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All-Sports banquet Monday

The annual FHS all-sports banquet will be Monday May 16 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. The meal, catered by Canna Ray, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria then the awards will be presented in the junior high auditorium. All parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to attend.

Lewellen elected Mayor Pro-Tem

The city council met Monday May 9 in regular session with all members present. Council members Martha Barker and Greg Lewellen and Mayor Rick White were sworn-in by city manager Patricia Phipps for new terms. Each ran unopposed in the recent election. Lewellen was then appointed by fellow council members as Mayor Pro-Tem, who serves in the absence of the mayor.

The council approved previous minutes, accounts payable, and financial statements for April.

Fire Chief Jim Taylor gave a fire department report. Our firemen have been fortunate in this windy weather. Chief Taylor said in April they responded to one grass fire, one house fire, and three wrecks. He said the department is considering the purchase of two 40-foot containers to be used for storage and they have received a Forest Service grant of \$900 for a smoke machine to be used for training. He will be sending four of our firemen to fire training in College Station at the end of July.

Sgt. Jesus San Miguel gave the police department report. In April they made nine arrests, 129 traffic stops, issued 95 warnings, and had 209 calls for service. They issued six citations for driving with no license.

An amendment to a lease with R&J Farms (Rex Wells and Jerry Loflin) was approved extending the terms of the lease to December 31, 2016.

About 7:00 p.m. the council went into executive session for an annual evaluation of Municipal Judge Deborah Campbell.

The next city council meeting is Monday June 13. All council meetings are open to the public. See the Mayor's Minutes column on page two for more about the city's business.

Former EMS tech indicted

Former Friona EMS staff member Jennifer Gonzales has been indicted by the Parmer County grand jury for "embezzling" drugs through the EMS for personal use. Gonzales was in charge of ordering drugs to restock the ambulance. According to the city and Sheriff Randy Gerles she would order drugs, approve the invoice for payment by the city, then steal the drugs for personal use.

Sheriff Gerles, who has been investigating the situation for several months, said the amount of the theft was over \$33,000 and had been ongoing since 2013. Some of the drugs Gonzales ordered were not on the authorized list of drugs for the ambulance. The offense is classified as a 2nd degree felony punishable by 2 to 20 years in jail and up to a \$20,000 fine.

FTO retirement reception May 25

The Friona Teachers Organization (FTO) will host a retirement reception on Wednesday, May 25 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Friona ISD Administration building board room. Kenny Austin and Becky Albarado will be honored at the reception. The public is invited to attend and wish them well in their retirement.

US 60 improvements set to begin

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is set to begin work on a project that will make improvement to 5.6 miles of US 60 in Parmer County. The project will make needed improvements and repairs to the pavement and is expected to enhance the overall safety of the roadway.

"Construction work on the \$14.8 million project is scheduled to begin Monday, May 16, with contractor Kiewit Infrastructure South Co., of Fort Worth, setting signs and barricades, then the following Monday, May 23, work to make improvements to the roadway shoulder is scheduled to begin," said Steve Perez, P.E., TxDOT Littlefield Area engineer and project manager.

Motorists traveling on US 60, over the summer months, will see traffic reduced to one-lane at various times throughout the project limits as work crews mill the existing pavement, then cement treat and resurface the roadway.

"Drivers should be aware that speed limits in the construction zone will be reduced to 65 mph," Perez added.

Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through the work zone, since crews will be working in close proximity to traffic and should keep the following tips in mind:

- **Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.**
- **Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.**
- **Be patient. Delays from roadway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.**



Cemetery cleanup May 19

The Friona Cemetery Association will hold the annual cemetery cleanup day next Thursday May 19.

At 4:30 p.m. they will have an open house at the newly remodeled Cemetery Chapel building. The building now has heat and air and is available for graveside services. Everyone is invited to come visit this great addition to our cemetery.

Volunteers will be welcome to come help with the cleanup at 5 p.m. Old faded flowers and other items that are blowing around will be thrown away. New flowers in vases will not be thrown away but if you have any flowers or items you may want to save you need to get them prior to May 19 until after the cleanup.

Trash bags and refreshments will be available. Come help and make our cemetery look nice for Memorial Day.



courtesy photo

The Friona Chieftain baseball team made school history over the weekend. For the first time in school history a Chieftain baseball team won a playoff game, defeating Childress in a 2 out of 3 series to claim the bi-district Golden Glove for the school trophy case. Team members are, back row, l-r, Coach Jesus Quiroz, Luis Vasquez, Tristan Castillo, Ivan Duran, Logan Loflin, Damar Sermen, Guillermo Quintana, Isaac Duran, Coach David Woods: front row, l-r, Samuel Frye, Aaron Rocha, Daniel Pena, Mason Mireles, Dallin Woods, Josh Barnett, Matthew Morales. The Chiefs advance to the area round and will play the Alpine Bucks Thursday and Saturday in Andrews. First game is 6:00 p.m. Thursday. Second game is 3:00 p.m. Saturday followed by game three if necessary.



dana jameson photos

Another accident at Cargill. The Chevy Malibu, right, was entering the plant Tuesday afternoon about 2:45 p.m. when it pulled onto Hwy. 60 and collided with an east bound Mustang, top, that ended up in the median. Friona EMS, Friona firefighters, Friona police, and DPS Troopers responded. There were no serious injuries.



Claas Names Parmer County Implement Lexion Parts & Service Provider for Texas

OMAHA, Neb. — Claas announces that one of its leading forage harvester and hay tool dealers — Parmer County Implement — is expanding its product support portfolio to include the Lexion combine range and will now serve the West Texas area previously covered by Warren CAT.

Based in Friona, Texas, Parmer County Implement will expand its service team and parts distribution to effectively cover the territory which also includes portions of western Oklahoma. Additional parts and service support to Parmer County Implement will be provided directly by Claas in the start-up phase to ensure coverage of customer needs during this upcoming harvest season.

"For Lexion owners in the area, we plan to immediately utilize experienced technical support and a parts distribution point directly in the area," said Clint Hurst, Parmer County Implement president. "We have many years of experience serving the forage harvesting market, where timely parts and service are absolutely critical. This puts us in an optimal position to meet the needs of Lexion owners as well."

The addition of Parmer County Implement is benefi-

cial to both Lexion and Jaguar customers alike.

