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FAFSA night for seniors and parents

Friona High School will sponsor a FAFSA night for all seniors and their parents February 23. It will be held in the high school computer labs from 4-8 p.m.

Representatives from FHS, Region 16, Amarillo College Hereford Campus, and FISD Migrant program will be available to help students and parents complete and submit the FAFSA on-line.

Everyone attending will need to bring a completed 2010 income tax form to help with information required on the FAFSA. The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and all students attending any institution of higher learning must complete this form each year.

Bilingual assistance will be available. For more information or questions please contact Stephanie Barrett or Mary Ortiz in the high school office at 250-3951 or sbarrett@frionaisd.com.

Junior high warns about phone scams

Friona junior high principal Mark Sundre says that several local merchants have received phone solicitations for a junior high fundraiser. Callers ask merchants to sponsor promotional items such as cups, etc.

Sundre says Friona junior high has not authorized any fundraisers. The only fundraiser the junior high has is the cookie dough sale in the fall.

Hospital auxiliary meeting Feb 22

The Parmer Medical Center hospital auxiliary meeting of February 8 was canceled due to the bad weather.

The meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday February 22 at 2 p.m. in the hospital conference room. Anyone is welcome to attend. All PMC Greeter volunteers are encouraged to attend for training. For more information contact Donna Schueler at 806-295-3585.

Squaws/Chiefs vs. Abernathy

Video Replay
Saturday
February 19
Begins 10 a.m.

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City okays election, warrant roundup planned

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday, February 14 in council chambers with Mayor J.B. Douglas presiding. Councilmen Atwell and Osborn were absent but a quorum was present.

Police Chief Tino Salinaz presented the annual racial profiling report required by the state. He also introduced Desiree Sandoval, new dispatcher, and Adrian Suarez, new officer, to the council. The department will soon receive a new police car.

The council approved the notice of city election to be held May 14 and further approved the date as a joint election with the school board. If elections are required the city and school voting will be done at the same location.

City council seats held by Jim Atwell, Mark Osborn, and Charlie Pope will be up for election. Two seats on the school board will also be expiring. The sign-up period for city and school board candidates is open through March 14.

Friona Municipal Judge Deborah Campbell gave a report to the council.

Since October 1, 2010, 265 tickets have been issued in Friona and 231 of those have been disposed through the court. Judge Campbell has 93 warrants still open from 2008 to present and other outstanding warrants dating back to 1991 totaling \$220,000.

In conjunction with the Friona police department a warrant roundup is being planned for March. People with outstanding warrants will be given an opportunity to take care of them in municipal court before arrest warrants are issued. A list of the outstanding warrants will be published in the Friona Star at a later date.

The council discussed the accounts payable and the January financial statements. The \$50 animal impound fee was officially approved.

City offices will be closed Monday, February 21 for President's Day. The next meeting of the council will be Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.



ron carr photo

City employees replace a fire hydrant at 12th and Main that froze and cracked during the recent sub-zero weather. Crews were busy during the cold snap repairing water leaks on Jackson St. and 5th St. and turning off water for broken pipes at many homes in town. Warm weather Tuesday was welcomed as the fire hydrant was replaced. From left, on the backhoe is Salvador Garcia, Jose Samarron, Richard Samarron, and Larry Martin.

chamber banquet

There's a Chieftain in Every Crowd

The 55th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is Tuesday March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the community center. This year's theme is "There's a Chieftain in Every Crowd."

Awards will be given to Friona's outstanding citizens. The deadline for nominations

is Friday February 18 by 3 p.m. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, 621 Main St. They can fax or email forms. For more information call 250-3491.

Banquet tickets are \$15 each and available at the Chamber office. All tickets

will be sold in advance only. No tickets at the door.

The banquet menu is prime rib and all the trimmings. Parmer County Implement has donated steak knives, which attendees may take home. Forks and spoons silverware (instead of plastic

utensils) have been donated by W.D. and Reba Buske. The Chamber says the silverware should be left for use next year. Chamber Executive Director Chris Alexander said, "When you see these fine people please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity."

