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Old Mobeetie Music Festival is Jul 29-31 The 2005 Old Mobeetie Mu-

sic Festival will be held July 29on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Among the bands returning are Star Canyon and The Magic City Cowboys. Many other bands will perform throughout the weekend.

Campers will want to arrive early to secure favorite RV hook ups on first come, first served basis. There are sufficient handicap spaces and recently built restroom facilities. Seating is not provided so bring your own chairs. Music will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Satur-

day, and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. The Mobeetie volunteer fire department will sell homemade ice cream and operate a concession stand. Admission is \$8 Friday, \$10 Saturday, \$16 weekend pass, free on Sunday. Kids 12 and under free. RV hookups are \$10 per day and dry camping is \$4 per day. For more information call 806-845-2028 or email omjm@pan-tex.net

The museum is located in Old Mobeetie, Texas, off Highway 152 approximately 11 miles west of Wheeler or 32 miles east of Pampa

Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Saturday

Cowboy poet fans are re-minded about the Cowboy Poetry breakfast Saturday, July 9, at the Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo.

According to organizer Marianne Logan, Tom Moss of Pony Express acclaim will be the headliner, followed by cowboy and cowgirl poets, singers, musicians, and tale tellers in round robin style.

Attn: former students, FISD has new website

Former Friona students, and anyone else interested in the Friona school system, might want to log on to the new website: frionaisd.com

This year Friona will host an all-school reunion set for September 10, 2005, in conjunction with the annual Maize Days celebration. All former students and staff of Friona schools are cordially invited to come and participate.

More information on the reunion will be published in the Friona Star as plans become defi-nite and will be carried on the website

Pre-K registration starts August 10

'Friona Primary School will conduct registration for the new 4 year-old Pre-K program on Wednesday, August 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and the current shot record. Children who participated in the enrollment for Head Start in April need not re-enroll.

Weather watch

Tuesday night's rainfall mea sured .62" in Friona, and added to the .23" that fell in the early morning hours of Tuesday left .85" in the local gauge reported by local weatherman Bill Ellis.

This comes after the month 2004, which came to 4.81 inches At the end of June '04, the local area had received 15.06 inches o moisture, enroute to the secondwettest year on record-36.56 inche

Although the dry weather had been great for the wheat harvest, row-crop farmers were beginning to need some help from Mother

Sunday afternoon July 3, the mercury climbed to 102 degrees, first official century-mark the reading since June 15 of 2004, when an even 100 was registered. That turned out to be the only 100-degree reading of 2004.

serves patients at Prairie

The July 29, 1965, Friona Star announced that Kay Burleson of Friona, Acres Nursing Home Friday evening, July 1, reigning Miss Lubbock, was entered in the Miss Texas pageant; Earl Chester purchased Woody Fleming's interest in Chester & Fleming Gin Co.; and Danny Kendrick represented Hub Grain in the Pony League It also announced the ar-

rival of Dr. Robert Alexander and family, wife Sarah, and children John Andrew (Andy), Robert, Jr., and Cindy. Dr. Bob, a na-tive of Houston, moved to Friona from El Paso in July, 1965, and joined the staff of Parmer County Community Hospital (PCCH). Forty years later he is still serving Friona as a family practitioner and senior partner in the Friona Rural Health Clinic, maintains his association with PCCH, and

FRIONA, TEXAS

BY RON CARR

all-star game.

Dr. Alexander, July, 1965

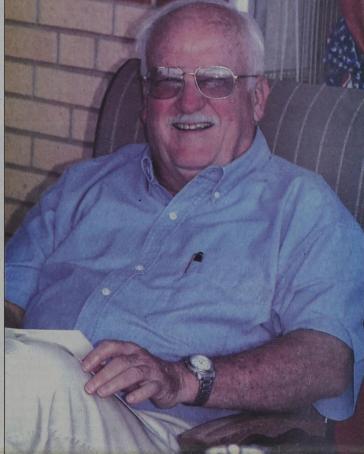
Friona Star file photo

2005, hospital and clinic employees, friends, and family gathered for a burger and watermelon celebration of Dr. Alexander's 40-years of

dedication to the commu-nity. That 1965 Pony League all-star, Danny Kendrick, was in atten-dance. He is now a member of the Parmer County Hospital District board of directors. "I was here before Medicaid," Dr. A said. "I came in July, 1965, and Medicaid didn't arrive until October. In those earlier days, the hospital delivered babies and performed surgeries. It does neither today. Alexander, Dr. Felipe Jubay,

Dr. Jeff Dickson, and Physician's Assistant Cathy Hamman operate a solid family practice from a new clinic building adjacent to PCCH. It is a blessing to a rural

community to have a good medical facility and doctors with longevity and the in-terest of the community at its heart. Friona has both and folks around here are very proud of Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona Rural Health Clinic, the medical staff, and especially Dr. Bob Alexander. Congratulations on your 40th anniversary in Friona.



Dr. Robert (Bob) Alexander relaxes during the July 1 party celebrating his 40years of service to the people of Friona. More pictures on the back page.

West Nile Virus can flare up in summer

INNA, TEXAS THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005 TWELVE PAGES

Thanks! Dr. Bob for giving Friona 40 years

By PATTI J. PATTERSON, M.D., M.P.H. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

summer just passed on June 21, 18 cases of West Nile Virus already have been reported in Texas for the year, including two cases in horses in the Panhandle and a human case in Swisher County, according to the Texas De-partment of State Health Ser-

Experts say that the potentially serious illness, one of the newest infectious diseases in the United States, is a sea-sonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall

West Nile Virus is spread most often by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes become carriers when they feed on infected birds; the mosquitoes then may spread the virus to humans and other animals when they bite. The virus also can be spread, in a very small number of cases, through blood transfusions, organ trans-plants, breast feeding and even during pregnancy from of June registered a paltry .25", considerably below that of June The virus is not spread on through casual contact such old. as touching or kissing.

West Nile Virus can affect the central nervous system, and about one in 150 people infected will develop severe illness. The symptoms can include high fever, headache neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, vision loss and paralysis. Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display milder symptoms, which may include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph

Though the first day of glands or a skin rash on the torso. About 80 percent of those infected with the virus will show no symptoms at all,

according to the CDC. People older than age 50 are most at risk of developing serious symptoms when in-fected with West Nile Virus and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

Scientists are pursuing a human vaccine for West Nile Virus, but currently, none is available. Healthy horses can be vaccinated for West Nile Virus and other mosquitoborne illnesses, and most veterinarians recommend that horse owners do so.

Fighting the bite Fighting mosquito bites reduces the risk of getting West Nile Virus, as well as other illnesses that mosquitoes may

carry. The CDC offers steps to reduce your risk: Apply insect repellent con-taining DEET. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends products containing no more than 10 percent DEET on children ages 2 to 12 years. on infants older than 2 months

When possible, wear long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors, and spray clothing with repellent to pre vent mosquitoes from biting through thin fabric.

Be aware of peak mosquito hours, which is from dusk to dawn. Consider avoiding outdoor activities during the evening and early morning.

Drain standing water around your home and get rid of items that hold water.

Install or repair screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

Report any dead birds to the local health authorities. Symptoms of West Nile Vi-

rus typically take between three and 14 days to develop. A milder case of the virus will improve on its own and people no necessarily need to seek medical attention, though they may choose to do so. If severe symptoms develop, seek

medical attention immediately, as hospitalization may be necessary. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctor if they develop symptoms that could be West Nile Virus

It's important to remember that the chance that any one person is going to become ill from a single mosquito bite remains low. But taking the proper precautions to prevent mosquito bites will help ensure a healthy summer and fall

(Patti J. Patterson, M.D., M.P.H., is vice president of Rural and Community Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.)

holly campbell phot



The annual Friona 4th of July fireworks show was spectacular again this year. Thanks to Friona's volunteer fire department for supervising the show and to the large crowd that gathered to watch. Andy Alexander was the PA announcer and coordinated the music.

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Another American

holiday weekend

Fireworks stands are closed now. Volunteer firemen are glad. Fire departments in Parmer County had their days interrupted

numerous times over the last week or so by unnecessary fire calls. Most were grass or dumpster fires caused by fireworks or charcoal from the grill. Mainly fireworks

Monday night when I got home after the celebration at Chieftain Field, there were three fire calls on the scanner within five minutes of each other, two in Friona and one in Bovina. That doesn't count the times over the weekend the firemen hauled it out to various fires The roadside park east of

Friona is a popular place to shoot fireworks since it is outside the city limits. Unfortunately it is next to Highway 60 and sometimes the fireworks go off over the road. Motorists complain. Friona firemen made two grass fire calls at roadside the Monday night. Note the two fire trucks in the smoke. park this weekend. Sheriff's

deputies and Friona police also made a few complaint stops there.