"Parmer County Implement has proven through their performance with the Jaguar forage line that they understand customers' operations and what they expect from their

dealers. With that track record, Parmer County Implement is an ideal example of Claas growing our long-line distribution partners representing the complete range of products," explained Claas of America President and Gen-

eral Manager — Sales, Eric Raby. "The addition of support for the Lexion combine range is a natural next step and continues to demonstrate our commitment to customers, with actions and not just words."



dana jameson photo

Virginia Street is closed at Highway 60 as work has begun by Kendrick Oil Co. on repaving a section of the street with concrete for trucks accessing the Kendrick Truck Wash property. Trucks park on the west side of Virginia then cross Virginia into the truck wash. The truck traffic had torn up Virginia and Kendrick Oil struck an agreement with the city to repave about 140' of Virginia with concrete to avoid future wear and tear to the street.

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

- May 12-14-FHS Track @ Austin-STATE
- May 13-14-FHS Band Trip to Dallas
- May 14-Kid Fish Day, 3-6 p.m. at Reeve Lake-Open to kids 16 and under
- May 16-FISD Title I/Parent Involvement Meeting-6:45 p.m. at FJHS
- May 16-All Sports Banquet @ 6 p.m.-FJHS cafeteria
- May 16-17-State Tennis @ Texas A&M
- May 17-FHS Choir Follies @ FHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.
- May 19-Friona Cemetery Association Annual Cleanup workday-5 p.m.
- May 19-All School Awards/Who's Who/Lip Sync-FHS auditorium
- May 20-Chieftain Challenge at FHS
- May 21-ARMED FORCES DAY
- May 21-FHS Prom-7 p.m.
- May 25-Early Release
- May 25-First Baptist Church End of School Party 6-8 p.m.
- May 26-Early Release/Last day of School
- May 27- Harrington Breast Center screenings at PMC
- May 27-FHS Graduation
- May 28-29-Cannon Air Force Base free Air Show-gates open at 9 a.m.
- May 30-MEMORIAL DAY
- June 19-FATHER'S DAY

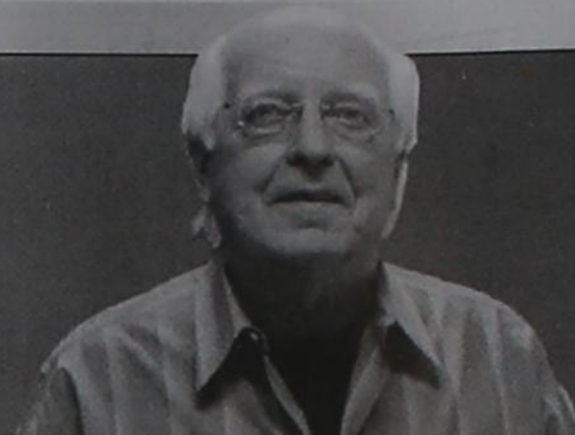
School Menu

May 16-20

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, fruit punch juice, applesauce, milk
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, mixed California veggies, peaches, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Beef spaghetti, pizza sticks, broccoli, carrots, fruit cocktail, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, apple juice, peaches, milk
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, French oven potatoes, fresh tomatoes, apples, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, pears, milk
Lunch: Roasted chicken, Doritos, corn, pork & beans, pears, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage biscuit with cheese, apple juice, fruit cocktail, milk
Lunch: Fish, roll, cole slaw, green beans, fruit salad, milk

Out Here

By Ron Carr



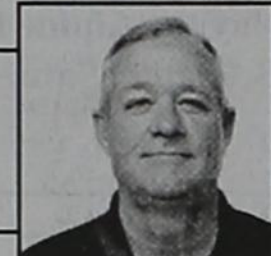
sometimes I just can't help it

If the November election is Trump vs. Clinton or Sanders, I'll be voting for Trump. Now I don't have to listen to all of the speculations and predictions or press conferences. I don't have to listen to Hillary cackle about stuff she doesn't really mean, or Bernie promising stuff he can't really do, or Trump telling me he built a big company and he loves everybody right after he trashes them. I can watch now just for the entertainment as the candidates go forward. Before you go flying apart, I voted for Marco Rubio in the primary election. I am not a Trump supporter, I'm a Clinton hater. Yes, I know it is not nice to hate but sometimes we just can't help it. Clinton is a crook, a con artist, a liar, and will say whatever it takes to get elected. She and her husband have become wealthy doing

public service. There is no speech worth \$250,000. I've never heard Hillary thank the American people for making them wealthy. Trump is a loose cannon. He says stuff that is embarrassing and borderline stupid but he doesn't care. He gets votes. That is what an election is for so we can vote. I am amused at the turmoil some people are in right now. The old white guys who consider themselves the Republican leaders are actually trying to figure out how to elect somebody other than Trump and hijack the election. They don't seem to care about the American voters. This is the party that gave us such exciting presidential candidates as Bob Dole, John McCain, and Mitt Romney. They still think a "true conservative" needs to be president. They still think America needs a true conservative that will bring God and religious val-

ues to the Oval Office. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa is 82. John McCain is 79. Richard Shelby is 82. Orrin Hatch is 82. Jim Inhofe is 81. Lamar Alexander is 74. Senate majority Leader Mitch McConnell is 74. Of the Senate's 16 full time "standing" committees, 10 are chaired by white Republican men over the age of 70. Many of these old white guys plan to run for another term. So these are the folks who are all weeping and wailing about the possibility of Donald Trump being the presidential nominee. "If Donald Trump is the face of the Republican Party I want no part of it" some Republicans have said. I think I have heard a few people around town here say it too. I have even heard some high-powered Republicans say they might vote for Hillary if Trump is the nominee. The "true conser-

vatives" are having meetings to save the Republican party from Trump. They seem to forget that 17 candidates started the presidential race. One of those, Ted Cruz, was said to be a "true conservative." How come he didn't win if being a true conservative is so important. How come Jeb Bush didn't sweep the competition? Why not Marco Rubio? Let me tell you why these "establishment" candidates did not win. The people did not vote for them. The people are totally put out with the Republicans and politicians. And still the old white guy Republicans don't seem to get it. Politics is a dirty, rigged business. Going to be fun to watch until November. Remember if you don't vote and get Hillary you get what you deserve. I'm an old white guy too. I'll be voting for Trump.