Entertainment will be provided by the Friona High School Show Choir under the direction of Allison Johnston. Miss Friona Brittany Herbert and Little Miss Friona Emma Schueler will assist at the banquet.

The Chamber is still accepting donations for the silent auction to be held during the

banquet. If you would like to help out and make a donation give them a call. Tables are still available for Gold Sponsors. The cost is \$500 and includes a table with reserved seating for eight, and recognition in the banquet program and in all material submitted for news coverage.

The Board of Directors are Jon Surman, president, Jeff Ray, vice-president, Jenny Byers, treasurer, Greg Lewellen, past president, Kristina Anthony, Kenny Austin, Kimberly Clark, Heidi Eichenauer, Tricia Etue, Lance Gatlin, Robert Kerby, and Diane Orr.



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Chieftain Simon Zajicek, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, breaks for the basket in the game with Abernathy Tuesday night at Friona gym. The Chiefs lost 67-65 in double overtime to the Antelopes and were eliminated from the playoffs.

Burn ban temporarily lifted

The Parmer County Commissioner's Court voted Monday to lift the burn ban from February 14 to February 28. Recent snows have provided enough moisture to allow burning to proceed.

Deaf Smith and Bailey counties are lifting burn bans for a few days also. The lifting of the burn ban is only temporary as the drying effects of the forecasted high winds will quickly restore the danger that a planned burn could expand out of control into a wildfire.

County residents who take advantage of this opportunity for controlled burns are reminded to notify their police and fire departments in advance. The chance of a wildfire, while reduced, is by no means eliminated. Of Texas' 254 counties, 244 currently have burn bans in effect.



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At the Prairie Acres Valentine's party on Monday, residents Tootsie White and Walden Petersen were crowned as Valentine King and Queen.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



the means test.

\$24.2 million, \$150 million, \$10 billion, \$363 billion, \$1.3 trillion.

The numbers swirling around Washington these days are mind-numbing. Repeated often enough they become less meaningful. Just numbers with no connection to reality.

Most of us cannot grasp the concept of millions, billions, and trillions. We are more likely in the thousands category. I don't believe our Congressional officials have any better grasp of the numbers than we do.

In my humble opinion it is not possible for one person, or a committee of 100 to analyze and manage a trillion dollar budget. When the number is that astronomical there will be waste and fraud and just plain dumb frivolous spending.

It is possible for you and me to live beyond our means. I've done it on more than one occasion over the years. You get a few credit cards, borrow some money, or poop off your paycheck on unnecessary stuff and forget to pay the rent. At the end of the month there are no more means. And before you know it the hole is too deep and the creditor

hounds come calling. That's stressful.

Stress doesn't seem to be a problem in Washington. For at least the last ten years the federal government has been on an obscene spending spree without regard to their means. I read that we owe China and some others more money than we will be able to pay back. The US spends billions just on interest each month.

For now at least the new crew of Republicans in the House seem to be stirring the pot and calling for spending cuts, much to the chagrin of Democrats and the Obama administration, who have offered an olive branch called a spending freeze.

If you are spending twice as much as you make, and decide to freeze your spending at that point, aren't you still spending twice as much as you make? The recommended solution would be to cut your spending and live within your means. Hopefully then, through hard work and discipline, someday you will have a bunch more means to spend.

Reversing the federal government deficit will take difficult decisions. Already there is talk of cutting funds for many colleges. Talk of reduc-

ing Medicare and Medicaid payments to doctors, raising the retirement age, and reducing defense spending. All of these measures are unpopular to somebody and politicians hate to be unpopular.

I would like to see Congress eliminate entire departments such as Education or Commerce. Simplify the tax code and do away with the majority of the Treasury Department. Layoff and trim government workers across the board. Cancel unnecessary defense projects that no one wants like that extra Strike Fighter engine Defense Secretary Gates says they don't need. Oops, it is built in Speaker Boehner's state of Ohio. Problem.

Then there is Social Security. Baby boomers by the thousands will soon be applying to collect the money they have had deducted during their work years. The funds have been used to pay federal bills so the Social Security system is said to be broke.

