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EIGHT PAGES

FHS Commencement

Class of 2013

8:00 p.m. Friday, May 31
At Chieftain Field

Car wash Saturday

The Friona Squaws varsity volleyball team will hold a car wash Saturday, June 1, starting at 10 a.m. at Friona State Bank. They are raising money for summer volleyball camps.

Swimming pool info

The Friona city swimming pool will open June 4. Caitlin Bronniman is the manager. She advises the pool will be open Tuesday – Sunday from 1 – 6 p.m. for open swim and from 6 – 7 p.m. for ladies swim. They will begin booking parties when they open next Tuesday. You can call the pool at 250-5279.

Last call for senior yearbook ads

High school yearbook advisor Allison Johnston says this is a last chance for getting a senior ad in this year's annual. She has to submit the book by June 10. Senior ad forms are available from Allison. Ad prices are 1/8 pg \$40, 1/4 pg \$80, 1/2 pg \$160, full pg \$300. She needs pictures, notes, and payment by June 5. Allison's phone is 806-220-1610.



ron carr photo

The Friona Cemetery was decorated with flags on over 300 veterans' graves in observance of Memorial Day. Mariah Rivera, daughter of Juan and Alma Rivera, was one of the volunteer helpers placing the flags. American Legion Post 206 thanks everyone that volunteered to help with the flag distribution and the city for mowing and cleaning the cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend.

Drought Relief Funding Available

In response to the ongoing drought in Parmer County, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering additional funding for agriculture operators in the county wishing to address plant health conditions on their land through the agency's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

"With so much of the area suffering from a lack of rainfall, this funding will help farmers and ranchers apply conservation practices to reduce the impacts of drought, while improving soil health and productivity," says Earl Behrends County NRCS District Conservationist Farwell, Texas.

Through this additional EQIP funding,

the NRCS will work with landowners in providing assistance to establish and improve plant health on their private lands. Applications will be accepted in NRCS field offices until June 14. Funding priority will target 129 counties, including Parmer County, which are designated as extreme drought (D3) or exceptional drought (D4), according to the cur-

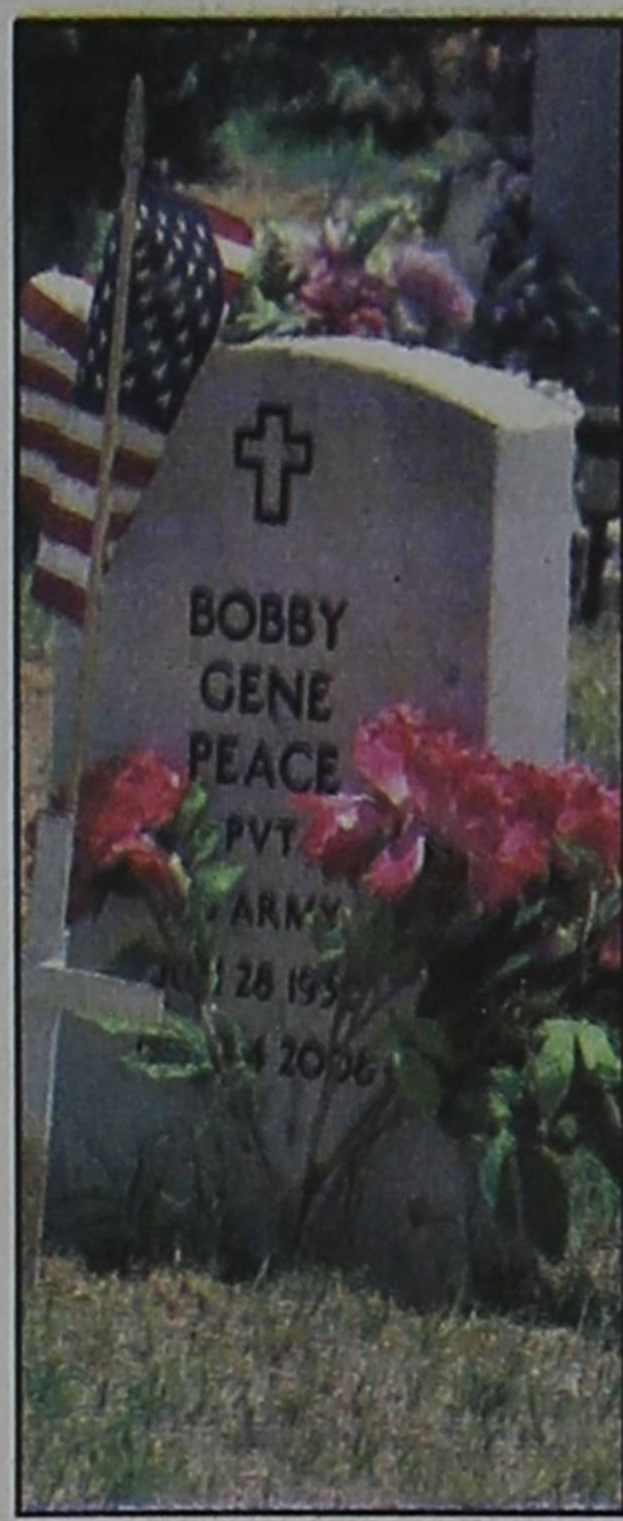
rent US Drought Monitor map. Priority counties will be adjusted as the drought changes.

Earl Behrends suggests that landowners visit the NRCS field office for a free consultation and to develop a conservation plan, which is an effective management strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery, along with helping mitigate

the effects of Texas' current drought conditions.

Interested landowners should contact the local NRCS or Soil and Water Conservation District in Farwell at (806) 481-3311 USDA Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Memorial Day



Friona Cemetery

WTAMU Alumni Reunion June 7-9

Whether you attended West Texas Normal School, West Texas State University or any of the others in between, the Alumni Association at West Texas A&M University invites you to join in the fun as alumni young and old gather during the first-ever Alumni Summer Reunion June 7-9 on campus.

It will be an activity-filled time with reunions, mixers, banquets and so much more. Plans have been in the making for months, and the weekend agenda has a little bit of something for everyone. There will be a juried alumni art show in Mary Moody Northern Hall's Formal Art Gallery, and the Buffalo Club will host a tailgate for former athletes at the Bain Athletic Center. Plus, there will be an all-Greek

reunion, affinity group gatherings and a Maroon Block Party featuring the music of Noah Jenda. There's even more—a movie on the lawn, a Night at the Museum, an alumni breakfast, campus tours, pitchfork fondue and opportunities to reconnect with favorite professors.

And as if that wasn't enough, three well-deserving alumni will be recognized at the 50th annual Phoenix Banquet on Saturday, June 8. Plus, those who met or married at WT are encouraged to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon on Sunday, June 9.

There will be so much to see and do. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of the fun. Visit wtamu.edu/reunion for more information.



gary cash photos

From the words of Dr. Cash: OK, here is a good one. This snake, a genuine 7 footer, came slithering out of the overflow pipe at the windmill tank today! What a sight that was, he was watching the little birds too. The snake climbed thru both trees at the water tank, one never knows what danger awaits. You cannot be too careful. The snake was said to be a coachwhip.

