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TEN PAGES

Free pre-natal classes, baby items

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County is having sign-up for free pre-natal classes Saturday, August 10, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the conference room at Parmer Medical Center. All expectant mothers are encouraged to register for the free classes.

Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. Classes are available in both English and Spanish. The coalition will also be accepting donations of new or gently used baby items at the same time.

For more information contact Heidi Eichenauer at 250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 295-8291.

Elementary student registration info

Friona elementary school principal Ben Kirton has submitted the following information for elementary school parents:

It is my pleasure to welcome all students to Friona Elementary. We are excited about starting the year and are making preparations. Part of that preparation includes student registration for new students which will occur on August 14-16, 2013.

Parents of existing students will receive packets the first day of school for yearly papers to sign as well as change any information. Parents can also change student registration information through the Parent Portal. For information on accessing this resource call our new secretary, Imelda Vela at 250-2240.

Parents need to know that our 4th grade will be departmentalized this year. We also have a few changes in staffing. I am excited to introduce three teachers who will be new to our district: John Shipley, 5th grade science; Amy Kerby, 4th grade language arts; and Kimberli Andrews, 3rd grade. Thank you to those who have already made them feel welcome.

Mrs. Borden will be our new dyslexia/intervention teacher and Mrs. Alvidrez will teach 2nd grade this year. As always parents are encouraged to be an active part of their child's education and we will work together for each student to succeed.

Sales tax holiday this weekend

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers the annual sales tax holiday weekend is this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 9-11.

Families can save money by not paying sales tax on most clothing, footwear, and school supplies priced under \$100. Lists of tax-free items can be found at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

The sales tax holiday weekend in Texas has been an annual event since 1999. Shoppers are expected to save an estimated \$78.9 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday weekend.

FHS yearbooks are here

The 2013 yearbooks are in and available for pickup or purchase. If you ordered a book you may pick it up in the choir room at the high school. Distribution began Tuesday August 6. If you forgot to order one they do have extras available for \$65. Check, cash, or money order is accepted. Checks payable to Friona High School Yearbook.

There is a limited supply of extra books so go early or you might miss out. If you have questions contact Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610 or email her at ajohnsto@frionaisd.com.



ron carr photo

Chieftain football is underway. The boys began practice Monday morning. They practice with full pads beginning Friday August 9. Next week practice will be held from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Chiefs travel to Panhandle for a scrimmage on Saturday August 17, then to Shallowater to scrimmage on Thursday August 22. Season opener is Friday August 30 vs. Stratford at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Game time 4:30 p.m.

Council to consider 2013 tax rate

The Friona city council regular meeting will be held Monday August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 619 Main St. All meetings are open to the public.

It is time again for setting tax rates for Parmer County, the Hospital District, Friona ISD, and the city of Friona. The council will discuss the report from the Parmer County Appraisal district regarding the 2013 effective tax rate for the City of Friona and consider and take action on the proposed 2013 tax rate and setting dates for required public hearings if needed.

Two requests for variances will be con-

sidered. First is a 3' variance for a carport at 1411 Euclid by Eufemia Cardenas and Aturo Ortiz. Second is a variance for a mobile home to be placed at 311 W. 3rd St. requested by Antonia Diaz.

Two bids will be awarded. One for the roof on the Friona Public Library and one for the rehabilitation of the 1,000,000 gallon ground storage tank.

Other items to be considered are approval of destruction of records with expired destruction date and approval of Parmer County Outpatient Clinic agreement beginning September 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2014. The July ac-

counts payable and financial statement will be considered for approval.

The above items make up the tentative council meeting agenda and are subject to change. The final and official agenda is posted on the front window at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The city council chambers are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Contact Patricia Phipps, city manager/city secretary at 250-2761 or fax 250-2893 for further information.



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Mercedes Rodriguez focuses at Tuesday's volleyball practice. The Squaws first home game on the schedule will be Tuesday August 20 vs. Sanford Fritch. Freshman, JV, and varsity game times are 2:00/3:00/4:00 p.m.



ron carr photo

Kailey Lucas serves in Tuesday volleyball practice. On the other side of the net are, l-r, Mercedes Rodriguez, Tai Strohmayer, Coach Bryan Masse, and Mykelti Rhodes. Practice began officially Monday.

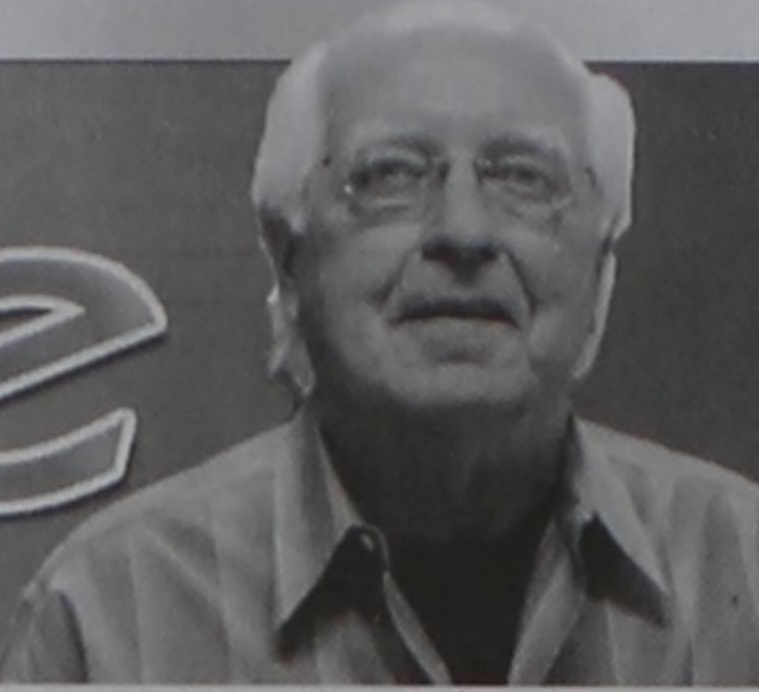
Friona Star 2013 Football Contest Weekly 1st Place Prize: \$25 Overall Grand Prize: \$100	
Week 1 Participants and their 2013-2014 schedules: Friona Star
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Friona Star Football Contest will start September 5

57th Annual Maize Days Celebration September 17-21

Out Here

By Ron Carr



seeking a better bargain

Calf rope. An old saying that means I give up, I've had enough. Usually used when arguing with someone and getting nowhere so you just throw in the towel and quit. It is a mild form of surrender.

So I'm saying calf rope on the idea of smaller government and lower taxes. I'm giving up on conservatives being able to accomplish anything. I am happy to announce I am joining the progressive liberal movement. President Obama has promised a better bargain for the middle class so from now on you can call me a Democrat. I've been called worse.

I want a little more than my fair share and then some. As a liberal progressive I will be able to get by with almost everything without having to be accountable for anything. I'll be able to lie, or stretch the truth, or to cover-up stuff I don't want you to know. That seems to me an easy life.

Being accountable is just too tiresome. Think of all the money I can have over here on the greener progressive grass. If we run short we can print some more or, better yet, tax the rich corporations. Who cares if they go broke later, us progressives live in the now. I like that tax and spend stuff. Makes a lot of sense.

We want all of you, especially you rich folks, to pay your fair share. So far we haven't been able to define what a fair share is so in the meantime we'll continue to gouge as much as we can until we are rolling in your dough. Fair share is whatever we say it is.

Once we force employers to double the minimum wage I hope we can do the same for monthly Social Security payments. As a progressive liberal I don't need a reason to ask for ridiculous changes and I could use the money.

The president wrote a book

with the word "audacity" in the title. That is what us progressives are all about. I hope to convince Debbie Wasserman Schultz to be my mentor since I have switched over to the liberal progressive cause. She knows a lot about audacity.

