 6th place out of 49 teams lifting, and had two lifters qualify for the state tournament (Trejo & Garcia). Luis Trejo earned 2nd place in the 132 lbs. weight class. Edwin Garcia is an alternate in the 114 lbs. class where he finished 3rd. The Santiago brothers both brought home medals from the meet placing 5th in their respective classes; Marin in the 114's and Salvador in the 132's. Joel Cigarroa was 8th place in the always tough 198 lbs. class.

The THSPA state meet will be held at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene on Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Chiefs 10, Tulia 3



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The FHS Chieftain golf team competed in their first meet of the season at the Farwell Invitational Wednesday, March 9. The Chiefs placed 4th in an eight team field. They shot a 426 behind Sudan, Farwell, and Olton. Brandon Douglas was the 5th place medalist. Pictured are, l-r, Joshua Barnett, Brandon Douglas, Bryce Bunker, and Samuel Frye. The Chiefs return to action on Tuesday, March 22 in Vega.

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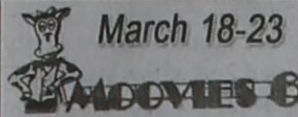
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The Varsity girls earned second place ranking in 17 events with 101 total points. The results of the events are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: Nastassia Luna tied for 8th place with a time of 14.42; Misty Villanueva placed 10th with a time of 14.42; Erica Barrera placed 11th with a time of 14.46; and Stephanie Maldonado placed 18th with a time of 15.70.

200 Meter Dash: Kim DeWit placed 5th with a time of 29.13; Nastassia Luna placed 6th with a time of 30.49; Misty Villanueva placed 7th with a time of 30.52; Bailey Pope placed 9th with a time of 30.56; and Stephanie Maldonado tied for 13th place with a time of 32.08.

400 Meter Dash: Emma Rector placed 5th with a time of 1:07.99; Vivianna Rivera placed 6th with a time of 1:08.24; and Desiree Aragon placed 18th with a time of 1:21.40.

800 Meter Run: Chelsie Gomez placed 5th with a time of 2:46.68; Desiree Aragon placed 10th with

a time of 2:55.04; and Verence Mendoza placed 11th with a time of 2:57.11. 1600 Meter Run: Chelsie Gomez placed 1st with a time of 6:16.58; Briana Alvarado placed 5th with a time of 6:25.14; and Jackie Legaretta placed 6th with a time of 6:29.86.

3200 Meter Run: Briana Alvarado placed 1st with a time of 13:36.40; Jackie Legaretta placed 2nd with a time of 14:01.14; and Alexia Amaya placed 6th with a time of 16:05.90.

100 Meter Hurdles: Erika Grado placed 5th with a time of 20.20 and Rickie Castillo placed 6th with a time of 22.46.

300 Meter Hurdles: Rickie Castillo placed 10th with a time of 1:04.77.

4X100 Meter Relay: The team of Bailey Pope, Kim DeWit, Emma Rector and Sandra Gonzales placed 4th with a time of 54.84.

4X200 Meter Relay: The team of Bailey Pope, Erica Barrera, Misty Villanueva and Sandra Gonzales placed 4th with a time of 2:01.05.

4X400 Meter Relay: The team of Kim DeWit, Sandra Gonzales, Emma Rector and Vivianna Rivera placed 2nd with a time of 4:37.96.

High Jump: Bailey Pope placed 2nd with a height

of 4' 4"; Vivianna Rivera placed 3rd with a height of 4' 2"; and Desiree Aragon placed 5th with a height of 4' 2".

Triple Jump: Erika Grado placed 3rd with a jump of 29' 6".

Shot Put: Paige Upton placed 4th with a throw of 31' 4".

Discus Throw: Paige Upton placed 5th with a throw of 85' 7".

The Varsity Boys team took 3rd place in the overall point count in 17 events with a total of 82 points. The results of the events are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: Marco Maldonado placed 2nd with a time of 11.51; Gabriel Chico placed 5th with a time of 11.96; and Oscar Huerta placed 8th with a time of 12.18.

200 Meter Dash: Jonathan Hernandez placed 8th with a time of 24.96.

400 Meter Dash: Alvaro Gardea placed 2nd with a time of 53.55.

800 Meter Dash: Alvaro Gardea placed 1st with a time of 2:13.92.

110 Meter Hurdles: Jonathan Hernandez placed 3rd with a time of 18.90; and Omar Estrada placed 4th with a time of 19.17.

300 Meter Hurdles: Omar

Estrada placed 3rd with a time of 49.52.