Who's Who assembly names the 'most'

The Friona High School Who's Who assembly was held Thursday May 23. The top honor of Mr. and Miss FHS went to Stephen Dominguez and Bianca Romero. Class favorites were: Freshman, Johnna Thompson and Tyler Etue; Sophomore, Andrea Juarez and Mason Loflin; Junior, Holly Johnston and Michael Garcia; Senior, Bianca Romero and OP Vazquez.

Other category winners were: Most Likely to Succeed: Freshman, Jasmine Rodriguez and Josh Barnett; Sophomore, Cassidy Malone and Haden Smiley; Junior, Holly Johnston and Esdras Rodriguez; Senior, Sajal Patel and Cotton Fleming.

Most School Spirited: Freshman, Jasmine Rodriguez and Tyler Etue; Sophomore, Andres Juarez and John Haile; Junior, Mykelti Rhodes and Isaac Gallardo; Senior, Kalley Preston and Sawyer Osborn.

Most Competitive: Freshman, Evelyn Lozoya and Adrian Munoz; Sophomore, Alexis Alvarado and Cole Stowers; Junior, Marisol Posada and Brad Stowers; Senior, Kalley Preston and Diego Licerio.

Friendliest: Freshman, Sierra Mendoza and Juan Jaramillo; Sophomore, Andrea Juarez and Gladwyn Senibalo; Junior, Holly Johnston and Isaac Gallardo; Senior, Nohely Juarez and Stephen Dominguez.

Most Humorous: Freshman, Perla Trevino and Juan Macias; Sophomore, Jessica Vital and Cole Stowers; Junior, Mykelti Rhodes and Isaac Gallardo; Senior, Gaby Quintana and Sebastian Santiago.

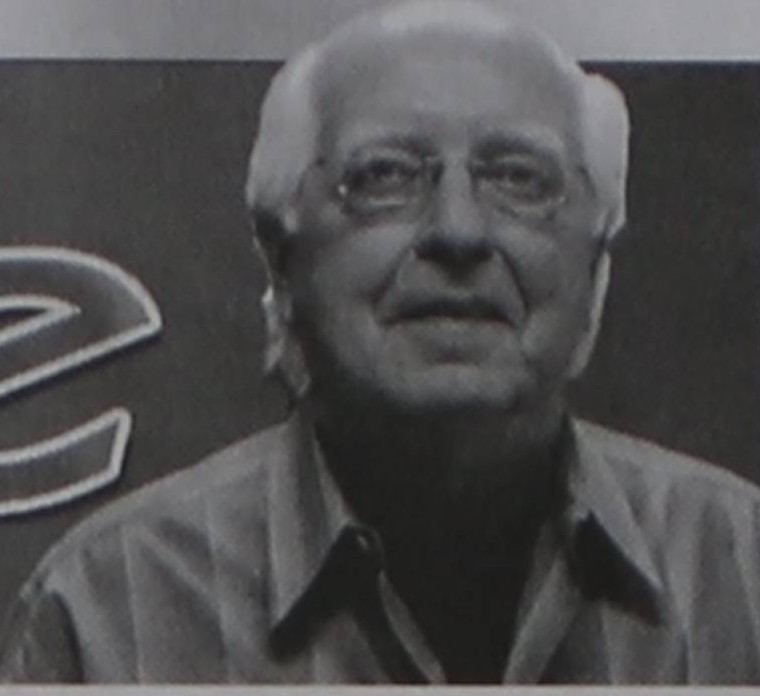
Most Dependable: Freshman, Johnna Thompson and Kaegan Kerby; Sophomore, Aubry Williams and Isaac Summerlin; Junior, Holly Johnston and Esdras Rodriguez; Senior, Maddie Murphree and Ben Anthony.

Most Talented: Freshman, Hillary Bermea and Adrian Munoz; Sophomore, Andrea Juarez and Cole Stowers; Junior, Holly Johnston and Braxton Upton; Senior, Kalley Preston and Diego Licerio.



Out Here

By Ron Carr



fema to the rescue

The president visited Moore, Oklahoma Sunday.

The next day he visited New Jersey, site of Hurricane Sandy. In both cases he made promises that the government would "be with you every step of the way." In Moore he said "God has a plan" but didn't really say what God's plan might be.

I have often wondered if a presidential visit to disaster areas is helpful and beneficial to the disaster victims. I wonder if I was standing in the street looking at my pile of rubble that once was a house, would seeing the president make me feel any better.

When President Bush visited New Orleans after Katrina and told his FEMA director he was doing a good job, it made national negative headlines. At the time people were still living in the Superdome and others were dying. That event still haunts Mr. Bush to this day.

When a President of the United States arrives, Democrat or Republican, most all activity is shut down during his visit. Airport traffic is held up or rerouted. The Secret Service goes in advance to set up security procedures. Locals are shoed

away to a safe distance. Those helpers scooping up rubble and searching for valuables can't keep working until the president leaves the area.

Mr. Obama was in Oklahoma for three hours. He made a standard speech about resiliency and rebuilding and all of America is behind you. Television cameras showed mountains of bottled water, food, and other supplies donated by fellow citizens, not the government. Indeed, officials asked people to stop sending supplies for now. They had plenty they said.

He listened to a few people's stories, hugged a few others, took the traditional walk down the street, made some promises, then flew away in Air Force One. I wondered if the people of Moore would have been just as well off without an official visit. Several said as much when asked by reporters about the president's visit. I wondered too if instead of the cost of flying to and from Oklahoma they might have given the money to the residents. That would be real help.

In New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie won a stuffed Chicago Bears bear along the boardwalk and gave it to Mr. Obama.

Nice photo opp but not sure how useful the visit was. Reporters interviewed several residents who were borrowing money to try and rebuild and survive. So much for the government standing behind them all the way.

Another thing I think about is this: when homes are destroyed by tornadoes or hurricanes, why is the government liable to pay for rebuilding? Should not people have insurance to cover loss? Certainly local governments can offer temporary shelter and assistance but I could never quite see why we automatically expect the feds to pay.

Rebuilding is not easy. It is a long, stressful, uncertain process. Victims need support from many sources to regain any sense of normal living. I don't think the people of Moore or New Jersey are any better off today than before the president's visit.

Yes, I know, it is a nice gesture by a president to show concern and offer encouraging words. Maybe some of the Moore residents are encouraged now. After all, he promised.

And the government always keeps its promises.

Champions of First Amendment deliver for Texas citizens

By DONNIS BAGGETT
Texas Press Association

When the dust settles from another hard-fought legislative session, the people of Texas will have a clearer picture of current events in the Lone Star State, thanks to the hard work and determination of two Texas statesmen — one Republican, one Democrat.

Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, scored major transparency victories in the 83rd Legislature. Three of those victories will be particularly helpful in strengthening and clarifying the public's right to complete and accurate information.

One crucial bill that Ellis and Hunter shepherded through the legislative dust storm strengthens a crucial First Amendment law they passed two years ago.