I'll be campaigning the movement to grant citizenship to all of the illegal immigrants living in America's shadows. They are here so what the heck, let's grant them amnesty and make them citizens so then we can get more of their money too. After all we like to say we are a nation of immigrants. "My ancestors came to America with 5-cents in their pocket and....yadda, yadda." You know the story.

I'll be campaigning to reduce all school meals to around 100 calories, maybe less. We will not stop until we starve the children into healthy bodies. We must stamp out obesity even if our football linemen only weigh 150 pounds. What's more important, sports or skin-

ny healthy taxpayers who don't have to go to the doctor and run up our healthcare costs?

Speaking of healthcare, how about our Affordable Care Act. We think it is a good plan for almost everyone except us. Since I am on Medicare, as a progressive I will be on the "Save Medicare" band wagon. Let's increase the benefits until they are no longer benefits.

So far it is fun being a liberal progressive Democrat. I do not feel guilty about applying for a free cell phone and food stamps. As always the people with legitimate needs get mixed in with the people who cheat the system but what the heck, we will all benefit eventually.

If you are a conservative Republican I hope you will see the light and cave in to the progressive plan for America. Harry, Nancy, and Barack do have a better plan. Let's hear it for the middle class.

Hallelujah! I've never felt more liberated.

The 2013 Maize Days schedule

The schedule for the 57th annual Maize Days celebration.

- Saturday Sept 7 - Miss Friona Pageant
- Tuesday Sept 17 - Little Miss Pageant
- Wednesday Sept 18 - Gospel Gathering
- Friday Sept 20 - Homecoming vs. Idalou
- Saturday Sept 21 - Parade, booths in the park, golf tournament

For information about Maize Days, sponsoring a Miss Friona or Little Miss, vendor/booth info, or golf tournament registration contact the

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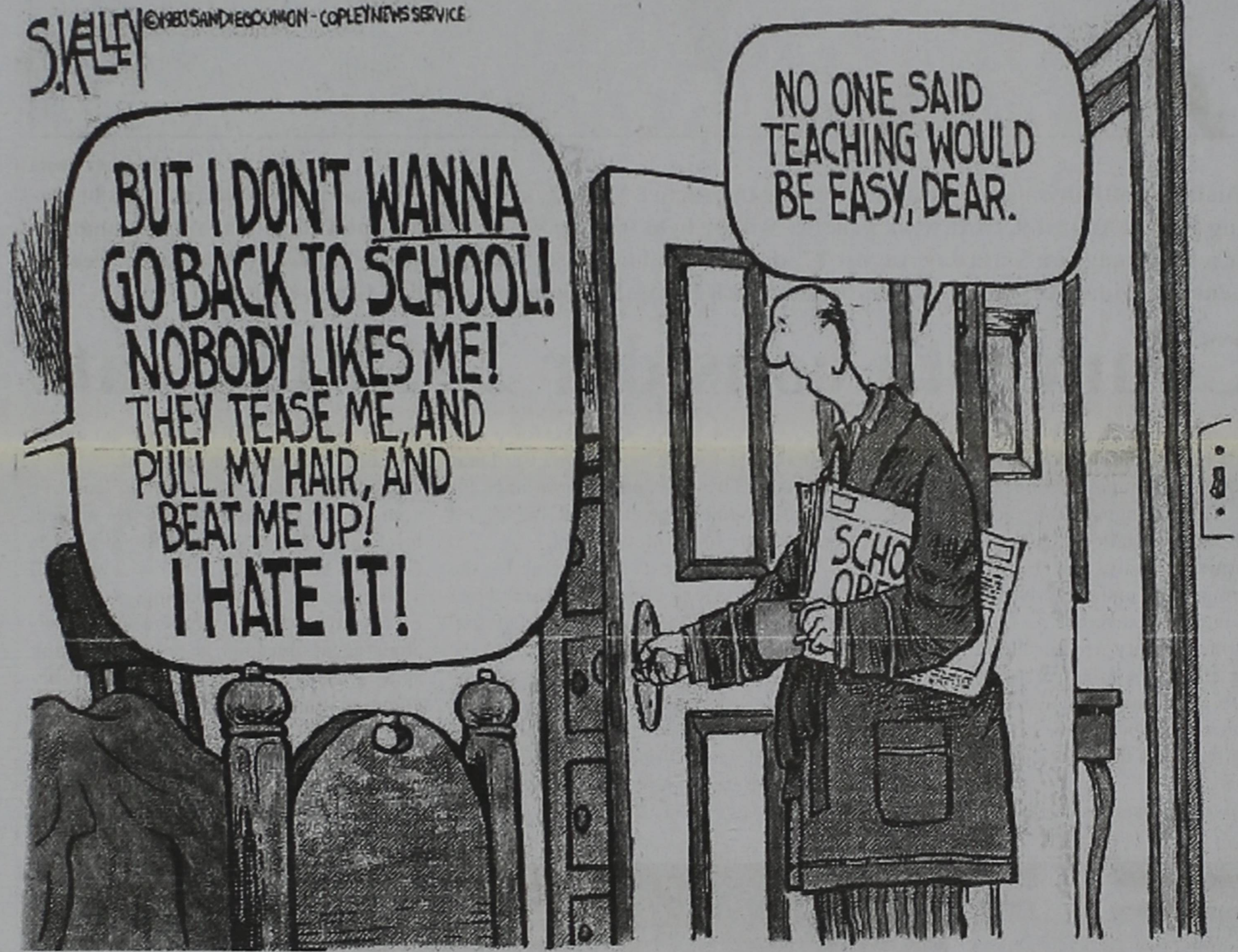
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ACROSS

1 TX Eric Dickerson began NFL career with this team

5 this Baldwin was in "The Aviator" about TX Howard Hughes

6 this TX Brown won 55 Pulitzer for journalism

7 Waco TV station

8 TX B.J. Thomas "The _____ Woman"

17 _____ Rio, TX

20 TXism: "_____ unsaddled horse"

21 "_____ Sam" Rayburn

22 TXism: "a real _____ winder" (exciting)

23 TX's westernmost big city

24 LBJ was _____-sixth U.S. president

29 TX Al Freeman, Jr. was "_____ Hall" on "One Life to Live"

30 "Isle du _____ Creek"

31 trucker radio

32 ex-Ranger first baseman (1982-88)

34 correct, accurate

35 airport transport in Houston or Dallas

36 TX Jay Johnson played _____ of Chuck & Bob on TV's "Soap"

37 TXism: "_____ chaps my hide"

38 TXism: "the ol _____ and chain" (spouse)

39 prosecution _____ ender (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 TXism for "thought hard" (3 wds.)

2 TXism: "run it by _____" (finalize)

3 west of Abilene, off I-20

4 these immigrants came to TX as early as 1825

9 TXism: "many a time"

10 this TX Gibson wrote "Old Yeller"

11 point a gun

12 TX George H. S. "Stormin Norman" general (init.)

13 "_____ a living" (scrape by)

14 SW of Abilene on 89

15 small dog barks

16 a cyberspace savings acct. (abbr.)

17 TX McFarland was "Spanky" on "The Little _____"

18 to wobble on your knees?

22 TXism: "got as much chance as a _____ a packing plant"

24 this Petty was a "Traveling Wilbury" with TX Orbison (init.)

25 TXism: "_____ argue with a fence post"

26 TXism: "cough _____" (pay me)

27 TX "caminos _____" (King's Highways)

28 "_____ Bend Reservoir" on TX-LA border

29 country singer, McCann

30 rich in dietary fiber

33 judge's garment

34 TXism: "enjoyed about all _____ I can stand"

35 fondle gently

37 TXism: "_____ off" (sit)

38 purchaser

40 Longview is seat of this county

41 center of an apple

44 Metroplex classic country AM station

47 wear away or erode

49 this Ramirez signed with the Rangers on 7/3/2013

Town Talk II

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

Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin's annual stockholder meeting is Tuesday August 13 at 7 p.m. in the gin's new barn, not at the junior high. Catered meal and door prizes will be available. Three directors will be elected as terms of Davy Carthel, John Jarecki, and Mitchell Wiseman will expire.

