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Friona junior high back to school info

Friona junior high principal Mark Sundre has provided the following information for the coming school year:

Orientation for the 6th grade will be held August 22 at 10 a.m. in the junior high band hall. Incoming 6th graders will be given some valuable information as well as their course schedules. Parents are welcome to attend. Please be on time.

Course schedules for returning 7th and 8th graders will be mailed. If you have moved to a new address be sure to let the school know so that your schedule makes it to your mailbox.

School supply lists have been published in the Friona Star.

School starts August 26 at 7:55 a.m. Be sure to bring your schedules with you to school. All junior high students will go to their breakfast rooms first thing in the morning on the first day. That includes 7th grade boys who are in athletics.

Attention high school students

Friona High School assistant principal Erika Montana has advised that high school students may pick up their schedules on Wednesday, August 21 from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. There will not be a separate freshman orientation this year. Freshman should pick up their schedules at the above times and will be able to walk around and meet their teachers.

Entries needed for Miss Friona

The Miss Friona Pageant will be held Saturday September 7. Entry deadline is Thursday August 29. The Chamber of Commerce says several girls have picked up entry forms but none have been turned in. The contest is open to sophomore, junior, and senior girls. Accredited home school girls in the grade levels are also eligible. Parents and sponsors, if you have a girl entrant get them signed up at the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible. The Miss Friona Pageant is a fun experience so encourage your favorite young lady to sign up and participate. If girls need a sponsor the Chamber might be able to find one. You can contact the Chamber at 250-3491.

The Little Miss Friona Pageant is Tuesday September 17. Entry deadline is September 10. This pageant is for 5-6 year-old girls in kindergarten and first grade. Home school girls are eligible. Grab a sponsor and get your little one signed up. Information and forms available from the Chamber of Commerce.

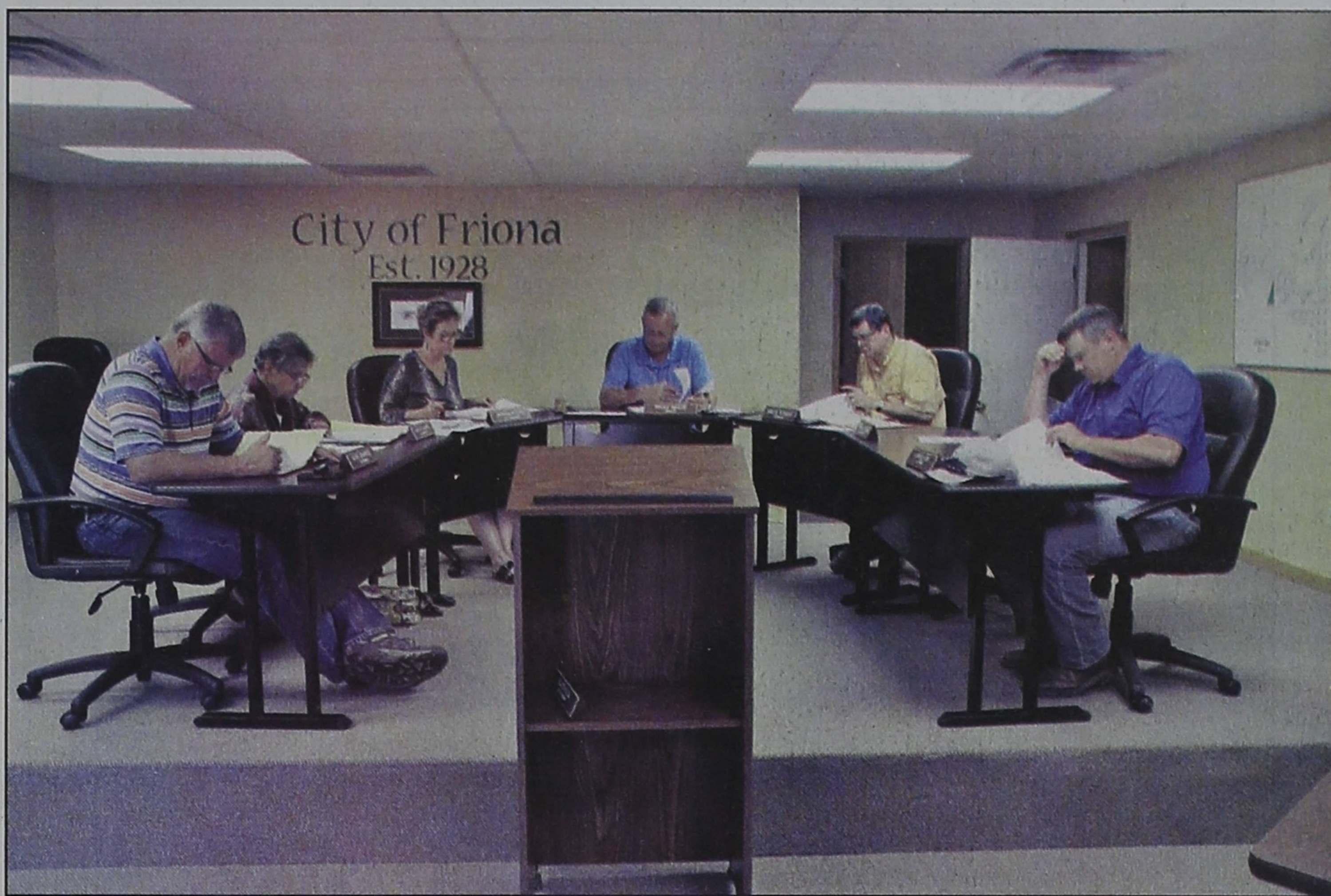


Meet the Chiefs/Squaws. The annual Meet the Chiefs & Squaws will be held Tuesday August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Chieftain Field. Southwest Dairy Farmers will provide free ice cream. Everyone is invited to come out and meet the FHS athletes as another year of high school sports begins.



Dr. Gary Cash continues to capture outdoor life. This hummingbird was feeding on the Mexican Sunflowers in his backyard. Nice action photo.

gary cash photo



ron carr photo

Friona city council members study the proposed tax rate during Monday's meeting. From left are Alan Monroe, Martha Barker, city manager Patricia Phipps, Mayor Rick White, Bruce Fleming, and Charlie Pope. The council set the tax rate at .8250 for the next fiscal year.

Council approves tax rate, lets bids

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday August 12. Councilman Greg Lewellen was absent. Mayor Rick White presided.

Police Chief Frank Mooney told the council that local enforcement activity has increased. He said the department has an opening for an officer with the resignation of Sgt. Waters. Applications will be taken until September 13. The chief also said he was applying for a grant to construct a safe room facility near the community center that will accommodate between 700-1,000 people and he is still waiting on grant information to hire a school resource officer.

City manager Patricia Phipps led a discussion of the proposed tax rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Appraised value of property in the city, provided by the appraisal district, was \$102,947,997, down almost \$7 million from last year's appraisal, according to Phipps. The decrease is due to an inventory appraisal decrease

at Millards Refrigerated Warehouse, Friona's largest taxpayer. The council set the 2013-2014 tax rate at .8250 per \$100 valuation. Last year's rate was .7950 per \$100 valuation.

The city has delivered a dump truck to Hereford to be sold in the Saturday equipment auction at the Bull Barn.

The council approved a carport variance at 1411 Euclid and tabled a variance request for a mobile home trailer at 311 W. 3rd until next meeting.

They approved a bid of \$65,500 for a roof on the Friona library

by Construction Services of Lubbock. Phipps said the city would replace the library air conditioning units during the roofing process. N.G. Painting of Kerrville, Texas was awarded the bid of \$411,100 to rebuild the north water tank with a new roof and painting. The project will be done during January and February, a period of lower city water usage. The one-million gallon tank will be out of service during the reconstruction.

Council approved shredding of old city documents. Tuesday morning a records destruction

company from Amarillo loaded 266 boxes of documents for shredding. Cost is 25-cents per pound.

An agreement with the Central Plains outpatient clinic was approved. The city pays \$146.72 monthly rental of office space for the group, formerly named MHMR. July accounts payable and financial statements were discussed and approved.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday September 9, 2013, at 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.



ron carr photo

Clouds and showers have been frequent the past few weeks here in Friona and Parmer County. This view from the front of the Friona Star office on Main Street is typical of the recent weather. The city received .29" of rain Tuesday night. Rainfall total in July was 4.04".

