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Friona Youth Dayz

Friona Youth Dayz will host two activities this weekend. Friday, July 8, there will be a See You at the Pool Swimming and Pizza Party starting at 6 p.m. About 8 p.m., there will be music and a devotional.

Youth will gather between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Saturday, July 9 at Chieftain Field for Clean Up Friona Day. The day will begin with donuts and a devotional. Once all service projects are completed, everyone will come back to the football field for hot dogs.

All middle and high school students are welcome to attend these events that are free! For information, please contact Teena Hughs at 250-2377.

Service Projects

needed for July 9

Friona Youth Dayz are sponsoring a Clean Up Friona Day from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 9. Anyone needing help is asked to call the Baptist Church at 250-3933, the Methodist Church at 250-3045, or Teena Hughs at 250-2377, and we will see if we can help you.

YMCA Flag

Football League

The Hereford YMCA will once again be hosting the Men's Summer 4-on-4 Flag Football League. League deadline is Saturday, July 15 with league action starting on Sunday, July 17. This is a six-week program with games being held at the SportsPlex, 325 S. Kingwood St. in Hereford. Entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information contact Natalie Adame at the Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th St. in Hereford or call (806) 364-6990.

Kidz Building

Camp July 19-23

Openings are still available to attend the 1st Annual Friona Kidz Building Camp that will be held July 19-23 at the Friona Community Center from 5-9 p.m. each night. Children aged 5-12 years of age can come out and enjoy a fun time while learning to build. There will be food, music, games and creativity. Registration forms are available at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office at 621 Main and at the 11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival on Saturday, July 16. This event is free to the public.

Volunteers are needed to assist the children with their projects. There will be a volunteer meeting on Monday, July 18 at 5 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut.

The Most Creative building will be placed at Reeve Lake Park until next year. The building team that creates the Most Creative building will receive golden hammers.

Dinner will be served to participants each night at 7 p.m. and the campers will sleep overnight on Friday, July 22 and be fed breakfast on Saturday morning before the prizes are awarded. There will be a bonfire after the awards are given.

If you would like to volunteer or donate items to the camp contact the Chamber office at (806) 250-3491.

Come on out, enjoy the fun and be creative.

Free newspapers

Are you sending a kiddo off to college, cleaning out a bit of clutter, need pet piddle pads or making pinatas? If you need newspapers come on by the Friona Star and pick up some old newspapers. We are open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come around to back door for easier pickup.



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The rockets red glare was accented with green, yellow, blue and purple Monday night at the Friona fireworks display at the Community Center. The fireworks were furnished by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and set off by the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

Preparations continue for 11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival

The 11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival is just around the corner and the smell of delicious cheeseburgers will fill the air on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Friona City Park. Deadline to sign-up a team is July 8 at the Friona Chamber of Commerce, 621 Main. Space is limited to the first 20 paid in advance teams. The competition entry fee is \$100. This fee will include meat, cheese, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, buns and ice.

This yummy competition is open to both local and visiting cheeseburger enthusiast. Both professional and amateur chefs are welcome to come and show off their culinary style.

Each team of cheeseburger master are allotted a 25' x 10' space to be decorated and ready to serve cheeseburgers at 11:30 a.m. the day of the competition.

Set up begins at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. orientation, rules and food safety presentation. All burgers are cooked on-site and to temperature specifications of food safety specialists. Cooking locations will be assigned upon arrival. Each team will provide their own shade, grill, tables and chairs as well as coolers to keep their beef cool.

All burgers must be composed of 100% pure beef. Burgers may include a combination of condiments, spreads, fruits, veggies and sauces. Each team will need to bring enough secret ingredients to make 200 burgers.

At 11 a.m. the judging begins. Teams will draw a number to determine the order of judging. The judging will be based on the Judge's Choice of the Best Tasting Cheeseburger.

Sale of burgers will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First and second prizes will be determined by the judges with cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$300 plus a People's Choice Award and the Cutest Campsite receiving prizes as well.

Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the festival.

DJ Entertainment from Amarillo will be in the park throughout the festival.