The First Baptist Church's monthly newsletter says there will be a city wide youth rally Thursday August 15 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Friona city park. All community young folks are invited to attend.

Progress continues at Heritage Estates and Prairie Acres. Administrator Billy Ray Johnston reports Heritage has 14 residents and Prairie Acres has 47. He says they will be losing some aides with school starting so they are in need of certified nurse's aides and LVNs. See the classified ad in this paper if interested. The Prairie Acres resident-of-the-month is Wanda Rogers and employee-of-the-month is Yvette Garcia. Yvette works in the activity department and has been employed since June 2006.

Workers were removing the "MM" sign from the old Maurer Building on South Main Street this week. Teto (Jennings) Milner, whose family owns the historic building, said they were removing the sign because of hail damage. There has been a lot of vandalism to the outside and inside the old building. Photo on this page.

Former Friona grads Michael Johnston and Kelby Monroe are employed in the Hastings corporate office in Amarillo and Michael's sister Deirdre Johnston Long is employed at the Hastings store in Canyon. Kelby recently moved back to the area from Austin.

Recent anniversaries: Fabiola and Frank Dominguez 31 years; Linda and Kevin Welch 32 years; Trip and Courtney Horton of Beaumont 34 years; Roger and Lynn Nelson 29 years; Dr. Gary and Nedra Cash 47 years; George and Aundrea Frye 54 years; Buddy and Betty Wiseman spent their 62nd anniversary this week shucking and canning corn; and V'Laura

and Justin Sundlie celebrated 7 years. Justin has accepted a job as pitching coach at Lubbock Christian University where he was an All-American catcher. He coached at Abernathy this past year. Let us know if you or someone you know is having an anniversary this month.

Photojournalist and 2001 Friona grad Mike Ortiz has taken a job with WFAA TV in Dallas. He has most recently worked for a TV station in Maryland. We know Mike will be happy to get back to Texas and closer to family.

I just found out that my WT Services cable has added the FX channel (95) and the National Geographic channel (96). May have had them for a while but I just found them. Also the Home Shopping Network channel moved from 77 to 43. And the TV guide runs on channel 75.

Bonnie Pope took a tumble at work and sustained a compression fracture to her L1 vertebrae. She was in the local hospital for a few days but is now home waiting to decide on

further treatment. Take it easy Bonnie.

Planning is underway here at the Star for the Maize Days edition of the newspaper and the September 5 start of the football contest. The football contest will begin September 5 and run for 12 weeks with a \$25 weekly prize and a \$100 grand prize. Details to come later.

Friona volunteer firefighters Ty Potts and Stephen Campbell recently completed a one-week fire school at College Station.

The FHS yearbooks are here. You can get yours from Allison Johnston in the high school choir room. There are some extras if you didn't pre-order one. They are \$65. For more info call Allison at 806-220-1610.

Sherri Alger was having surgery Tuesday of this week at BSA in Amarillo. She had an appendectomy then was back in the operating room for additional surgery due to some infection. She is said to be doing fine. Sherri and husband Tom are owners of A-Tex Dairy. Also, Melvin Smith had surgery in Amarillo this week.

The local SnackPak4Kids program will be in high gear when school starts August 26. The effort sends food home with needy kids on the weekends. The children are selected by teachers and the SnackPaks are put in their backpacks at school. The SnackPak volunteers need donations of money, 16 oz peanut butter, and Pop Tarts. With the money they volunteers buy additional snack

items to send home with the kids. To assist contact Jo Beth Gipson or Becky Jones. The packets are assembled at the Senior Citizen House on Thursdays at 5 p.m. If you want to make a monetary donation you can send or bring it here to the Star office and we will see that it gets to Jo Beth and Becky.

I visited football and volleyball practice this week. Athletics are in full swing headed for the first day of school Monday August 26. Yes it was hot Tuesday about noon at football practice. Football practice next week will be held from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m., at least that is what our practice schedule shows. Yes indeed a lot of folks are about to get real busy around here. Come on along. Until then!



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Workers this week removed the old "MM" sign from the historical Maurer Building on South Main. Age and hail had taken its toll on the old sign and vandals have inflicted some damage on the building.



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The Friona Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at The Gym on Saturday, August 3. Owner Michael Davila cuts the ribbon.

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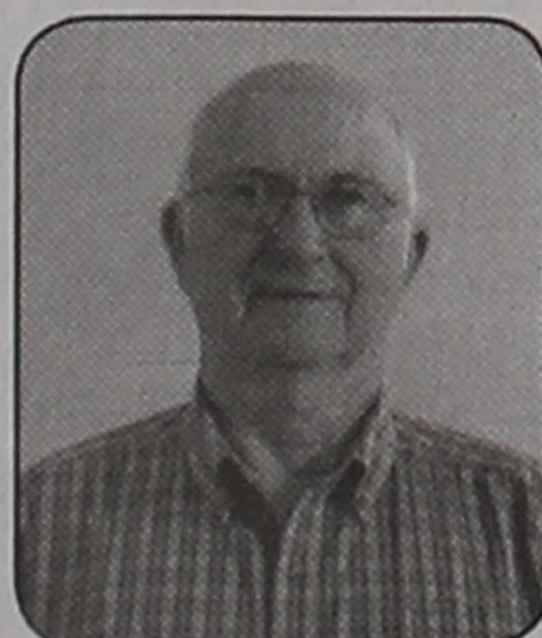
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OBITUARIES

Hortencia Ortiz

Hortencia Ortiz, 89, of Dimmitt passed away Monday August 5, 2013 in Dimmitt. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Raj Arockia officiating. Burial will follow at Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.



Hortencia Ortiz

Ortiz, two brothers Grabial Alaniz, Jr. and Jesus Alaniz, and a sister Doris Drury.

She is survived by four sons, Fidel Ortiz of Friona, Justin Ortiz, Jr. of Dimmitt, Carlos Ortiz of Amarillo, and Eusebio Ortiz of Canyon; two daughters, Beatrice Fuentes of Dimmitt and Mary Elizabeth Esquivel of El Reno, Oklahoma; four sisters, Paulita Bautista of Charlotte, Texas, Andrea Compian of Big Foot, Texas, Estefana Tijerina of San Antonio, and Gina Thomas of Jacksonville, Florida; three brothers, Sebastian, Estevan, and George Alaniz, all of San Antonio; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hortencia was born September 1, 1923 in Charlotte, Texas to Grabiell and Genoveva Soliz Alaniz. She has been a resident of Castro County since 1967. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, cooking, gardening, and could grow anything she touched. She taught herself English, Spanish, and math.

She was the type of mother who taught her children by her actions how to be a wonderful mother. Everyone in her eyes was considered family whether you were or not. She loved people and never met a stranger. Her greatest blessings were praying and attending church. She always sent blessings to everyone. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Justino Ortiz, a granddaughter Debra Ortiz, a daughter-in-law Minerva

You may sign the online guestbook at www.colonialfuneralhome.org.

Corrected 3rd Grade Supply List

- 1 zipper pouch or school box
- 1- Elmer's School Glue 4 oz.
- 2- Glue Sticks
- 1- Fiskars sharp pointed scissors
- 24- Pencils - #2 yellow only
- 1- Box of Crayons - 24 count only
- 2- Dry Erase Markers
- 2- Red pencils
- 2 -Spiral Notebooks - 40 page wide rule only
- 1- Large Pink Eraser
- 3 Boxes of Facial Tissue
- 1- Box of Crayola Twistable Map Colors or Colored Pencils
- 1- Package of Notebook paper - wide rule only
- 1 Package of Copy Paper
- 1- Box of Ziploc Baggies - Boys bring quart size and Girls bring gallon size
- 4- Plastic Folders with brads and pockets (1-red, 1-blue, 1-green, 1-orange)

Panhandle Parables

Squash (The Mini-Series) pt 2

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

We are goin' in! Literally, we are going to the inside of the squash this week. Have you ever stopped to count just how many seeds are in a single squash? Realizing, of course there are various types of squash, for the sake of this "series" ha, we will stick with the yellow squash. Now back to the original question, number of seeds? I can safely say, I have no idea, but more than one, and each one can grow into a single plant and each plant produces how many squash?