A heavy rain and windstorm blew into the county Monday night about 11 p.m. that finally put a stop to fires and fireworks. Somehow parents and guardians need to instill responsibility into the young when something as dangerous as fireworks is concerned

Nahhh! On second thought that is asking too much.

Last Friday evening I attended a burger and watermelon party for Dr. Bob Alexander. Employees of the clinic and the hospital and friends and family gathered to celebrate Dr. Bob's 40th anniversary of doctoring here in Friona. He told me he came here before Medicaid got here. "I came in July of '65 and Medicaid didn't arrive until October of that year, he said.

Dr. A has been a mainstay in family health practice for 40 years here in Friona. His brother Herb Alexander was in town from Australia to visit and joined in the party. Employees gave Bob a complete set of patio furniture as a gift.

I visited with Danny Kendrick of Kendrick Oil at the party. He is on the hospital board of direc-You might have noticed tors. some digging at the former Fuel Club location on Highway 60

across from Soapy Springs and Fast Stop. Danny said he had the fuel tanks dug up and removed. Before they became an environmental and tax issue he went ahead and took them out the ground since the Fuel Club location is now closed.

OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Also Danny said the former Fast Stop location on Highway 60 next door to the junior high is still for rent. It was closed when Kendrick bought the larger Town and Country location. Someone needs to re-open the little Fast Stop before school starts since the teachers and students were big customers. Seems like a fortune could be made just on foun-

tain drinks. If you are interested

in a business opportunity call

rode with Kevin Wiseman Mon-

day morning as we put out American flags for the Noon Li-

ons and gathered them Monday

evening. Kevin is the Friona jun-

ior high principal and now the

longest tenured school adminis-

trator in the FISD. He has been

Kevin says his school will be getting a lighted message type sign similar to the new ones at

junior high principal for 14 years

Speaking of the junior high, I

Danny Kendrick at 250-3991.

Friona primary and high schools. It will be on the northeast corner of the schoolyard at Highway 60 and Euclid. Should be installed later this year.

We parked the Lions Club flag trailer for the day behind a new business venture in town. There on Highway 60 adjacent to Ivy Cottage, where Friona Heating and Air used to be, Rick Beard has opened a car detailing and lube operation. Rick is the pastor of Victory Family Church. He and family members are involved in the business. Notice that he did mow and trim the weeds and rose bushes on the lot. It needed it. Good job Rick

down to about 101 the rest of the way Monday morning Megan and

there, also for the zillionth time.

had that new fruit and walnut

salad. A sliced apple, some

grapes, and a cellophane pack of honey-roasted walnuts they toss

on your tray. You have to put

the walnuts on the fruit in the

plastic bowl. There is a small

container of yogurt in there too.

It is not as good as it looks but

then nothing ever is. When Megan and I left

Childress about 3 p.m. the digital

temperature readout in my Tahoe

said it was 109 degrees outside.

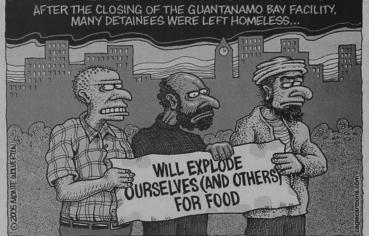
It stayed at 105-108 until we got

to Amarillo where it finally cooled

I went to the Bovina 4th of July parade. It was pretty scary seeing o h n Blackwell and his grand-daughter on a little motorized scooter. It wasn't the scooter that scary. was dana d jameson photo John had on Friona firemen fought this grass fire on Highway 214 just south of the overpass shorts and a straw hat. We went

on to Clovis, tried to eat at IHOP but the wait was too long so we chowed at Kripple Creek, bought a few supplies at Wal-Mart, and spent the rest of the evening picking up flags, selling burgers and fries at the Lions Club concession stand, watching the fireworks, and singing "I'm Proud to be an American" with Lee

Greenwood. To all my big city friends, that's the way life is out here. So how was your holiday?



A real lockbox for Social Security

By MICHAEL TANNER

Do you know where your Social Security taxes are? Some of them pay for the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. The same monies helped the State Historical Society of Iowa in Des Moines pay for the development of exhibits for the World Food Prize. And we should all be happy that some of our Social Security surplus funded a study of mariachi music for the Clark County (Nevada) School District.

As we know by now, Social Security is facing many problems that will require long-term, comprehensive reform. But before a doctor operates on a patient, the first step is to stop the bleeding. And the first step toward Social Security reform should be to stop Congress from spending Social Security money on anything except workers' retirement

The basic problem is that the way Social Security is currently set up, workers don't own their Social Security funds. Because workers pass money on to loved one. And, without Social Security surpluses don't own their money. Congress treats that money like its own: free to spend on whatever the members choose. And spend it they do, on everything from the war in Iraq to the International Fertilizer Development Center. In return, the Social Security Trust Fund is given a bond, essentially an IOU, which will eventually have to be repaid out of future taxes

It's the ultimate insult. Congress spends our Social Security taxes then expects us to pay more taxes to repay its borrowing. To date, Congress has borrowed and spent more than \$1.7 trillion of Social Security taxes. This year it will borrow another \$60 billion.

This has been going on for more than 20 years, under both Democratic and Republican administrations. Members of both parties have resisted all attempts to keep their hands out of the Social cookie jar. In fact, some seem to be proud of what they are doing. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says, "There's nothing wrong with Social Security lending money with the prospect of returning it. There is a surplus in Social Security, and under the law Social Security can lend that money to the government for other purpe

As long as politicians have that attitude, the only real way to

keep Congress from spending Social Security taxes, is to get that out of Washington. If Congress is going to insist on money spending like a drunken sailor, then it's time for an intervention.

Now, Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC), Representatives Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) Sam Johnson (R-Tex.), and others have proposed legislation to put the whole federal government back on the wagon. Their plan would rebate Social Security surpluses to workers in the form of contributions to personal accounts. The money would belong to the worker, in an account with his or her name on it

This proposal would represent a true "lockbox", devoting that money solely to the worker's retirement. No politician could touch

The plan would have other benefits as well. Because workers would own the funds in their accounts, when they die they could to hide behind. Congress would have to face up to the choices of running higher deficits, raising taxes, or, hopefully, spending less That's bad news for Mississippi catfish health research, but it's

good news for Social Security reform. (Michael Tanner is director of the Cato Institute's Project on Social Security Choice, (www.socialsecurity.org), Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 2000.)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ron, There is so much thanks we need to give to you and the staff at Friona Star, to many people in the community and to the people of Calvary Baptist church for making our nearly seven years in Friona a time of spiritual growth in love and wisdom and service. For every bit of help and goodwill given to us we do express our appreciation. Sincerely,



Energy bill fosters independence and security

With oil prices hovering around \$60 a barrel, the price for petroleum is over 50 percent higher now than it was last year. Energy affects every part of an industrial economy, from manufacturing and transportation to services. Petroleum is also the source from which we create plastics, adhesives and light-weight composite materials.

High oil prices have occurred in large part because of a tightening supply and increasing demand. China and India alone account for the majority of the increase in world de-mand. Consumers in the United States are feeling the effect of higher energy prices worldwide because we are increasingly dependent upon imports. The American Petroleum Institute's latest data shows we depend on imports for 64.3 percent of our petroleum needs. In 1973, when an OPEC oil embargo hammered the U.S. economy, we were importing 28 percent of our oil

Petroleum imports are rising because our domestic production is declining. New fields are no longer being drilled, existing fields are aging and consumption is rising. Helping offset these trends has been increased energy efficiency in the United States. According to various sources, including the Energy Information Agency, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product rose 32.2 percent in the 10-year period from 1994 through 2003 and our population rose 13.1 percent, yet our total energy consumption rose by only 9.6 percent. While most regions of the world show an upward trend in per-capita energy con-sumption, in the United States, it has declined slightly since 1980

Although America is becoming more efficient, we are facing growing exposure to changes and disruptions in the international energy markets, particularly involving petroleum. This is why our passage of the energy bill is vital for our national security.

The importance of a comprehensive energy bill cannot be overstated. It provides us a roadmap for achieving greater energy independence which will make us less vulnerable to price swings. The bill encourages domestic production, improves conservation efforts and promotes renewable sources of energy. This is good for consumers, for businesses and for the environment.

To boost domestic production, the bill streamlines oil and gas development on existing federal lease sites to bring fuel to market sooner. It seeks to diversify our sources of energy to give us flexibility and adaptability. It does this by stimulating use of clean nuclear power, providing incentives for solar, wind and geothermal energy. It establishes a federal loan guarantee program to encourage the design and development of clean innovative technology and new energy sources. The bill requires fuel manufacturers to use eight billion gallons of ethanol in gasoline by 2012.