The hamburger will be donated by Cargill. Other donations are: veggies from Lowes, cheese from Hilmar and Southwest Cheese, frisbees from Dairy Max, condiments from Ben E. Keith, chips from Hub City Convenience, ice from Atmos Energy and assorted promotional items from the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Beef Council.

Vendors and exhibitors are encouraged to join in the 11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival. Please no meat vendors, however all other food vendors are welcome. This is a family event and vendors are reminded to keep the novelties geared toward families and g-rated. No silly string, candy cigarettes or toy guns.

Deadline for vendors and exhibitors is 3 p.m. on Friday, July 8. Booth sizes are 10' x 10' for \$30 and 10' x 20' for \$60.

Vendors are reminded no loud music or mega phones, no vehicles on the grass, and to bring their own dollies to move their merchandise. They will need to provide their own tables, chairs and shade. Vendors can begin setting up at 8:30 a.m. the day of the festival.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at (806) 250-3491.



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All decked out for the 4th of July, Jayden Choate showed his patriotism from the top of his head to his sneakers. Jayden and his family were selling water at the annual 4th of July celebration at the Friona Community Center on Monday evening.



dana jameson photo

High winds Sunday evening knocked out electricity to Friona and ripped the roof off of Cottonwood Apartments on Walnut Street. The damage took off the roof on one section and rolled the roof up like a roll of aluminum foil on other sections. Many of the air conditioning units were damaged as well. No injuries were reported.

End of course exam schedule

FHS principal Erika Montana released the End of Course exam schedule for summer 2016.

Monday July 11 English I

Tuesday July 12 Biology/US History

Wednesday July 13 English II

Thursday July 14 Algebra I

Students need to report at 7:45 a.m. at the high school if they are scheduled to take exams.

Council has brief agenda Monday

The Friona city council meets in regular session Monday July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers, 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

Municipal Judge Deborah Campbell will be sworn in for a two-year term, 2016-2018. An official public hearing will follow for comments regarding the 2015 consumer confidence drinking water quality report.

The Friona police department will give a report on budget, expense, and activities. The June accounts payable, and financial statement and the 3rd quarter financial statement will be discussed and action taken.

A bid for the agricultural lease of 160 acres southeast of town will be awarded. The property is owned by the city and formerly owned by John Mars.

Holly Campbell and Andy Alexander will be appointed to the Friona Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

The items here are the tentative agenda and subject to change. The final agenda is posted in the window at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Guillani said, "The report Comey gave today, if it was a background check that the FBI had done on her, she would never get a security clearance."

Senator Rand Paul chimed in: "Today Comey and Obama's DOJ made it clear to the American people there's no accountability, no justice, and the Clintons live by different rules."

Summer fun in Friona

July 5-16-Summer Drama Workshop

July 8-Friona Youth Dayz-"See You at the Pool" 6 p.m. at Friona Swimming Pool

July 9-Friona Youth Dayz-Clean-up Friona Day 8:30 a.m. to Noon

July 18-20-Chieftain Football Camp 9-11 a.m. at FHS

July 18-20-Friona Cheer Camp 9-11 a.m. at FHS

July 19-23-1st Annual Friona Kidz Building Camp 5-9 p.m. at Friona Community Center

July 25-27-FHS Basketball Camp 9 a.m. to Noon at FHS Activity Center

July 27-29-FHS Volleyball Camp: July 27-1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

July 28-29-9 a.m. to Noon at FHS Activity Center

August 5-Friona Youth Dayz-Chieftain Games 7 p.m. at Chieftain Stadium

August 6-Friona Youth Dayz-Movie Night 9 p.m. at FHS parking lot

August 7-Friona Youth Dayz-at 6 p.m. at FJHS Auditorium

The Parmer County American Legion and Auxiliary Post 206 will be selling tickets for a raffle to be held on August 6, 2016 at Bull Town Days in Bovina. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of tickets for \$125. First prize is a Signet 320-3 burner gas grill, second prize is a patchwork quilt and third prize is a \$100 gift card. Members of the post will be selling tickets at the Cheeseburger Festival in Friona on July 16, Border Town Days in Farwell on July 30, and Bull Town Days in Bovina on August 6. Contact any American Legion member for tickets.