To get past that obstacle, one proposal being bandied about is to use means testing on future Social Security recipients. The premise is simple. When you reach Social Security age they will

have a look at your "means" and if they determine you don't need the Social Security check to live on then you will be denied your money. (How many liars is that going to create?)

Many highly successful folks, like movie stars, athletes, television personalities, and lottery winners should have enough money to be set for life if they are prudent with their millions. We will say to them, "You don't need Social Security to pay your bills so get lost." Is that a fair system? Maybe. I've heard more than one "rich" person say they don't need it and will not ever apply for it.

So be it. But where is the line drawn for everyone else? What criteria will be used to test your means? For many people Social Security offers a boost to their means.

Enough already. You get the picture. We'll soon find out if the current group of politicians has the guts to do what needs to be done to reign in spending in a meaningful way. The government is in a real mess. Do we have a right to be concerned for the future of our kids and grandkids and our country? By all means.

Letters to the Editor

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) issued the following statement in response to President Obama's budget request for the fiscal year 2012, which was submitted to Congress on Monday:

"President Obama's timid budget proposal represents a missed opportunity to lead. It increases the national debt by nearly \$11 trillion, raises taxes, and ignores the recommendations of the President's own bipartisan debt commission. Republicans are ready to show we are serious about making these tough choices and getting the boot off the neck of American entrepreneurs and small businesses."



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Amelia Taylor was named Woman of the Year at the Texas Ground Water Association convention in Lubbock. Her plaque reads "In recognition of outstanding service to the Texas Ground Water Association Ladies Auxiliary and the Texas Ground Water Association, January 27, 2011, Lubbock, Texas." Mrs. Taylor is a teller at Friona State Bank. Her husband Jim is the Friona Fire Chief and co-owner of 4-Way Pump Service.

Neugebauer hammers Fannie and Freddie

(Opening statement of Chairman Randy Neugebauer, Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, "An Analysis of the Post-Conservatorship Legal Expenses of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac")

Since September 7, 2008 the U.S. taxpayers have sunk \$153 billion into Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. And according to Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) the final tab could be as high as \$363 billion!

As if the news couldn't get any worse for the American people, an investigation undertaken by this Subcommittee has discovered that the taxpayers have spent more than \$162 million defending Fannie, Freddie and their former top executives in civil lawsuits accusing them of fraud. This includes over tens of millions dollars for former executives who knowingly and purposefully manipulated earnings to increase their own compensation, and whose actions directly contributed to the demise of the GSEs.

The history of Fannie Mae under the management of Franklin Raines, Timothy Howard and Leanne Spencer, is a story of abusing their positions to use the assets of the Enterprise to further their own interest and careers. The abuse by these individuals was so far ranging that Fannie was forced to restate its earnings by over \$10 billion, which was followed by a \$400 million settlement with SEC and OFHEO, and losses of tens of billions of dollars in market capitalization for Fannie Shareholders. Unfortunately, today, years after they were forced out of the company for their misdeeds, Franklin Raines and his management team have continued their abuse. This time however, it is against the U.S. taxpayers.

As a result of my inquiries, I have discovered that the taxpayers have advanced \$24.2 million in legal expenses for the defense of Mr. Raines, Mr. Howard and Ms. Spencer against civil suits accusing them of securities fraud. These three individuals who collectively earned over \$150 million in total compensation from 1998 - 2003 are not just assured of indemnification, but are actually being advanced the funds, which means they have no expense in just running up the tab for the U.S. taxpayer.

Moreover, their attorneys have every incentive to keep the case going for as long as possible to maximize their fees, which are already in the tens of millions of dollars.

One case in particular has been ongoing since 2004 and has included over 120 fact depositions, various expert depositions and millions of discovery documents. Unfortunately, no end is in sight.

This open-ended taxpayer commitment was approved by FHFA, the very entity that has an obligation to conserve the assets of the GSEs in such a way to minimize taxpayer exposure. It was approved even though Fannie Mae bylaws clearly state that indemnification shall not apply to directors and officers who breach their duty of loyalty to shareholders and/or engages in intentional misconduct - two measures that Franklin Raines and his management team clearly violated. It is also worth noting that under Section 4617 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), FHFA has the power to repudiate the indemnification agreements for these individuals.