Which means there is the number of squash X number of seeds= number of new plants, more squash and more seeds, I knew I should have paid better attention in my Algebra Classes, but I did have great teachers, (Mrs. Berend and Ms. Richards).

What is said of apples can be said of squash, you can count the number of seeds in a squash, but you can't count the number of squash in a seed. Jesus was fond of the seed idea. He, obviously understood the multiplying effect of each seed (He created the process, after all.)

He calls us to do just that, plant seeds: acts of kindness, encouraging words, helping helpless, comforting those in despair, and the gospel message itself, each a seed, each the potential to adjust the course of someone's day or maybe even life. What are you doing with the seeds in your possession? Don't leave them in the bag, cast them, share them, plant them and water them, and when they grow God will be glorified in the reproduction of His goodness.

Remember it doesn't take a lot of seeds to have a lot of squash. It is what you do with the seeds you have been given? Next week, more squash. I know. ☺

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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

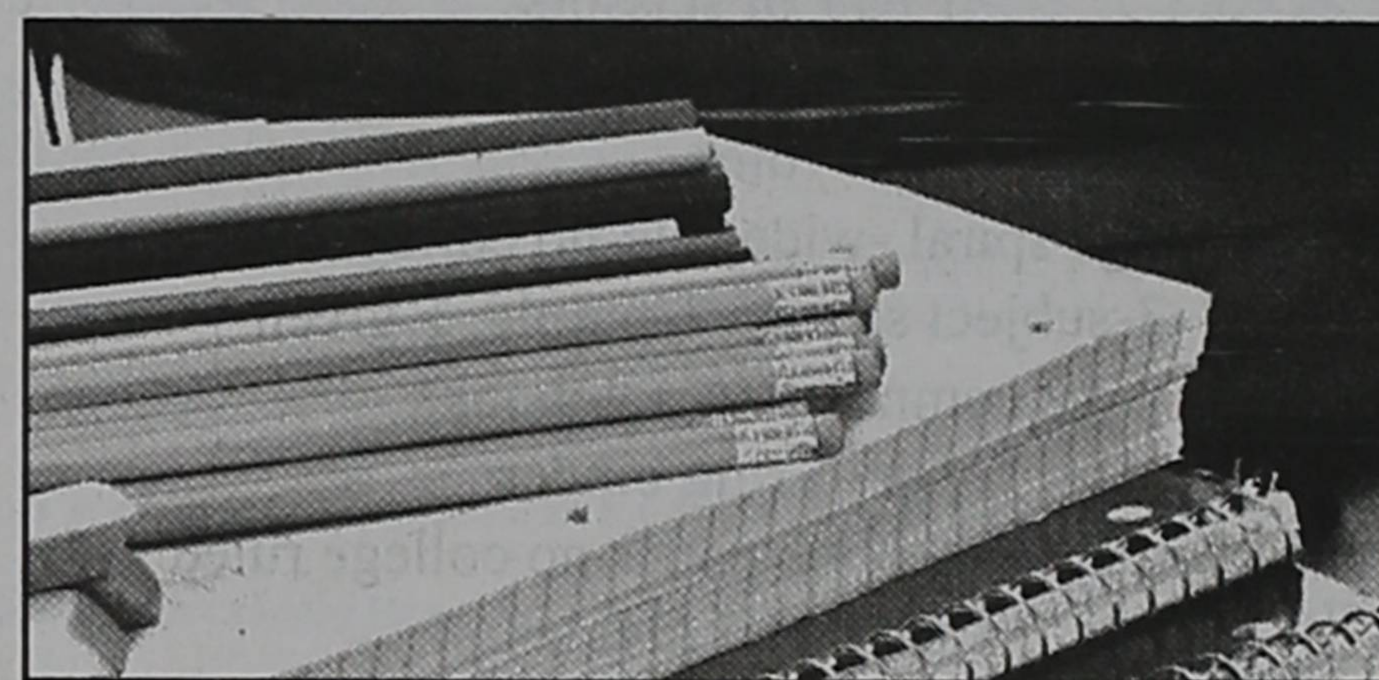
1 Kings 17-18 the Northern Kingdom of Israel is at the peak its of power. The economy is booming, the monarchy is strong, idolatry is prevalent, and only a remnant of godly prophets remained. Although the nation was at its peak of power, it was in a deprived spiritual cycle and God showed himself to them in many ways, but they did not care that God is real.

Publicly God does some amazing miracles such as sending a 3 year drought announced by his prophet Elijah, and He showed His power in a mighty way on Mt. Caramel as He displayed the powerlessness of false gods. In fact, the throng that was gathered for this event was left without a doubt that God is the true God and they should follow Him, which they did for a short while.

Out of the public eye God provided for Elijah miraculously during the drought, as well as for a non-Jewish widow in Zarephath whose sacrificial hospitality made room for Elijah in their home. Further, God restored life to the widow's son when he died, showing that God is the giver and creator of life.

As you see God's patient hand at work in the godless northern kingdom of Israel and their lack of concern for Him, aren't you reminded of our day? God has shown that His ways are good, His word is true and trustworthy, that Jesus saves and the Holy Spirit empowers, but I wonder how many people you know have ignored God, just as the Israelites did centuries ago. In fact, that may be you, and if it is, return to Him today, love Christ totally and live for Him daily.

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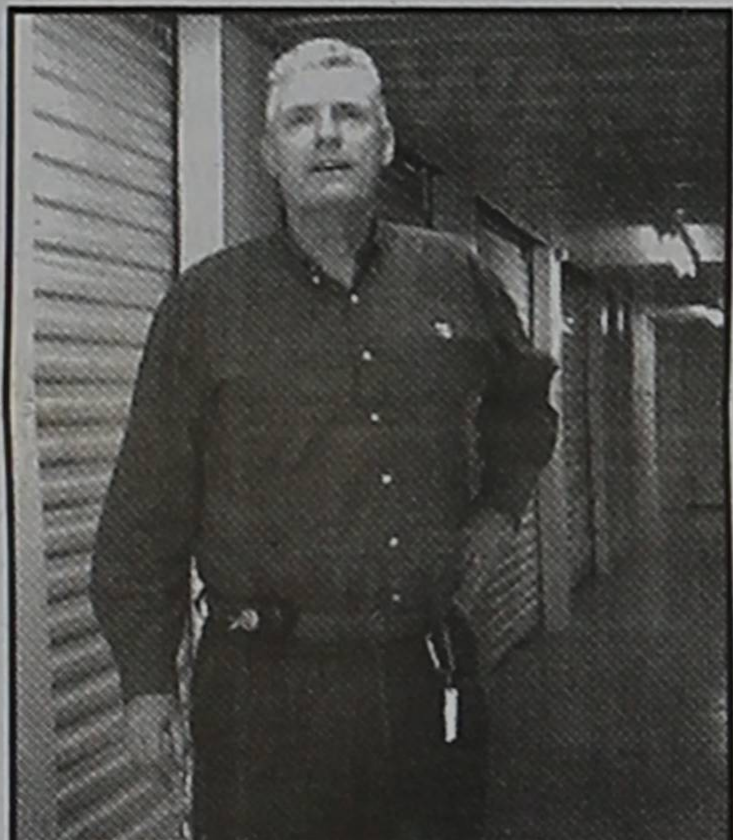