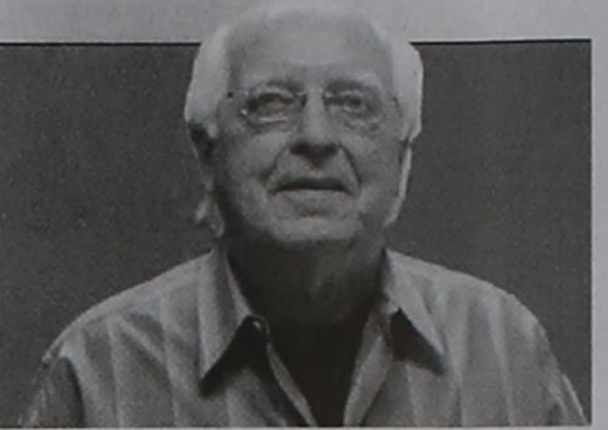
Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- July 5-16-Summer Drama Workshop @ FHS Auditorium
- July 8-Deadline to sign up for Cheeseburger Cook-off
- July 8-Friona Youth Dayz "See You at the Pool" 6 p.m.
- July 9-Friona Youth Dayz Clean-up Friona Day begins at 8:30 a.m.
- July 9-Annual German Sausage Festival in Nazareth
- July 9-Hell-O Terlingua Chili Cook-off in Dimmitt
- July 9-Hereford Citywide Garage Sale
- July 11-DSHS Immunization Clinic in Bovina
- July 11-Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- July 16-11th Annual Cheeseburger Festival
- July 16-Immaculate Conception Church Jamaica in Dimmitt
- July 18-20-FHS Cheerleader Camp
- July 18-20-FHS Football Camp 9-11 a.m.
- July 19-23-1st Annual Friona Kidz Building Camp
- July 22-24-Ruidoso Art Festival
- July 25-29-FHS Basketball/Volleyball Camps
- July 30-31-8th Annual H.K. Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament in Hereford
- July 30-Border Town Days in Farwell
- July 31-Annual Jamaica, St. Ann's Church in Bovina
- Aug. 1-Volleyball practice starts
- Aug. 1-Football practice starts
- Aug. 5-Friona Youth Dayz Chieftain Games at Chieftain Stadium at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 6-Friona Youth Dayz Movie Night at FHS parking lot at 9 p.m.
- Aug. 6-Bovina Bull Town Days
- Aug. 7-Friona Youth Dayz conclusion at 6 p.m. at FJHS Auditorium
- Aug. 7- St. Teresa of Jesus Church Annual Jamaica in Friona
- Aug. 8-Varsity Volleyball vs. WT/Holy Cross (Dual) 10 a.m./12 p.m.
- Aug. 9-FISD New Teacher Orientation
- Aug. 11-Boots & Badges Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church

Out Here

By Ron Carr



when you own all the horses

"Given that combination of factors we assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Hillary Clinton's personal email account," said FBI Director James Comey.

It took Mr. Comey about 20 minutes Tuesday to tell all of the things Hillary did wrong but then he came to the conclusion that it would not be reasonable to prosecute her.

Also on Tuesday a Federal Judge in Washington D.C. ruled that in the future any government employees using personal email would be subject to prosecution.

Mr. Comey said no one, including the president, knew what his ruling would

be until Tuesday's press conference, yet Mr. Obama took Mrs. Clinton on Air Force One to North Carolina to campaign. Does anyone think he would have given Hillary a ride if he did not know Comey's decision?

Hillary contends that she never received any email marked classified. Comey said, "Even if information is not marked classified in an email, participants who know or should know that the subject matter is classified are still obligated to protect it."

Sarah Palin, as though she still has any influence, said, "Rise up and tear down this tyrannical system that is destroy-

ing America from within." That sounds good. I would like to do that but she did not tell me how. I'm suspicious of people that go around yelling at us to rise up.