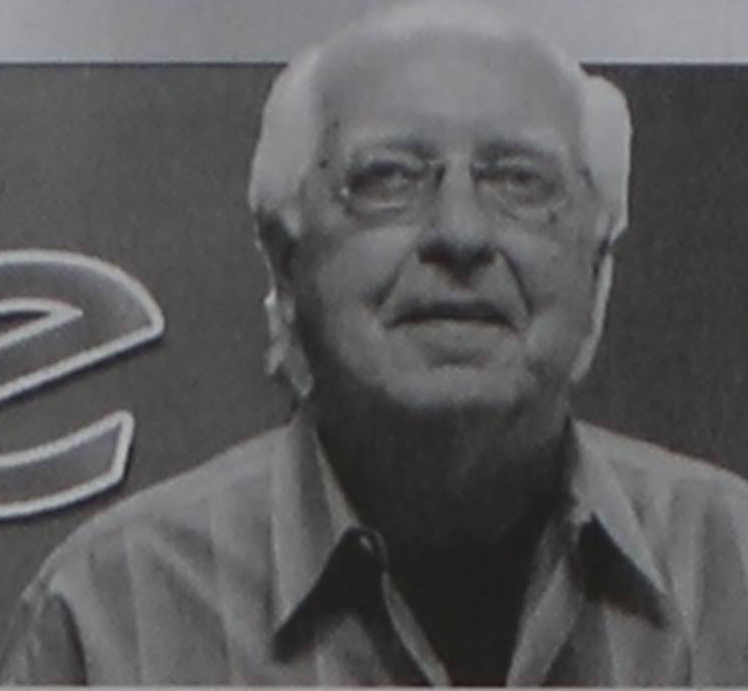


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Running wind sprints are part of football practice. Head coach Mike Prokop oversees the running at the end of Monday practice. The Chiefs travel to Panhandle Saturday August 17 for a scrimmage. Season opener is August 30 vs. Stratford at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Game time is 4:30 p.m. Meet the Chiefs is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday August 20 at Chieftain Field. Come out, support the Chiefs and Squaws, and get ready for another season of FHS athletics.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



Letter to the Editor

Congress exempt from Obamacare?

By Randy Neugebauer

Last week, I visited Young, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Taylor, Stephens, Fisher, and Jones Counties to meet with constituents and talk about what's on your minds. In many conversations I've had, one question has come up: "Congressman, why are you exempt from Obamacare when the rest of us aren't?" I'd like to answer that question.

The short answer is that I'm not exempt. Members of Congress and staffs are subject to this law, just like everyone else. But like everything else about Obamacare, there's a lot of confusion around this issue.

Today, Members of Congress and staffers get health coverage through the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program. This same program covers all federal workers, including someone answering the phones at Social Security offices and park rangers at national parks. The federal government offers plans that federal employees can choose from, and like many employers, contributes towards the premiums. The rest of the premiums are paid with a payroll deduction each month.

Obamacare requires Members of Congress and employees to take part in the new healthcare exchanges. So while all other federal government employees (including the President's political appointees) will stay on the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, beginning on January 1st, we are no longer eligible for this coverage. Instead, we will be required to go to the healthcare exchanges created by Obamacare and pick from the options available there. There will still be an employer contribution towards those premiums, however, and that's been the source of confusion.

I think the number of questions about this issue illustrates just how confusing the new health care law is for all Americans. Additionally, the Obama Administration has been granting exemptions and carve-outs from the law, which rubs people the wrong way. Most people don't want the government this involved in their health care, and they certainly don't want them picking winners and losers. I'm working to defund and repeal the law so we can work on more commonsense health care solutions.



Should You Become Executor of Someone's Estate?

By Jason Alderman

One of the most important decisions you'll make when writing your will is determining who should be named executor of your estate. Even if you're just leaving behind household goods and a small savings account, someone – whether appointed by you or the state court – must settle your affairs.

Some people consider it an honor – or duty – to take responsibility for ensuring that their loved one's final wishes are carried out. But serving as an executor can be onerous and time-consuming, even for those with a strong financial or legal background. In a worst-case scenario, executors who act imprudently or in violation of their duties can be sued by beneficiaries and creditors.

Plus, you'll likely have to deal with the dreaded probate, a court-supervised process of locating and determining the value of the deceased's assets, paying final bills and taxes, and distributing what's left to the heirs.

Before you agree to serve as an estate's executor, make sure you understand what will be required of you. Major responsibilities often include:

- Manage paperwork on behalf of the estate, including the will, trusts, insurance policies, bank, investment and retirement account statements, birth and death certificates, marriage, prenuptial agreement or divorce papers, military service records, real estate deeds, tax records, etc.
- If the estate is complicated or likely to be contentious, you may want to hire a lawyer and/or accountant to help navigate the maze of paperwork.
- File a certified copy of the will with the local probate court, which will determine if probate is necessary.
- If the probate court confirms you as executor, you'll be issued a document called "letters testamentary," which gives you legal authority to act on the estate's behalf, including opening a bank account in the name of the estate to pay outstanding debts (loans, utilities, medical bills, credit card balances, etc.)
- Notify all interested parties of the death. These might include: government agencies (Social Security, Veterans Administration, Medicare, U.S. Post Office, DMV); financial institutions; creditors; current and former employers; retirement plan administrators; investment firms; insurance companies; doctors and other professionals; landlord or tenants; utilities, etc.
- You'll often need to send a copy of the death certificate to close out accounts, claim insurance benefits, change ownership of assets or accounts to the estate or a beneficiary, so order ample copies through the funeral home or county health department.

- Locate assets, including personal property, bank accounts and safe deposit box contents, and ensure that they are protected until sold or distributed to inheritors. This may involve updating home and car insurance, changing locks, overseeing appraisals of property that must be sold, etc.

- Collect money owed to the estate, such as outstanding wages, insurance benefits, retirement plan benefits and rents.
- Notify heirs about their bequest.
- File the deceased's final federal, state and local tax returns, as well as federal and state estate tax returns, if applicable.
- Once probate has closed, you will distribute the remaining assets to named beneficiaries.
- Because acting as an executor can be very time-consuming (often taking months or years), you are allowed to charge the estate a fee for your time – usually a percentage of the estate's value, as dictated by state law.

- In short, both parties should thoroughly understand what's required of an estate's executor to make sure it's a good fit. There's no shame in saying no if it's beyond your abilities, and plenty of professional help is available – and advisable – if you do need assistance.

(Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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Town Talk II

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It was a cloudy, cool, rainy day August 26. They will need to have physical forms completed at that time. Coach Prokop says the forms are available at the high school.

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 The Chamber of Commerce deadline for entering the Miss Friona Pageant is fast approaching. Entries are due August 29. Little Miss deadline is September 10. The Miss Friona Pageant is September 7, during the Chieftains open week. The Chamber says a few girls have picked up entry forms but none have been turned in. Parents and sponsors and girls, we encourage you to enter the Miss Friona contest and do so soon. Information is available at the Chamber. Call and talk to Betty or Chris. It is a fun evening so encourage your daughters, granddaughters, or friends to enter.

 Chieftain fans headed to Panhandle for the scrimmage Saturday: the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a city-wide garage sale in Panhandle and White Deer. See the ad from Panhandle elsewhere in the paper this week. It says Friona

fans eat at the Barbecue Stand on Main St.

 There is an officer vacancy at the Friona Police Department. They are accepting applications through 5 p.m. September 13. Applications available at the Friona PD on Main St. or call 250-2711 to receive an email application.

 Margaret Parsons, a resident at Friona Heritage Estates, called to say thanks to Teddy and Sharon White for the fresh corn they took by Heritage Estates last week. The staff cooked it and the residents really enjoyed it she said. Anybody want to take a sack of sweet corn by I'll bet they will appreciate it.

 Friona grad Amanda Pope Twilley received her LVN Nursing Degree from Kilgore College last weekend. Parents Mike and Bonnie Pope and other family members made the trip to east Texas for the ceremony. Amanda and her family live in Lone Star, Texas.

 Congratulations to Friona junior high principal Mark Sundre and his wife Jennifer on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary. And former junior high principal Kevin Wiseman and Carolyn are celebrating their 37th anniversary. Remember former residents Greg and Janet Bureson? They celebrated 37 years also. Amber and Ty White observed their 8th anniversary. Congrats to all.