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greetings!
It is Hospital Appreciation Week (May 9-13, 2016). On Monday, May 9, I attended the hospitals kick-off for the week-long recognition. I wrote and read a proclamation designating this week to be Hospital Recognition Week. Please join me in thanking all the hospital personnel for their service to our community. The hospital is one of our greatest assets in Friona. Many people outside our area travel to Friona to receive great care. The RV Park is full and we expect it to remain full hopefully for 5-6 months. It will depend upon how long it takes for the installation of the wind turbines. TXDOT is gearing up to begin the construction on Highway 60 and will have several people use

the RV Park. This will generate good revenue for the city and the community. TXDOT construction inspector advised the city that on May 16 signs would be placed on the highways. On May 23, they will run a test on their mixer. The project will begin at the bridge and they will be laying extra mix on the right shoulder of the highway heading towards Bovina. They will only go 5 miles then do the other side of the highway heading back to Friona. There are five different phases and this will be the beginning of a long project, which could take 4-5 years. Judge Campbell had 44 new cases and no new juvenile cases filed in April. There were 44 cases dismissed. Court cost totaled

\$1,935.67 and \$11,550.60 collected in fines. Judge Campbell has done a very good job for Friona serving as Judge. We appreciate her dedication and her willingness to go above and beyond to fulfill her responsibilities. Chief Jimenez and the police department responded to 255 calls in April. There were a total of 129 stops: 95-warnings issued, 32-citations handed out and 9-arrests, 6-no drivers license, 1-criminal trespassing, 1-assault of a family member and 1-criminal mischief. The patrolmen drove a total of 2734 miles in April protecting our city. The city pumped 17,103,600 gallons of water, sold 13,959,000 gallon and collected \$66,966.80 on 1441 accounts. The city accounts payable to-

dated \$222,323.20 for April. The money spent pays all our bills and keeps us in good standing. Emergency Medical Service responded to 39 total calls in April. There were 12-runs responding to 911 calls, 13-transfers and 10-no transport. The payments collected equaled \$15,428.59. There was \$54,099.76 in billing. Friona Public Library had 1148 patrons visit the library in April an average of 57 patrons per day. There were 1,090 items circulated and 97 new items added. I attended the Friends of the Library annual meeting in April and it is fantastic to see the people in the community step up and volunteer to replace the people that have served their term. This is one of the greatest things about living in a small commu-

nity, people getting involved and serving their community. Volunteer Fire Department responded to four emergency calls. There were two car wrecks, one occurred 1 mile South on 214 and the other 3 miles West on Highway 60. There were two fire calls, one five miles east on Highway 60 and a call for a water heater. We had a great time at the Volunteer Fireman Appreciation dinner held at the fire station on Thursday, April 21. The city fed all of the volunteer firemen and their families in appreciation for their dedication and commitment to serve as a volunteer. Also, recognizing the spouses for their patience and understanding when their loved one receives a page. Your Mayor

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- ACROSS**
- 1 horse carriage
- 5 Harvard team has practiced on TX Tommy Lee's San Saba ranch
- 6 TX Buddy Holly sang rock 'n'
- 7 TXism: "want ___ bad I could spit"
- 8 TXism: "___ worth didley squat"
- 9 reverence
- 12 historic Granbury House
- 17 in Williamson Co. on 95
- 19 TX George Jones' "The ___ On"
- 21 U.S.S. Lexington at Corpus Christi Bay
- 22 Henderson Co. seat this UT grad Hans won swimming gold in '92
- 28 TXism: "___ like an anvil in a stock tank"
- 29 TX Dr. Pepper: ___ drink
- 30 TX TGI Friday has restaurant in ___ Taiwan
- 31 TXism: "good ' ___"
- 35 extinct financial co.: ___ Texas
- 36 TXism: "useless as ___ under a bull"
- 42 TX-based "___ the Bandit II"
- 44 TXism: "a neon ___ idea"

- 46 airing of a program on Dallas' WFAA, e.g.
- 48 WWII graffiti: "___ was here"
- 49 Rangers radio announcer Eric (init.)
- 50 Houston AM
- 51 TX Matagorda Bay, e.g.
- 52 lemon or lime ending
- 53 TXism: "___ as a pin"
- 54 trade pact with Mexico and Canada (abbr.)
- 56 pecan desert
- 57 ___ City, TX
- 58 TXism: "sick ___" (hospital)
- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "he ain't no ___" (old)
- 2 TXism: "don't give a ___ holler"
- 3 the best in sports
- 4 ___ Digo Creek
- 9 TXism for "against"
- 10 TXism: "dull as ___"
- 11 to be human
- 12 TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"
- 13 she sang TX Willie Nelson's "Crazy"

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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
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Town Talk II

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Kudos to Kendrick Oil Co. for saving Friona taxpayers money. Work has started on a portion of Virginia Street to concrete about 140' south from Highway 60. The paving by Kendrick will stop the wear and tear caused by trucks accessing the Kendrick Truck Wash. Repaving that strip of Virginia would have cost the city about \$250,000 according to city manager Patricia Phipps. Kendrick Oil is estimated to spend about \$150,000

to fix the street and it will be returned to the city once work is complete.

The school board election May 7 results: Ricky Barnett 440, Becky Riethmayer 399, Maria Monreal Garcia 207. Close to 400 people chose early voting. Barnett and Riethmayer were incumbents. I'm told 533 people voted. Big thanks to Kathy Sandoval at the school administration office for serving those 400 early

voters. *****
Congrats to Chieftain baseball. For the first time in school history a baseball team won a playoff game, beating Childress 2 out of 3 to win the bi-district Golden Glove. Check out the team photo and info on the front page. The team has two brothers, Matthew Mireles, a freshman and Mason Mireles a senior. They also have twin brothers, sophomores Ivan and Isaac

Duran. Good luck coaches and players. *****

Andrews is 168 miles from Friona. It is tough to figure out the logistics for parents and fans to attend the Chiefs play-off games with Alpine. First game is 6:00 p.m. Thursday, then the second/third games start at 3:00 p.m. Saturday. To drive roundtrip in one day is tough. Alpine has some athletes in the state track meet Friday so I'm told they will fly them to Austin for track then back to Andrews for baseball Saturday. The Chieftain team will stay in a hotel from Thursday to Saturday. On Friday they will have study hall and batting practice and some relax time before Saturday's game. *****

To help with volleyball camp this summer, volleyball moms Britny Pope and Casey Sharrock are taking orders for smoked pork ribs available for pick up Saturday May 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Interbank parking lot. Graduation is May 27 and Memorial Day is Monday May 30. A long weekend with visitors in town for graduation mean you can let them help with cooking. *****

The ribs are \$35 per rack. The volleyball girls will have a car wash that day and sell sausage wraps for \$2.00. All the proceeds help fund volleyball camps for the high school volleyball girls. To order you can call or text Britny at 806-346-3001 or order on the Friona Trading Post Facebook page. *****