4X100 Meter Relay: The team of Oscar Huerta, Marco Maldonado, Adrian Munoz and Gabriel Chico placed 2nd with a time of 45.11.

4X200 Meter Relay: The team of Oscar Huerta, Marco Maldonado, Adrian Munoz and Gabriel Chico placed 4th with a time of 1:37.27.

4X400 Meter Relay: The team of Alvaro Gardea, Adrian Munoz, Jonathan Hernandez and Julius Orozco placed 3rd with a time of 3:50.52.

Triple Jump: Adrian Munoz placed 5th with a jump of 38' 7".

The Junior Varsity Boys team took first place in the overall point count in 17 events with a total of 136 points. The results of the events are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: Junior Reyes placed 1st with a time of 11.83; Alex Lucero placed 2nd with a time of

12.24; and Alex Mendoza placed 3rd with a time of 12.27.

200 Meter Dash: Alex Mendoza placed 1st with a time of 25.49; Alex Lucero placed 4th with a time of 25.58; and Rodrigo Munoz placed 10th with a time of 26.61.

400 Meter Dash: Damian Rodriguez placed 2nd with a time of 59.70; and Michael Valdez placed 7th with a time of 1:03.68.

800 Meter Run: Damian Rodriguez placed 3rd with a time of 2:23.58; and Guardo Guaderrama placed 6th with a time of 2:34.08.

1600 Meter Run: Guardo Guaderrama placed 7th with a time of 6:03.61.

4X100 Meter Relay: The team of Junior Reyes, Rocky Barrios, Marco Monreal and Johnny Ojeda placed 2nd with a time of 47.77.

4X200 Meter Relay: The team of Junior Reyes, Rocky Barrios, Marco Monreal and Johnny Ojeda placed 2nd with a time of 24.

1:42.30.

4X400 Meter Relay: The team of Alex Mendoza, Marco Monreal, Michael Valdez and Omar Estrada placed 3rd with a time of 3:59.95.

Pole Vault: Jason Kelly placed 2nd with a vault of 7' 6"; Rodrigo Munoz placed 3rd with a vault of 7'; and Rocky Barrios placed 4th with a vault of 6' 6".

Long Jump: Johnny Ojeda placed 2nd with a jump of 17' 6" and Junior Reyes placed 4th with a jump of 16' 10.5".

Triple Jump: Johnny Ojeda placed 2nd with a jump of 36' 9.5" and Junior Reyes placed 5th with a jump of 35'.

Shot Put: Johnny Carranza placed 13th with a throw of 27' 2.5".

Discus Throw: Johnny Carranza placed 7th with a throw of 81' 10".

The FHS track teams are taking a break this week and will compete in Dimmitt on Thursday, March



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Freshman Bailey Pope takes off out of the blocks as the first leg of the 4X100 Meter Relay team during the Chieftain Relays last Friday. Other team members were Kim DeWit, Emma Rector and Sandra Gonzales. The team placed 4th with a time of 54.84.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FRIONA CITY COUNCIL**

Date: April 11, 2016 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, 619 Main, Friona, Texas

Applicant(s): Kendrick Oil, Danny Kendrick

The Friona City Council will consider in public hearing a request to abandon the north 190' of the certain north/south alley in Block 2, Lots 1,2,3,4, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Original Town, City of Friona, Parmer County.

The Friona City Council will consider to approve, deny, or modify this proposed change in a public hearing on April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 619 Main, Friona, Texas.

For further information, contact the City Manager at 806-250-2761.

In the event of a lack of quorum to convene or continue the City Council meeting described above, this matter will automatically be carried forward to the agenda of the next regular scheduled meeting and succeeding meetings as necessary.

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8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY
12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

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1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

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8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE BOVINA - RIDGELEA
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

ESCUELA DE LAZBUDDIE - BIBLIOTECA
12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

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

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Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



FRIENDS: Imagine...Dream...Believe!

These are the words in front of our Endowment Donor Wall of Honor. It is what inspired a special group of 25 dedicated individuals who served on our Centennial Endowment Committee 2006-2008 to establish an endowment to promote, protect and ensure the future of excellence of the Friona Public Library. 2018 will be the 50th anniversary of the Friends established in 1968 for the same reason. Our literary basket raffle each year is one of our major fundraising efforts.