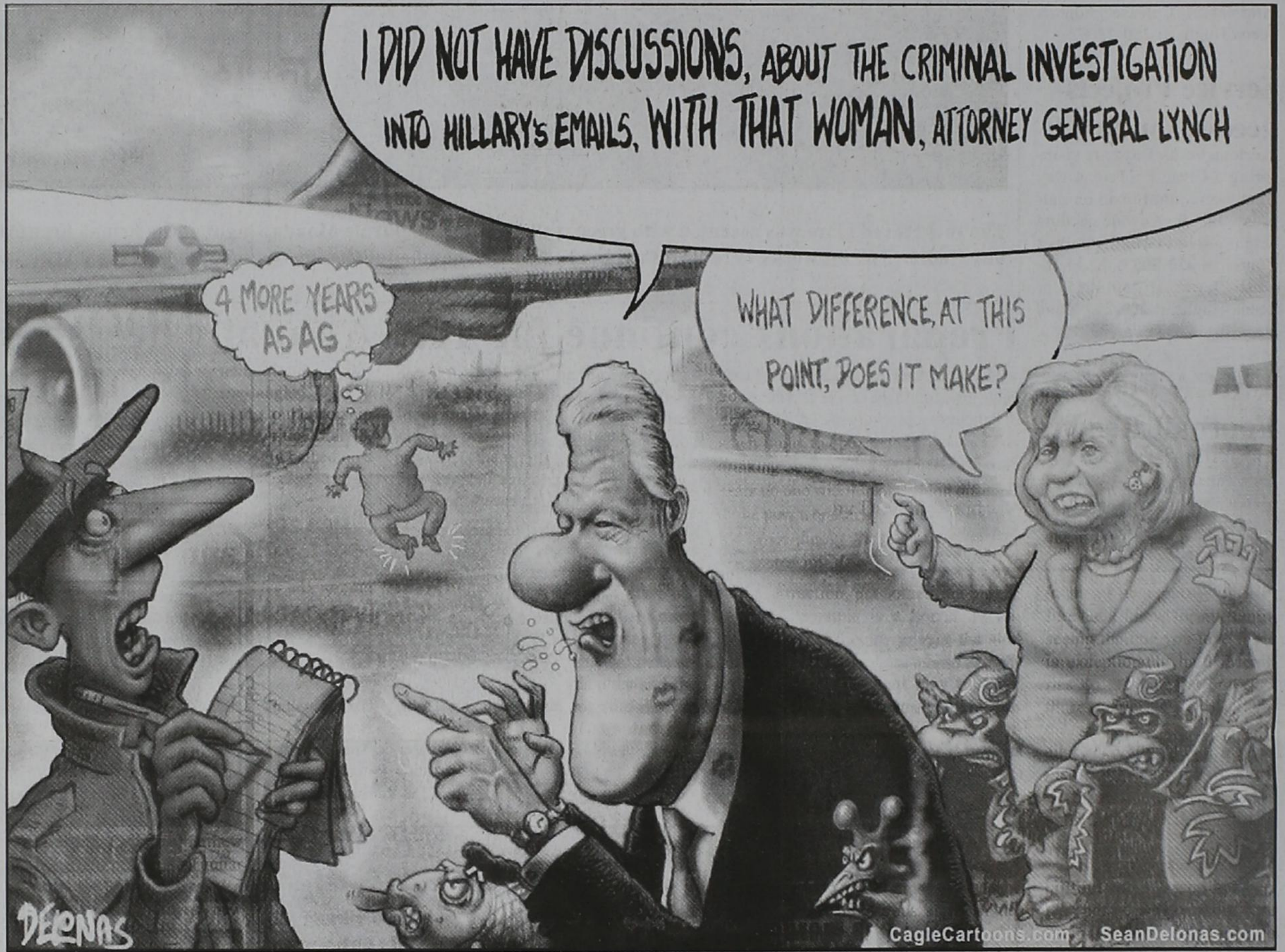
Hillary's alma mater, the State Department, started a feud with the FBI now because Director Comey criticized their ability to protect classified information. The State Department should just leave it alone. If the hole is deep enough stop digging.