An ambitious program to design and use clean coal burning technologies will help America use its 250-year supply of coal in environmentally safe power plants. A program researching the use of clean-burning hydrogen in cars is included in the legislation as well as provisions and mandates to encourage utilities to expand, modernize and improve the reliability of the electric power grid

The energy bill is strong on conservation, too. It requires the federal government to devise a plan to save one million barrels of oil a day by 2015.

This legislation also provides help in dealing with environ-mental problems. The bill included the Coastal Impact Assistance amendment which I co-sponsored to ensure that Texas will get federal assistance for handling energy problems which may occur in areas with offshore oil exploration. The bill will provide funding for wetland restoration and coastal restoration.

I have long argued that our nation needs a coherent energy policy. I am gratified that the Senate has, at long last, passed this important and necessary bill.



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My daughter Megan is here

for July. This is her last summer as my "little girl" since she will

be a freshman at Wichita Falls

Rider in September and 15-years-

old by the time next summer rolls

around. That puts her in the

I met them in Childress Sun-

day about 2:30 in the afternoon.

It was the zillionth time we have

met in Childress over the past 7-

8 years to transfer either Zach or

Megan or both for a visit with

dad. We ate at the McDonald's

young lady category.

and good luck.

Thursday, July 7, 2005



Friona Noon Lions member Dale Houlette, left, serves 4th of July burgers to Barbara and Jimmy Grimsley.



A great big, huge, large, sincere, thanks to everyone that visited our burgers, hot dogs, fries, and funnel cakes operation at the 4th of July celebration. We had non-stop customers from 6-10 p.m. New Boss Lion Clint Mears reported that we served more than 300 customers at the burger stand and used four 5-gallon buckets of batter mix for the funnel cakes.

Fifteen Noon Lions members gave their time to cook and serve for more than five hours. The hot grease and charcoal were made even hotter because of the weather. Thanks to the members that participated it was a very successful fundraising evening.

A special Lions Club thanks to Devin Black and his mom Linda for volunteering their time in the funnel cake tent. Linda mixes the cake batter in 5-gallon buckets and Devin helps cook the cakes over hot grease for four hours. Thank you both Devin and Linda. We appreciate you.

Lion Danny Black underwent a kidney dialysis treatment Monday morning and was on hand to cook funnel cakes that night. We appreciate Danny's efforts and also were glad to welcome Lion Bill Neely back for this event. He has been inactive since retiring from the hospital last year. Good to see you Bill. Come back often.

Our next foray into the burger world will be July 16 during the Pokey the Clown Ranch Rodeo at city park. Look for us there, I think. And Maize Days is just about two months away. The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday, July 21. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome.



ron carr photo Noon Lions members spent a few hot hours cooking burgers and fries for the 4th of July crowd. From l-r, are Robert Jones, Rick Barnett, Roger Nelson, and Fred Cook.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! July 10, 2005-July 16 2005

Jolyn Collins

July 10-Sammy Spring, LaVon Reeve, Melody Drake, M'Kell Jarecki Jeter, Elizabeth McLellan, Teresa Braillif, Shirley Drager, Phillip White, Zachary Martz July 11-Frankie Perez, Carolyn Osborn, Tiffany

- Osborn, John Mars, Tiffany Weatherly, Jamie Stokes Faber, Shirley Jackson, Aubrey Schuler, Delaney Duke
- July 12-Eddie Allen, Jimmy Maynard, Stephanie Thornton, Brandon Drager, Robert Lynn
- Alexander, Morgan Aguilar July 13-Gregory Reed, Laura Hart, Ricky White, Valton Howard, Jonell Clark Claborn, Louis Dunnam, Lynn Copley, Gregory
 - Tirmict, Terry Stanberry, Logan Tongate, Flashbacks

55 Yrs. Ago July 7, 1950

Making Friona easily accessible to the vast trade territory lying south between Friona and Muleshoe, the last 12-mile gap e north-south road ending at Friona has been paved. This strip has long been a headache residents south of Hub and in the Lazbuddie area, who wished to trade in Friona or use this direct route to Amarillo and points north.

50 Yrs. Ago

July 8, 1955

Potato harvest probably will get underway in seriousness next week, local growers and processors predict. Eleven growers this year are producing some 650 acres in the immediate area, the Herman Neff Company reports. Growers are Neff, G.H.

Whitaker, Kenneth Neill, Gordon Massey, Earl Lance, Jimmie Jesko, Roy Botkin, Buck Barnett, Kenneth Christian, Lloyd Oswald and Hardy May.

45 Yrs. Ago July 7, 1960

new Baptist Church will officially organize Sunday at the American Legion Hall in Friona. This new church will be organized by those attending the services, which have been held since June 12 in the Legion Hall. The new church been designated as the Calvary Baptist Church of Friona, and the home church voted last week to deed the new church 3.9 acres of land north of the city limits on which construct their new church building.

40 Yrs. Ago July 8, 1965

The site of a multi-purpose structure on Running Water Draw has been narrowed to three locations, it was revealed in a joint meeting of the county's steering committee and the county commissioners last week. Next step in the project is to secure engineering reports on the locations.

15 Yrs. Ago July 6, 1990

The newest farm product in Parmer County these days is ostriches, as residents continue to devise ways of making money on the farm. Kenneth Hall and Howard Fleming own a herd of 11 of the exotic birds in the Hub vicinity and passers-by sometimes do a "double take" when they see the gangly fowls.

Winebrinner awarded **McMurry scholarship**

McMurry University has announced recipients of its University Scholarship awards for the 2005/2006 academic year. To be awarded the academic scholarship, students must score at least a 24 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT and have a 3.3 overall grade point average.

Receiving a University Scholarship is Trisha Lynn Winebrinner of Friona High School.

Founded in 1923 by the United Methodist Church and offering bachelor's degrees in the fine arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, business, education, and nursing, McMurry University has gained a national reputation for excel-

lence and value through the achievements of faculty, students, and graduates.

McMurry's students are af-fected daily by its Core Values: Christian Faith as the foundation of life, Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life, Learning as the journey of life, Excellence as the goal of life, and Service as the measure of life. McMurry boasts of an outstanding faculty and staff whose goal is to maximize each student's level of achievement and to expose them to those qualities that go into making a successful life. McMurry has been recognized annually since 1996 by US News & World Report for quality and value.

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Tristan Thorn named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Triston Thorn of Lazbuddie has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award, Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Triston Thorn, who attends Lubbock Christian University, was nominated for this national award by Randy Sellers. Miss Thorn will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreci-ated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy

Triston is the daughter of Garvin and Janette Thorn of Lazbuddie. Her grandparents are Billy and Zelna Thorn of Lazbuddie and Ralph and Mary Reed of Friona.

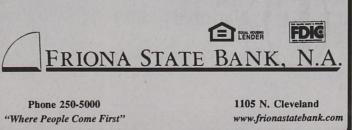


ATM AND DEBIT CARD SAFET

Using your ATM or debit card is a simple, hassle free way to get cash, check account balances, transfer funds, make purchases and more. To enjoy the many conveniences electronic banking offers, you should make ATM and debit card safety a priority. Here are some important safety tips.

- Treat your card like cash. Always store your card in a safe place.
- Keep your pin a secret. Memorize your pin and never write it on your card or store it with your card. Never let anyone else enter your pin for you.
- Do not disclose information about your card over the phone. No company or individual needs to know your pin. Again never disclose your pin to anyone.
- Never disclose information about your card in response to an unsolicited e-mail or request.
- Make certain your internet shopping sites are secure. Look for secure transaction symbols when shopping online to ensure your account information is protected. Now, you can have a secret code to use for your online shopping. Look at Friona State Bank's web page and go to "services" to sign up for this program at no cost to you. Always log off from any site after you make a purchase. If you can't log off, shut down your browser to prevent an unauthorized access to your account information.
- Protect your card's magnetic strip.
- Report a lost or stolen card at once to your financial institution.
- Review your account statements for unauthorized transactions.

We, at Friona State Bank, want to help keep your financial information just that - yours. If you have any problems with using your debit or atm cards, please give us a call and we'll be happy to help you. We want to be your bank!!



able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place. There is an urgent need for more families to open their

July 14-Charles Sanders, Clint Cox, David White,

July 15-Doris Adams, Christian Drager, Wynona

July 16-Ab Hendley, Kevin Turner, Jay Claborn,

Aguirre

Darla Bracken, Ruby Collier, Bobby Th-

ompson, Betty Burnett, Rosa Diaz, Geor-

gia Fields, William Herring, Kyle Igo, Janna Reeve Jones, Julie Wiseman, Jolyn

Ortiz, Sierra Edelmon, Claudia Alexander

Martin, Janet Hand, Alice Alvarez, Ross

Paiz, Misty Cole Bugg, Weston Bowden

Trina Cole, Penny Mars, Maurice Garza,

Matt Whiteley, Sandy Guest, Stephanie

tional meeting the second Tues-day of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the office located at 6200 I-40 West, in Amarillo. (Information provided by the Texas Departs of Protective and Regulatory Services.) These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not

Around Town

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Men's prayer breakfast July 20

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a men's prayer breakfast Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 a.m. at 1500 North Cleveland. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship with the men of Friona and you will be out by 7:30 a.m.