With all of that being said; even if FHFA still feels obligated to advance legal expenses for Mr. Raines, Mr. Howard and Ms. Spencer, the contracts state that they are entitled to the advancement of "reasonable" legal fees. I think all of my colleagues can agree that these fees are not "reasonable" given the mounting taxpayer exposure, the delay tactics of the defendants, and the fact that many of these securities-related lawsuits have no end in sight.

One thing I feel very strongly about is that this Subcommittee needs to do everything we can to minimize further taxpayer exposure associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. I would like to work with Mr. DeMarco and FHFA to make sure they are equipped with all of the tools necessary to carry out this objective.

In closing, I would like to state that this particular topic has raised many more questions about the continuing operations of the GSEs and accordingly this will more than likely be the first of many hearings regarding taxpayer exposure to the GSEs. Along those lines, I also look forward to working with Chairman Bachus and Chairman Garrett to take a serious look at whether conservatorship of the GSEs is the best structure to protect U.S. taxpayers.

ACROSS

1 name of TX-based CAF B-29 bomber

5 formerly Persia

6 this Paul owned Terlingua, TX

7 TXism: "making ___ meet"

8 TXism: "naked ___ jaybird"

9 Buchanan ___, TX

12 this Dave plays with TX-born drummer Bryan Hitt in "REO Speedwagon"

17 in Wood Co. on 69 after WWII, many TXns used this for college

21 enclose in a sphere

22 Dallas oil & gas co. "Oryx ___"

23 price competition between gas stations? (2 wds.)

28 TX-born Martin film: "All ___" ('84)

29 TXism: "neon light ___"

30 song sung by TX Jim Reeves

31 these are featured at Oct. Tyler festival

35 oil cartel (abbr.)

36 last word of big TX co. TI

42 TX town on AR line near LA and OK

44 train tracks

46 choose a two stepper? (2 wds.)

48 TXism: "hard as dodging ___ a wedding"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

1 Dallas band that recorded "Western Union" in '67

2 TXism: "got too many ___ the fire"

3 '85 Costner film about road trip of five UT buddies

4 TX-based La Quinta ___ & Suites

9 ___ and gloom"

10 TX Willie listened to taped teaching of TX priest ___ Taliaferro

11 TX ___ Jemison was 1st black woman in space

12 on July 6, 2010, TX George W. was 64 years of ___

13 TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove" was this on TV

14 TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"

15 rubber wheel

16 noted TX concert pianist Samaroff

18 Santa's helper Loretta of "The Bishop's Wife" with TX-born Sara Haden (init.)

23 TX Tierney (init.)

24 Slaton h.s. class

solution on page 4

37 siesta

38 barber cuts

39 cheesy tortilla chip

40 TXism: "___ with" (join)

41 four runs for Astros: "grand ___"

43 TX-based soft drink: ___ Cola

45 Elm in Dallas (abbr.)

47 Israelite city: ___-Jearim"

48 Ranger Vlad hit 115 of these in 2010

55 battleship "USS Texas" supported this WWII invasion

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Town Talk II

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Monday February 21 is President's Day. The banks, post office, and city of Friona offices will be closed. Friona schools have early release Friday February 18 and will also be closed Monday the 21st.

Went to Amarillo Saturday for a brief errand and it was like driving through the Alps with snow piles lining the streets along Sony and the Mall area. Hard to imagine the forecast this week for temps in the 70s and maybe 80s in some areas. Gonna be windy though Wednesday and Thursday with 60mph gusts predicted. Hang on to your hats and skirts and enjoy the sun.

Tuesday February 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice will hold its monthly grief and bereavement class at their office, 304 E. 11th St. in Friona. This is a local support group for anyone who has lost loved ones or suffered personal loss. For more information call 806-247-0057.

The next blood drive in Friona will be Thursday March 3 from 12-7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Eligible donors will receive a t-shirt and be entered in a drawing to win a fajita party for 20 at Jorge's in Amarillo

and other prizes. Appointments are not needed to donate.