On Tuesday Obama said this in North Carolina: "Tweeting does not qualify you to be president. Nobody knows what it takes to do the job until you have

sat behind the desk" He was mocking Trump which to my thinking is beneath the office of president to go on the campaign trail and mock and make fun of a presidential candidate. But this president doesn't seem to care much about the dignity of the office.

The saga of Hillary's lies goes on while she still cackles and applauds. What Hillary does is clearly none of your business so just vote for her and shut up. It is incredible to me how the Clintons survive.

Musician Charlie Daniels said, "You don't lose races when you own all of the horses."



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ACROSS

- 1 talks too much
- 5 TXism: "you can bet the farm ____"
- 6 TXism: "____ as sin"
- 7 fishin' equipment: rod and ____
- 8 TXism: "if you ____ you'll wake up with fleas"
- 18 abbr. for term of endearment
- 19 Mission Open ____ in San Antonio
- 20 "The eyes ____ Texas are upon you"
- 21 TXism: "he ____ tall in the saddle"
- 22 TXism: "____ hen's teeth"
- 24 TX's 3rd president: Mirabeau ____
- 29 TXism: "____ cut the mustard"
- 30 ____-top on beer
- 31 TX John Connally's widow (init.)
- 32 TX ____ of Public Safety
- 34 ex-Astro star pitcher Darryl (1991-97)
- 35 nat. organization for "legal eagles" (abbr.)
- 36 in history, Jay Gould's ____ Pacific Railroad
- 37 TXism: "hot as ____ of mesquite coals"
- 38 actress in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- 39 TXism: "nip ____" (stop)
- 41 HQ of TX National Guard: Camp ____
- 42 San Angelo was named for Mexican ____ Angela
- 43 he accompanied Paul the Apostle
- 44 cavalry sword
- 45 air in TX cities must follow ____ guidelines
- 46 TXism: "____ it be"
- 47 city of Cowboys foe Eagles, familiarly
- 48 slogan for Nocona Boot Co.
- 50 Howard Hughes was ____ to rest in Houston
- 51 Dallas infamous st.
- 52 TX Hamblen wrote "This ____ House"
- 53 the Guadalupe is a spring-____ river
- 12 Gov. ____ Campbell
- 13 this Taft was TX's 1st TV meteorologist
- 14 curtain
- 15 TX fried veggie
- 16 TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc ____"
- 17 Ohio congressman who Sam Houston beat with a cane
- 21 ____ cranes winter in Muleshoe
- 23 TXism: "a white knuckler" movie
- 24 Darin in TX-made "State Fair" (init.)
- 25 TXism: "____ the cat out of the bag"
- 30 Hamlin's mascot: ____ Pipers
- 33 TX Earle: "Tallest ____ in the World"
- 34 Paris FM radio
- 35 big TX media co.
- 37 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in ____ wits"
- 38 TV or wire
- 40 Gen. Robert ____
- 41 domestic worker
- 44 shoed horse
- 47 TXism: "____ & ready" (prepared)
- 49 Cotulla is seat of La ____ County

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "don't get ____ knot" (calm down)
- 2 TX wrestler Sheldon: "____ Death"
- 3 Fort Hood's city
- 4 gov.'s mansion is in Greek Revival ____
- 9 TXism: "____ the town red"
- 10 Cuero is seat of De ____ County
- 11 fed. tax agency

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"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."
 President Barack Obama
 July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois

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Town Talk II

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This Town Talk space is kind of thin this week. Long weekend holiday, people out of town, and not a great deal happening around town. We lost two fine citizens in the past few days, Roy O'Brian and Betty Talley. Our sympathies to the families.

Many thanks to our volunteer firemen who continue to serve the community. Thursday June 30 firemen and EMS were dispatched to a grass fire that was close to a house at FM1172 and FM2397. This happened right in the middle of the firemen's family dinner at the fire station. Sunday

night July 3 several firemen responded to a wind damage call at the Cottonwoods Apartments. Wind knocked off portions of the apartment roof where the gas lines are. They had to evacuate several apartments. Monday at 11:00 p.m. fire and EMS were paged to the 400 block of Prospect for a gas line leak. Someone ran into a pole and broke a gas line. It was a hit and run. This was after the firemen volunteered to shoot the fireworks at Reeve Lake that same night. We appreciate our first responders.