 Check out the Hereford Auction ad in this week's paper. Big auction Saturday Aug 17 at the Bull Barn. The city and school district are selling a lot of excess equipment, vehicles, and stuff. Auction fans should have a good

time there.

 Don't know if I've mentioned this before. The Buck Malone family, he was pastor of the Congregational Church, have moved to Central Texas near Waco.

 The September 21 Texas Tech vs. Texas State football game in Lubbock will be all about Celebrating Cotton. The cotton industry will be recognized with cotton bales in and around the stadium, special cotton harvesting equipment on display, and 5,000 specially designed Celebrate Cotton t-shirts will be distributed outside Gate 1. Save big on tickets too by ordering online using the promo code COTTON2013 or call 806-742-TECH to order.

 Dave Buske sent an email note that his wife Bobi Odom Buske fell on her bicycle and broke her kneecap. She is in for several weeks of recovery. Hope it is a speedy one. Our best wishes.

 Texas A&M Extension Service will host a silage workshop at Ryan William's barn south of Farwell at 6 p.m. Tuesday August 20. There will be a \$20 charge and a steak dinner will be provided. The workshop will cover economics of corn and proper silage care. RSVP by noon Monday August 19 to the Extension office, 806-481-3619.

 The FHS Class of 1948 will have a 65th reunion following the Maize Days parade September 21. The class will meet at the home of Clarence and Wynona Martin, 1609 W. 11th in Friona. Clarence says he has the greenest yard in town after recently covering his entire yard with synthetic turf.

 Former Friona resident Rusty Lindeman made some news this week. The new Disney movie "Planes" took a tour across the U.S. using real airplanes outfitted to look like the movie planes. One of the Disney planes is named Dusty. That is the one Rusty flew on the cross country tour. He flew over and around a NASCAR race track, even landed on the track. I'm told that Rusty married Lea Looper and they live in Hondo, Texas where he operates a spray flying service. Hope that is accurate.

 I visited with Cody West, station manager at KNNK in Hereford, this week. He owns the radio station in Littlefield and manages KNNK. They are definitely planning to live broadcast the Chieftain football games and Chief/Squaw district basketball games. He has lined up an on-air announcer from WTA&M and is looking for someone local to do the "color." If you are interested

you could call him at 363-1005 or 598-2261.

 The county tax rate will increase to .4905 per \$100, a .0123 cent increase. The 2014 county budget is \$4,929,479.81 and includes a \$225,000 jail payment. A public meeting will be held about the proposed tax rate. See the official notice in this Star on page six. There is also a notice on page eight of a public hearing about the school district's proposed tax increase. It is the time of year when the appraisal district office in Bovina submits tax estimates to the city, county, school district, and hospital district.

 It is now okay in Texas for motorists to store their automobile insurance cards on their smart phones and show the phone info to law enforcement on a traffic stop. This past legislature approved a bill okaying it.

 Junior high football players will be issued their equipment on the first day of school, Mon-



courtesy photo
 The Friona High School Class of 1948 will have its 65th reunion Saturday September 21, 2013. Members will meet after the Maize Days Parade at the home of Clarence and Wynona Martin, 1609 West 11th in Friona. You can RSVP to 250-3602. This photo is the Class of 1948 at their 60th reunion in 2008.



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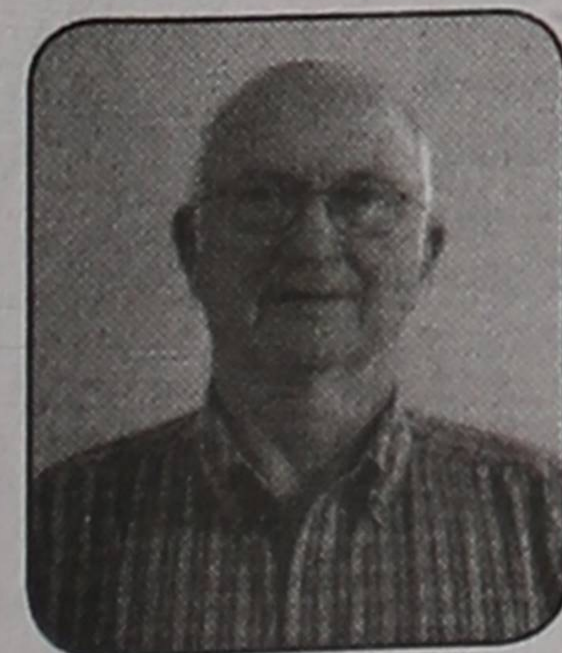
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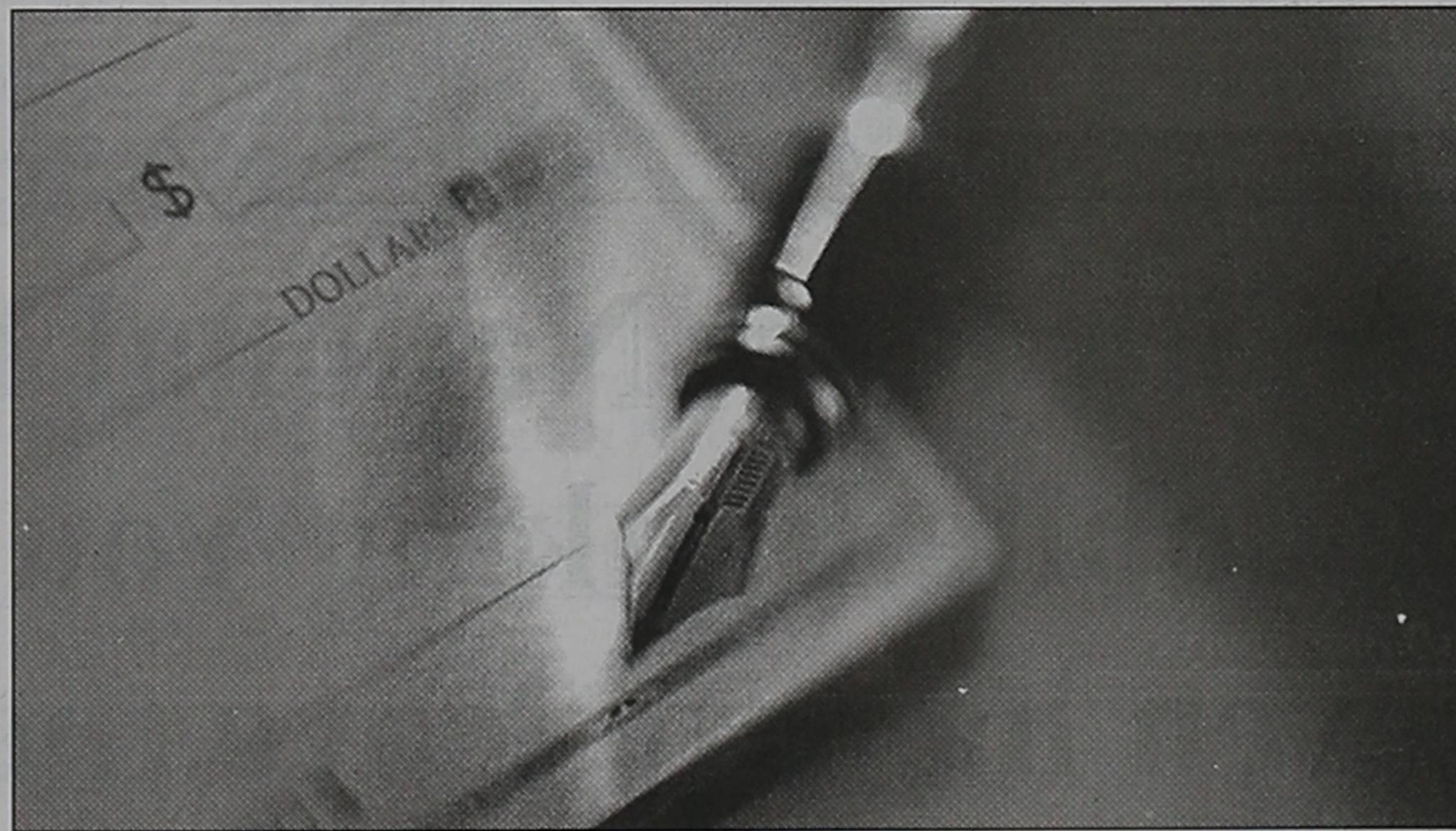
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Aug. 19-Dale Houlette, Janice Stowers, Kory Phillips, Roddy Berend, Veca White, Raymond Hamilton, Sammy Houston, Kristen Coffey, Kennra Gail Downs, Juanita Ramirez, Parker Jae Kuhlmeier