Friona State Bank has been working with improvised heat the past couple of weeks. A shaft broke in their heating system unit and had to be special ordered. In the meantime they are using a heating rig furnished by 4-Way Pump Service and lots of caps and sweaters and small heaters. Except not this week with spring temps here.

Need to correct a fire story I wrote about here last week. Firemen responded to a fire 3 east and 2 north

of Black. It was a trash fire in a fire pit but I wrote it violated the Parmer County burn ban. Not right. Turns out the fire was a few feet inside Deaf Smith County and Judge Simons had lifted the Deaf Smith burn ban for three days because of the snow. So the fire was legal and no citations were issued. Sorry for the mis-info.

Heard that Margaret Parsons had a severe allergic reaction to some medication and was rushed to the hospital in Lubbock via Aero-Care helicopter. We wish Margaret and her family a quick recovery and send our thoughts and prayers.

High school baseball season is trying to get underway here in the Panhandle. The first few games are always a weather challenge. Our condolence and best wishes to Chieftain senior Francisco Cantu who shattered his ankle sliding into home plate during a scrimmage with the Hereford JV in Lubbock Saturday.

An ambulance was called and assistant coach Danny Campbell rode to the hospital with Francisco. The break was bad enough they did immediate surgery there in Lubbock and he may be facing additional surgery later on. Francisco's season ended before it got started. A tough break for the young man.

Chieftain senior Brenner Barnett told me Monday he is planning to attend Wayland Baptist and play football there. Wayland is starting a football program for the first time next year and are recruiting players. Brenner played quarterback and defensive back for the

Chiefs. Nice opportunity. Good luck to Brenner.

The high school choir was out in groups with Singing Valentines Monday. Thanks to Hollis and Lunell Horton for sending the Friona Star staff a Valentine serenade. Choir crooners Brenner Barnett, Jonathan Molina, Dillon Kelley, and Donovan Ortiz hooked up the iPod and sang to us Monday morning. Kids have a way of keeping you young, if only for a short time. Thanks boys and Mrs. Johnston for the nice song.

The Parmer County Historical Commission will meet Thursday February 17 at 7 p.m. in the community room at First Bank in Bovina. This is the rescheduled meeting from last week that was postponed due to the weather. Anyone is welcome to attend.

We now have a Friona Star Fan Page on Facebook. Not sure exactly where we are going with it but give us a search and a "like" and become a Friona Star fan for news from Friona. Or you can just continue to read the newspaper. Maybe we are getting too many ways to communicate these days. What do you think?

Nominations for the annual Chamber of Commerce citizen awards are due by Friday February 18. If you have someone in mind to nominate go by the Chamber office and fill out the forms. The Chamber is also accepting items for the silent auction at the banquet.

The sign-up period for vacancies on the city council

and school board runs through Monday March 14. Applications available at city hall and the FISD administration building. Three seats will be open on the city council and two on the school board. The election is May 14.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will hold its annual Mexican Dinner Sunday March 6 in the parish hall. The same day St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon (not Bovina) will host the annual Czech Sausage dinner at the parish family center, 605 38th St. More info later on these culinary opportunities.

Former Friona student Aurora Banuelos who attended high school here but moved and graduated elsewhere, is now a senior at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where she was named to the fall semester Dean's List.

Received my Chamber of Commerce newsletter for February. Thanks Betty Lamb. Noted the dates for Maize Days will be much later this year. The Miss Friona Pageant will be September 24 and the annual parade is on Saturday October 1. Homecoming is Friday September 30. Hope we have great fall weather.

Don't forget to buy your Chamber banquet tickets. They are \$15 each and available at the Chamber office. No tickets sold at the door. The banquet is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at the community center. We will look for you there. Until then!

Building the foundation for a new economy

BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK
At the end of World War II, our nation made choices that helped propel us to decades of economic growth. We committed ourselves to education, passing the GI Bill. We were driven to innovate through events like the Soviet launch of the Sputnik satellite. And we made major investments in physical infrastructure, including the Interstate Highway System.