Our basket raffle (I think this is our 10th annual) is now underway. These special baskets feature a theme generated around a book or books. Generous sponsors donate the 'baskets' and their contents which include all types of fun and interesting items in special containers to help us raise money for our programs and projects. They range in value from \$75 to over \$500 and the Friends basket includes an iPad. Tickets are still just \$1 each for a chance to win. Drawing will be held at our Annual Membership meeting on April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Redeemer Literacy Center 1304 Virginia and YOU are invited! Refreshments will be served. You do not have to be present to win, but we would love to have you come.

Thanks to all of you who have so graciously responded to our 2016 annual membership drive. As you know, new members are essential to the future of an organization and we value and appreciate your trust and continued support.

So 'Get in the Game' and join us. It is not too late. You can join anytime by coming by the Library, 109 W. 7th. Help us continue to work for our community.

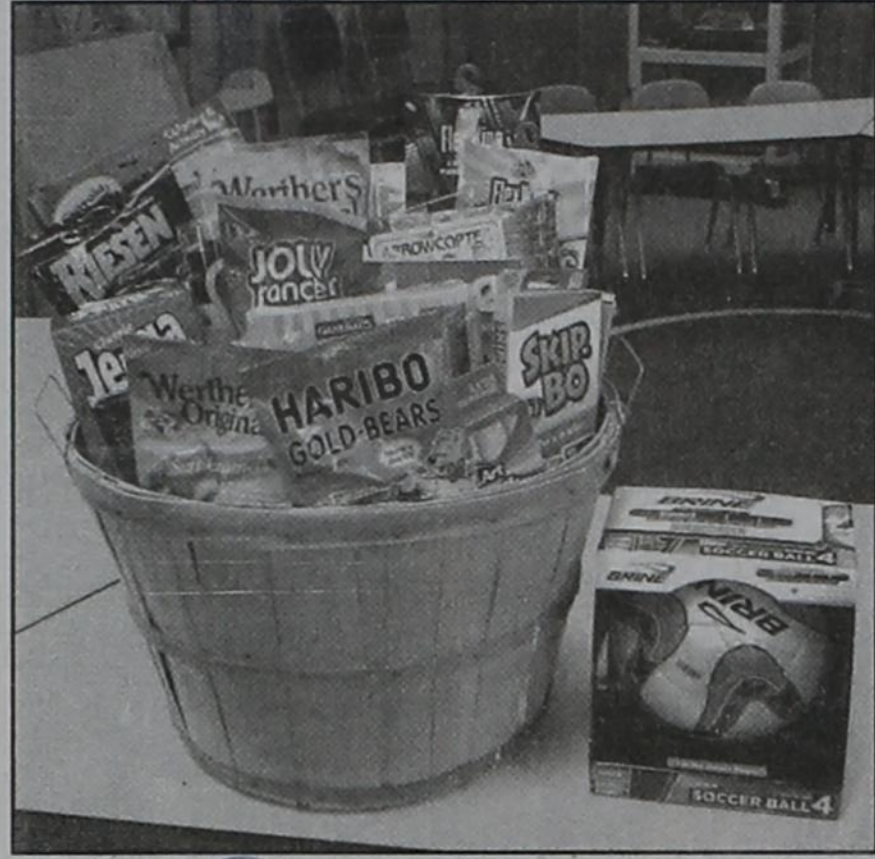
We usually have 10 baskets. Pictured here are the latest 3 to be added and all 10 will be in

place by March 21st. You may purchase your chances to win at the Friona Public Library, 109 W. 7th. Good Luck!!

New on the bookshelf: Cometh the Hour by Jeffrey Archer, Breakdown by Jonathan Kellerman, Gangster by Clive Cussler, She's not there by

Joy Fielding; Clawback by J. A. Jance, Friends we keep by Susan Mallery, Violent Crimes by Philip Margolin, No Shred of Evidence by Charles Todd, Property of a Noblewoman by Danielle Steel. Non-fiction: Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold, Rightful Heritage by Douglas Brinkley, Rawhide Ranger by Ira Aten, Playing to the Edge by Michael Hayden, Immortal Irishman by Timothy Egan.