Aug. 20-Justin Fleming, Willie Braillif, Jr., Frank Ready, Kathryn Gromowsky, Tamra Turley, J.B. Douglas

Aug. 21-Justin Reed, Steve Clark, Lucretia Hayes, Fred Moore, Rachel Cummings, Joy Trimble, Maria Serna, Johnathan Chisom, Karley Lynn Keyes

Aug. 22-Dr. Tyson Neill, Bobby Sims, Jamie Martin, Kendra Gordon, Mayme Gee, Robin Baize, Ceasar Marquez, Lupe Salazar, Jody Watson, Jody Scott

Aug. 23-Cason Smith, Lori Alexander, Tina Chapman, June Cleveland, Marka Herbert, Sharla Cruz, Audelia Serna, Chloe Braillif, Audrey Bingham, Chloe Bingham, Jean Roberts, Brady Hansard

Aug. 24-Byron Brewer, John Blackwell, Shana Widner, Andria Johnson, Monica Trevino, Gonzalo Blanco, Randy Richards, Jake Steelman, Leslie Rushing

Sales tax received in county

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.2 billion, up 7.3% compared to July 2012. "Texas sales tax revenue has increased for 40 consecutive months," Combs said. "The retail trade sector bolstered the latest growth in monthly revenue and collections from the construction and the oil and natural gas sectors continued to show strength."

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax quarterly. The county received \$63,326.50. Bovina received \$13,268.43, Farwell received \$10,374.78, and Friona received \$39,683.79. Tax total received by the county so far in 2013 is \$419,556.90, a 6.49% increase over the same period in 2012.

Canning, Freezing class in Amarillo

Preserving the Harvest Food Preservation Class 2013 will be held Aug. 30 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave. in Amarillo.

The class will begin at 9 a.m. and cover the basics of water-bath canning, freezing and dehydrating foods and home food preservation safety, said Amy Wagner, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County.

The workshop cost is \$35 and each participant will take home a training notebook, the University of Georgia's "So Easy to Preserve" publication, snacks and products preserved during the class.

"We will be canning salsa, jams and jellies and putting up beans," Wagner said.

The class will be limited to 15 participants. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 22 by contacting Wagner at 806-373-0713 or awagner@ag.tamu.edu.

Lions Club News



courtesy photo

Friona Evening Lions met Thursday August 8, 2013. Lion Gary Brown welcomed Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chris Alexander who gave the program. She said the 2013 Cheeseburger Festival sold 2,500 bracelets making it one of the most successful of the past eight years. She also reviewed the upcoming Maize Days schedule.

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Glyndol Wayne Davies - Federico Vela, Lorena Vela S15 T7S R2E

Josie Delacruz - Deena Leuea L2 B59 Bovina
Sharolyn Kimbrough Cline, Eva Dean Kimbrough, Kip Dean Kimbrough - Dale Perez L7 S38' L8 B18 Friona
Jeanell Smith, LM Smith - Debra Lynn Smith S70 Blk H Kelly
Jeanell Smith, LM Smith - DKK Leasing Co Inc SE/4 S75 Blk H Kelly, L5-6 B1 DFaniel & Gammon B1 SW/4 S71 Blk H Kelly N/ PT of NE/4 S84 Blk H Kelly

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

August 6, 2013 Brad Allen, 24, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police for failure to identify, pending county court.
August 6, 2013 Anthony Nunley, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police for possession of dangerous drugs, evading arrest. Pending County Court.

August 8, 2013, Miguel Jaramillo, 22, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police for no driver license 3rd or more, possession of marijuana less than 2 oz, pending county court.

August 12, 2013 Robbie Johnson, 32, of Farwell was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for assault, pending county court and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, pending grand jury.

Crime of the Week

The Parmer/Bailey County Crime Stoppers need your help. On July 20, 2013 during the Cheeseburger Festival in Friona, unknown person(s) attempted to commit burglary of a habitation of three houses located in the 1300 blocks of 7th and 8th Streets in Friona. The person(s) broke out glass from windows to gain entry to the homes.

If you have any information at all about this crime please call the Parmer/Bailey County 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.

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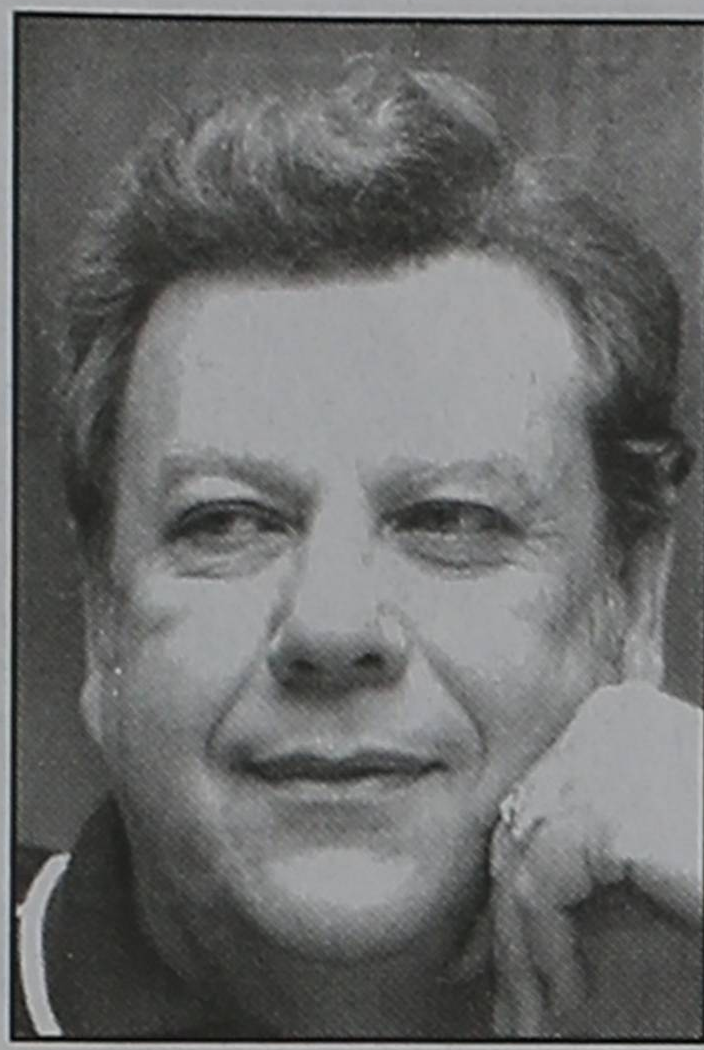
Roy J. Taylor

Roy J. Taylor, 81, a retired civil engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration, died Thursday August 8, 2013 in Ft. Worth surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral service was held Monday August 12, 2013 at Laurel Land Memorial chapel, Interment was in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

R.J. was born October 7, 1931 to Roy L. and Mary Wiley Taylor. He worked many years as a civil engineer in Ft. Worth, Santa Fe, NM, Nevada, Memphis, Tennessee, and Oklahoma City. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1953. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Lee Boston and Don, and



Roy J. Taylor

Christine Thomas and Buster; nieces, Lee Ann Agnew, Sheri Jones, Laura Shoulders; nephews David Boston and Larry Boston.

Virginia D. Belcher

Virginia D. Belcher, 77, of Friona, formerly of Amarillo, died Tuesday August 13, 2013 in Friona. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday August 16, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Bobby Broughton, pastor, officiating. A private family burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Blackwell Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Virginia was born July 22, 1936 in Shamrock, Texas to Lee and Lena Peterson Rushing. She married Alford Belcher June 26, 1954. She was a homemaker, worked in hotel/motel management and loved quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Ginger Quinn, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include one son, John Belcher and wife Gloria of Las Cruces, New Mexico; one son-in-law William Quinn of Friona; one brother, Norman



Virginia D. Belcher

Rushing of Orange, Texas; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also special friends Christina Gomez and family of Friona.