Today, we face some of the same challenges - including strong competition from countries around the globe for jobs and ideas. That is why President Obama laid out a vision to out-compete the rest of the world through education, innovation, and by building infrastructure to meet the demands of the 21st Century.

Today, too many of our nation's bridges and roads are crumbling, and other nations are getting ahead. Over the past two years, the Obama administration has made major investments in our nation's physical infrastructure - creating thousands of jobs in the struggling construction industry. At USDA alone, we helped 245,000 rural families buy or repair their home, improved thousands of sewage and water systems, and repaired and updated hundreds of schools, libraries, health clinics and police and fire stations. But there is more work to be done.

The President has set a goal of helping American businesses deploy the next generation of high-speed wireless coverage to 98 percent of Americans. Today, only half of rural residents subscribe to broadband, compared to 65 percent nationwide. And USDA is committed to bridging this gap so that rural

communities have all the tools they need to create jobs and build prosperous economies.

In two years, USDA has made investments that will help private companies connect 7 million rural Americans to high speed broadband internet. We will give 360,000 businesses the opportunity to join the digital age. And we will plug in 30,000 community-serving institutions, like hospitals, schools and fire departments to help them deliver 21st century service.

These investments are not only creating jobs today. They are giving business owners access to new markets and farmers up-to-date pricing and weather information. Broadband internet is laying a foundation for sustainable economic growth in thousands of rural communities.

And USDA has worked to expand distance learning and telemedicine opportunities, with funding to communities across the country, so that busy parents are taking online classes and doctors are consulting with specialists hundreds of miles away to provide better care to their patients.

These efforts are part of the Obama administration's broader plan to strengthen the economy in rural America. It will make our communities better places to do business and create jobs - and ensure our small towns remain great places to raise a family.

The project of rebuilding America will take time, energy, and sacrifice. But as our nation out-builds the world, we will attract the investments and jobs we need to win the future.

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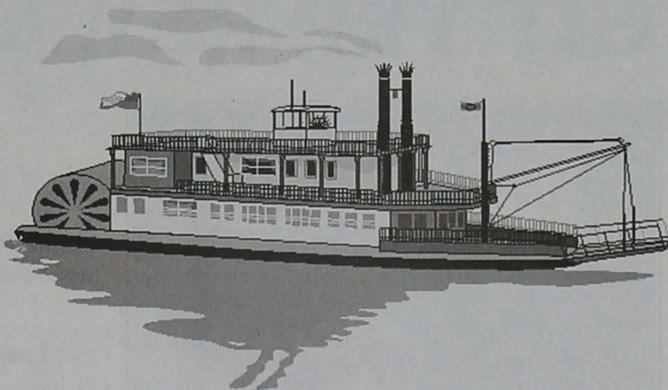
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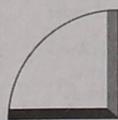
Friona State Bank wants to remind you about another reason for you to consider us for your banking needs.

This month we are re-introducing a golden opportunity for people who want to get more enjoyment out of life - and their banking relationship. Our FSB Senior Bank Club is designed to provide just that! Tailored exclusively for folks over 50 years of age, this club combines an unbeatable combination of banking services and opportunities for group travel.

To join is easy! All that is required is to be a FSB customer and over 50 years of age. We invite you to stop by and join our FSB Senior Bank Club.

This year, we are planning on taking a trip to Branson MO Oct 10-15, 2011. This is one of our favorite places to visit. You don't have to worry with parking, getting tickets to shows or having to make those reservations at motels or restaurants. It is a worry free trip because the arrangements have already been made.

Please give us a call for details on our FSB Senior Bank Club or our trip to Branson.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Donaldson

Dorothy Donaldson, 93, of Farwell, died February 10, 2011 in Farwell. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 14, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Farwell, with Rev. Rick Sullivan of Artesia, New Mexico, and Jay Gage of Midland, Texas, officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Terrace in Farwell, by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Donaldson was born July 15, 1917, in Plainview, to Virgil Lafayette and Esther Valeria Matilda Bebermeyer Harman. She married Joseph Sterling Donaldson on June 7, 1939 in Clovis, New Mexico.