The 8th annual HK Kendrick

Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 30-31 at the John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford. This is a popular tournament benefitting the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. To sign up contact the pro shop at 806-363-7139.

The Prairie Times newsletter from Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates reports a new Prairie Acres administrator has been hired. She is Rhonda Pemberton and she will begin July 25. I believe Rhonda comes from the big city Dallas area. Also the new management team is Loree Tamayo Consulting.

Tricia Rocha, Director of Nursing, says they are interested in starting up a family counsel again at the nursing home. Any family member interested should stop by and visit with Tricia.

Helen Carthel and Sarah Owen are two new clients at Heritage Estates. The Prairie Acres resident of the month is Charles Gilbreath. The employee of the month is Eneida Rodriguez who is an attendant at Heritage Estates since June 2012.

Anniversaries I found. Dennis and Vickie Field 31 years and Bruce and Jo Beth Gipson 32 years. Congratulations ya'll.

The Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of their July 4th 5K race. 1st place Armando Flores 22.58, 2nd place Daniel Allum 23.07, 3rd place Emily Amaya 24.25.

Other participants in the run/walk were Mercedes Williams, Airam Chavez, Katie Allum, Annette Loflin, Skip Hodges, Jackie Legarreta, Luke Reynard, Franzella Reynard, Joy Cooper, Charles Cooper, Britny Pope, Andrea Chavez and Sandra Chavez.

The big weekend Cheeseburger Festival and Cook-Off is next weekend, July 16. Let's hope for cooler weather. The Chamber still needs cook teams. As of this week they have 7 cook teams and 30 vendors. It is not too late to sign up. Call the Chamber at 250-3491.

Here's what my calendar says for July. Youth Days swim pool/pizza party Friday July 8 @ 6:00 p.m. Cheeseburger Festival and summer drama presentations Saturday July 16. Football camp July

18-20 - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Kidz Camp building program at the scout hut 5:00 - 9:00 pm. July 19-23. Volleyball camp July 25-27, basketball camp July 27-29. Kendrick Golf tournament in Hereford July 30. Then, official football and volleyball practice begins August 1.

Want to thank our managing editor Dana Jameson for covering all of the July 4 weekend activities and our graphics guy Nathan Parson who puts them all in their place. I couldn't do without those two. Many of Dana's photos are in today's Star. I went to the Bovina 4th of July parade. Unfortunately, there were not many participants. It started at 10:00 a.m. and by 10:15 I was on my way back to Friona. See you next week in the city park. Until then!

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Library Summer Magic Show with Monte Holder

The grand finale of the 2016 Summer Reading Program "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" featured the Magic of Montgomery. Monte Holder of Lubbock presented a delightful magic show. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library who sponsored the program. Special guests included City Manager, Patricia Phipps and several residents of Prairie Acres who have participated in the Adult Program "Exercise Your Mind...READ!" James Atwell, Sarah Campbell, Charley Gilbreath, Victoria Hollis, Peggy London, Mary Merrill, Dora Parson and Marie Perkins attended thanks to Elizabeth Romero, Activity Director and Yvette Garcia, Assistant for bringing them. Seventeen residents have participated during June.

Forty-one children and twenty-nine adults enjoyed the magical event. Montgomery placed special emphasis on the sports theme and chose several children from the audience to be his assistants on stage. Sophie Lewellen, 5-year-old daughter of Greg and Jamie Lewellen, came in costume to the magic show with her own wand, hat and rabbit.

Favorites included the multiplying/disappearing baseball trading cards, moving peanut butter and jelly jars, card tricks, roaming red, white and blue baseballs, cut the rope trick, tearing and reappearing newspaper, and changing color handkerchiefs. Eight lucky winners received door prizes of T-shirts, poster, a backpack, WOW passes courtesy of Wonderland Amusement Park and jump ropes.