It was nice to see Paige Tyler in the Friona post office this week. Paige has been carrying a walking postal route in Hereford for some time but is now back home with us. Yay. *****

No JV cheerleaders for next school year. Amber Drake, cheerleader sponsor, says tryouts were held and not enough girls tried out or made the squad. Two girls that tried out for JV were moved up so there will be 10 varsity cheerleaders. The tryouts were judged by three Texas Tech students/

cheerleaders. *****

Matthew Samarron, son of Jose and Marie, was seriously injured when a car hit his motorcycle. Matthew is in the military and the accident occurred in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He suffered many broken bones and I think a fractured back. Let's keep Matthew and family in our thoughts for a full recovery. *****

The annual all-sports banquet Monday May 16 will be catered by Canna Ray. I'm told she will be serving brisket, pulled pork, baked potatoes, etc. Dana Jameson will be covering the awards for the newspaper but I think I will go pay the \$10 just to eat some Canna cooking. Everyone is invited to attend. No advance tickets were sold so it is \$10 at the door. *****

The Friona Noon Lions met last Thursday with 12 members and club sweetheart Courtney Bunker present. The club will put out the U.S. flags around town on Armed Forces Day Saturday May 21 and Memorial Day Monday May 30. The next blood drive is Thursday June 2 during National Dairy Month. Donors will no doubt receive some dairy products and the club discussed cooking corn dogs. The club will also be selling our world famous French fries at the July 19 Cheeseburger Festival & Cookoff. The next Noon Lions meeting will be Thursday May 19 at Headquarters Restaurant. Come visit or join. *****

Kiewit is the name of the company subcontracting with TxDOT to repave Highway 60. You may have seen some of their trucks around. I spoke with a couple of Kiewit workers one morning this week at Fast Stop. They are going to begin next week I think and will be re-paving Highway 60 starting west of town at the country club bridge and go 5.6 miles west then back east. I asked why just five miles and they did not know. They said that is what TxDOT ordered. *****

They said if should take until the first part of August to complete. See the TxDOT press release on the front page. *****

That particular stretch of Hwy 60 is heavily traveled by truck traffic. Starting at the Case House, J.D. Heiskell, CHS, and Cargill there is constant truck traffic. Maybe it will be some improvement. I hope so. *****

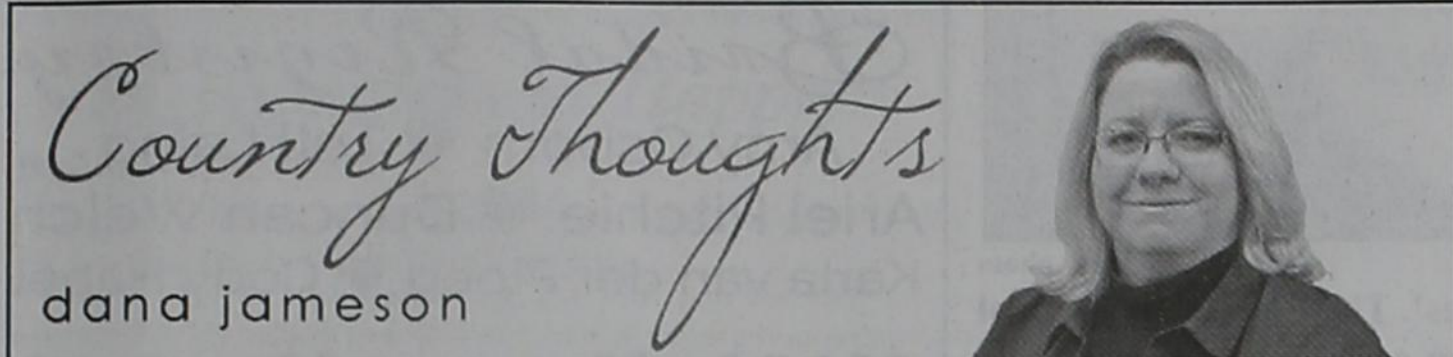
Choir Follies Tuesday May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00 and there will be plenty of desserts and coffee and stuff. John Bonner is choir director. Ya'll come. *****

Another accident at the Cargill plant during shift change Tuesday afternoon about 2:45 p.m. A Chevy Malibu trying to beat traffic to enter the plant was struck by an east-bound Mustang. The Mustang ended up in the median. See the photos on page one. Over the years we have covered many accidents at the Cargill entrance. Everyone says "they need to do something out there" but in reality there is not much that can be done short of a stop light. Mostly it is just dumb driving and not paying attention. *****

They had a Texas license plate auction. Someone paid \$5250.00 for a plate with 1836 on it. Another paid \$1600.00 for 1234. Then 5678 went for \$950.00. The auction resulted in \$29,500 in sales. Who knew? *****

After 29 years Erma Brown will retire from the Friona Co-Op Gin in June. She said they hired her part time until they could find somebody. Erma has been a fixture at the gin and we wish her well in her retirement years. They are looking for a replacement. See the classified ad in this Star. *****

The next two Friona Stars will be counting down to graduation. We've been busy but that is a good thing. See you next week. Until then! *****



Chance meeting

While shopping last week I met a very nice woman. She was looking at a skirt that hung below a blouse I was looking at. I say 'looking at' because I am 5'2" and this blouse was hanging at least 4' above my head. Even tiptoeing I was unable to unhook the hanger.

I made the comment that I needed to learn to fly before I could reach this blouse. The woman who was standing nearby listened and commented after that I was as tall as I would ever be and growing taller was out of the question.

She stated that at our age growing taller was not a possibility.

We laughed and started talking.

She told me she had eight children and numerous grandchildren. She was a stay-at-home mom for 34 years and after divorcing her husband, she went to school and became a registered nurse.

Keep in mind that we had never met before.

After a bit she got a little misty and said that she had met a man about six years after the divorce and he was her perfect match. He was nothing like her ex-husband.

I gathered that her husband was not a very nice man when she said that if she had stayed married to him she would have been pushing up daisies at the cemetery.

Nevertheless, back to the perfect man. He did not push her. He waited patiently for her to come around and start dating. He would call her just to ask how her day was going or to tell her 'good night' each night. He made her feel special.

One Saturday he called and told her to get

gussied up and he would be by to take her out to any restaurant she wanted to dine. About mid-afternoon, he called to see if she had made up her mind where she wanted to go. She had not but he said for her to be ready at seven and he would be by to pick her up.

Seven o'clock came and went and she started to worry because he had never been late. She called the sheriff and he said he would go to check on him. That was when she heard the sirens. He lived about two blocks away and the sirens were coming from that direction. She ran down to the corner and the ambulance was at his house.