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- *1 - hand held pencil sharpener
- *#2 pencils (Absolutely NO mechanical pencils)
- *black/blue ink pens
- *1 - composition notebook
- *4 - 1 subject spirals
- *3-packages of wide rule notebook paper-no college rule/colored
- *glue stick
- *1-pair of scissors
- *1 - zipper bag for pens and pencils
- *2 - highlighters
- *5 - red pens
- *1 - ruler
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- *PE students: Girls-red shirt & shorts
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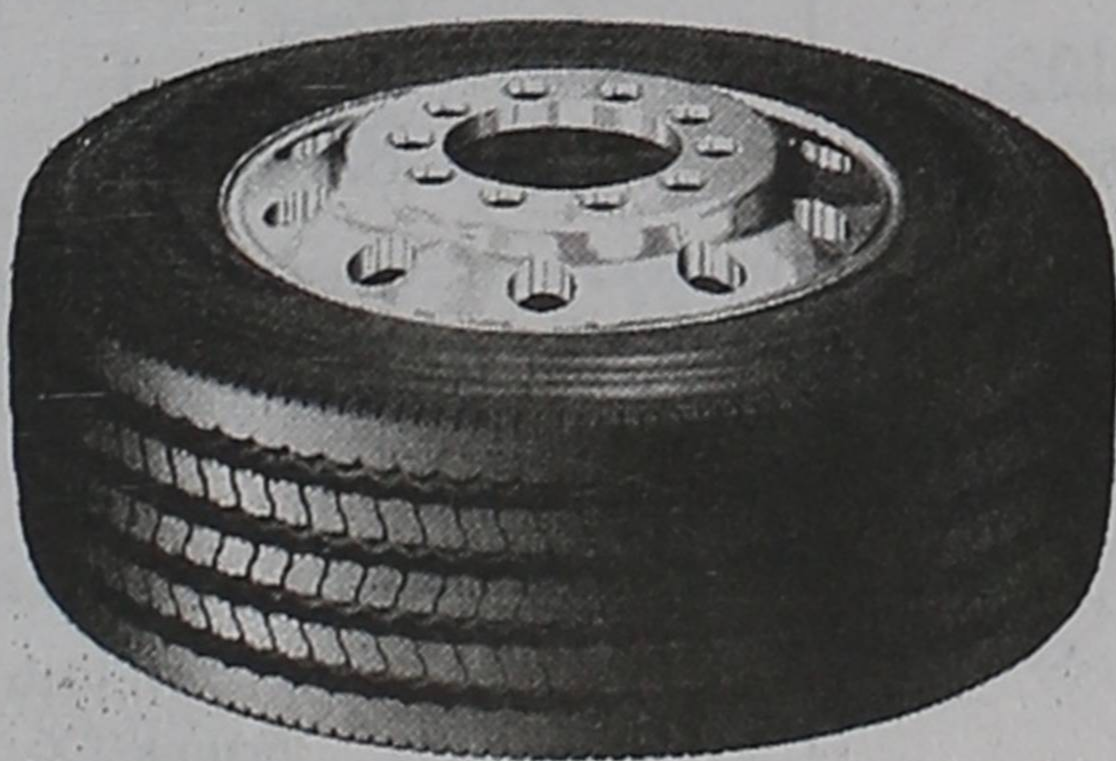
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- *5 Plastic folders with pockets and brads:*red-Reading, yellow-ELA, green-Science, blue-History, purple-Math
- *1 - Portable USB Flash Drive 2GB
- *pencils
- *blue or black ink pens (no gel pens)
- *red pens (no gel pens)
- *1 pair of scissors
- *1 yellow or black, 1 red, 1 blue 70 page spiral (wide rule)
- 70 page spiral -wide rule-no college rule
- *2 3-subject spiral - 1-purple, 1-green
- *2 composition notebooks
- *1-1" 3 ring binder
- *wide ruled notebook paper-no college ruled
- *1 pkg. of 5 dividers
- *eraser
- *1-12 inch ruler with metric markings
- *1-pkg. 3x5 index cards
- *3-highlighters
- *2-glue sticks
- *1-set of map colors
- *1-zipper bag for pens and pencils
- *Athletic clothes issued at school
- *PE students: Girls: red shirt & shorts
- Boys: gray shirt & shorts (available at Ingrams)

8TH GRADE:

- *1 - Portable USB Flash Drive 2GB
- *1 - 3 inch 3 ring binder with dividers (high quality to last all year)
- *2 - 1 inch 3 ring binder
- *Plastic folders with pockets & brads: holes to fit binder 2 of each - red, yellow, green, blue, purple, orange
- *2 - Single subject spiral notebook
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- *Black pens
- *Mechanical pencils-extra lead and erasers
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Bank tour to Alaska

By Marca Herring

We saw a T-Shirt with the state of Alaska beside the state of Texas printed on it. The caption said, "Isn't Texas Cute!!" Well we Texans can't help that Alaska is 2 1/2 times larger than we are, but we have 26:1 more people!

Forty customers and friends of Friona InterBank left July 11 2013 for this trip of a lifetime, and it really was!

We arrived in Fairbanks and began our tour the next day with a trip on the Stern Wheeler, Discovery. It was a slow and gentle ride down the Chena River, a glacial river. We saw a float plane take off and land, sled dogs practicing their runs and demonstrating their strength, the "wedding" of the Chena and Tanana River. We visited a Chena village which resembles the original Chena Athabaskan Indian Village of the early 1900's. We learned about the way of life of the Athabaskan Indians who live along the major river ways of the interior Alaska. Today 90,000 Native people make up 15% of Alaska's population. They live in remote villages as well as cities like Fairbanks. What a great start for our tour.

Enroute to our second day's destination, Denali, we stopped at a tiny village, Nenana, where a lady boarded our bus to tell us about her village. Her name is Joanne Hawkins and has written her story in her book "Alaska, the Land of M&Ms, 'Men & Money'". She visited Alaska in 1971 and decided that was home. At that time men outnumbered women 20:1. She was the first to give us the saying, "The odds were good (to catch a man), but the goods were odd"! We enjoyed this saying the entire trip.

July 13 saw us driving by bus to Denali National Park. Our guide told us that Denali means "the high one" regarding Denali, now known as Mt McKinley. The park covers 6 million acres with only one road going through the park and it is 91 miles long. We drove only 17 of those miles. The 5 large animals in the park are caribou, bear, wolves, Dall Sheep and moose. We saw a moose along the highway and in the brush and we saw Dall Sheep in the distance. We also saw smaller animals, especially rabbits and birds. Our guide had many jokes about the hare including "hare today, gone tomorrow" etc. The glacial rivers inter-twine or "are braided" all along the valley.

We finally had to ask about the difference in tundra and taiga. A taiga is a "quiet northern forest where plants, fungi and animals are joined by invisible ecological threads" (the plan of all life: plants, animals, water and air existing for the benefit of other wildlife and vegetation.) We were especially intrigued about seeing a Dogwood "tree" that was very old, yet was only about 1 foot high. At about 2500 feet, the Tundra begins. This is where cold temperatures, permafrost and winds prevent trees from growing, yet brush and other low plants including wild flowers grow.

We stopped at Savage Cabin, where rangers conducting park patrols in the winter use the cabin and in the summer, a member of the park staff gives a history lesson of this cabin and others like it in the park, to us visitors. We also met a Native American who told us of her family's history and what they do today. It was all very interesting and we enjoyed our morning. The afternoon was spent with free time for us to choose our own explorations.

We enjoyed the "Music of Denali" Dinner Theatre in the evening. There was singing during dinner and then the story was acted out of the first ascent of Mount McKinley. It was entertaining and fun. Dinner was served family style with many different kinds of meat and vegetables. Delicious!

We were curious about experiencing the 24 hours of daylight and how it would affect our sleep. We discovered that waking up to daylight at midnight didn't bother us that much, we were too tired!