That law took aim at legal actions known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) — suits filed against whistleblowers by individuals or entities who have plenty of money to pay lawyers.

SLAPP suits are designed to intimidate and stifle those who dare to exercise their First Amendment rights. Thanks to the 2011 law, however, it was finally possible for a David Q. Citizen with meager resources to defend himself against a SLAPP suit filed by a deep-pocketed Goliath.

Unfortunately, an appeals court ruled that the 2011 law did not include certain appeal rights for David. If a judge ruled against Da-

vid's motion to dismiss Goliath's suit early in the process, David could very quickly find himself bankrupted by the expensive discovery process following that denial.

The legal tweak pushed through the 2013 session by Hunter and Ellis makes it crystal clear that David does, indeed, have a right to appeal, thereby stopping the discovery process until the motion is heard on appeal. It is a major victory for those who believe the quality of justice shouldn't be determined by the depth of one's pocketbook.

Another measure championed by Ellis and Hunter makes it clear that a government official's use of his private electronic device for messages regarding public business does not allow him to hide those messages from public scrutiny.

In recent years, a number of local officials across Texas have maintained that their government-related messages are no business of the public so long as the official uses his private device to send or receive them. Texas attorneys general have consistently ruled against that strained and arrogant line of reasoning, but officials continue to try to evade Texas' open records laws anyway.

Once signed by the governor, the law will establish in black and white that citizens do indeed have the right to access these electronic messages about the public's business. There should be no doubt going forward that if a public official is discussing public

business in cyberspace, those messages are, yes, public — regardless of whether they're transmitted on the official's government computer or his personal e-tablet.

The third bill enhances public discourse by establishing clear and fair rules for prompt corrections by publishers. Until now, there was no established legal framework for a citizen to request a correction, nor were there guidelines for publishers to follow in addressing that request. The new law establishes clear processes and deadlines, which will result in the record being corrected quickly and fully when a mistake is made.

None of these important legal advances would have happened without the hard work and legislative prowess of Hunter and Ellis. For decades the two veteran lawmakers have fought hard — often against daunting opposition — to expand and protect citizens' access to government information and journalists' right to cover the complex issues that affect our daily lives.

The 83rd Legislative Session of the Texas Legislature saw these two veteran legislators from different parties — men who do not consider the First Amendment a partisan issue — at the top of their game. And because they were at the top of their game, the citizens of Texas can see more clearly now.

Donnis Baggett is executive vice president of the Texas Press Association. His email address is dbaggett@texaspress.com.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank first all the people that made us goody bags all year. I want to thank the Booster Club and parents that put the signs up on the fence and arranging the fire truck send off for the playoffs. Thanks to Mr. Sundre for putting "We Are Playoff Bound" on the sign at the junior high as well. The Friona Chieftain baseball team just wanted to tell everyone thanks for your support.

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- newspaper in Boerne or Friona
- TXism: "he d have to study up ___ a half-wit"
- Mark Cuban has ___ \$1.6 million in NBA fines
- TX Lou Diamond Phillips starred in '87 film "___ Bamba"
- TX Vikki Carr sang "With ___ in Hand"
- racehorse once owned by the wife of TX T. Boone Pickens, Madeleine
- TX golf courses have ___ grass greens
- long time announcer of TX Ranger games
- TXism: "___ gravel" (fell)
- TX has most "___ Queens" in the U.S.
- camera supports
- TX Mac Davis 72 hit: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked ___"
- this Humphrey was LBJ's VP (65-69)
- in Angelina Co. on hwy. 59
- this Grant fought in TX in the Mexican American War
- TXism: "chompin ___ the bit" (impatient)
- untruthfulness
- TAKS, for grades 9-11 in TX
- 60s & 70s Pontiac muscle car

DOWN

- engine additive
- TXism: "worn ___ frazzle"
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- dogs & cats, e.g.
- UT's Doug Gjertsen medaled in this 4x200-meter event in 88 & 92 (2 wds.)
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- past TX chain: "Steak and ___"
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- mesquites, e.g.
- TX Foreman lost to this Muhammad
- slow racehorse
- town just west of Abilene
- TX is about 175x larger than this state (abbr.)
- TX summer need (abbr.)
- TWU began in 1901 as "Girls ___ College"
- Swedish automaker
- TX singer-songwriter Brickell who married Paul Simon in 92
- TX Sissy Spacek 73 film with Martin Sheen
- TX Powers Boothe won 80 ___ for Rev. Jim Jones portrayal
- printing errors
- Edward Bulwer-___ coined "pen is mightier than sword" phrase
- TX Roy Orbison's "___ the Lonely"
- Friday night score
- on the Gulf: "Sea ___ State Park"
- two words heard at a poker table
- Panola Co. named after this Indian word for "cotton"
- Eastland Co.'s famous horny toad
- TXism: "___ few bricks shy of a load"
- watermelon ___
- this Charles created Dr. Pepper in Waco (init.)
- marryin words
- sticky
- cut off cow horns
- Christmas ___
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- pale brown
- TX Betty Buckley TV series: "Eight ___ Enough"

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Town Talk II

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

Rain and big hail moved into the area Tuesday afternoon. Firemen and Sheriff's deputies were called out for weather spotting duties. The storm produced quarter sized hail and moved from southwest to northeast through the area. Scanner traffic indicated several vehicles pulled over to the side of the road west of Friona at Parmerton Hill because of the hail and rain. Tornado sirens were activated when some rotation near Hub was spotted. Rickey Rector posted that he lost a circle of cotton west of his house to the hail. Official weather guy John Gurley reported a half-inch here in town.

Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice and Friona Heritage Estates will hold a summer series for caregivers Friday June 14 and June 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Meetings will be held at Friona Heritage Estates. Coffee and donuts will be served. The HBO documentary on Alzheimer's will be viewed with discussion to follow. The Bluebonnet folks say please attend for a caring, sharing, and learning experience. This is a community service. For more information contact Bluebonnet at 806-247-0057.

The Amarillo Globe-News is conducting a most eligible single's contest. You can vote on Facebook once an hour for your favorite. They have an online photo album of the nominees. Two of those in-

cluded are a couple of Friona guys, David Martinez and Jonas Rios. David is a 7th grade science teacher and soccer coach in Amarillo and Jonas is a graduate student in communications at West Texas A&M. While I think such competitions are on the flimsy side it is nice to have Friona represented I reckon.

As the school year draws to another close, several of our teachers and school employees have announced their retirement. The ones we know so far are Donald Herbert, Connie Slagle, Sherry Zehner, Gail Burton, Ophelia Florez, and Janie and Larry Gonzalez. As always we wish these folks well in their retirement where they will either get bored, travel a lot, or work harder than they did when they were working.

Friona graduate Bridget Soltero received her Master in Education degree from Angelo State University in San Angelo during commencement ceremonies May 11, 2013.