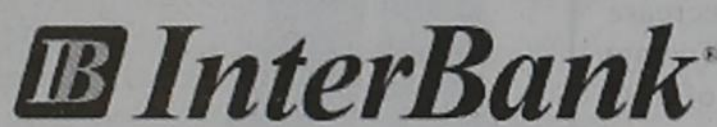
He had been mowing his yard that afternoon and apparently had a massive coronary. He did not suffer but she was left to wonder if there would ever be another wonderful man in her life.

To date, God has not put another wonderful man in her life but she has the happy memories of an angel that graced her life for a short while.

The young woman that checked me out mentioned that 'my friend' had bought the same skirt I was buying. I sheepishly told her that we had never met before that day.

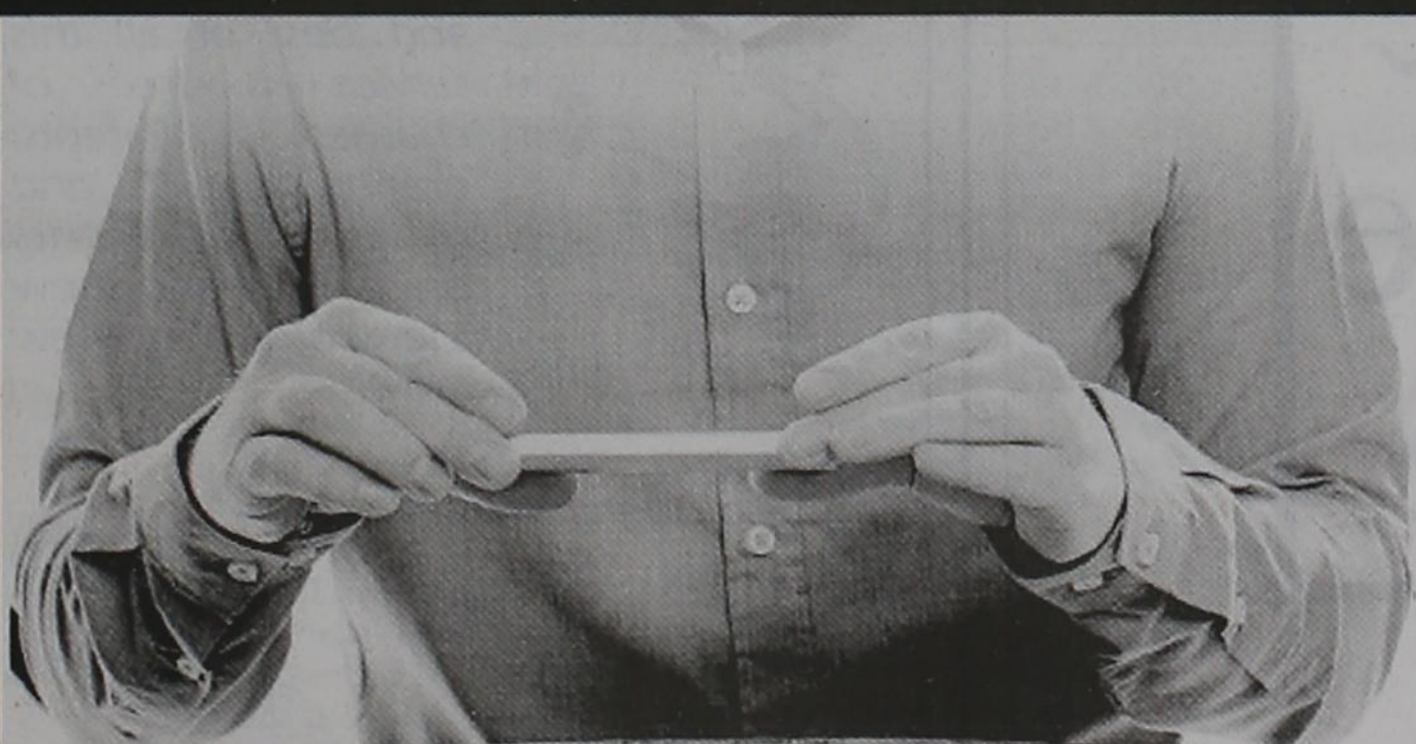
It is funny how people come into our lives to show us how easily friends can be made and to teach us a lesson about love. *****

I would like to thank all of the Friona churches that sponsored 2016 Senior dinners. The meals were delicious and the fellowship was memorable. Thank you for including the Friona Star.



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Friona Flashbacks



News from Sunday, May 13, 1979

*Extensive renovations of Friona's East Little League park, plus improvement at the new softball field at Reeve Lake were approved for funding this week by City of Friona and the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

It was pointed out that Friona has made a bid to host the district Little League tournament this summer, which is usually held in Borger.

The older East Little League Park is not a legal size for district competition, and is needing new lights. The league officials plan to tear down the outfield

fence, move it back and replace the light standards using Quartzite lamps, which provide more light for less power used.

Cost of the renovation has been estimated at \$7,000.

*Wilda Millican and Velma Lovett turned the first shovels of dirt to break ground at the new Senior Citizens' center, which will be built on 15th Street across from Prairie Acres.

*Leslie White will be competing in the state track and field meet Friday night at the University of Texas in Austin. White placed second in the 880-yard

dash at the regional meet two weeks ago.

*Back before we had Curry Motor Freight or O&A Express to deliver freight, Friona merchants and residents could depend on T.N. Jasper and his oxen team to deliver their goods. Mr. Jasper, his large Holstein oxen and open wagon were a familiar sight for many years on Friona Streets.