She was a retired teacher who taught in Farwell, Progress, Oklahoma Lane, and Bovina, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and the First Baptist Church in Farwell, where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the W.M.U.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandchild, Julie Decker, five brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Donaldson and wife Charlotte of Paducah, Texas, and Larry Donaldson and wife Betty of Anna, Texas; three daughters, Jolene Julian and husband Bruce of Perryton, Texas, Dorris White and husband Robert of Farwell, and Zeldia Ellison and husband Terry of Lockney, Texas; sisters-in-law, Avis Carpenter and husband Harold of Oklahoma Lane, and Ruth Boone and husband Jay of Clovis, New Mexico; numerous nieces and nephews; 12 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.



Dorothy Donaldson

Alvin Rudolph Allison

Alvin Rudolph Allison died Thursday, February 10, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas. He and his wife Lela had been residents of Muleshoe for 65 years, before moving to Amarillo in 2008. Family services were held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at the family cemetery near Lazbuddie, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Alvin was born in Leo, Texas on May 16, 1915, to John and Rosa Davis Allison. He married Lela Walker in 1938 in Clovis, New Mexico. His loving wife of 68 years preceded him in death in 2006.

Alvin and Lela owned Allison Shoes in Muleshoe for many years. A helpmate in the truest sense, Lela managed the shoe store while Alvin tended to his work at Wiedebush and Childers Butane Company where he worked from 1945 until his retirement in 1979. In 1980, he began a courier service for High Plains Radiology Association carrying x-ray films from area hospitals to the HPR radiologist in Amarillo. Due to failing health, he retired from this job in 1984. At the time of his death he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

His older son, John W. Allison, preceded him in death in 2006. His younger son, Alvin R. "Dick" Allison, preceded him in death in 2008. He was also preceded in death by his two brothers, Bernie S. Allison and John Richard Allison.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandra Cox and husband R.H. of Amarillo; grandsons, David Allison and wife Eileen of Amarillo and their children John, Mark and Heather, Dr. Lane Cox and wife Christine of Amarillo and their children Claire and Wyatt, Todd Allison and wife Cindy of Cedar Park and their children David, Tabatha, Britany Nicole, and Miracle, Miles Cox and wife Ana of Muleshoe and their children John and Cristina, Rodney Allison and wife Beverly of Albuquerque and their children Rodney and Kendra, Justin Allison of Houston and his sons Kyle and Jeremiah, Brady Allison of Houston and his daughters Hannah and Abigail, Van Clement and wife Tamara of Cleveland and their daughters Patricia and Selina, Clay Clement and his children Matthew and Molly; a granddaughter, Dori Roberts and husband Chris of Porter and daughter Echo. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Patricia Allison of Cleveland; one sister, Ruth Woodall of Sudan; several sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Trust God's timing

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Hitting a baseball all comes down to timing. At just the right time, the batter swings a small log, across a pentagon in the ground, so that he may hit twine covered in leather coming toward him at 90 mph. Swing a tad early or a bit late and you won't connect.

Much of the Christian life comes down to timing as well, and growing in your ability to trust God's timing. While King Saul reigned in Israel, David provided an excellent example in trusting God's timing.

As you may remember, King Saul was ferociously jealous of David, attempting to take his life many times. During this time, David waited on God to bring about justice, and refused to lay a hand against the Lord's anointed leader, King Saul. In 1 Samuel 31 Saul is finally killed in battle, and the stage is set for David to reign.

When David first gets news of Saul's death in 2 Samuel 1, his reaction displays his Godly heart and his willingness to trust God's timing. You see, when David hears of Saul's death, instead of rejoicing over God's vengeance dealt out, he is grieved because of the devastating battle that Saul and his son Jonathan were lost in.

David was not caught up in selfish insecurities that focused only on himself, because he trusted the bigger picture of what God was up to in his life and the life of his nation. Trusting God leads to a denial of self, not an exaltation of me.