Library Director, Darla Bracken, encouraged readers to join the 100 Book Club to be on the USA reading team by reading all summer. Readers finishing at least 100 books will receive a sticker and the chance to put their names in for a special prize drawing August 1.

Thank you to the Friona Star and Dana Jameson for the photos and coverage, Friona ISD for use of the auditorium, Wonderland Park for the WOW passes, Friends of the Library for the programs and Library staff for their dedication: Lucy Hernandez, Assistant Director, Ruby Rodriguez, Circulation Clerk and Angela Hernandez, part-time Circulation Clerk.

Please note that the "Champions" Writing Contest Winners will be announced later.



dana jameson photo

Shirley and Rocky Gigg (Liz and Rocky Gigg) celebrated the Independence Day in style. They part of the 3rd Annual Neighborhood 4th of July parade on Monday.

Country Thoughts

dana jameson



PMS

"This morning while I was watching the news I saw many reports that I had endorsed Hillary Clinton. My comment about supporting a woman in the White House was taken out of context. I have not endorsed Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump. I try not to get political but if I am, I might as well just run myself 'cause I've got the hair for it, it's huge, and they could always use more boobs in the race. But seriously, I have not decided who I'm voting for, but no matter what we're gonna be suffering from PMS, Presidential Mood Swings."

--Dolly Parton

This quote pretty much summed up the upcoming presidential election.

I am asked occasionally whom I will vote for... Hillary, because she is a woman or Trump, because he is a white man.

Personally, I am offended that someone would think I would vote because of those reasons. I would like to think I am going to vote for who is going to be good for the country and not for color or sex.

Unfortunately, at this point neither candidate is showing their best, in my opinion. It seems like this is all this election is about...everyone's opinion.

I could argue the pros and cons (in my mind)

of Clinton and Trump but it would be an exercise in futility. Everyone has an opinion and most are willing to share it at the top of their voices.

I thought I had figured out how to vote in November. I have never picked a candidate that won the presidency. My logic was that if I liked one or the other I would choose the opposite and that would be the winner. That may not be the way to go. Nevertheless, I am still thinking about it.

In the past few months, I have taken to shaking my head while listening to the news. I have also come to the realization that the lesser of two evils may be a very hard choice.

Maybe Dolly is right. Until this election is in the history books, the country will have to suffer through a really long period of PMS.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her acts of kindness on Monday. You will never know how much they meant to me. From the chair at the Schueler's to the offer of shade from Stormi and her family during the long period waiting for the fireworks to begin. Even the conversations were a blessed kindness. I live a pretty solitary existence and it is nice to find others that are like me and want to hear something other than their own voice and thoughts. Thank you for being good people.

Friona Flashbacks

News from the week of Thursday, July 7, 1966

*Four Friona Boy Scouts, Gary Shirley, Randy Farr, Joel Osborn and Miles Lillard, will receive their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor at Friona High School next Tuesday night.

*The newest recreation facility for the Friona area, Friona Roller Rink, opened this week, adding roller skating to the list of activities available in Friona.

*A total of 37 building permits had been issued by the City of Friona through June 30 for construction valued at an estimated \$269,430.

*Friona State Bank's 100 De-

gree Contest came to an abrupt end last Sunday when the mercury officially hit 100 degrees on the Bank's time and temperature clock. The 100-degree mark was reached at 11:40 a.m. Sunday morning. Danny Kendrick won first place with a guess of 11:30.

Second was won by Jerry Mabry and third was won by Mrs. Jerry Johnson.

*Bobby Baker is a new employee of the Parmer County Soil Conservation District office. A graduate of West Texas State, Baker is a native of Littlefield.

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Social Security will turn 81

By Ray Vigil
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in El Paso, Texas

Look who's over the hill! In August, we will be celebrating the 81st anniversary of Social Security. Although Social Security's overall structure remains the same, it's impossible to overlook the changes in the economy and advancements in technology that made it necessary to transform our programs into what they are today. In 1935, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, which gave birth to Social Security, (almost) as we know it today. The program was created primarily as a response to the growing rate of poverty within the elderly population. Here we are in the future, and Social Security has come

a long way from 1940, when Ida May Fuller became the first person to receive a benefit check. In 2015 alone, almost 60 million people received Social Security benefits.