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Panhandle Parables

Squash (The Mini-Series) pt 3

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

The saga continues this week. I want you to meet a few of my friends. Acorn, Amber Cup, Autumn Cup, Australian Blue, Baby Boo Pumpkin, Banana, Buttercup, Butternut, Calabash, Calabaza, Carnival, Chayote, Cheese Wheel, Chinese Okra, Cinderella, Crookneck, Cucumber (who knew), Cucuzza, Cushaw, Decorative, Delicata, Eight Ball, Fairytale Pumpkin, Gold Ball, Gold Nuggett, Gooseneck, Gourd, Hubbard, Indian Bitter Melon, Jarrahdale Pumpkin, Kobocho, Limina, Mo Qua, Orange Hokkaido, Orangetti, Patty Pan, Pumpkin, Red Etampes, Red Kuri, Spaghetti, Sweet Dumpling, Turkish Turban, Yellow and Zucchini, and they are all members of the squash family. All this courtesy of www.thenibble.com I am pretty sure this is the short list from A-Z. I can't wait to ask someone if they want a squash and give them a cucumber. Ha.

Each is of various colors and shapes. Each has different uses and tastes and each created by God. Christians can be described in similar fashion. Each of us comes from different backgrounds, races, and social economic groups... and all are new creations in Christ.

We have different talents, likes and dislikes, passions, and hobbies, but each strive to do what the squash does naturally, reproduce the seed within. We serve a glorious God by the power of Jesus Christ and live for Him. God uses such great diversity to carry out His will in the world. This diversity is strength. Paul describes the church as a body with many parts (1 Cor. 12). Not all parts are the same, but all work to the glory of God by sharing the good news, and each part is valued in the kingdom. So never think you don't have this ability or gift, just use the ones given and let God do the rest.

Next week the final chapter in this little mini-series. Until then be thankful for who you are in Christ, use what you have been given, and bloom where you are planted, for His glory and His alone.

Limping Along

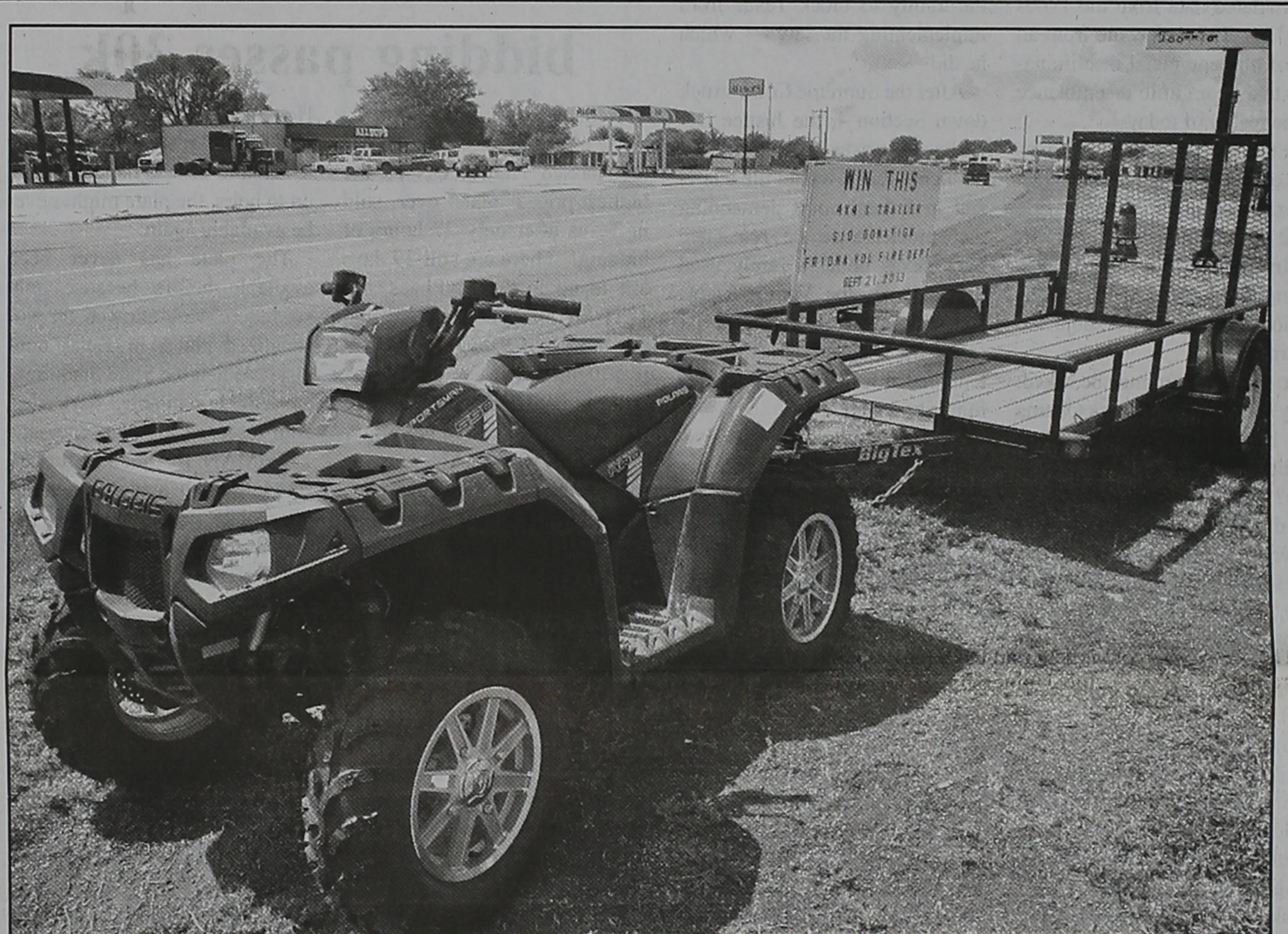
BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever sprang an ankle or ever been on crutches and tried to run a race? If you have, you know what it is to limp along physically. A physical limp is a great handicap, but it is even worse to limp along spiritually. In Elijah's day in 1 Kings 18 the people were limping along spiritually because they did not have a whole-hearted, or even half-hearted commitment to God, but were dedicated to worshipping idols. Thankfully, though, Elijah was a man who stood against the compromise of the day and called the people out and called for a showdown with the false prophets of the day on Mt. Carmel.

As Elijah stood with God for truth it was hard work, and if you stand with God you will also find that it is hard and rewarding work. Elijah worked his tail off as he rebuilt an altar, prepared wood, laid the wood in order, slaughtered a bull, hauled water, and then prayed. Elijah was working in faith that God is real and soon the people saw God's power displayed as He consumed the entire altar with fire from heaven.

Elijah was able to stand with God because he wasn't limping spiritually, hamstrung by spiritual compromise. Jesus is the answer to spiritual limping. Run to Him in repentance and he will heal your spiritual limping, giving life and strength to rise above the tide of compromise that floods our land.

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New move over/slowdown law

September not only brings the start of fall, but also the start of a new requirement for Texas drivers. The state's Move Over/Slow Down law, which traditionally has required drivers to yield to police, fire and emergency vehicles, has now been expanded to provide that same protection for Texas Department of Transportation workers.

Effective Sept. 1, drivers must move over or slow down when approaching TxDOT workers and vehicles that are stopped with overhead flashing blue or amber lights.

"We are very pleased the Legislature recognizes the dangers our employees face each day while working to maintain and build the state's vast highway network," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT's executive director, noting that more than 100 TxDOT employees working in construction areas have been struck and killed by motorists since 1938. "We are hopeful that this new protection for our crews will lead to fewer preventable deaths and injuries."

The new addition to the Move Over law requires motorists to move out of the lane closest to the TxDOT vehicle when possible or reduce their speed to 20 miles per hour below the posted limit. If the road does not offer multiple lanes, the driver must slow down. On roadways with posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less, drivers must reduce their speed to 5 miles per hour. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

Texas Voter ID Protects Voter Equality

By Senator John Cornyn

In June, the Supreme Court held that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act was unconstitutional. The provision, which determined the states and jurisdictions that would have to ask the Justice Department for permission to implement any voting law, was based on outdated data from the 1960s and '70s. The data came from an era of obscene racial discrimination that bears little resemblance to the reality of today.

In the intervening years, Texas and other states have repudiated that sad and unjust era, and made great strides towards voter equality. In today's America, access to voting booths and voting information is broad and not subject to discrimination.

So the question must be asked: Why are President Barack Obama and his Attorney General, Eric Holder, so upset about this decision? The answer is as simple as it is disturbing: partisan politics.

Section 4 determined which states were subject to "preclearance," a procedure under which Texas — and other covered jurisdictions — had to seek permission for any change to voting law. Until the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 as unconstitutional, Texas needed permission from the Justice Department to implement even a change in a polling place. That arrangement was good for Eric Holder.