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Delivering a Singing Valentine to the Friona Star office Monday were Friona high school choir members, l-r, Brenner Barnett, Jonathan Molina, Dillon Kelley, and Donovan Ortiz. Choir members delivered about 400 Singing Valentines around town on Monday.



The Bordertown Band entertained at the Prairie Acres Valentine's Party Monday. The band members are from Farwell and Clovis.

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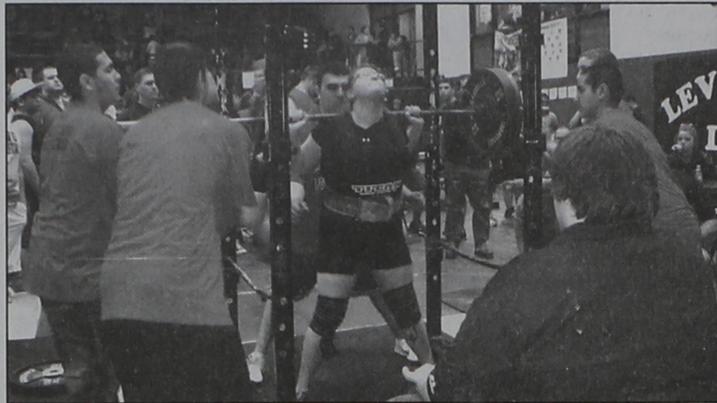
Barker aiming for state powerlift meet

Friona senior Cassie Barker competed in Levelland last weekend and set four school powerlift records in the 220 pound weight class. She broke the squat record with 335 pounds, the bench press with 140 pounds, and the dead lift, which was her own record, with 340 pounds. The total lifts of 815 pounds broke the girls school record held by former Squaw Stephanie Barker.

Cassie is currently ranked second in the Region behind defending 5A state champion Mercedes Vera from Plainview. She will compete March 5 at Odessa in the regional meet. The top three then advance to the state meet in Corpus Christi March 19. Good luck Cassie.

Powerlift results from Levelland

Boys results: Clayton Smiley 2nd, Duncan Welch 2nd, Marco Terrones 9th, Todd Padilla 9th, Eduardo Rojas 10th. Girls results: Cassie Barker 2nd, Estibali Hernandez 2nd, Elda Castanon 6th.



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FHS senior powerlifter Cassie Barker competes at Levelland.



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Friona High School qualified two CX Debate teams for the UIL State competition. Skyla Stormes and Weston Wyly, center, placed 1st. At left, Tenna Montana and Rachel Dickson placed 2nd. Ryan DeWit and Kalley Preston, right, placed 6th. The state meet is March 14 in Austin.



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Senior Chieftain Dominique Kellum (25) goes for the dunk over the Abernathy Antelopes. The Chieftains lost the final game of the season 67-65 in double overtime and were eliminated from the playoffs. They finished with a 7-7 district record. More photos at frionaonline.com.



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Nick Ortiz takes the final shot of the season in the second overtime period with the Abernathy Antelopes Tuesday night at Friona gym. Ortiz's 3-point effort bounced off the rim as time expired. Abernathy won 67-65, ending Friona's season with a 7-7 district record.

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February 21 – February 25

Monday, February 21

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Tuesday, February 22

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L) Chicken fajitas, green beans, tossed salad, strawberries & bananas, milk

Wednesday, February 23

B) Cereal, breakfast biscuit, juice, milk

L) Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, oranges, milk

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B) Cereal, breakfast pizza, juice, milk

L) Chicken pattie, rolls, carrots, broccoli & cheese, tropical fruit, milk

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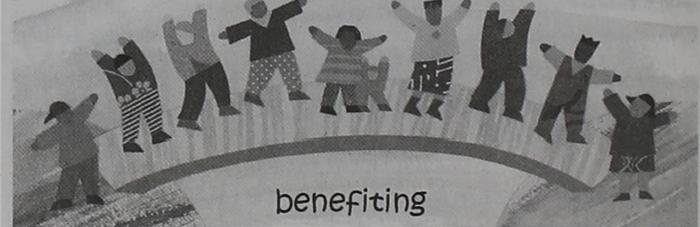
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