Named to Eastern New Mexico University's Dean's List for the spring semester are Maria Meza, Paul Onod, and Crystal Potts, all of Friona. To be eligible for the Dean's List students must complete a minimum of 15 hours of courses with a GPA between 3.25 and 4.00.

Class reunion: The Friona

High School Class of 2003 will hold a 10-year reunion Saturday June 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Harrigan's Grill and Bar (Memphis Room) 3827 50th St., in Lubbock. Facebook page for more information and RSVP - search Friona High School Class of 2003. Need RSVPs by Saturday June 15. Or contact Mandy Gerles Rigler for more info at mandy-rigler@suddenlink.com.

If you are an arts and crafts booth vendor you might want to take your wares to Littlefield July 6 for Littlefield's Centennial celebration. Both inside and outside booths available. The outside booths will have the option of opening from 9 p.m. to midnight during a concert by Pat Green. Early setup available July 5. Booth prices are 10x10, 10x20, and 10x30, with prices starting at \$100. For more info call Elaine Aragon at 806-385-0071 or 806-638-3658. Application deadline is Friday, June 14. Should be a heckuva celebration.

He was a member of my 'fence gang' when he was in junior high, an outstanding Chieftain athlete for four years, still holds the FHS football rushing record, was class valedictorian, and now he is a doctor. Nathan Haile, son of Allan and Patty, graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio Sunday May 26. He can officially use those hard-worked for initials, Nathan

Haile, M.D. Now he is moving to Temple for a residency at Scott & White Hospital. He is married to April and they have a baby daughter, Harper. It has been a pleasure to follow Nathan from junior high, high school, A&M football, and now to new heights. Way to go Nathan.

The city pool opens Tuesday. It will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday for open swim and from 6 - 7 p.m. for ladies swim. Book a party by calling the pool at 250-5279. Caitlin Bronniman is pool manager.

The Dimmitt city wide garage sale is Saturday June 1. They say around 100 participants will be selling stuff. Believe it starts at 8 a.m. You can get a map at the courthouse square.

Congratulations to Doyce and Mary Joyce Barnett on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on May 22. They were married in 1953. Congratulations also to Jim and Jane Dixon who will be celebrating their 55th anniversary Saturday June 1.

A retirement party for Janie Sudderth will be held at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina Saturday June 1 from 1-4 p.m. Janie has been employed at Bovina ISD for 50 years. Her family invites everyone to come by and wish Janie well.

A pat on the back for Blaire Herring. She received her official teaching certificate last week.


The Friona high school choir received six gold and twelve

silver medals at the state solo competition in Austin over the weekend. Mrs. Johnston and the choir are completing another sterling choir year.

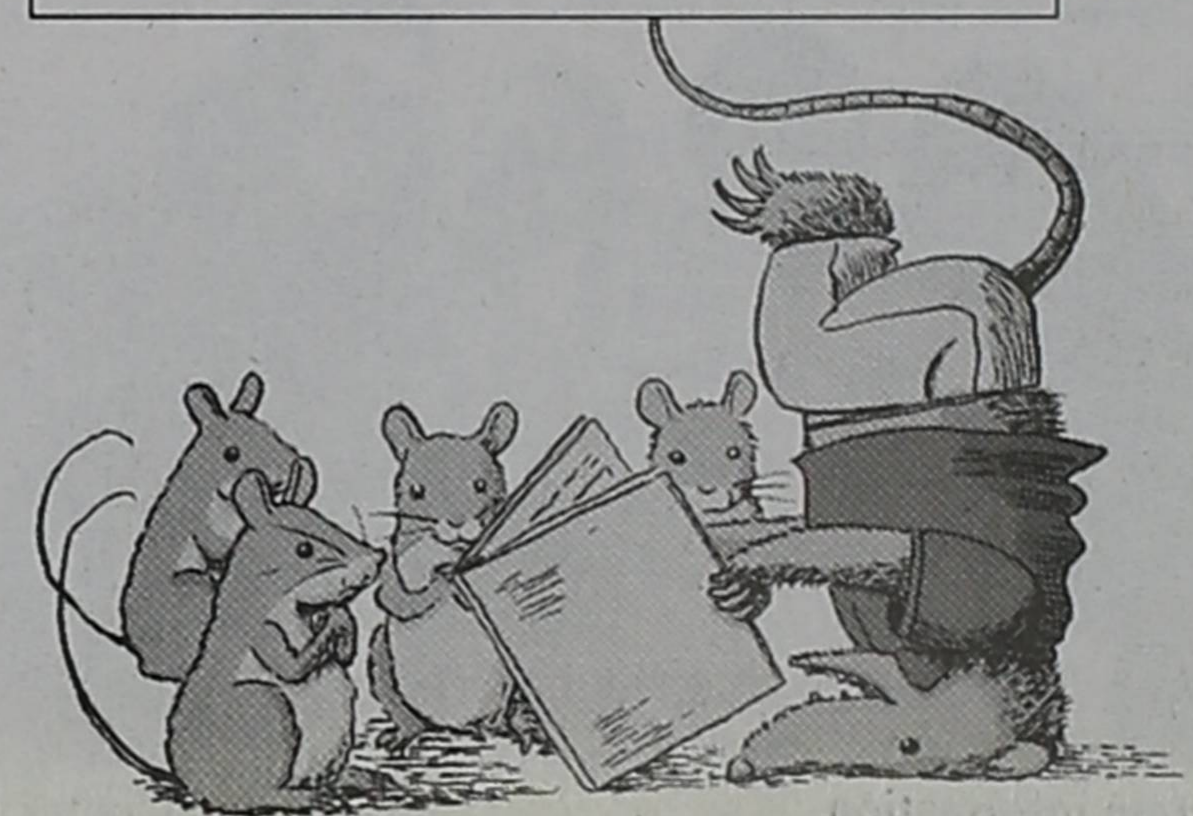
Several members of the First Baptist Church have been in Moore, Oklahoma this week assisting with tornado cleanup.

And finally this: Travis Spring is getting married Saturday June 8 at The Ballpark in Arlington (no game that night). His "best man" will be Hollis Gurley (she's a girl).

Travis is the son of John and Christie Wiseman Spring of Canyon and nephew of Susie Spring. Hollis is the daughter of John and Kathryn Gurley. The rehearsal dinner, wedding, and reception will all be held at the Ballpark. Travis and Hollis have been life-long friends. With arrangements being handled by many planners they told Travis all he had to do was pick a best man. So he chose Hollis. This may not be a first but I bet it is close. See you next week. Until then!

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Lions Club News



courtesy photo

The Friona Evening Lions met Thursday May 23. Lion Bruce Gipson, left, is greeted by Boss Lion Von Edelman. Gipson, county probation officer for Parmer and Bailey counties, gave the program. He said there are about 800 on probation in the two counties and two-thirds of the cost of his office is paid for by fines from the probationers. A percentage of the money is paid back to crime victims. The Lions also thank everyone for the record breaking broom sale held recently.