Take voter ID as an example. In 2011, Texas adopted a common-sense voter ID law. It requires voters to present one of a number of approved forms of photo ID at the polling place, just like you have to do to buy beer or get on a plane. The state offers voter ID cards free of charge. And the law allows voters unable to present a valid photo ID to cast a provisional ballot and return within a week with proper identification. It even makes exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed or lost their ID as a result of a recent national disaster.

The law is reasonable, and it is popular. Protecting the integrity of the voting process is something that benefits everyone. The Supreme Court has held that voter ID laws are constitutional. But Section 4 subjected Texas to preclearance, giving Holder the ability to block Texas from implementing the law — which he did.

After the Supreme Court struck down Section 4, the Justice Department wasted no time announcing that it would file a lawsuit in federal court demanding that preclearance be reinstated over Texas under a rarely used provision of the Voting Rights Act. The Justice Department accused the State of Texas of "intentional discrimination" against minority voters.

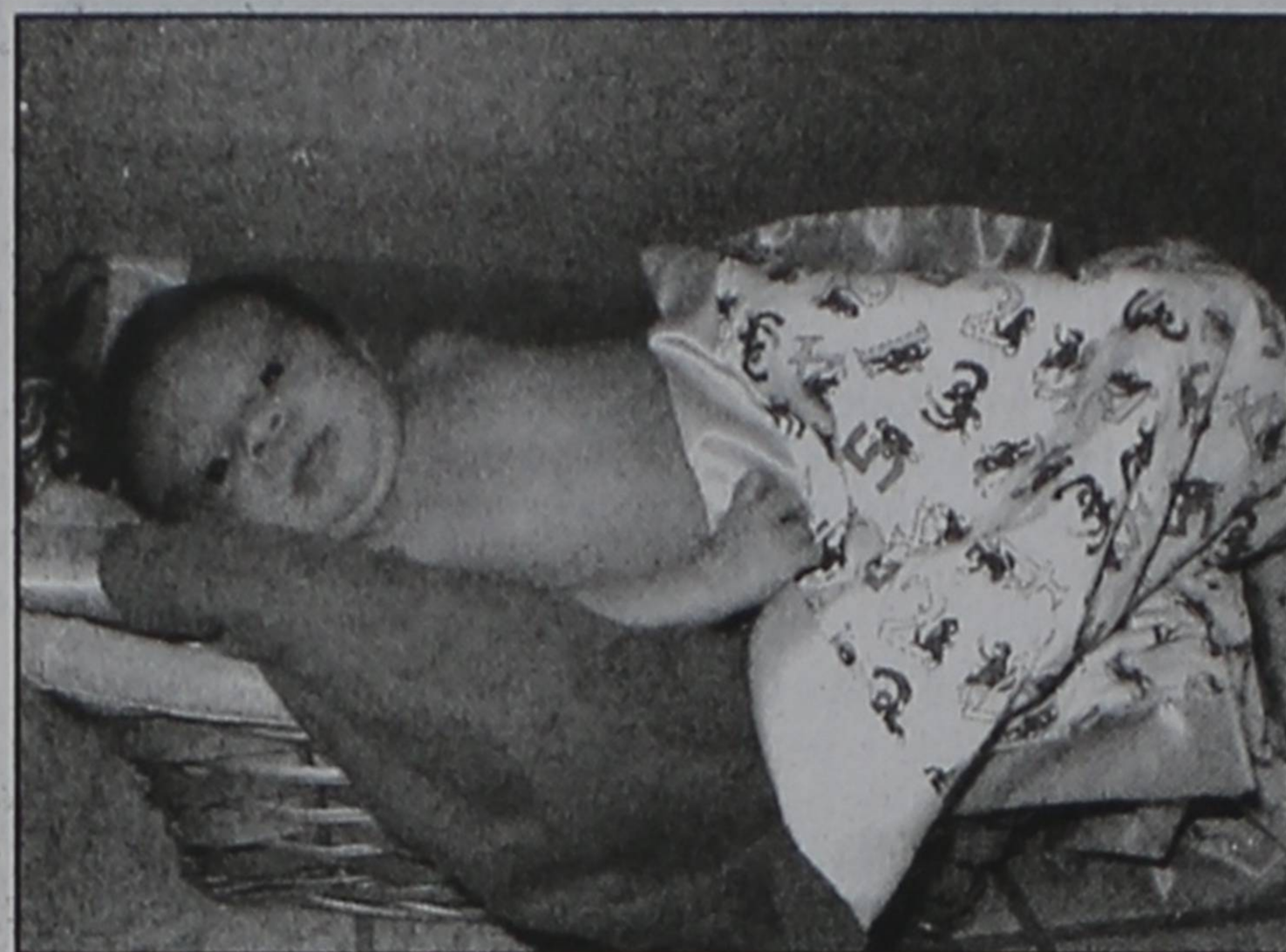
That accusation is offensive, has no real basis, and will not stand up in court. It will come as no surprise to Texans that if Section 4 had been updated to rely on current data, Texas would no longer be subject to the preclearance requirement.

And consider the current facts on voter turnout: According to a Census Bureau report, 68.2 percent of registered Hispanic voters in Texas went to the polls in the 2000 general election. By 2012, with an additional 747,000 Hispanic Texans on the electoral roll, the rate had risen to 71.2 percent. Meanwhile, the rate for African-American Texans rose to over 86 percent in the same period — the highest among all racial groups tracked in the Census Bureau report.

Unfortunately, these facts mean little to a politicized Justice Department bent on inserting itself into the sovereign affairs of Texas. As Texans, we reject the notion that the federal government knows what's best for us. We deserve the freedom to make our own laws and we deserve not to be insulted by a Justice Department committed to scoring cheap political points.

New Arrivals

Payton Smiley



Jason & Ashley Gutierrez welcomed their third son, Payton Smiley, on July 20, 2013. He weighed 6 lb 15 oz and was 19 inches. He has two older brothers, Grayson and Arron Jay. His grandparents are Mitchell and Kim Smiley and the late Gregoria and Mariaelena Gutierrez. Great grand-parents are Ron and Melba Smiley and George and Aundrea Frye. Payton's great-great grandmother is Hertha Frye of Hereford.

12THMAN license plate bidding passes 30k

Well, that was quick! The license plate message 12THMAN just passed HOUSTON as the highest-priced plate ever sold in Texas after only 27 hours of bidding! There are still 29 days left to go in the MyPlates.com 12THMAN Plate Auction, and the bid as of 8am August 14th is \$30,500. You can see if that number has gone up by checking the auction live at www.myplates.com/12THMAN.

More than 250 people have registered interest in the auction. This is first time, and possibly the last time, Texas A&M University and MyPlates.com will auction the right to display the one and only 12THMAN license plate.

The auction is online only, and bidding began yesterday at noon and ends at noon on September 12, 2013 — two days prior to the Aggies' SEC showdown with defending national champion Alabama at Kyle Field.

Proceeds from the MyPlates.com 12THMAN Auction benefit Texas A&M University and the General Revenue Fund of Texas. MyPlates is donating its share to the University.

We say this could be the last time the plate is offered because the winner of the MyPlates.com 12THMAN Auction wins this plate for a 10-year term, with first dibs on renewing the plate after that. The winner also has full rights to transfer or sell the plate to someone else.

By law, only a Texas license plate sold at auction by My Plates can be transferred.

However, if the winner of the 12THMAN plate chooses never to sell and instead hand the plate on to heirs, the plate might never be available again.

The plate has never been available before because only six letters were allowed on personalized plates in Texas until 2011. When the State made seven letters available, MyPlates.com reserved the plate message 12THMAN for auction, understanding such a highly sought-after plate has tremendous potential to raise money for the State of Texas and Texas A&M University.

Before the 12THMAN Auction, the top four highest priced plates ever sold in Texas were the 7-letter plates HOUSTON for \$25,000, ROCKETS for \$16,500, FERRARI for \$15,000, and COWBOYS for \$11,500. All were sold at auction.

As a special honor, A&M will present the 12THMAN license plate to the My Plates auction winner in front of nearly 90,000 fans during the Texas A&M vs. Alabama game September 14th.