FCW to meet July 12

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. There will be a program, refreshments and Bunko. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship.

Calvary Baptist garage sale July 9

The Calvary Baptist Church of Friona will have a garage sale Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1600 North Cleveland. Donations to sell are appreciated. The proceeds from the sale will go to the J.P. Sims Youth Scholarship, Friona Public Library and the Pioneer Heritage Museum. For more information call 250-3000.

Pokey practice set July 10

Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president Chris Alexander says that all kids entered on a team in the July 16 Pokey the Clown Rodeo should plan to be at the Friona city park at 2 p.m. July 10.

Pokey the Clown will be here for some Pokey rodeo practice and will show the kids what to expect from the rodeo competi-tion. Any questions call the Chamber at 250-3491.

Greg Black 10K-5K run Jul 30

The 21st annual Greg Black Memorial 10K & 5K run, 2-mile fun run, and 2-mile walk, is set for July 30, 2005, starting at 8 a.m. in Hereford at the YMCA, 500 E. 15th St. Entry fee is \$12 in advance per person and \$15 the day of the race.

All entrants registered and paid by July 23 will receive a free running cap. 1st place winners in the 10K & 5K will receive a duffel bag and plaque. 2nd & 3rd place will receive medals. The 2-mile run winner will receive a duffel bag and medal, 2nd & 3rd will get medals. Ribbons will be given to all finishers in the 2-mile walk.

There are six age divisions in the men's and women's 10K & 5K. from 13- and under to 50- and over. The 2-mile events are open events.

For more information and to receive an entry form call the Hereford YMCA AT 806-364-6990.

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foster and adoptive parents. To

When abuse and neglect ochearts and homes by becoming curs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, there are individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foshomes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for chil-dren as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families.

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On Sunday, June 5, 2005, the

Padre Island. It was a 15-hour

one van! It was a 15-passenger

van, but can you imagine stuff-

ing that many girls with their

luggage and sleeping bags into

van were Tori Abeyta, Sadie

Armendariz, Staci Fairweather,

Trinidad Gonzales, Cierra Henry,

Maria Meza, Heather Sandoval, Desiree Trevino, Melina Vega,

Christy Widner, and leaders Pam

When we arrived on the is-

land we saw the ocean for the

first time. It was amazing. It

seemed to go on forever. Many of us had never seen an ocean

before, so it was truly a miracle

to us. The sand was soft and

warm beneath our feet, but the

ocean was cold and very salty.

We were shocked when the wa-

ter splashed into our eyes and

burned, and it tasted awful! Af-

ter being knocked around by

the strong, forceful waves, we were glad to meet with a beach

lifeguard/surfer who taught us

ocean safety and reassured us

that there were no Great White

Beach Water Park where the life-

guards were hot and the water

was cool! However, we got

of the lifeguards began blowing

their whistles like crazy and

pointing to the floating pool! It

turned out that there was a su-

pervisor who was testing their

preparedness by planting a

child-size dummy at the bottom of the pool. It left us feeling

Our next destination was the

Laguna Madre Nature Trail

where we practiced taking pic-tures of wildlife using a 35mm

camera with a telescopic/macro-scopic lens. Our pictures in-

cluded turtles, pelicans, seagulls,

some strange birds the likes of which we'd never seen before,

jumping fish, hermit crabs, drag-

onflies, butterflies, and best of

all an alligator! It was about 6

more secure and protected.

at one point when two

Sharks in the area. Whew!

scared

Kendrick and Marie Simpson

gered animal. We're going to

solved at the Island Equestrian Center! It was scary being up on an animal that tall, and we

were completely at the mercy of our horses. We never knew when one would lower its head

or shake its tail, startling us

into thinking we were about to be bucked off! But the ride on

the beach was beautiful, and

we were glad we'd made time

our last evening on South Pa-dre Island, so we drove to the

north side where there were no

condos, homes, or hotels. Noth-

ing but dunes and ocean. We

trekked up and down the dunes

We felt a kind of sadness to

We would not have been able

hearted people: Marka Herbert,

Fran and Ron Gaydou, Bryan

Johnston, Kay O'Brian, Jim

ton, Cindy Hardy, and Marianne

Thompson. To these folks we

kind-

Suddenly we were down to

for it.

Now, oddly enough, there were several of us who'd never ridden a horse before. Problem

name ours "Squirt"!

Girl Scouts take the trip of a lifetime (The following trip journal

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from June 22, 2005 to June 29, 2005. the Girl Scouts of Troop 115 Nichols George A. and Nichols Marcia – Koehn Cyrus and and Troop 326.) Koehn Violet, 11.97 AC NW/4 S8 T16S R1E

Courthouse Notes

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Sheriff's Report

July 2, Alonso Faudoa, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County

July 3, Adrian Carranza, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with failure to appear-criminal mischief, pending District Court. July 3, Alfredo Gutierrez, 23, of Clovis, was arrested by the

Sheriff's Office and charged with DWI, pending County Court. July 4, Ryan Roberts, 22, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with theft by check, Potter

County, posted bond and released. July 5, Michael Ortiz, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County

Court

Thank You! **Parmer** County **Community Hospital** And its employees would like to thank Cargill **Meat Solutions** for serving us grilled hamburgers on June 24th



Girl Scouts of Troops 115 & 326 touring South Padre Island were, I-r, Cierra Henry, Maria Meza, Christy Widner, Tori Abeyta, Trinidad Gonzales, Melina Vega, Desiree Trevino, Sadie Armendariz, Staci Fairweather, and Heather Sandoval.

feet long, but it seemed much pers, and one had to have a

bigger! Next to the nature trail was the Whaling Wall, painted in 1994. Internationally known environmental artist Wyland picked South Padre Island to paint Whaling Wall #53, his only wall in Texas. It was humongous! It covered two whole walls on the outside of the convention center. There were whales, fish, dolphins, and other ocean critters. Wyland plans to paint 100 walls during his career to educate people on the importance of marine conservation. It was truly a "Wow" experience.

That afternoon we went to The next day, we had spent the Dolphin Research Center the afternoon at Schlitterbahn where we got to hold starfish, where we got to hold starfish, sea cucumbers, slugs, and hermit crabs. We also saw stingrays, an octopus, a blowfish, an eel, and some sea urchins. We didn't touch those!

Then we boarded a boat to try to find some dolphins. The captain's little dog, Cita, could hear the dolphins talking to one another in their high-pitched squeals, so she'd jump up on one of her steps and begin to bark! We soon learned to follow Cita around the boat to get the best views of the dolphins! The next day we visited Sea

Turtles Incorporated, 'a nonprofit center whose mission is to rescue and rehabilitate injured sea turtles. At that time, there were 4 types of sea turtles in residence: loggerhead, green leatherback, and hawksbill. Of the eight turtles there, one had parasites, most had missing flip-

metal plate put on the back of his shell because he'd lost both back flippers and couldn't stay submerged. Some of the things that injure sea turtles are plastic rings from drink six-packs, balloons, boat propellers, pollution,

We could not touch the turtles because they bite, the larger ones with 1,000 pounds of pressure, but we did some testing of the water in their individual tanks. Under the guidance of one of the volunteers, and using the testing supplies provided, we monitored the water for temperature, ammonia, nitrates/nitrites, chlorine, and salinity. After our work, we got to use the wooden back of a longhandled broom to scrub the largest turtle, Fred the Loggerhead! He was so cool!

We learned that even up here in the Texas Panhandle there are ways all of us can help preserve the ocean's wildlife. Cut up your soft drink rings so they can't get stuck around a turtle's flipper or neck, and don't release balloons, which are mistaken for food, strangling turtles and other animals. There are also many ways to "adopt" a sea turtle, thereby contributing to the survival of this endan-

PPH Museum collects baseball artifacts

Hendricks of Amarillo have given the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum a number of historically significant baseball artifacts. "Recently, the Museum decided to make a concerted effort to become more aggressive in collecting sports-related artifacts, particularly those with ties to the Panhandle-Plains resaid Museum director gion," Guy C. Vanderpool. "We are fortunate to have forward-thinking supporters like Dr. and Mrs. Hendrick to aid us in this endeavor. The museum is committed to collecting popular cultural items associated with entertainment, sports and recreation." Vanderpool added.