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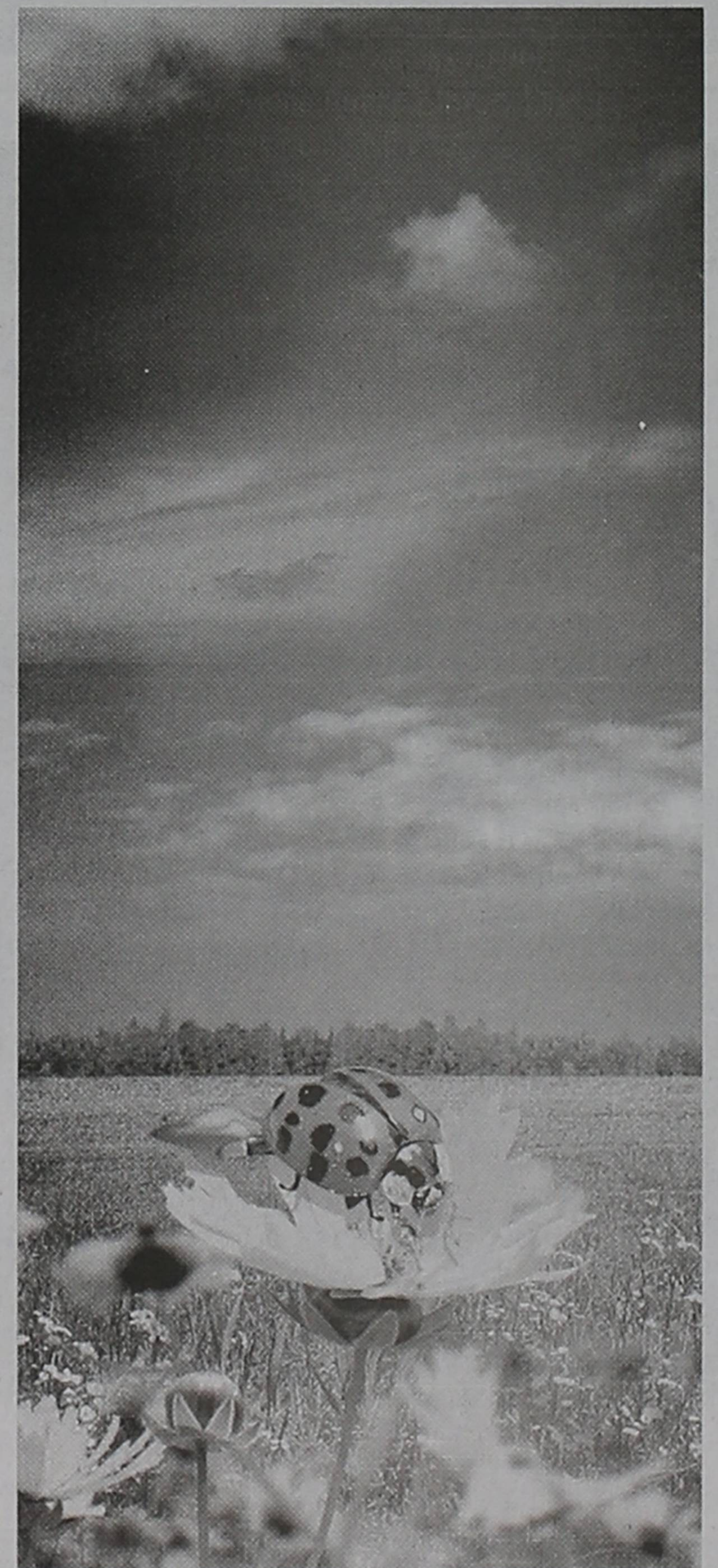
Now is the time for us all to think about opening that savings account for our children.

With school ending, our children are learning new skills and some have new jobs. This may be the time for them to learn about saving money.

Friona State Bank has a no service charge Student Savings Account (for up to age 18). The account can be opened with a low amount and there is not a minimum balance.

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Happy Birthday

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(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wtrt.net.)

June 2-Tonda Clark, Jason Hesse, Michael Davila, Richard Dickson, Jo Hamil, Brian Carrol Huddleston, Les McCain, Chaz Silva

June 3-Cara Brockman Speer, Kiley Dee Gibson, Debbie Sweett, Terri Cummings Zerfas, Ann Barker, George Frye, Kristi Cheney, Kyle Grimsley, Kayla Alexander, Cindy King, Miranda Pina

June 4-Pam Hamilton, Ruth Tucker, Lucy Villalobos, Deb Hendley, Kenton Randolph, Jesse Allen, Tara Schilling, Jackson Reeve Fluck, Tara Kendrick

June 5-Rene Lincoln, Jesse Mendoza, Erin Austin, Craig Kitten, Brian Wiseman, Olivia Jones

June 6-Holly Campbell, Shannon Lincoln, Garrett Wright, Chris Mabry, Jennifer Smith, Sylvia Gibson, Janette Collard, Katherine Medrano, M'Kenzie Anne Hurst

June 7-Kevin Schueler, Mike Sutter, Derek Rebber, Hollis Harris, Larry Johnston, John Orr, Charlie Brewer

June 8-Joe Bob Mann, Kevin Zachary, Rachael Knowles Schulle, Michael Bentley, Joseph Cruz, Becky London, James Upton, Jack Moser

Engagement

Gonzalez - Valdez



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gonzalez, Sr., of Friona are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Lorena Gonzalez, to Samuel Valdez, Jr., son of Samuel and Delores Valdez of Hereford, Texas. The future bride will receive her M.Ed. in August from West Texas A&M University. She is the Palo Duro ACE Scholarship Coordinator for Amarillo Independent School District. Mr. Valdez graduated with a Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems from West Texas A&M University and is employed at Pantex in Amarillo. A July 2013 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Amarillo.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

May 23, 2013 David Merrill, 52, of Clovis was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for motion to revoke, possession of a controlled substance, pending district court.

May 25, 2013 Daniel Ordaz, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police for resisting arrest, pending county court.

May 26, 2013 Heliodoro Reyes, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police for evading arrest, pending county court.

May 26, 2013 Jeffrey Welty, 43, of Hereford was arrested by the DPS for DWI 3rd or more, pending grand jury.

Crime of the Week

The Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers need your help. On May 18, 2013, the Farwell Police Department took a report of criminal mischief in the 600 block of 5th Street in Farwell. Unknown individual(s) shot and destroyed a large glass picture window on the front of the residence. If you have any information about this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 806-481-9178 or 800-774-8477. You will remain anonymous and if your tip leads to an arrest you may earn cash reward up to \$1,000.

All-District baseball named

Chieftain head baseball coach Styler Haddock released the all-district results this week. The Chiefs made it to the first round of the playoffs this season and with only three seniors, the team should be a strong contender next year.

First team all-district: catcher Hunter Sundre, pitcher Mason Loflin, infield Stephen Albarado and Brayden Pope, outfield Nathaniel Gonzalez.

Second team all-district: infield Dallin Woods, outfield Brad Stowers. Honorable mention all-district, Antonio Adame, Brandon Berend, and Josh Barnett.