Since November 2009, Texans have purchased more than 156,000 My Plates, putting more than \$18.4M in the general revenue fund, which helps pay for services for all Texans. Texas A&M-related proceeds from My Plates have supported championship opportunities for Aggie student-athletes, both in the classroom and in competition, as well as funding for the Corps of Cadets and the Bonfire Memorial.

Abigail Joy



Will and Amy Rushing welcomed daughter, Abigail Joy, to their family on July 11, 2013 at BSA hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 9 lbs and was 20 1/2 inches. Her happy siblings are Bethany 9, Brenna 7, Brody 5 and Annabelle 2. Her grandparents are George and Leslie Rushing and Mitch and Kathy Terry. Great-grandmothers are Mildred Cooper and Jean Terry.



Canyon Museum drawing experience

To mark any surface with some kind of tool—be it burnt stick, pencil, ink, crayon—is to draw. Join the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum as we explore what it means to draw at the PPHM Drawing Experience on August 24th from 9:00 AM until noon.

Join Curator Michael Grauer in the PPHM Foran Art Gallery for a discussion of the history of academic drawing and the Drawings from the Permanent Collection exhibition. Drawings from the Permanent Collection will provide a platform showing the depth and breadth of the PPHM drawing collection. Media will include pencil, graphite, Conte crayon, ink, and dry brush. Artists in the exhibition include: Charlie Dye, Frank Reaugh, Nicolai Fechin, H. D. Bugbee, Albert Schmidt, Isabel Robinson, Edward G. Eisenlohr, and many others. Guests are invited after the lecture to pick up a drawing board and pencil for a drawing experience with instructor Megan Easley.

The PPHM Drawing Experience is open to the public with regular museum admission and an additional \$5 materials fee. For more information please visit panhandleplains.org/calendar or call 806-651-2244.

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The first public hearing will be held on August 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Parmer County Courtroom.

The second public hearing will be held on August 26, 2013 at 9:30 AM at Parmer County Courtroom.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	KIRK FRYE, JAMES CLAYTON, KENNY WHITE, LLOYD BRADSHAW, TREY ELLIS
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The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Parmer County this year is \$64,397. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.454000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$292.36.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.490500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$315.87.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
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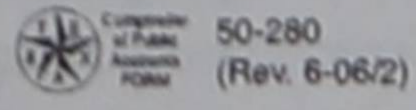
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2013 in Friona ISD Boardroom, 909 E. 11th Street

Friona, 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	\$ <u>0.940000</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.077000</u> /\$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	<u>10.0000</u>	% increase	or	<u> </u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	<u>3.0000</u>	% increase	or	<u> </u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>13.0000</u>	% increase	or	<u> </u>	% (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	\$ 338,064,518	\$ 365,070,455
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 923,650	\$ 493,689
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 308,494,971	\$ 339,931,865
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 6,339,234	\$ 493,689

* "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* \$ 3,800,000

* 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	\$ 0.920000	\$ 0.090000 *	\$ 1.010000	\$ 2,978	\$ 5,932
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.928070	\$ 0.077530 *	\$ 1.005600	\$ 2,999	\$ 6,074
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.940000	\$ 0.077000 *	\$ 1.017000	\$ 3,041	\$ 6,119

* 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	\$ 64,515	\$ 66,322
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 47,309	\$ 49,644
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.012900	\$ 1.017000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 479.19	\$ 504.88
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 25.69

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 1.017000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.017000.

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:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 86,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Fight Fatigue with Exercise

By Melanie Gallman Braun

It just sounds wrong, doesn't it? Exercising to fight fatigue? Fatigue often goes hand-in-hand with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, cancer, and heart disease to name a few. Fatigue is an exceedingly common side effect of menopause. And what about the trials and stresses of everyday living?

I know, the last thing you want to do when you are tired is exercise. However, new research is showing that regular exercise can have a greater effect than stimulant medications used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy. Exercise enhances blood flow which carries oxygen and nutrients to muscle tissues. This improves the tissue's ability to produce more energy. "Contrary to popular belief, exercising doesn't make you tired--it literally creates energy in your body. Your body rises up to meet the challenge for more energy by becoming stronger," says nutritionist Samantha Heller, MS, RD. It comes down to a cellular level. Exercise causes the body to produce more mitochondria in your cells. Mitochondria are the powerhouses of your cells that produce energy. Thus, more mitochondria mean more energy!

Willpower comes into play here. I often tell my clients that the hardest part of the workout is lacing up your tennis shoes and getting off the couch. Remember, 10-15 minutes of low to moderate intensity exercise several times a day is all it takes! So instead of reaching for that Red Bull, reach for your tennis shoes!



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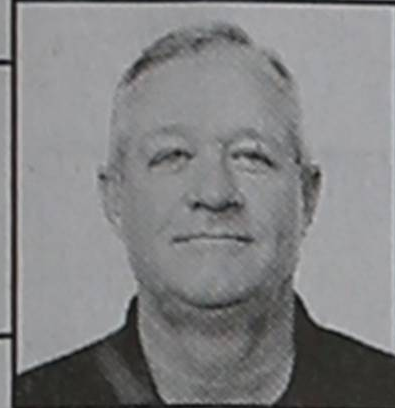
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Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

I would like to begin this months minutes by discussing the difference between a "City" and a "Community". I am reading a book, "The Gift of a Community". (author Gary D. McCaleb). Gary was the Mayor of Abilene, TX. for 9 years. He looked at the "City" and the "Community" through two separate lenses. The "City" represented the tangible and the measurable: streets, concrete, asphalt and the "Community" represented the intangibles that was more difficult to measure: respect, compassion and trust. Both "City" and "Community" are important. Both must be given attention by the concerned citizens, elected officials and the non-elected leaders.

It seems we pay more attention to the "City" issues than the issues of the "Community". It's easier to measure the progress of the "seen" than the "unseen". It's easier to make rules and ordinances related to the "City" than the "Community". You can purchase a "City" but no one can purchase a "Community". It's up to every citizen to build the trust, compassion and respect from each other. Let's all work on making our "City" a better "Community".

The rain has been fantastic!!!!!! But, with the rain, we have had lots of weeds and the weeds need to be addressed. We all need to keep our weeds down and under control. Please take the time and effort to keep the weeds mowed down on your property. Your neighbors will gain more trust, compassion and respect for you. In the month of July, the city has mailed out over 100 letters to citizens asking them to get the weeds mowed down. (alleys are a big concern)

1) Housing: The Whaley lots are cleaned and ready to build on. We are still in the talking

stage with a contractor to convince him to come to Friona and build the much needed homes. We are closer, but no final agreements at this time.

2) Police department: Chief Officer Mooney and policeman were extremely busy in July. There were 254 calls for service, 16 arrests, 64 citations and 124 warnings handed out. Chief Officer Mooney has applied for a grant that will hopefully bring us an officer that will be dedicated to the school system. If the grant is approved and everything works out as planned, we will have an officer available sometime in September or October.

3) Court: Judge Campbell continues to stay very busy. There were 86 new cases in July, 39 cases trialed by Judge. The court collected \$14,858.24 in total fines.

4) Volunteer fire department: We had only one fire call in the month of July-meter gas leak.

5) EMS: The ambulance was called out 25 times in July. We had 8 total 911 calls and 13 transfers. EMS collected \$14,066.78, which is good due to this money is difficult to collect at times.

6) Library: There were 1805 patrons visiting the library in July. Two new members added to the Friona Public Library Advisory Board-Ann Kelley and Kathy Sandoval. We would like to thank them for volunteering their time and effort to serve on this board. There was a generous donation made to the Library in July by Ben McCain and his wife from Hollywood CA. (formally from Bovina). Ben's former teacher (Rita Mast) spoke very highly of the Friona Public Library and loved to read books and encouraged others to read. The McCain's made the generous donation to the Friends of the Library in memory of Rita Mast

(Chris Alexander's mother who recently passed away).

7) American Red Cross: Will be back in Friona on August 20th to survey some buildings to be designated as approved shelters. We met with the Red Cross officials in July and are making progress in getting some approved shelters identified and also getting the volunteers trained. The training aspect will be coming in the near future.

8) The FEDC and city officials met with the Texas Department of Transportation to discuss the possibility of constructing a merging lane that feeds onto highway 60 off of main street. The lot just north of the Post Office (recently purchased by the FEDC) will be the area where the merging lane will be added. The discussions with the Texas Department of Transportation concerning this addition was very positive. The Texas Department of Transportation will be working on highway 60 (inside city limits) beginning sometime around July 2014. If the agreement can be made to add the merging lane, then it would be added at that time. We would like to thank the FEDC for their efforts in getting this much need project completed.