The Friona InterBank Alaska tour group

No wonder there are beautiful wildflowers blooming in vibrant colors with all of that sun.

July 14, we boarded our coach for the 3 hour drive to McKinley. Our group is in the 2% club who have seen Mt McKinley more than once. We saw the mountain on 3 separate days making us in that 2% group. If you go to Alaska and see it once, you are in the 30% group. Most visitors don't get to see this highest of all mountains in North America at 20,320 feet. The weather was so beautiful throughout our tour with sunshine and clear days. We were very fortunate.

From McKinley, most of us took the shuttle to Talkeetna, an old Indian village, about 1 hour away. We ate lunch, visited the shops, the McKinley Park Visitors Center where we learned that about 1300 people try to climb to the top of Mt McKinley every year. The oldest person to reach the top is an 89 year old man who climbs to the top every 10 years. While in Talkeetna some of us took a float trip down the Nenana River, others took a 3River Jet Boat excursion and still others were pulled on 4 wheelers by Alaskan Huskies. We thoroughly enjoyed the excitement, beauty and learned more of the area.

July 15 is the day we rode a very new and modern train from Talkeetna to Whittier where we boarded our ship. The train ride was a great way to see the country side, with the domed glass ceiling that curved down to make wonderful windows. This mode of transportation offered another way of seeing and enjoying the beauty of Alaska. We had rail guides to give us information about the train, the area and history. Before we reached Anchorage, we went through Wasilla and saw the fence that surrounds the home of Sara Palin.

We boarded our Island Princess about 7pm and headed for the southeastern Alaskan Inside Passage. It took us a while to familiarize ourselves with the layout of the ship. (We would get off the elevators and wonder which way do we go, right or left because not only did we have to learn which side of the ship our cabins were on but if we were forward or aft!! It was fun learning and trying.)

We spent the first two days sailing through Prince William Sound. The second day was foggy to the point that we missed Ya-

kutat Bay and Hubbard Glacier, but by the time we reached Glacier Bay, 471 nautical miles from Whittier it was a crystal clear day. While sailing to Glacier Bay we saw a pod of whales. There must have been 15-20 of them traveling and feeding in these cold waters.

Glacier Bay is a national park and preserve with 16 tidewater glaciers surrounded by snow-topped mountain ranges and covers 3 million acres. The scenes before us were awesome. We saw several glaciers including the largest, Margerie that is reported to be 24 stories high and 6 miles wide and is the most active glacier in the park. We saw it "calving" several times. Next to it was the Grand Pacific Glacier, first mapped by Captain George Vancouver in 1791. Our captain maneuvered the ship so that first one half of us could view the glaciers from our balconies and then he turned so that the other half could see these majestic wonders. Of course most of us were out on the decks getting the total view. It was an awesome sight and we wish for everyone in the world to see it.

July 18 we had our first port of call, Skagway. Skagway is known as the "Gateway to the Klondike" and relives the Gold Rush days. We shopped before taking our different excursions: some of us panned for gold, went to the "40 below", where we were outfitted in parkas and entered a cold, make believe, igloo. We saw a Iditarod dog demonstration, rode a train to White Pass, where the gold rush escalated, and took a coach back down, we had salmon bakes, including one in Liarsville, and we walked across the Klondike Suspension Bridge in British Columbia. Everyone got to do the things they were most interested in. That is one thing that made this trip so special.

July 19 saw us at Juneau the state capitol. Did you know that the only way to get to Juneau is by boat or plane? That's pretty amazing, yet how appropriate for this unique state, Alaska! It was at Juneau that some flew by helicopter to Mendenhall Glacier, some went jet boating to watch for whales, some had float plane rides over glaciers and had grilled salmon at Taku Lodge, with Hole in the Wall Glacier across the river. All the excursions were enjoyed by us and the differences in them equaled the differences in

us.

July 20, the BIG fishing day. So many of us were going to Alaska mainly to fish for Salmon and finally here we were at Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World". Some in our group caught 30 salmon and had them frozen and shipped home. You will want to see when they're having their fish fry. Others went fishing on a smaller skiff and fished for Rockfish and Salmon. What was caught was fixed for lunch at a camp nearby. We learned there are 5 different types of salmon and we remembered them by looking at our hand: Thumb rhymes with Chum (Chum Salmon), pointer finger can "sock" someone in the "eye" (Sockeye Salmon) Middle finger is the tallest (King Salmon), slip a silver ring on the ring finger and you have Silver Salmon, this is what most of caught and the last group is your pinkie finger - Pink Salmon.

Ketchikan is also known for its Totem Poles. It has the world's largest collection of them with 80 of them scattered throughout the city. We were enthralled to learn of the meaning and history of the carvings on the poles as some of us visited Totem Bight State Park. We also visited a clan house while there. Another excursion taken here was the Float Plane to George Inlet Lodge where we saw and emptied crab pots and enjoyed eating them there.

Our last full day on board our Island Princess was to be at sea sailing for Vancouver in British Columbia Canada. When we arrived in Vancouver in the morning of July 22 we had traveled by ship 1495 nautical miles. We love cruising and look forward to another one.

Upon disembarking and going through customs at Vancouver, we boarded a coach and took a city tour. We saw Stanley Park, Chinatown and Gastown. We also ate lunch at the Market, which was like our farmers' market but bigger, with more than food to purchase. We then headed for Seattle where we spent the night and then headed for the airport the next morning.

Alaska is a dream come true for most of us and even those of us who have been there before, it was a special trip with special people! Those making the trip were: Roy and Sandy Blevins, John and Teddie Poindexter, Perry and Clara Fugate, Paula Eubanks, Irene Mullins and Guadalupe Villarreal from Hereford. From Amarillo were John and Carol Blakley. From Grove City PA was Linda Brown. From Clovis were Aaron and Ginger Drager and Jimmy and Katy Starbuck. From Lefors was Karen Reeves. From Houston were Gary and Lavada Teinert and from Bar Harbor Maine was Betty Merylene Massie. From Friona were Joe Bob and Dale Mann, Frank (Trey) and Tracy Ellis, Jayn Looper, Joe and Tommie Mercer, Jim and Amelia Taylor, Joe and Tommie Boeckman, Tom and Barbara Mason, Lewis and Elizabeth Gore, Dale Widner, Joe and Loy McLellan, Pat Holland, and Marca Herring



Rafting in Alaska, Left, Jim and Amelia Taylor and Right, Joe Bob and Dale Mann

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- The applicants must pass the required background and fingerprint search, per Texas Education Agency statute. Each applicant will be responsible for any cost incurred in this process.
- Applicants must complete a short training, conducted at FISSD.
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The WalMart Bag Workout

By Melanie Gallman Braun

This isn't going to be a very popular article. I'm sure most people would rather run five miles than do what I'm about to suggest. Just hear me out...

I have a pet peeve. It's litter. WalMart bags stuck in trees and weeds; Styrofoam cups and beer cans strewn along the bar ditches are just depressing. I know winds of 50 mph don't help the situation, but it seems like the pride in and the care of Creation are fighting a losing battle. What does litter have to do with fitness? Well, this article is actually inspired by our neighbor out at the calf ranch. I will call her Sue in this article because she is much too humble to take any

credit. Sue is a very active retiree-always busy, always volunteering and loves to be outside. She has a couple of dogs that she takes for walks around the roads that surround the calf ranch. So here's the inspiration and admiration: one day during her walk she had the proverbial WalMart bag and was picking up trash as she walked the dogs. Wow. Three things happened there, multi-tasking at its best—(1) she got a great workout, (2) the dogs had a ball on their walk, and (3) Creation got some much needed care. Now I know Sue doesn't pick up trash every time she walks, but knowing her, I'm sure it's a regular practice.