Immunization clinic schedule

The Department of State Health Services immunization clinic will be in Friona June 3 and June 17 at the Migrant Center, 618 Main from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. serving the first ten clients.

The clinic will be in Bovina June 10 at the EMS building at 109 3rd St. from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. serving the first ten clients.

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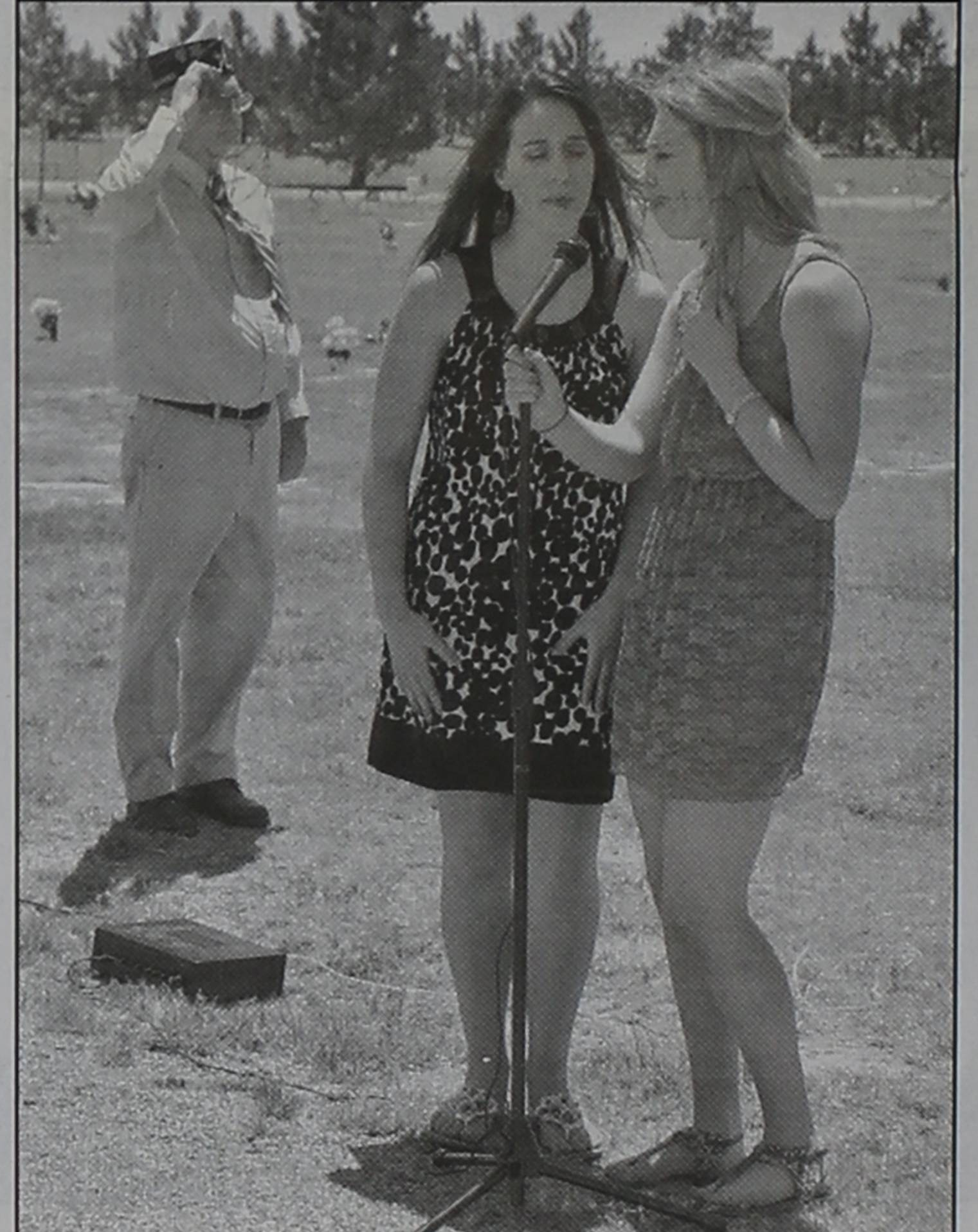
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The Schilling sisters from Farwell sing the National Anthem at Friona Cemetery on Memorial Day. At left is American Legion Post 206 District Commander Bill Dannheim, rendering a salute to the flag. A small crowd gathered for the 1 p.m. ceremony in memory of all veterans, past and present.

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Memorial Day Revisited

JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th St. Church of Christ

Last weekend we as American's took a little time off to do one thing. No, not cookouts, baseball and time with friends and family, although that happened all across the US, we stopped to give thanks specifically to all those willing to stand, fight and defend at the cost of their lives the privileges of being Americans. Hopefully most took time to do that, yet I fear that many did not. If you made a trek to a cemetery like the nice one we have here, you might have been shocked to see so many little flags on many graves. Each flag represented a life, a story, an empty chair at a family dinner table and, freedom at great cost. Remembering is good, but is it enough? What does all that sacrifice mean to you as an individual?

Lessons we can pull from the courage, valor and honor of a soldier.

1. Soldiers train and understand they have someone's back and someone has theirs.
2. Soldiers face unknowns with courage to protect what is valuable.
3. Soldiers know beyond the politics that battles are won by standing firm and not running.
4. Soldiers share a bond that allows them to risk their own lives that a buddy might get home.
5. Soldiers sacrifice because they love.

As Christians we too find ourselves in battle. We battle the forces of darkness that creep into our society through a lack of memory and apathy. We have one great advantage over physical warfare. Our leader, Jesus died to give us the victory, if we will stand.

Americans remember the great price paid for your freedom every day. Christian do the same, every day, for when we defend the right, have courage to protect our families, know battles are won when we stand, are willing to risk ourselves that a buddy might find Home and do all this because we love that is when our Christian walk understands the depth of faith required to be called a child of the King. Live this out daily to the end.

Emergency operations workshop

A Parmer County emergency operations plan and mitigation action plan workshop will be held Wednesday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the XIT Center in Bovina. If there are any questions contact Emily Nolte, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planner at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at 806-584-8909. Register online at <http://calendar.i-info.com/paris>.

OBITUARIES

Lee Gibson

Funeral services for Lee Gibson, 71, a lifelong Friona resident, will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Reverend Brett Hoyle, pastor of first Baptist Church and the Reverend Bobby Broughton, interim pastor officiating. Burial will follow in Friona Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford. Mr. Gibson passed away Monday, May 27, 2013 in Friona.



Lee Gibson

Lee Gibson was born November 14, 1941 in Hereford to Thomas W. and Letress Lorene Black Gibson. He went all through school in Friona and was a 1962 graduate of Friona High School. After high school he attended West Texas Barber School and graduated in February of 1963. He started barbering February 14, 1963 at Jack's Barber Shop which he later bought in 1969.