Among the baseball artifacts given were: a 1950 Amarillo Gold Sox, West Texas-New Mexico League baseball signed by Gold Sox stars such as Joe Baunmann and Bob Crues; baseballs signed by: Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Yogi Berra, Johnny Bench, Bobby Bondilla, Barry Bonds, Jose Canseco, Steve Carlton, Roger Clemens, Dennis Eckersley, Cecil Fielder, Whitey Ford, Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Bo Jackson, Reggie Jackson, Sandy Koufax, Mickey Mantle, Willie

until we reached the beach. There were more seashells to choose from here, so we took advantage. We'd learned at the Dolphin Research Center that picking up some kinds of shells can actually kill sea life because parasites, and even frostbite. this scavenging leaves fewer "homes" for them to grow in. So we picked up only the kinds we knew could not be used.

We romped in the ocean and watched the sun set. have to leave the island. The week had flown by, but we had earned two Girl Scout patches and are well on our way to finishing two more. We've learned so much and grown to love and respect the ocean and its wildlife. We left South Padre Island with memories we will cherish forever.

to take this wonderful trip without the help of these Parker, Kirk Wright, and Caprock Council Girl Scouts, Becky Burextend a most heartfelt, "Thank you.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mays, Willie McCovey, Stan Musial, Cal Ripken Jr., Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Pete Rose, Nolan Ryan, Mike Schmidt, Tom Seaver, Duke

Snider, Warren Spahn, Ted Will-iams, and Carl Yastrzemski; a 1941 photograph of Joe Dimaggio signed by the "Yan-kee Clipper". Also a photograph signed by Ted Williams; a photograph of Nolan Ryan's last pitch, signed

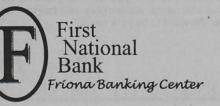
by Ryan; and a baseball bat signed by Baseball Hall of Fame 500 Home Run hitters: Hank Aaron, Yogi Berra, Lou Brock, Kaline, Brooks Robinson, Ralph Kiner, Harmon Killebrew, Eddie Matthews, Johnny Mize, Duke Snider, and Enos Slaughter

Many objects from the Hendrick gift will be featured in the Museum's Pioneer Hall in the coming weeks. Working with advisors such as *Amarillo Globe-News* sports editor Jon Mark Beilue and WTAMU sports information director Zach Fisher, the Museum hopes to assemble artifacts reflective of the high level of competition and interest in all sports in the Panhandle-Plains region.

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This fireworks assortment is called "The Biggen." It has 21 cakes and 66 shells and weighs over 350 pounds. It is only part of the fireworks Joy Morton and Jay Widner carted off to Rhea for the 4th of July. Proprietor Randy Geries said it is the largest assortment his stand has ever sold.

Family celebrates 4th in big way

Joy Morton and her nephew Jay Widner have been buying fireworks for their 4th of July family celebration for 22 years. They hold the celebration at the Norman and Gay Taylor farm in Rhea. Gay is Joy's sister. Monday evening about 60 people gathered for burgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and fireworks. They had enough firepower large and small, Joy said, to last for about an hour and a half of shooting

The care giver

By JO BIDWELL, West Texas Parkinsonism Society As I mentioned last newsletter, this article will explain what a person and their loved ones go through when they are diagnosed with a chronic, or terminal illness.

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler wrote her now-classic book, On Death and Dying, almost 40 years ago. In this book she outlined what has now become known as the five stages of grief, or death and dying. After years of research Dr. Ross concluded that any individual when faced with a chronic or terminal illness would go through these stages. She further concluded those close to that individual, spouse, child, care giver, etc., will also go through those stages

Through her research, Dr. Kubler Ross discovered that these stages of death, grief and dying have no boundaries. All individuals; rich or poor, young or old, religious or atheist, male of female, educated or uneducated, and regardless of nationality will all, given enough time, experience these same streages. She also discovered that the grief which we stages. She also discovered that the rate at which you move through these stages is very individual. Some people move very quickly and peacefully from stage to stage, often repeating many stages before finally finding acceptance and final peace.

How does this apply to a patient with Parkinson's disease, since PD does not in itself "Kill" you? Let me suggest that when faced with a chronic, debilitating disease such as Parkinson's, one goes through the same stages. No one who has PD can deny that it affects them in an adverse way, and most would agree that at the very least it will in some hasten their death. It is also important to remember that this does not just affect the patient; spouses, children and other care givers are going to be affected in a similar fashion.

The following is a brief attempt to explain the stages as Kubler Ross described them.

The first stage, denial and isolation are often expressed as a state of shock. "No it can't be!" or "The physician must have made a mistake." Or "It will go away when I'm not so tired, or stressed." During this stage, while not depressed, patients may often desire to be alone, to sort out their feelings. Acceptance of this stage is gradual, and often difficult especially for the PD patient. Many times newly diagnosed patients feel so good after starting medications that they feel as if they do not have a disease at all. Consequently, they may have to readdress this stage as the disease progresses and reality sets in.

During the second stage-anger-the patient may direct his anger at God but often family and friends feel the anger. This stage is expressed in terms of "Why me?" or "What did I do deserve this?" We wonder at this stage why bad things happen to good people, while seemingly bad people have it so good

The anger stage often leads to the third stage, bargaining. If I can live I will be a better person, go to church more, give more time or money, etc., are often phrases expressed at this stage. Sometimes care givers going through this stage will try to "wish" the disease or burden on themselves. This is especially seen when someone young has been diagnosed with a

terminal illness or has passed away. This bargaining is often complicated by the realization that we were angry with God or our spouse or physician for this situation. These feelings of guilt then may lead us to the next stage-depression.

With a Parkinson's patient this stage may be further complicated because the disease itself causes depression for a vast majority of the patients.

Most patients and care givers when given enough time will move to the final stage of acceptance. This is a time for the patient to find not only inner peace, but also peace with those around them.

It is important to note that often patients and care givers do no move through these stages at the same time. It is also important for the care giver to realize that if they out live their patient, they may find themselves going through these stages all over again as they experience the loss of a loved one (Reprinted from the WTPS Newsletter.)

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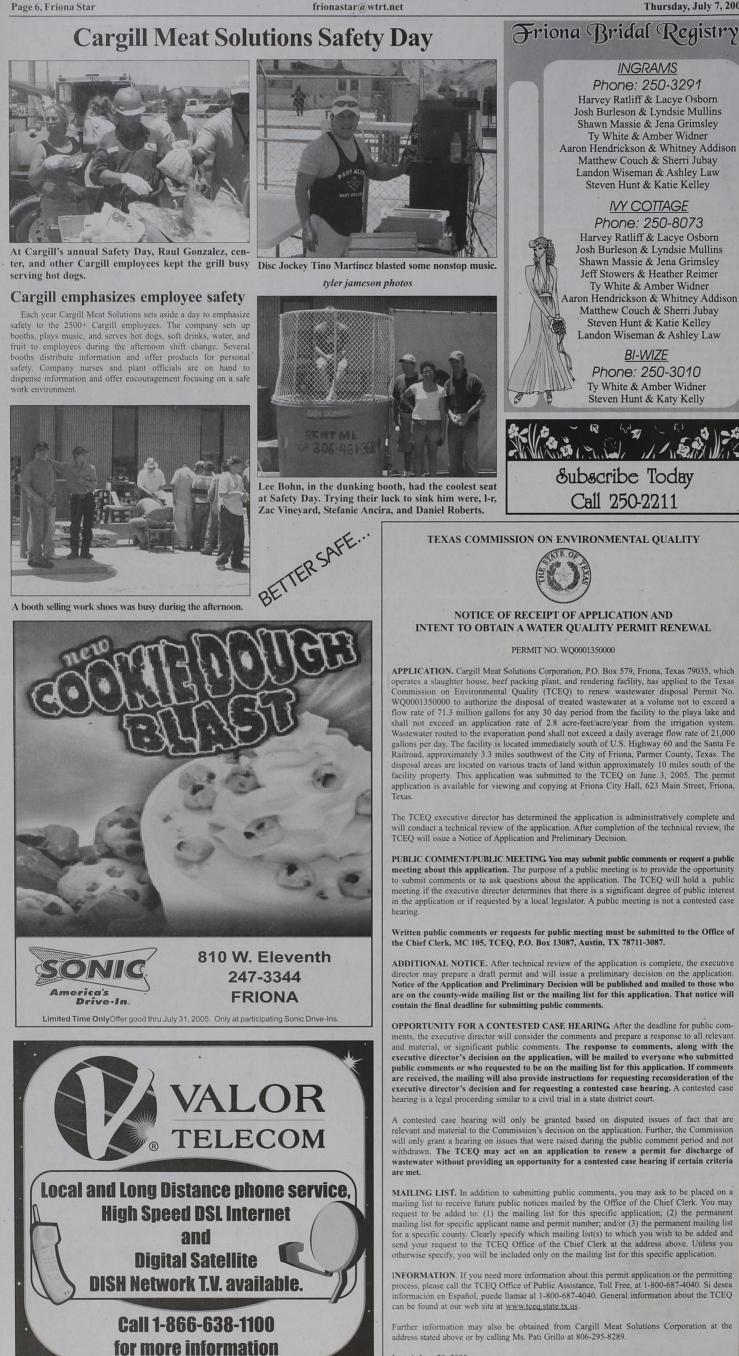












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The playground is shrinking at Friona Elementary. Another portable classroom building, the one on the left, has been added to the one next to the cafeteria. The classroom is planned for use by 4-year-olds from Friona Primary School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sixth Street Church of Christ 502 W. 6th, Friona July 11, 12, 13 Theme: Kingdom of the Son, A Prayer Safari **Classes for** *4 year olds through 5th Grade 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7-9:00 p.m.