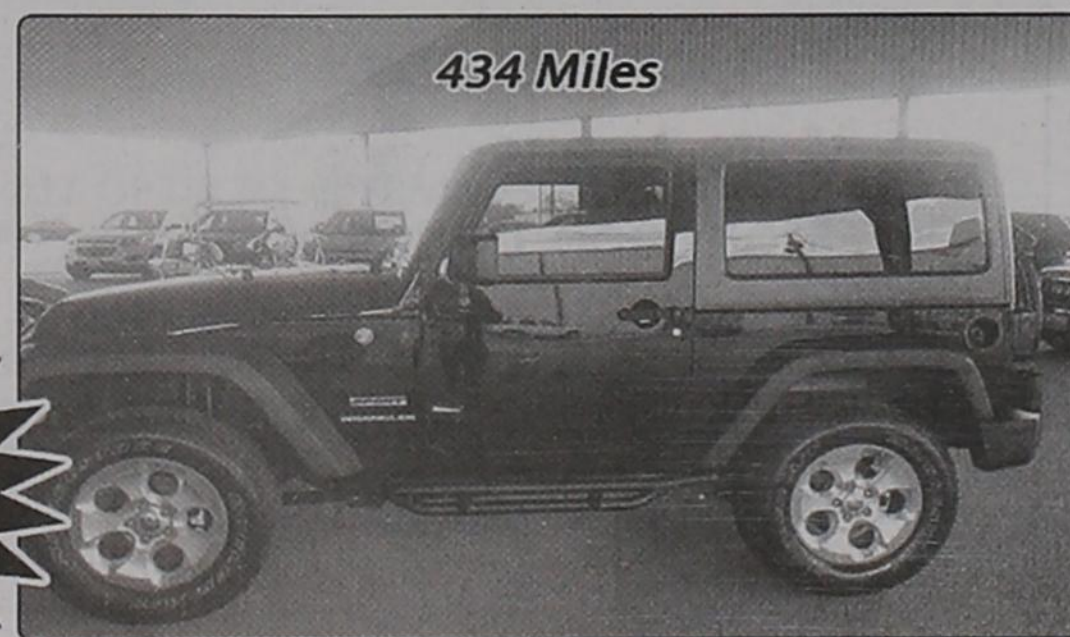
*Congratulations are in order for Hap and Julia O'Brian Fairchild. They were married at Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo forty-two years ago.

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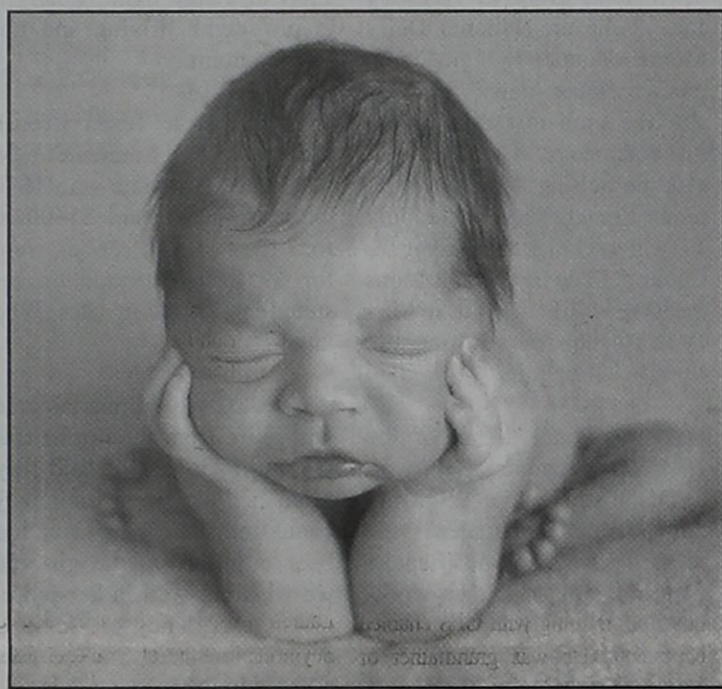
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The Bigs in Schools program ended the with games and refreshments for the 'Littles'. The Elementary school teachers surprised the volunteers with lunch in the teachers' workroom. Standing are site monitor Connie Slagle, Sharon White, Jeri Lynn White and Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Director Sara Pesina. Seated are Jamie Lewellen, Cheryl Procter, Glenda Procter, Jyl Grimsley and Varla Wilcos. Not pictured are Sherri Taylor, Linda Smith, Connie Johnson, Sharon Rector, Heather Ramos and Pedro Ramos. Bigs is a tutoring-mentoring program in which an adult volunteer works with one child during his lunch hour one day per week. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Connie Slagle or Sara Pesina for more information.

New Arrival A B



Beau Vincent Weatherly

Jacy and Landon Weatherly are proud to announce the birth of Beau Vincent Weatherly at 9:51 a.m. on March 29, 2016. Beau weighed 6 lbs. and 10 oz.

Big brother Bennett and big sister Ellie Jo welcomed their little brother.
Proud grandparents are Buddy and Mia: Jayson & Jyl Grimsley and great-grandparents David & Uldene Grimsley and William & Kathryn Gromowsky.

May 2016 sales tax increases 3.71 percent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$767.7 million in local sales tax allocations for May, 1.1 percent more than in May 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Parmer County received a May payment of \$64,910.10, which is 2.04 percent higher than the 2015 payment of \$63,606.96. To date Parmer County has received \$285,976.60, which is a 3.71 percent increase over the 2015 payments of \$275,724.92.

The payments to Parmer County are broken down as follows:

Bovina has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a May 2016 payment of \$12,987.71, which is an increase of 3.86 percent higher than the 2015 payment of \$12,504.26. To date Bovina has received \$58,758.75, which is a 4.31 percent increase over the 2015 payments of \$56,327.95.

Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.500 percent and received a May 2016 payment of \$11,445.53, which is a 13.78 percent increase from the 2015 payment of \$10,058.49. To date Farwell has received sale tax of \$53,671.77, which is a decrease of 0.97 percent from the 2015 payments of \$54,200.25.

Friona has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a May 2016 payment of \$40,479.86, which is a decrease of -1.38 percent from the 2015 payment of \$41,044.21. To date Friona has received \$173,546.08, which is an increase of 5.05 percent from the 2015 payments of \$165,196.72.

For details on May sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

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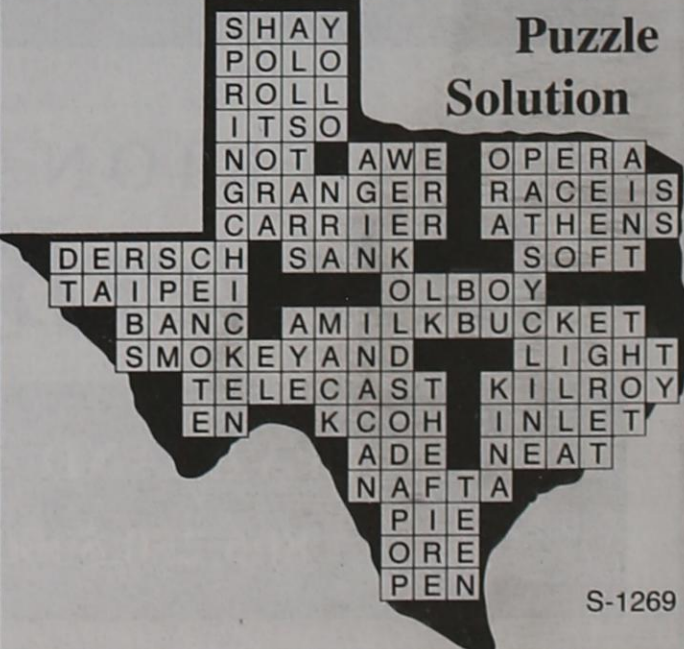
The Friona Star welcomes everyone to bring in your new arrivals photos and information. We love seeing the new babies and best of all this service is free of charge. Parents, grandparents and great-grandparents brag a little and show the world your new arrival.