So here's my proposal: Take some time to pick up trash every once in a while during your walking exercise. For those hardcore walkers out there, I know you don't like to break your cadence by stopping. I don't either. However, there are some great fitness benefits here. The acts of walking, stopping, bending over, reaching down, twisting and standing up engage more muscles than just walking. Bohus fitness points! Plus you get the warm, fuzzy feeling of having done something good for the world. So instead of grabbing your hand weights, don some rubber gloves and put a WalMart bag to good use!



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Coach Daniel Hutchins talks football with Chieftain linemen during Tuesday practice. Coach Hutchins will be coaching linemen this year after serving as offensive coordinator last season.

2013 Property Tax Rates in Parmer County

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for Parmer County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	FM County
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,404,260	\$634,525
Last year's debt taxes	\$207,440	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,611,700	\$634,525
Last year's tax base	\$680,130,002	\$673,593,614
Last year's total tax rate	0.384000/\$100	0.094200/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,612,358	\$634,689
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$717,561,362	\$704,810,795
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.364000/\$100	0.090000/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.454000/\$100	

This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,404,918	\$634,689
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$717,561,362	\$704,810,795
= This year's effective operating rate	0.335100/\$100	0.090000/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.361900/\$100	0.097200/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.031600/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.393500/\$100	0.097200/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.490700/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Parmer County adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.364000 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2012 taxes by \$ 620,882.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	2,284,884

Schedule B: 2013 Debt Service: General Fund

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Parmer County Law Enforcement Center	180,000	44,775	0	224,775
Total required for 2013 debt service				\$224,775
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$5,621
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013				\$219,154
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.000000% of its taxes in 2013				\$9,131
= Total Debt Levy				\$228,285

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: FM County

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	797,823

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Tx 79009. Name of person preparing this notice: Jill Timms Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: July 30, 2013

2013 Property Tax Rates in City of Friona

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for City of Friona. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$593,304
Last year's debt taxes	\$274,357
Last year's total taxes	\$867,661
Last year's tax base	\$109,830,515
Last year's total tax rate	0.790000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$867,718
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$102,937,867
= This year's effective tax rate	0.842900/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$689,364
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$102,937,867
= This year's effective operating rate	0.669600/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.723100/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.265800/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.988900/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.093200/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.895700/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Friona adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.842900 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2012 taxes by \$ 900.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	0

Schedule B: 2013 Debt Service:

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
City	295,000	65,045	0	360,045
Total required for 2013 debt service				\$360,045
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$100,000
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013				\$245,045
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.000000% of its taxes in 2013				\$13,687
= Total Debt Levy				\$273,732

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 96,003 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

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So. Plains cotton abandonment

The official survey numbers haven't been released yet, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert estimates South Plains cotton abandonment will be about 40 percent.

"It's hard to tell, as we're all over the board here, but that's what I'm hoping will be the most," said Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock.

Only a couple of months ago, it was looking much worse, Kelley said. Like most of Texas, the region had a cooler-than-normal spring and late freezes, while remaining locked in the stranglehold of drought. There was also hail, high winds and blowing sand that knocked out fields.

Many dryland and re-plantings of hailed-out or blown-out fields were late, bumping right up against the crop insurance planting deadlines.

Kelley noted there hasn't been anything resembling "typical" for years, but typical abandonment rates are about 25 percent. And in the last few years, a larger percentage of cotton is being planted dryland, which usually has a higher abandonment rate. Currently, about 53 to 57 percent of the region's cot-

ton is dryland, he said.

So an abandonment of 40 percent, given all the adverse weather, doesn't seem too bad, he said.

Complicating predictions are the fields of late-planted or replanted cotton.

"We typically start seeing a white flower out here in early July, and it was around the 15th before we started seeing white flowers."

Some flowering has been much later than that, which puts it in risk of not maturing before the average date of the first frost in the South Plains on Oct. 31, according to Kelley. A freeze before maturity can drastically hurt yields and quality.

But Kelley was hopeful, he said, that as daytime temperatures become more moderate, and the nights become cooler, the outlook for a fairly good crop will improve.

"We do have a good fruit set, and if we have some help from Mother Nature to get these plants firing on all cylinders, then we still have the chance to make good yields," he said.

The region — again typically — produces about 60 to 65 percent of the state's cotton. This year, there were 3.7 million acres planted in the South Plains, according to Kelley.



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Four generations. Betty Louise Rector recently spent some time in Austin with family. Gathered for this four generation photo are, standing, l-r, Ty Rector with Beckham, Roy Don Rector with Kyle Wells, 3, and Tara Wells with Courtney Wells, 2. Betty Louise Rector, seated, is with Hawkins Rector. Betty Louise is also shown holding twins Hawkins and Beckham Rector, her 19th and 20th great-grandchildren.

Accused embezzler nabbed in Lubbock - again

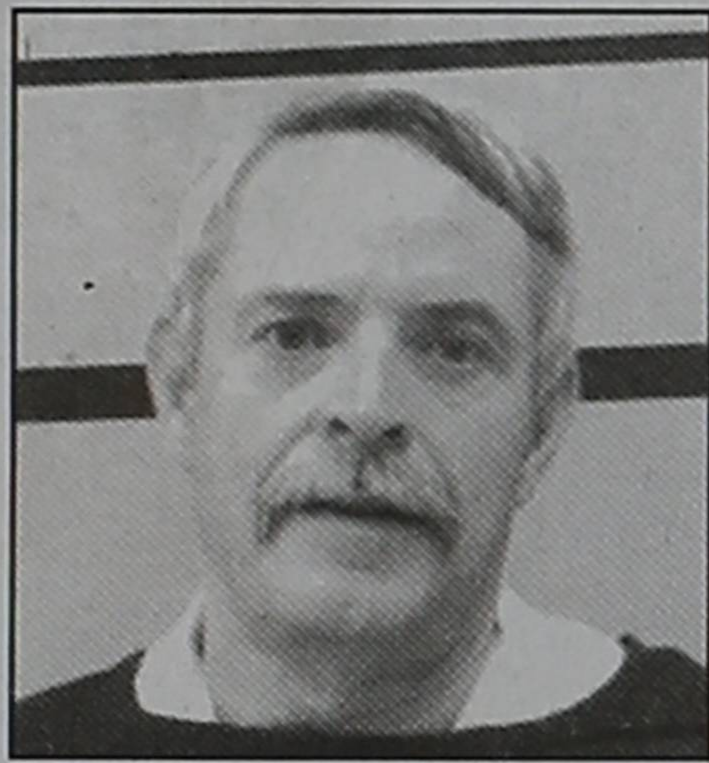
By BY WALT NETT, A-J MEDIA

A Clovis, N.M., accountant accused of stealing nearly \$300,000 from the New Mexico Cattle Growers Foundation was arrested a second time Monday, Aug. 5, in Lubbock.

Lubbock County sheriff's deputies booked Charles Fleming, 54, into Lubbock County Detention Center at about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Fleming was sought on a fugitive warrant from New Mexico in connection with the embezzlement of \$296,000 from the cattle growers' group.

According to a news release from the Clovis Police Department, Fleming was the founda-



Charles Fleming

tion's treasurer in 2010 and 2011.

Earlier this year, however, foundation officials questioned his accounting practices and the issuance of about 20 checks de-

posited into Fleming's personal bank account.