Memorial donations have been received from the Henry Clarks, Shirley Thomas, Joy Morton, Deloris Phipps, Erma Brown, Robert Neelley, J W Baxters, Kurtis Barkers and Hollis Hortons to BILLY DEAN BAXTER; Mick Wilsons, E. G. Phipps, and Hollis Hortons to JOHN RENNER; Hollis Hortons to LILLIE MAE PERKINS, JUANITA WRIGHT, PAT FLEMING, CLAIRE BLANCO and PAT NICHOLS.



Larry Johnston's GJ's Games Corner Basket (In Loving Memory of Jim Johnston) looks like a fun basket to win at the April 24 drawing.



Yoda joins the Star Wars Basket at the 10th Annual Library meeting on Sunday, April 24. Tickets are available at the Library for \$1 a chance.



Veterinary Industries Western Classics basket is just one of the many baskets available at the 10th Annual Library Meeting on April 24.



Friends Book Shoppe Get in the Game with Star Wars Basket could be yours for a \$1 chance. Go by the library at 109 W. 7th and check it out.

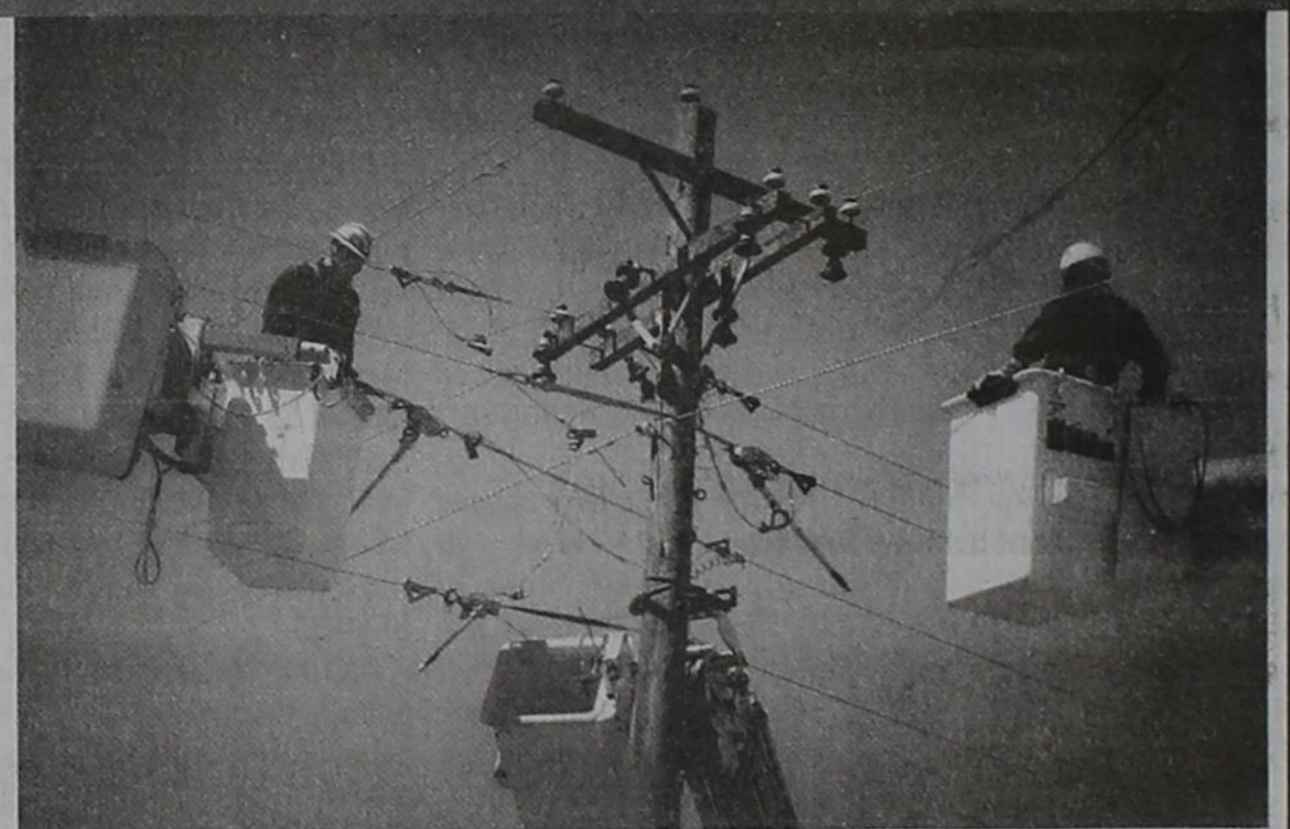
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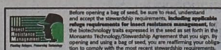
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The trees at 201 10th Street are showing their spring colors. The weather forecasters are predicting cooler weather for the upcoming weekend.