Photos and write-ups can be brought by the Friona Star office at 916 Main in Friona, Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or sent to frionastar@wrtt.net.




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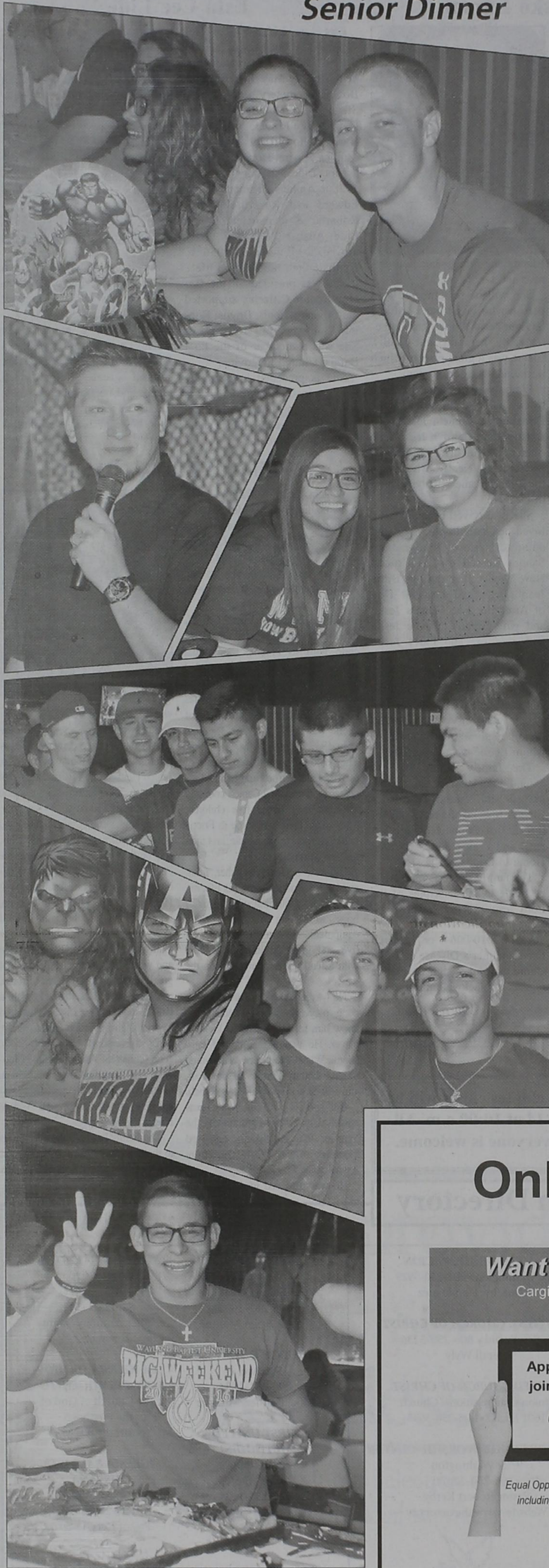


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Becky Riethmayer

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of April 28 through May 4, 2016:

Jim Zaikowski and Deborah Zaikowski-Barry Allen, Brenda Allen, Curtis Allen, Debbie Allen, Danny Allen and Delia Kay Allen, SE/4 S30 T2N R1E, NE/4 S30 T2N R1E, 170, 97 Ac. E334.94 Ac. S31 T2N R1E, 170.97 Ac. E 341.94 Ac. S31 T2N R1E, N 17097 Ac. W 341.94 Ac. S31 T2N R1E, NW/4 S32 T2N R1E, NW/4 S29 T2N R1E. Barry Allen and Brenda Allen-Curtis Allen, Debbie Allen, Danny Allen and Delia Kay Allen, SE/4 S30 T2N R1E, NE/4 S30 T2N R1E, S 170.97 Ac. E 431.94 Ac. S31 T2N R1E, N 170.97

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Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

May 3, 2016

Marcelo Vega, 19, of Portales, NM, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

Pedro Miguel, 47, of Friona, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

May 6, 2016

Bibrona Chavez-Lopez, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge

of assault. The case is pending in County Court. Jose Maldonado, 39, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender. The case is pending in District Court.

Martin Gama, 23, of Hereford, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of burglary of a habitation. The case is pending in District Court.

May 7, 2016

Daniel Reyes, 35, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 more than one gram and less than four grams. The case is pending in District Court.



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Friona Mayor Rick White proclaimed the week of May 9 as Friona Hospital Week. Parmer Medical Center administrator Gayla Quillin accepted the award Monday afternoon in the hospital lobby.