*Adult Classes-Guest speakers each night 7:30-8:30 p.m. Monday - Barry Wiseman, Preacher in Muleshoe **Tuesday - Bret Paige, Preacher in Dimmitt** Wednesday - Mickey Chambless, Preacher in Lazbuddie

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ministers to submit articles for publication on our church page. Please keep your message 250 - 300 words on the topic of vour choice. Deadline is Tuesday at 5 pm.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Church class makes 900 peanut butter sandwiches

S.C.

det the the

Kevin and Ashlee Roberts, of

He was born on Friday, June

Keeton has three older sisters,

Great-grandparents are Lottie Bails and Elthie Hand, of Friona, and the late Johnny W. Hand.

Church made 900 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches during a June 28 outing to Amarillo. The group went to City Church in Amarillo to

prepare the meals, which are fed to more than 900 kids daily. The menu varies each day for the kids. The Calvary class took along cookies they had baked. Each day City Church uses 150 dozen cookies to put in the lunch sacks along with such items as sandwiches, popcorn, and milk

The Faith Sunday school class of Calvary Baptist from Huntsville were also in attendance for the week as their volunteer mission project. In addition to local volunteers, City Church also welcomes volunteers from as far away as Mississippi and Alaska that come for a week at a time

The Friona Faith Class uses City Church as a class project several times a year. Class members attending the peanut butter and jelly trip were Ruth Miller, Jonell Sims, Pat Turner, Pat Martin, Mayme Gee, Joyce Veazey, Lee and Elwanda Campbell, Martha Hamilton and a visitor Jackie Martin

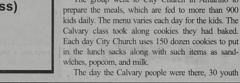
Six major areas of life #1 By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

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Think about how important balance is in your life. Balance is important in everything. If your tires are out of balance, you're in a rough ride. An unbalanced diet contributes to poor health. Failure to balance our checkbook can lead to financial crisis. On and on we could go. For six weeks, I want us to think of six areas of our lives where it is important that we have the proper balance. No. 1 - The Spiritual Area

This is really the most important area because it tells us how to balance the other areas of our life. What we are spiritually, determines how much attention we give to the other areas of life. A good place to begin as you evaluate how balanced you are in the spiritual area is to ask the question, "What are my goals in the spiritual area of my life?" Our over-riding goal should be to be more like Jesus, today, than we were yesterday. To do this we must strive to have the "Mind of Christ" (Phil. 2:5).

Balance in the spiritual area can only come to those who seek it. If I can help you in your search, I will try. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I love you and I will search the scriptures with you for the answers.



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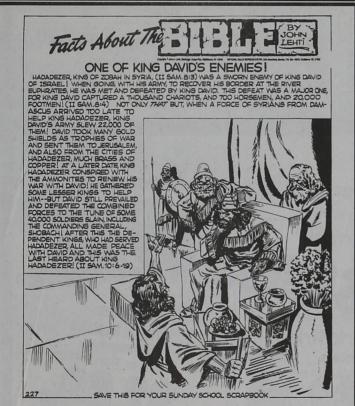
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Prescription assistance

Over 40 million Americans have no health insurance, and millions more have no prescription coverage. Many Americans, Riley, 35, of Bovina were held cannot afford to buy their medicines—yet prescription medica-tions are an essential part of patient care. Many Americans must make a choice to pay rent, buy food or get prescriptions refilled.

To help alleviate this dilemma, many pharmaceutical companies offer prescription assistance programs. Some manufactur-ers offer a limited supply of free or low-cost medications to patients in need through their patient assistance programs. These programs are intended to serve as a "last resort" for patients unable to use other financial assistance programs. pharmaceutical company establishes its own rules and guidelines. These guidelines are usually listed on their websites. Online information about patient assistance programs can

be found at NeedyMeds (<u>www.needymeds.com</u>), RxAssist the home health industry. She (<u>www.rxassist.org</u>), and Helping Patients was a member of the First Bap-(<u>www.helpingpatients.org</u>). Patients may also obtain prescriptist Church of Bovina. Angle tion assistance applications from their physicians, church or community health organizations. With a completed application with a physician's signature and original prescription, patients can obtain free or low-cost medications.

(This information is provided as a service by the Texas A&M University Health Science Center. For specific questions, contact your physician or other health provider.)

Mollie Warren

Thursday, July 7, 2005

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The family of Mollie Warren will celebrate 54 years of her life at 4:30 p.m. MDT, on Friday, July 8, 2005 at First Christian Church in Ruidoso, New Mexico. She will be laid to rest at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon, Texas at 10:00 a.m. CDT, on Friday, July 8, 2005, with arrangements by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock. Aunt "Bee", as her nieces and nephews knew Mollie, died on Sunday, July

Mollie was born to Herbert Aaron and Billie Dan Blakely Seright

She earned a Bachelor of Art, in English, from West Texas State in 1972, and a Master's Degree in Mass Communication from Texas

As a resident of Lubbock, she was employed as a copy editor with the Avalanche-Journal for several years. Mollie married Richard Warren in August of 1981 and he preceded her in death on October 23, 1997

as a real estate appraiser for Thompson Land Company for several years. Following her years of working for Thompson Land Company, she worked as an independent real estate appraiser for a combined fourteen years and was a member of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. She was an active participant in musicals and acting at Lincoln County Community Theater. Mollie will be remembered for many of her accomplishments, but the love and friendship she shared with her daughters will remain with them forever

Survivors include her children, Rachel Beth and Lydia Renae Warren; her stepdaughter, Sarah Jane Chaumette; one brother, John Seright; one sister, Brenda Williams and husband Scott; her in-laws, Bernard and Martha Warren; nieces and nephews, Blake Newman, Sasha Seright, Haley and Evan Williams, Ryan Seright; and numerous

Cancer Society. To offer online condolences or to share a special

Angie Riley Funeral services for Angie

at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5. 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Reverend Aaron Reed, pastor, officiating. Burial as in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home. She died Friday, July 1, 2005 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. A lifetime resident of Bovina, she was born Decem-

ber 29, 1969 to R. B. and Cathy (Sikes) Riley in Clovis, NM. She worked as a caretaker in

was also a volunteer on the Bovina EMS for many years. Survivors include her par-

ents, a son, Dusty Riley of grandson, Bovina, Texas, grandmother, Barbarette Sikes of Bovina, two The famil



OBITUARIES

Angie Riley

Pleasant, Texas, and Penny Dutton of Bovina, a brother, Scotty Riley of Bovina and a Andrew Scott

The family suggests memorisisters, Casey Prather of Mt. als be made to the Bovina EMS. 3, 2005 in Lubbock.

in Henrietta, Texas on March 13, 1951.