9) Water: Usage was down a little compared to the month of June. Due to the needed rainfall, yards were not watered as much as the month of June. The city pumped 21,267,900 gallons, sold 20,456,000 gallons and billed \$84,366.41. (down approximately \$3,000.00 from June.)

Lastly the city will be out spraying this month to keep the mosquito population down to a minimum. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts in keeping the weeds mowed down.

Panhandle Assn. of SWCDS to Meet

The Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (PASWCDS) will meet Tuesday, August 20, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dumas at the Dumas Noon Lions Club located at 524 Porter.

"Program Speakers will be Todd Kercheval, Texas Governmental Affairs Consultant of Austin and Austin attorney J. Pete Laney, a legislative and governmental relations specialist. Both individuals will address soil and water conservation district (SWCD) directors attending the meeting on current legislative affairs", said Dean Tipps, president of PASWCDS.

During the business session speakers from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Wa-

ter Conservation Districts, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service are expected to update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS) coordinate the implementation of and deliver coordinated natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point sources of water pollution.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts also participate in a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. They also

work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

Twenty-five soil and water conservation districts in the Panhandle region of the state are members of the PASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, and Childress Counties.

Hosting the annual meeting is the Moore County SWCD headquartered in Dumas.

The Friona ISD today announced an amendment to the policy for serving meal for students served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program for the 2013-2014 School year, which would allow for all students at all campuses to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact:
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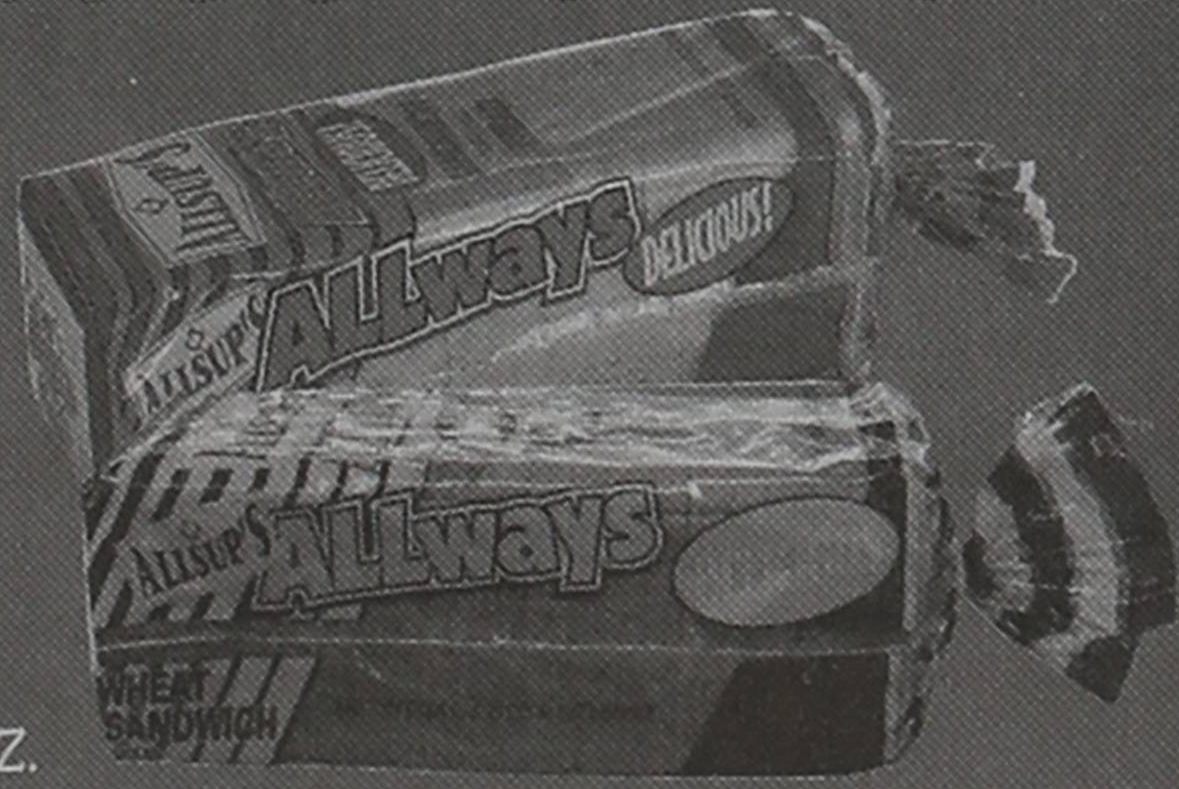
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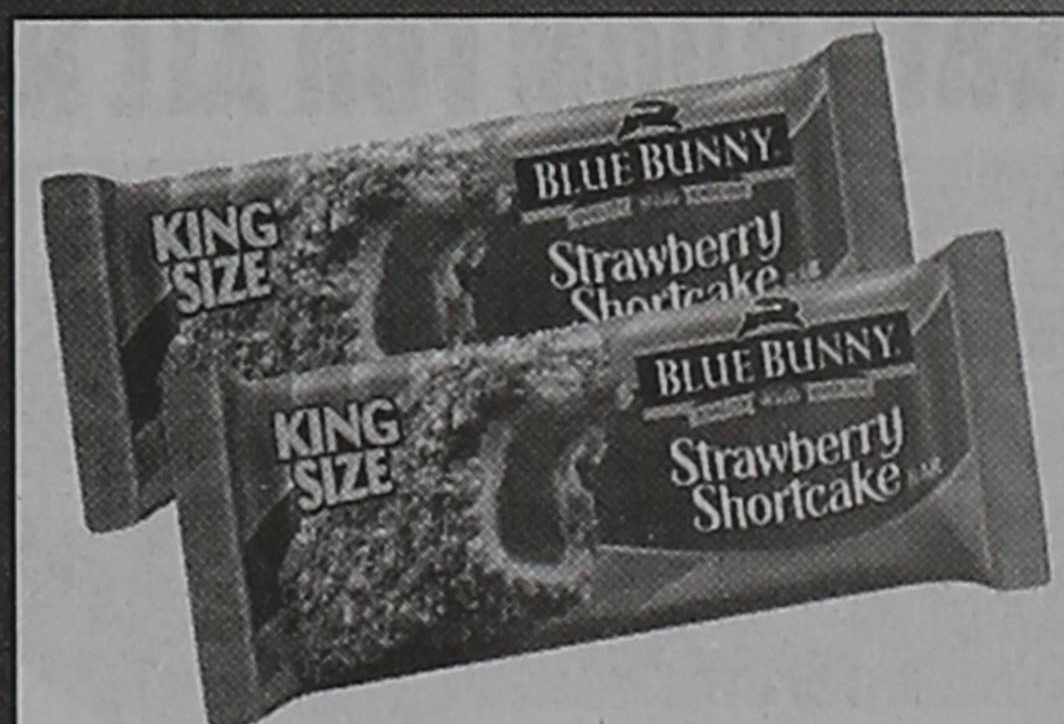


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Crop report/pest management

By Monti Vandiver, Extension Agent-IPM

Last week's isolated thunder storms carried some baggage; pockets of hail destroyed some area crops. The speed at which moisture has disappeared is a testament to the current moisture demands of crops (and weeds).

Corn continues to develop at a good pace. Some corn is near dent while other fields are growing vigorously. Moisture demands remain near maximum in corn from tassel to milk stage.

Much of the area cotton crop is in full bloom and is at or near maximum moisture demand. Irrigation should be carefully managed to promote earliness and maintain fruit load.

Much of the grain sorghum is also at or near peak moisture demand which is from boot to heading. Using a moisture probe to monitor soil moisture levels has become futile in many fields with limited irrigation capacity

as the probe cannot penetrate the soil.

Weed management has been a continual battle; weed resistance to herbicides is a huge concern. Every effort should be made to remove suspected resistant weeds from the production system.

See Mr. Vandiver's Pest Management Newsletter at bailey.agrilife.org for more crop information.



ron carr photo

The 2013 Chieftains and coaching staff are in full practice mode preparing for the season opener vs. Stratford. The JV and varsity scrimmage at Panhandle August 17 and at Shallowater August 22. Coach Prokop said the junior high football Braves will receive their equipment the first day of school, August 26. Meet the Chiefs/Squaws will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday August 20 at Chieftain Field.



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