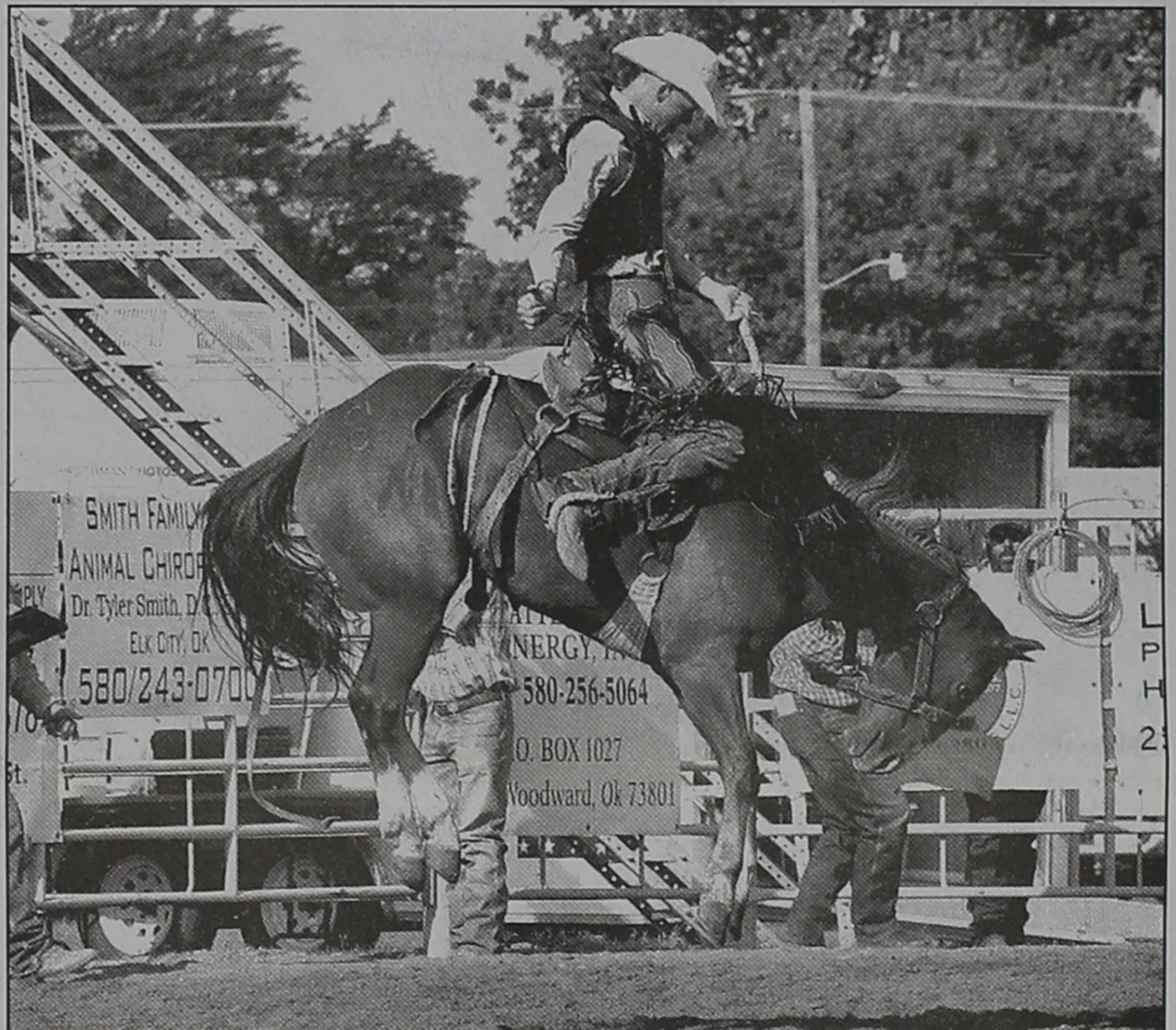
New Mexico State Police investigated the matter and obtained a warrant for Fleming's arrest.

He was captured in Lubbock July 2, and returned to face charges.

Fleming failed to appear for his initial hearing, however, and Curry County Magistrate's Court issued an arrest warrant.

According to police reports, he was arrested at a home in Lubbock.

(A-J Media reporter Gabriel Monte contributed to this report.)



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Blake Stowers competed in saddle bronc riding this summer as a member of the Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association. He scored in 8 out of 10 rides and won two championship buckles. Blake, son of Carolyn and Gary Stowers, is a senior at Friona High School.



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The volleyball girls and coaches took to the court Monday for two-a-day practice.



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Chieftain junior quarterback Mason Loffin looks for a receiver during practice Tuesday. The Chiefs scrimmage at Panhandle Saturday August 17. Season opener is Friday August 30 vs. Stratford at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Game time will be 4:30 p.m.

2013 Property Tax Rates in Parmer County Hospital

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for Parmer County Hospital. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$436,692
Last year's debt taxes	\$827,760
Last year's total taxes	\$1,264,452
Last year's tax base	\$465,556,635
Last year's total tax rate	0.271600/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,264,891
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$479,785,348
=This year's effective tax rate	0.263600/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$437,132
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$479,785,348
=This year's effective operating rate	0.091100/\$100
×1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.098300/\$100
+This year's debt rate	0.169600/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	0.267900/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Parmer County Hospital adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.263600 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$ 6,355.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Funds	123,726

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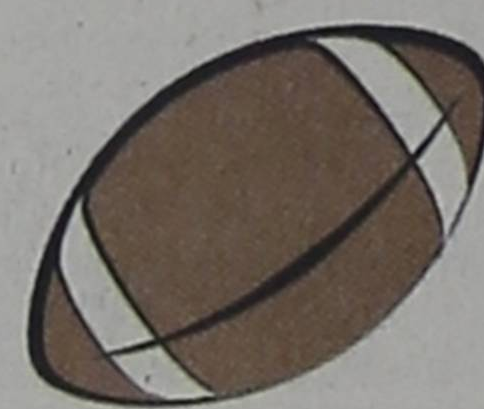
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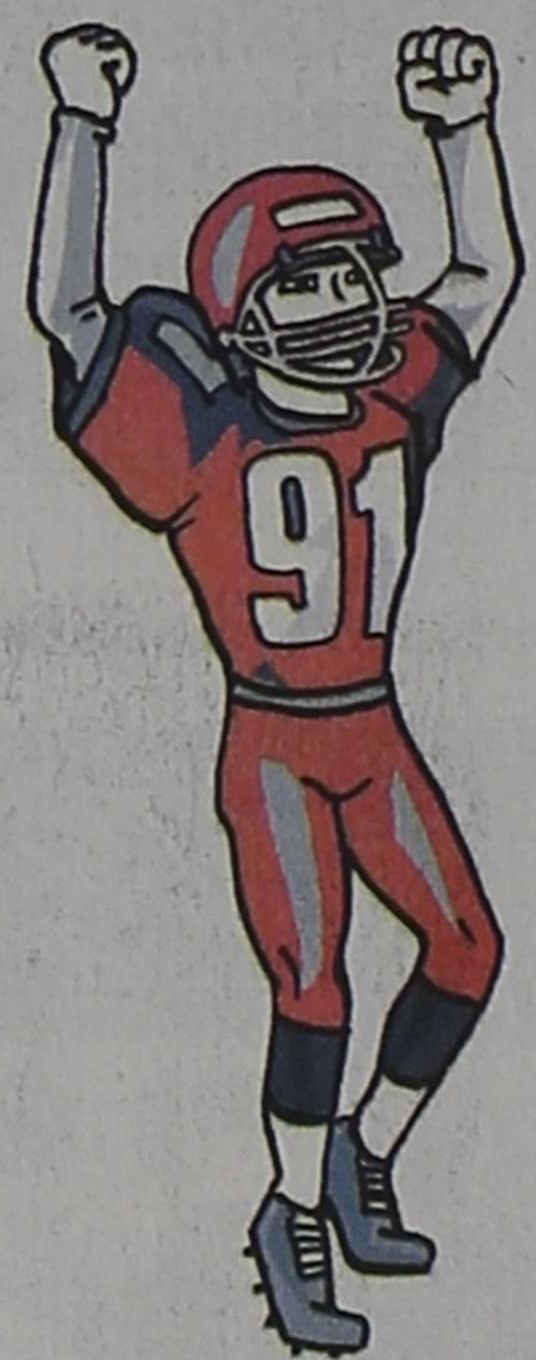
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