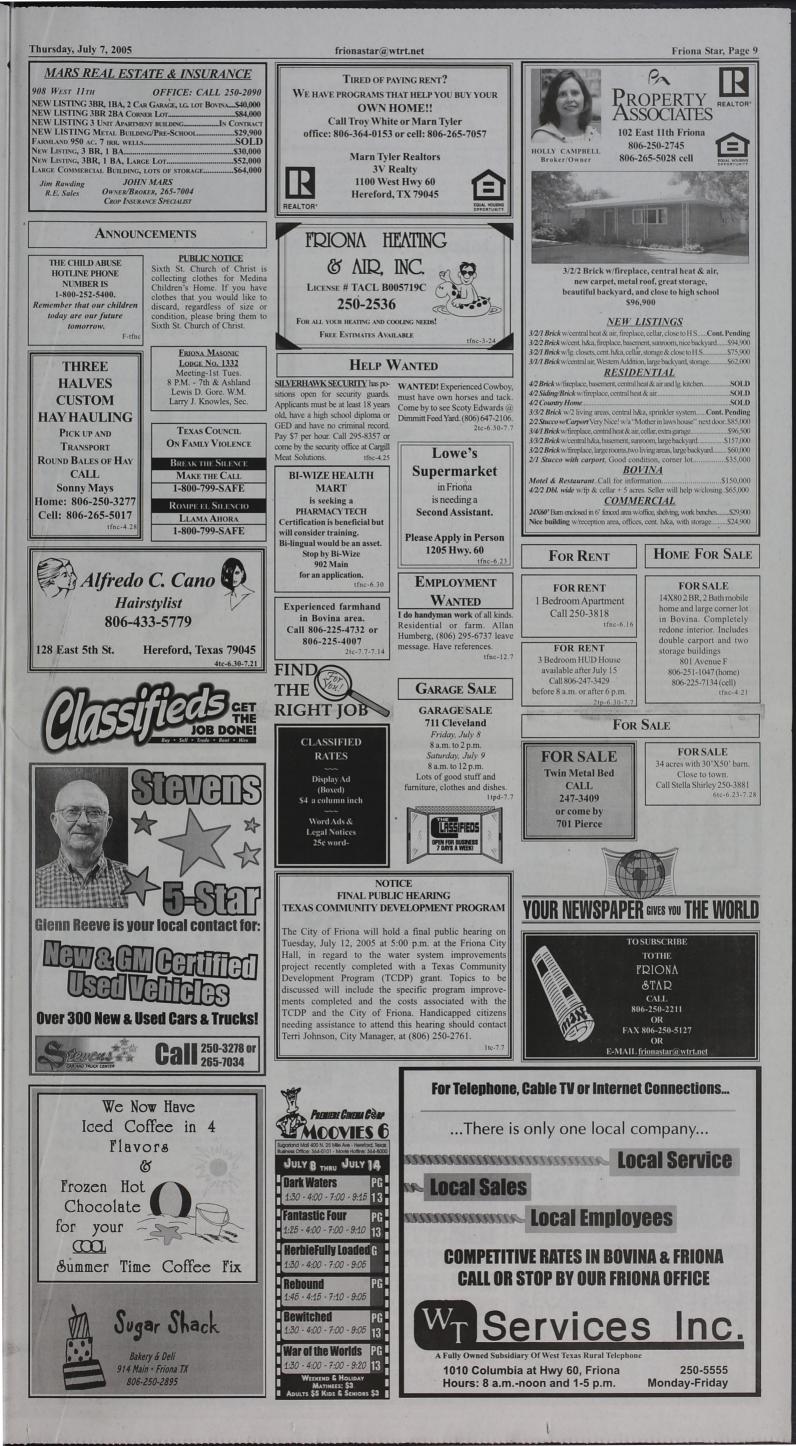
Tech University in 1975.

She had been a Ruidoso resident since 1988 and was employed

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Texas farmers union calls CAFTA a raw deal

As we approach the days leading up to Congress's July recess, free trade proponents are pushing for a vote on the Central American Free Trade agreement (CAFTA). "As a representative of American family farmers and ranchers, I am working to remind Congress that this agreement is a raw deal for U.S. producers", said Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President Wes Sims. "We have heard these promises of prosperity as the result of trade agreement in the past. For a variety of reasons these promises never seem to come true. I do not see what makes this one any different."

CAFTA bears a frightening resemblance to NAFTA, which has encouraged a race to the bottom for producer prices. The fact remains that U.S. Producers consistently come up on the short-end in trade agreements. There is no better proof that our trade policy is not working than the fact for the first time in nearly a half-century the United States will likely import more agriculture products than we export.

'Not only does CAFTA further encourage this race to the bottom, it ignores major issues that distort fair trade such as labor, environmental regulations and currency. American pro-

Vegetable field day/farm tour July 28 By TIM MCALAVY

Those interested in vegetable production should mark tility trials, and several herbi-July 28 on their calendars, That's the date for the third Annual High Plains Vegetable Field Day and Farm Tour at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. The center is just north of the Lubbock airport. Take exit 11 off of Interstate Highway 27, turn east on Farm to Market road 1294 and travel approximately one half mile. The center is on the south side of FM 1294.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Attendance is free, and participants will qualify to earn continuing education units approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. "We will start off with a walking tour of field plots at the center," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist headquartered at Lubbock. The tour will include watermelon, tomato, snap bean 6101. and hot pepper variety trials,

watermelon and bell pepper fercide trials.

termelon growth response trial, where watermelons are grown on a variety of colored plastic mulches. We will wrap up the morning by visiting the Texas Tech University crops research farm to view a pumpkin herbi-cide screening trial and watermelon/cantaloupe fertility trials." Lunch will be provided, but those who plan to attend should make reservations by contacting Wendy Durrett at (806) 746-6101 by July 20, Wallace said.

Sunburst Market, Apple Country and the South Plains Food Bank farm. This will give us a chance to discuss production practices with area growers," he added. "We should finish the farm tour around 4 p.m.' For more information, call Wallace or Durrett at (806) 746-

New extension agent for Deaf Smith

Rick Auckerman is changing jobs, but he won't be moving.

In August, Auckerman will become Texas Cooperative Extension's agent in Deaf Smith County, after serving in a similar position in Castro County for almost five years.

Auckerman has lived in Hereford for about 25 years, moving here to work in commercial seed production. His work included growing hybrid sudan and forage sorghum, wheat, oats, barley, rye, triticale and range grass seeds.

"We are looking forward to having Rick as a member of an excellent Deaf Smith County Extension team," said Donna Brauchi, Diracti Extension Ad-ministrator, "His agriculture ex-parties a Jones with big knowl pertise, along with his knowlof the county will be valuable as he provides Extension education and resources meet the ever-changing needs of producers and agribusiness in the county."

A native of Lander, Wyo-ming, Auckerman said he has enjoyed working with Castro County producers and looks tension forward to helping Deaf Smith 5608.)

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"We will also look at a wa-

'After lunch, we will visit

producers, many of whom he met through his commercial seed production work.

"I'm looking forward to working with all aspects of ag," Auckerman said. "Deaf Smith is heavily ag oriented, with the recent dairies moving in and it being No. 1 in the state as far as beef cattle. Also, cotton production has expanded tremendously over

the last five years." A graduate of the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Auckerman earned Bachelor's Degree in Crop Science, with an emphasis on Entomology. Before coming to Texas, he worked as a research technologist in the University of Nebraska Foundation Seed Division and as an assistant plant breeder for Cargill Seeds Inc. in Fargo, North Dakota.

Over the years, Auckerman has been active in the Deaf Smith 4-H program, serving as a State 4-H Roundup chaperone, Parent Leader Association

president and project leader. (Written by Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M Research and Ex-Center, 806-677ducers must pay their laborers a decent wage, and spend money on complying with environmental health standards. These are important and worthwhile standards, but if we are going to compete globally, then our competitors must be

forced to comply as well", stated Sims. CAFTA poses significant threats, but its benefits have been oversold. Estimates of sizable trade gains for U. S. farmers and ranchers are overly optimistic. CAFTA countries have a combined population of approximately 41 million people with lim-

ited incomes with which to purchase agricultural products. Furthermore, if the Free Trade of the Americas agreement becomes a reality or if CAFTA nations establish similar agreements with other countries, these limited market opportunities would become further reduced.

I urge you to contact your members of Congress immediately, and tell them to vote against the passage of CAFTA. Tell them that you will not stand by as we outsource America's food and fiber production.

USDA changes export credit guarantee

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced changes in three export credit guarantee programs to comply with a recent World Trade Organization (WTO) cotton decision in a dispute with Brazil.

"Today's announcement demonstrates the U.S. intent to live up to its WTO obligations," said Johanns. "By implementing these changes, we ensure continued U.S. leadership in the WTO Doha negotiations as we work toward ambitious outcome that will be beneficial for U.S. agricul-

ture Corporation (CCC) programs antee. The new fees respond ricultural industries to respond that will be changed are the to a key finding by the WTO to the WTO cotton decision," Export Credit Guarantee Pro- that the fees charged by the Johanns said. "The export gram (GSM-102), the Intermediate Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-103), and the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP).

for the GSM-102 and SCGP programs. Fee rates will be announcements will be reallo-based on the country risk that cated to the existing GSM-102 CCC is undertaking, as well as the repayment term (tenor) and region.

repayment frequency (annual The three Commodity Credit or semi-annual) under the guarprograms should be risk based. Also as of July 1, the CCC will no longer accept applications for payment guarantees to evaluate other steps that under GSM-103. Any remain- could be taken to respond to Beginning July 1, CCC will ing country and regional allo- the WTO cotton decision." use a risk-based fee structure cations for GSM-103 coverage Details of the changes under fiscal year 2005 program the export credit guarantee proprogram for that country or

"We have worked closely with the Congress and our agcredit guarantee programs are one part of the WTO case. The Administration continues

Details of the changes to grams can be found on the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) website www.fas.usda.gov.