Lee met and married Sylvia Stokes on December 11, 1966 in Friona at Calvary Baptist Church. He taught 7th and 8th grade Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church for many years. He sponsored many trips to Six Flags and Palo Duro Canyon. Sylvia and Lee owned and operated the Tasty Cream Drive-In in Friona from December of 1973 to July of 1980. In July of 2011 Lee retired and sold the barber shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Joyce White, Merelene Starks, and Linda Osborn.

Survivors include his wife Sylvia; one son, Mitchell Gibson and wife Carmen of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two daughters, Trisha Holloway of Villa Rica, Georgia and Tracey Fields and husband Mac of Borger, Texas; one sister, Sue Barrett of Amarillo; one brother, Thomas Gibson and wife Faye of Copeland, Kansas; and four grandchildren, Justin Duff of Berthoud, Colorado, Courtney Duff of Villa Rica, Georgia, Macey and Kacey Fields, both of Borger.

The family suggests memorials in Mr. Gibson's name be made to Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice, 304 East 11th St., Friona, Texas 79035, or to the charity of your choice.

Stubborn for God

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Are you stubborn for God? A stubborn person is often one who is unwilling to change their mind or attitude about an issue or action. It is good to be lovingly stubborn for God, and have resolved convictions that rest on His Word instead of the cultural current. Today, believers need to be steadfast on major issues such as marriage, homosexuality, abortion and the exclusivity of Jesus. When you stand with the Lord on any of these issues, get ready to be attacked.

1 Kings 13 tells the story of a man of God who was stubborn for God and was attacked in two various ways as a result of it. One attack was blatant and frontal, the other attack was deceitful and sly. When you live for the Lord you will be attacked, but trust Him to be your strength and fortress by standing your guard on His word and in the power of His Spirit. Ask Him to make you stubborn for the right things, and passionate about His glory and others good.

Danny Hand appointed to DSEC board

DANNY HAND, long time area farmer from Friona, has been appointed to the board of directors of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative (DSEC). Hand, will serve the remaining term of board member Floyd Reeve, and then stand for election at the annual meeting of (DSEC) in March 2015. Hand, a Friona graduate and area farmer, has been farming for 35 years, and served on the Friona School Board for nine years, six and a half of those years as board president.

When asked about his new board position Hand stated, "I am honored to be appointed, and want to continue the high standards of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. I want to help the co-op provide adequate electricity, at the lowest possible cost, while meeting the challenges of the future."

Steve Louder, president and general manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative states, "Danny is a highly respected area farmer. He is viewed in his community as a man of integrity, and high values."

We look forward to growing and working with Danny, and expect him to be a strong contributor to Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative."

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative serves 15,933 connected meters in portions of Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties.



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Glenda and Jim Buckley, left, with First Baptist Church pastor Brett Hoyle, spent the night in Friona Wednesday, May 22 on their walk across America. The Buckleys left Newbury Park, California April 1 and plan to arrive in New York in September. Their journey is called "Inviting America Home." He does the walking and she drives the RV. Mr. Buckley says, "I'm walking across America, inviting America home, touching hearts and homes, one home at a time." Their website is InvitingAmericaHome.org.

Methodist Church Bible School

Friona United Methodist Church is journeying with the Apostle Paul to Athens, Monday June 3 to Friday June 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon. All children who have finished Pre-K through finished 5th grade are invited to join this journey of sharing the truth.

The Vacation Bible School will conclude Friday at noon with a program featuring all of the children, followed by a hot dog picnic.

To register online for Vacation Bible School go to: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/frionaum/gpgs/home.aspx>. Parents can also register children at the door. For more information contact the church at 250-3045 or Teena Hughs at 250-2377.

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Friona chamber of Commerce Business of the Month

Friona ★ Star

The local newspaper was first published in July, 1925, and has published continuously for the past 88 years. John W. "Uncle John" White was the founder and first of several editors.

Bill and Carol Ellis owned and published the Friona Star for 42 years. In 2003 they retired and sold the newspaper to Ron Carr. June 1, 2013, will mark the 10th anniversary of his ownership.

We thank the Chamber of Commerce for the recognition as Business of the Month for May.

We are proud to support the Chamber and the community and the many activities in Friona and Parmer County. Most of all we would like to say thank you to our readers and our loyal advertisers that make it possible to continue printing the weekly news.

We look forward to many more years providing local news. Thank you everyone for your contributions to the Friona Star.

Ron Carr Nathan Parson Laura Hart
Holly Campbell Evelyn Romero



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Friona Police and EMS responded to a minor car/motorcycle accident Sunday afternoon on west Highway 60 across from Lowe's Supermarket. The motorcycle rider had minor scrapes but no one was transported to the hospital.



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Friona junior high principal Mark Sundre announced the top ten junior high graduates at the awards assembly. The top graduates, 1-10 from right to left in descending order are Kendall Barnett, Alexa Garcia, Taylor Stallings, Briana Alvarado, Aspen Fleming, Beatris Molina, Alicia Tino, Jasmin Salas, Jason Balli, and Evarista Herrera.



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This 2013 Polaris RZR XP 4900 Limited Edition 4-wheeler will be in the lobby at Friona State Bank all next week. The ATV with a trailer is being raffled by the Hereford High School Marine Corps ROTC as a fundraiser. The Hereford ROTC participates in many Friona events. Tickets are \$50 each and only 650 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at Parmer County Implement or Friona State Bank. For info or tickets contact Major Barela at 806-584-1016 or Sheryl Bartels at 806-344-2589. Drawing is July 4.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Bovina ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:45 PM 06/10/2013 in Bovina ISD Boardroom Bovina, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000 /\$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.000000 /\$100	(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	1.070000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.000000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.070000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$81,101,076	\$90,813,900
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$294,742	\$2,790,531
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$77,035,337	\$86,794,826
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$294,742	\$2,651,303

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness: \$0

* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$1,787	\$6,710
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.036960	\$0.000000*	\$1.036960	\$2,024	\$6,468
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000*	\$1.040000	\$2,038	\$6,621

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$45,441	\$50,987
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$29,540	\$32,011
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$307.21	\$332.91
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$25.70

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.040000.