Good farm practices, careful hiring thwart legal issues

By Kay Ledbetter

It goes without saying farms should have detailed animal care and handling policies to prevent animal abuse, and producers should conduct ongoing employee training to ensure they understand and utilize proper animal care standards, according to an agricultural law specialist.

But farm owners may need to implement a few extra policies to prevent deceitful employees from creating videos on a farm, according to Tiffany Dowell Lashmet with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo.

Dairy producers, as well as other livestock operations, have had issues with employees taking deceitful videos, only to release them on social media and cast aspersions on the industry, Dowell Lashmet said.

She shared some tips with those attending the recent High Plains Dairy Conference in Lubbock on how to avoid and survive these videos.

First, Dowell Lashmet discussed the potential legal claims if a deceitful video is taken on the farm.

She said farm protection laws have been enacted in only eight states and each state varies on what is offered, from laws prohibiting the taking an undercover video on agriculture premises to prohibiting someone from using false credentials to gain employment and access to video on a farm.

But even in the states where the laws exist, they have been challenged on constitutional grounds, Dowell Lashmet said. For example, the Idaho law was recently found to violate the First, free speech, and Fourteenth, citizenship rights, amendments, and similar challenges are pending in North Carolina and Utah.

There also are some common law areas where agriculture entities might be able to sue, including fraud if someone lies or provides false information to get hired, she said. But if a person

provides all the proper identification and truthful information, fraud has not been committed. Someone can't be sued for trespass if they were hired, and claims for breach of duty of loyalty and defamation can be complex and hard to litigate.

Also, Dowell Lashmet said, litigation is expensive and the damage is already done.

"So the best advice I can give you is to prepare as if an investigation is going to happen," she said. "The most important place to start is with your hiring practices and employee training."

Dowell Lashmet said employers first need to discuss their policy with an attorney and be consistent across the board.

"You can't just ask certain applicants if they have been involved with animal rights groups - you have to ask everyone," she said.

Dowell Lashmet also gave some tips that might help prevent problems or provide a stronger case to litigate or prevent a deceitful video from being played:

- Have an applicant swear to the truth of the employment application under penalty of perjury.

- Check references. Go one step beyond the phone number they provide to make sure it matches the company they might say they've been previously employed with.

- Google the potential employee's name. It's free.

- Check social media pages - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. "You'd be surprised what people post," she said.

- Consider paying for a professional background check.

Dowell Lashmet said there are generally warning signs that will alert an employer something is not right.

"Watch for someone seeking employment below their skill level; or if their previous employment is out of character with agriculture work; or if they are offering to work for limited or no pay, after hours

or to do jobs no one else wants to do. Be concerned if you see employees where they shouldn't be or on the premises when they shouldn't be."

She suggested employers create an employment contract or a handbook, and get it reviewed by an attorney. The handbook can address a variety of issues such as a provision that all cell phones must be left in vehicles or lockers, or rules that unauthorized photos or videos are the property of the facility owner.

"Also keep your longtime, trusted employees on the lookout for any problems, including any animal abuse or mistreatment or any videos being taken," she said. "And require any animal abuse seen by an employee to be immediately reported to the owner."

And finally, Dowell Lashmet said, be ready if it happens. Have a crisis team in place, which she said should include an attorney, media relations person and veterinarian. Have a written policy in place - know who is and isn't going to talk.

"If a video is released, immediately send a spoliation letter to the organization releasing it so they have to keep all the video footage shot by the employee," she said. "This allows you to make sure things aren't taken out of context. An attorney may also seek an injunction to prevent the video from being played further if the proper requirements are met."


And, if some unwanted practices were taking place, "you want to take swift action that fires the employee who committed the acts. If there is wrongdoing, take responsibility up front, don't blame others."

Dowell Lashmet said it is also important to have good will built in a community before a deceitful video breaks, and "make sure you maintain transparency by educating people on what we are doing - let them hear it from you, why you do certain things certain ways."

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