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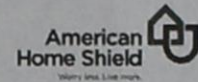
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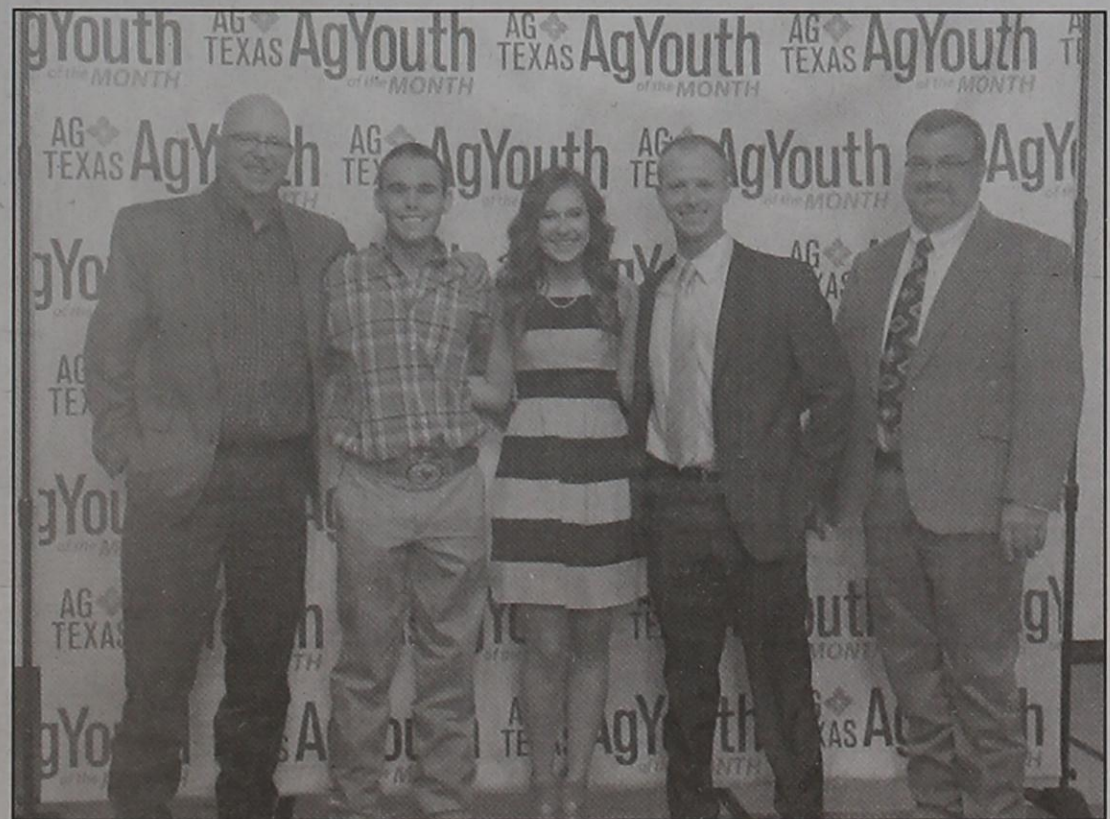
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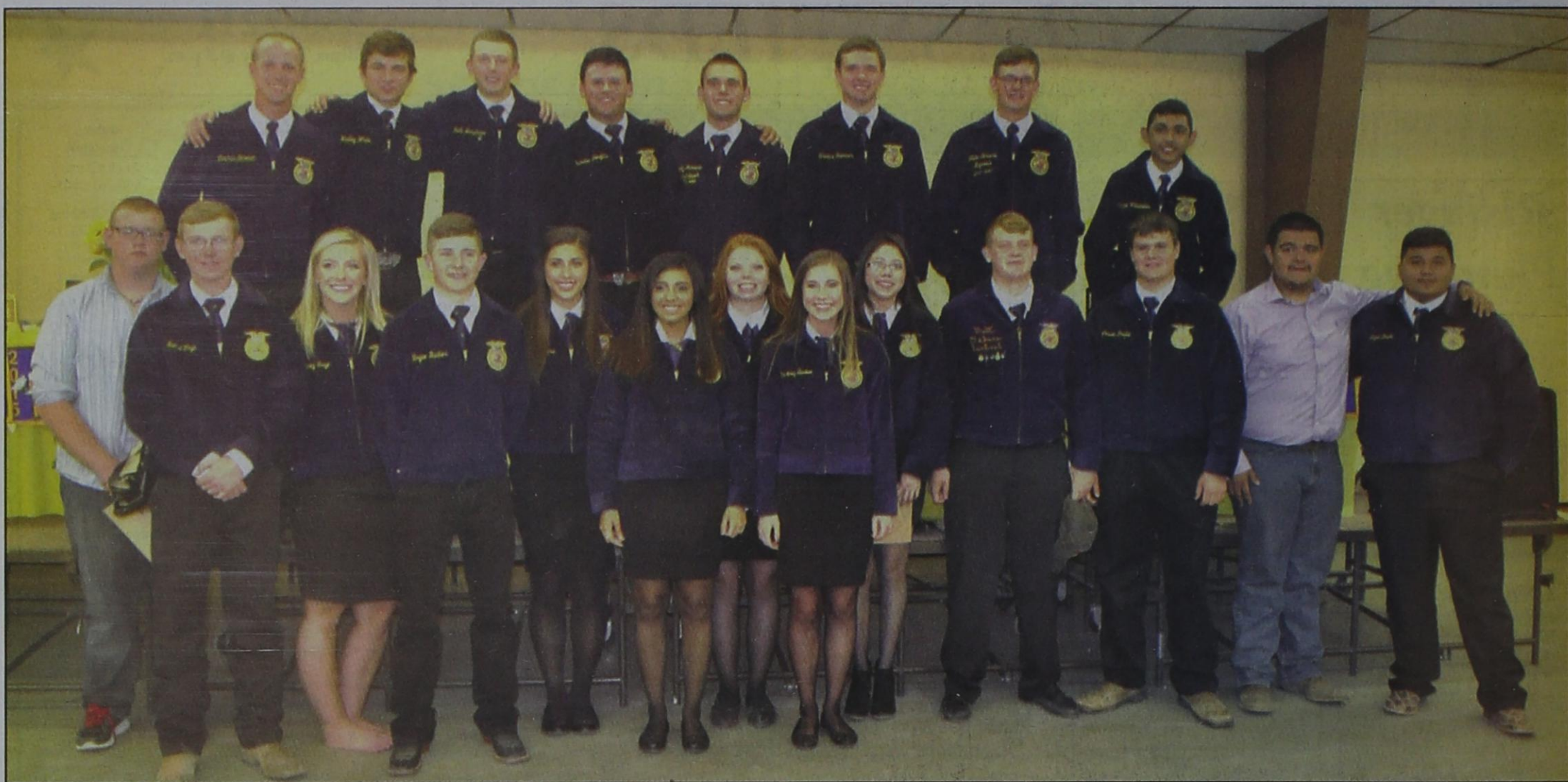
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AgTexas honored FFA students from around the Panhandle with a banquet at Amarillo County Club recently. Above, l-r, AgTexas Senior Credit Officer Robert Jones, Friona FFA students Cody Stowers, Courtney Bunker, Josh Barnett, and Friona FFA ag teacher Tracy Blount.





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The Friona FFA held their annual banquet on Tuesday, May 10 at the Friona Community Center. They were honoring all the achievements of their members during the recent school year. Pictured are all the members and officers. The story with all the awards will be in the May 19 edition of the Friona Star.



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FFA Seniors Carlos Prieto, Seth Fothergill, Esmeralda Barrantey, Courtney Bunker, Cody Stowers and Josh Barnett honored their mothers at the annual banquet on Tuesday evening.



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Ladies First...Chelsi Gomez, left, and Courtney Bunker, right, led the FFA officers through the buffet line Tuesday night. The brisket was prepared by the FFA members in a smoker that was built in class.

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