Fund Balances

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

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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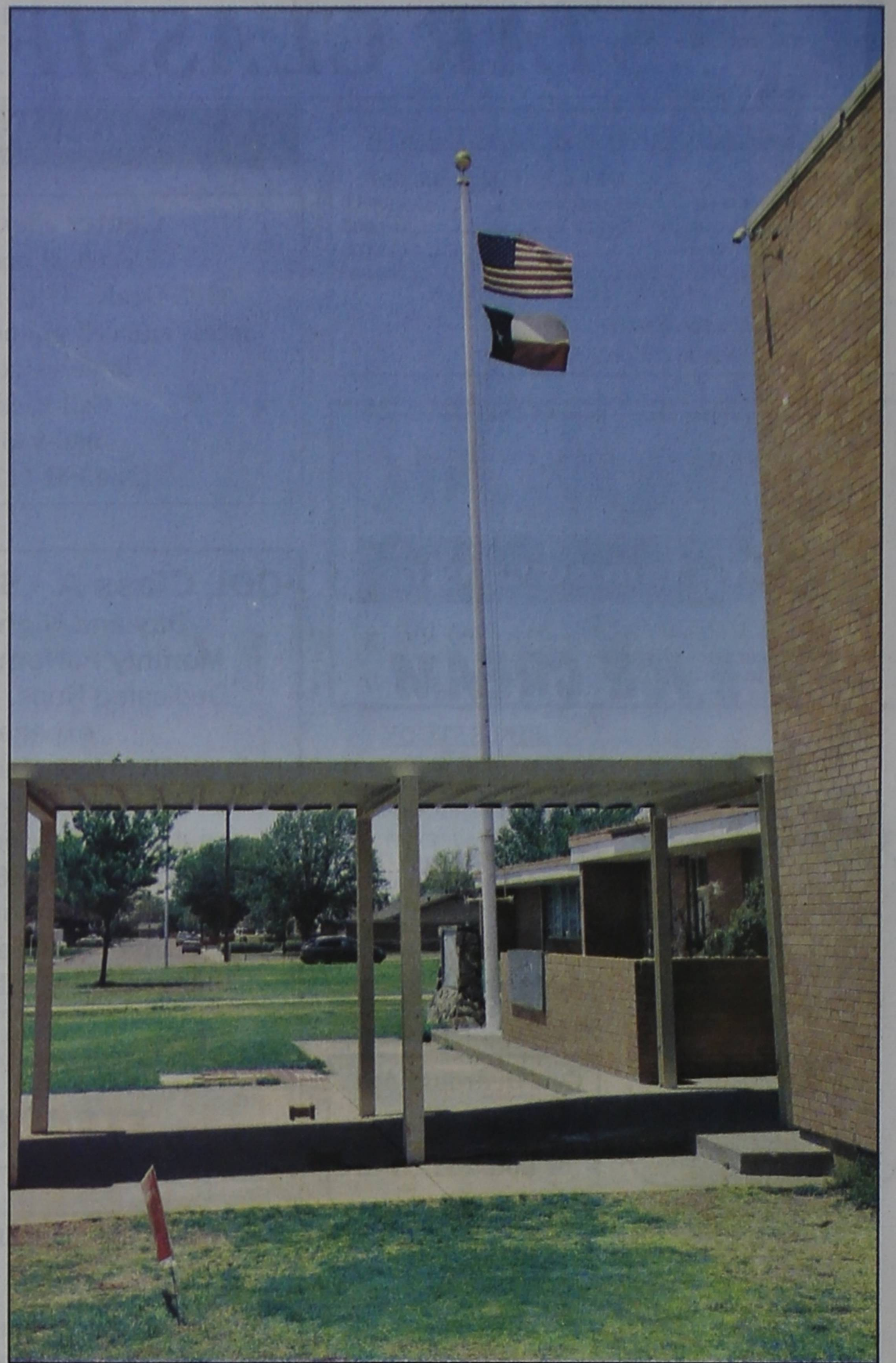
- It's a place to start. It's easy to think about starting to exercise and you know it's good for you, but it's really hard to lace up the tennies and get started. With a challenge, you have a start date! And research says it takes about six weeks to form a habit...
- A challenge provides motivation. It's fun and empowering to reach a goal. There's nothing more motivating than reaching a goal.
- A challenge provides some structure. Instead of wondering what you should do be doing when, a challenge gives you the opportunity to set a goal. Maybe your goal could be, "I'm going to start out at X number of steps and add 200 per day." Or "I will get in 7,000 steps in a day consistently by week four."
- A walking challenge is a social opportunity. Grab a walking buddy and enjoy some good conversation. Our lives are often so busy, we neglect our friendships. Walk and reconnect.
- A challenge is an awareness. I thought I was an active person until we did a walking challenge at Hi-Pro. I was shocked at how inactive I was. By using a pedometer, I discovered I was only getting in about 4,000 steps a day. Remember the recommended amount is 10,000? Technology is amazing (I give thanks regularly that I was not born a pioneer woman), but it's taking a toll on our health. We have become a sedentary society with remote controls, the Internet, Facebook and computer technology, and our health is reflecting that. Obesity in the United States has tripled in the last thirty years. The simple act of walking can greatly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, and diabetes.
- Love yourself enough to do something to keep you feeling good and enjoying your favorite things. Your health cannot be replaced. Gratitude is the greatest multiplier. Give thanks for your health and multiply those steps!

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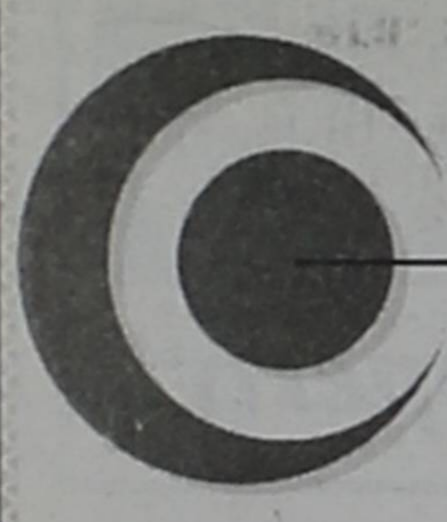
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These youngsters were some of the volunteers that helped the American Legion put flags at the Friona Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day. From left are Mariah Rivera, Briana Rivera, Andrew Rivera, Alex Guerra, and Tyler Woods.



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This U.S. flag flying at the high school last Friday has special significance. It belongs to Javier Cruz, a 1990 graduate of Friona High School who retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of serving our country. The flag was presented to him at his retirement ceremony and he asked that it fly at the high school on May 24.



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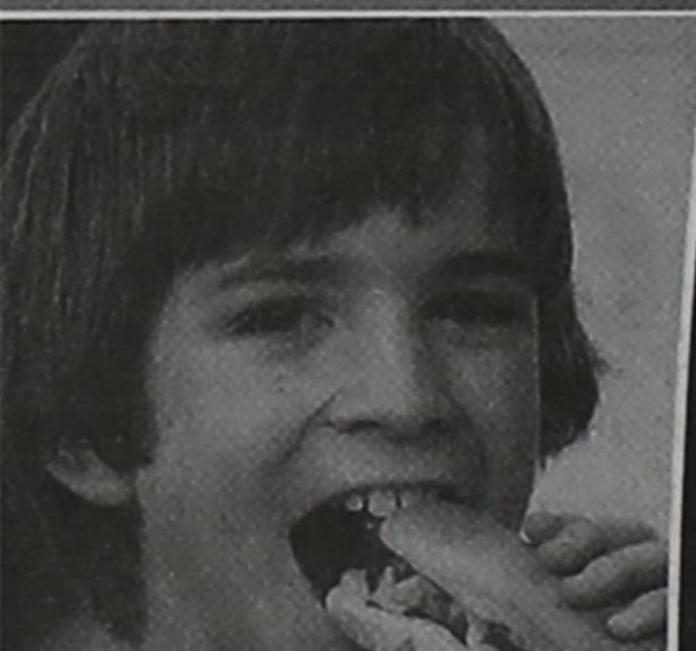


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