Northwest Plains pest management news

By MONTI VANDIVER, Extension Agent-IPM

Hot dry weather has dominated the Northwest Plains this acre (25-30 per 100 terminals) combined with less than 90 week. Near constant winds along with high temperatures have kept irrigation systems running. Some fields that do not have the irrigation capacity to keep up with crop demand are falling behind. Corn is approaching peak water usage and will not tolerate moisture stress without a significant yield reduction. Cotton is "spooling up" which will increase moisture requirements from about an inch a week to two inches a week at first bloom



Nitrogen requirements for cotton are also ramping up. The vegetative development stage will require 25% of the total required and by first bloom 50% will have been used. After first bloom nitrogen requirements increase dramatically. All nitrogen should be applied before peak bloom.

Cotton fleahopper activity has been higher this year than in recent memory. Infestations have ranged from near 0 to more than 25,000 per acre (0-50 per 100 terminals). The adult cotton fleahopper is approximately 1/8 inch long. It is flat with an elongated, oval outline and prominent antennae. The body usually is yellowish-green, although it may be white or yellow with minute black hairs and spots on the upper surface. Nymphs are very small and almost white, after feeding, they turn pale green with prominent, often reddish eyes. Both and nymphs will feed on tender portions of the plant including squares. Pinhead and smaller squares are most susceptible to fleahopper damage. Susceptible squares that have een fed on are blasted and eventually fall off the plant. When fleahoppers are abundant, heavy fruit loss may occur on preflowering plants. Square sets for area cotton have ranged from around 60% to more than 95%.

The decision to treat for fleahoppers should be based on the number of fleahoppers present, the squaring rate and the percent square set. During the first week of squaring, the economic threshold is 12,500 to 15,000 cotton fleahoppers per

percent square set. In the second week of squaring, the economic threshold is 12,500 to 15,000 cotton fleahoppers per acre (25-30 per 100 terminals) combined with less than 85 percent square set. Starting with the third week of squaring up to first bloom, the economic threshold is 12,500 to 15,000 cotton fleahoppers per acre (25-30 per 100 terminals) combined with less than 75 percent square set.

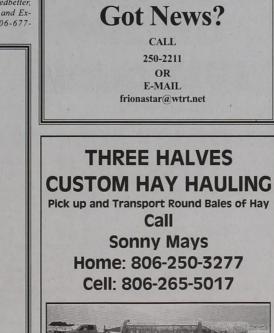
Occasional lygus bugs have also been observed in area cotton. Lygus bugs are similar to cotton fleahoppers in shape; however, they usually are about two to three times larger than the cotton fleahopper. Adults have a conspicuous triangle in the center of the back, are winged and vary in color from pale green to yellowish brown with reddish brown to black markings. They are also more destructive than cotton fleahoppers. Therefore, the economic threshold for lygus bugs is much lower. Treatment for lygus should be considered when 4,400 per acre or 1 per 3 row feet (40 inch rows) or more are present combined with excessive square shed similar to that associated with the cotton fleahopper economic threshold. Spider mites have been fairly light in area corn thus far, but

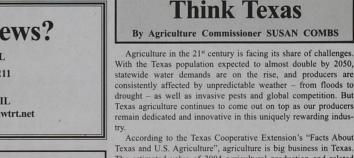
environmental conditions are currently near perfect for their development. A close eye should be kept on mite infestations. are particularly hard to control in a salvage situation Mites Curative treatments have proven less than effective, especially since some spider mite populations have developed resistance



to organophosphate and pyrethroid insecticides. Oberon is new miticide that has shown promise but is only available in very limited quantities.

few first generation Southwestern corn borers are being found in area corn. First generation eggs and larvae are difficult to detect and rarely justify treatment because infestations seldom exceed 5 percent of plants.





consistently affected by unpredictable weather - from floods to drought - as well as invasive pests and global competition. But Texas agriculture continues to come out on top as our producers remain dedicated and innovative in this uniquely rewarding indus-According to the Texas Cooperative Extension's "Facts About

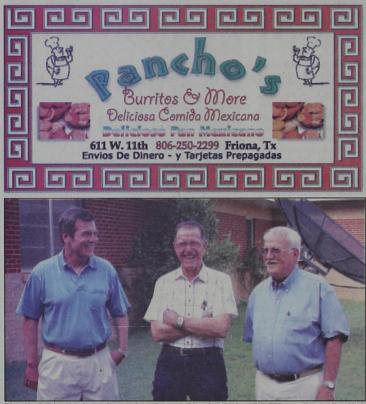
Texas and U.S. Agriculture", agriculture is big business in Texas. The estimated value of 2004 agricultural production and related items totaled more than \$18 billion. That's up from \$16.7 billion in 2003 and \$14.4 billion in 2002. By the time these agricultural products get from the farm to the

consumer, the total economic impact translates to more than \$73 billion each year for Texas. During the last few years, the number of farmers whose principal occupation was farming increased 25 percent to just less than 123,000, and the total number of farms increased by more than 750. This is all great news for the industry and for Texas

The newer face of Texas agriculture shows farmers are taking the lead in synchronizing farm production with market demand by recognizing higher value production of crops, such as fruits and vegetables, and value-added processing businesses.

Meeting consumer demands and evolving with the times is something we are always looking toward. Good nutrition is on the minds of many Texans as we face an obesity epidemic, especially among our children, and agriculture is a great partner for this. We're producing fresh, wholesome and nutritious foods across the state, and Texans are catching on and taking steps for a healthier tomorrow.

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Hospital District board member Danny Kendrick, I-r, PCCH employee Sterling Graham, and Dr. A share a laugh during Friday's 40th anniversary party at the hospital.

Dusters promos for final home game Jul 10

homa City Yard Dawgz in the first 1,000 fans to visit the Dust- Partners, wants Dusters fans to for 3:00 pm, and the Dusters offices, located at 1619 South doors! The Dusters Dance Team Wiener Nationals" will be con-have several great promotions Kentucky, Suite A507, Fans can will be giving away Coozies ducted at half time.

The Amarillo Dusters will and a ticket offer that fans can't call 322-7277 for further details. battle their division rival Okla- refuse: \$10 tickets are back! The ADT, one of af2's National ADT, one of af2's N ADT, one of af2's National

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Can't have a July party without watermelon. Devin

Black slices the melons.

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The halftime show will be an



Dr. Felipe Jubay, in the white cap, looks over some of

Dr. A's press clippings accumulated over the years.

Dr. Alexander, Claire Blanco, and Emmalene Green, at Friday night's party. The

set of patio furniture was a gift to Dr. A from the hospital employees.

Hospital employee Rhonda Wilkins coaches Dr. A on

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Care final regular season home game ers offices can purchase \$10 make some noise. They are giv-of the 2005 season on Sunday, tickets! These tickets can only July 10th. Kickoff is scheduled be purchased at the Dusters first 1,000 fans through the finals of the "Wienerschnitzel

16th annual Commancheros de Vega planned for Jul 15-16

of Commerce is sponsoring the ings are available at Gregg's Ven-16th annual Comancheros de Vega ture Foods, 101 So. 9th St. and at Oldham County Barn at 3rd and July 15-16.

tate sales, plus group garage sales benefiting civic organiza-

There will be community-wide garage sales in Vega and sur-rounding areas including single and multi-family, moving, and es-

The Oldham County Chamber tions. Garage sale maps and list-vehicles, equipment, furniture, an-Commerce is sponsoring the ings are available at Gregg's Ven-tiques and more. It will be at the "This is an example of the transmission of the transmis other locations in the city. Folkert's Auction Service will

ber says the auction will include

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A Dairy Queen Kids Fest will host the 4th annual Comancheros take place at the Dairy Queen on Consignment Auction Friday 6-9 Highway 385 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon un-p.m. Saturday. Games and activi-til all items are sold. The Cham-ties are free. Donations will be the Oldham County Chamber of

"This is an event our whole community looks forward to each year. It brings in people from all over the Panhandle. Shoppers enjoy the ease of getting around and are thrilled with the bargains



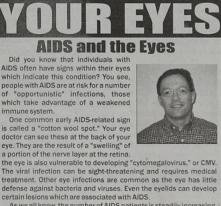
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More fireworks light the sky at Friona's 4th of July celebration. ron carr photo



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