The number of beneficiaries is growing daily, and Social Security is developing ways to make conducting business with us easier and more secure. With several services available online, including my Social Security, you might never have to visit a field office. This is especially beneficial for the aging community or those living in remote areas, as traveling to field offices may be difficult.

Choosing when to retire is an

important decision. At www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator you can get an estimate of your future benefit amount. You can use "what if" scenarios to see how your benefit amounts will change with different retirement dates and future earnings estimates.

With 37 percent of the American workforce teleworking and almost 70 percent of Americans doing most of their shopping online, we have evolved into a society of convenience. Not to be outdone, like a hip grandma, Social Security has adapted to the times. Below is a list of a few of the services currently available from the convenience of your computer. Online you can:

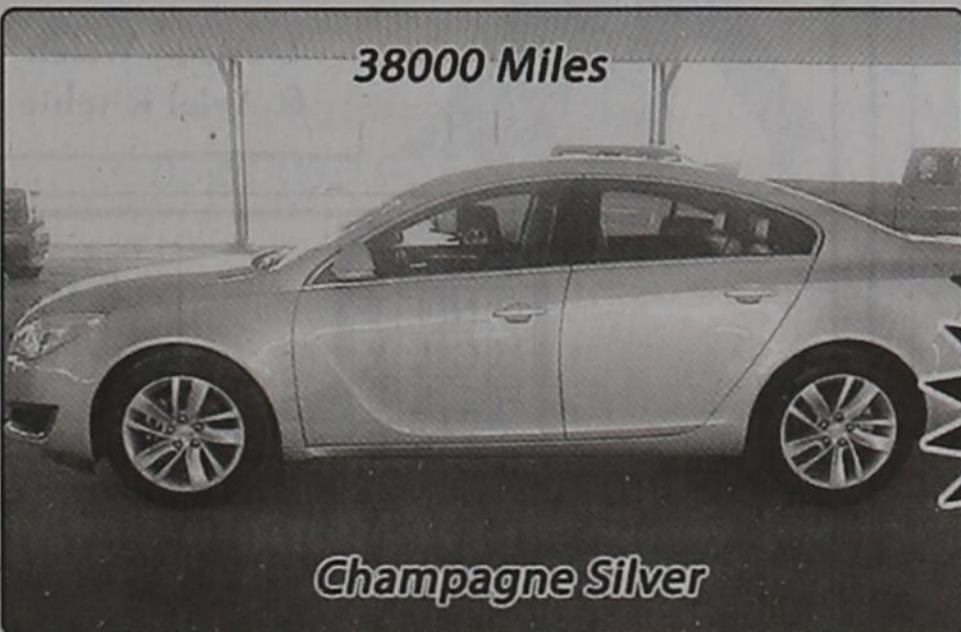
- oRequest a replacement Social Security or Medicare card
 - oApply for Social Security benefits
 - oGet your Social Security Statement
 - oAppeal a decision
 - oFind out if you qualify for benefits
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38th Annual Founders Day to benefit Kings Manor

The 38th annual King's Manor Founders Day barbecue, auction, and concert is set for 6:30 p.m. July 16 at the Hereford ISD administration building, featuring Las Vegas caliber entertainment from "Let's Hang On" and a plethora of auction items including a dream vacation package valued at \$6,000.

As ever, the event is all about food, fun, and fellowship but it is rooted in the cause of raising money for the Benevolence Fund at King's Manor that intercedes on behalf of residents who have outlived their means—so that they will not be turned out for lack of resources.

"Let's Hang On," pays tribute to the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons with a live band, vocalists, and two showgirls to complete the big band experience while performing such hits as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," and "Rag Doll." Samples of their performances can be viewed on YouTube.

Featured item of the auction is a dream vacation that could yield the bidder's choice of outings ranging from a cruise to Alaska, a trip to Hawaii, a family excursion to Disney World, or an all-inclusive jaunt to Cabo San Lucas.

Also prompting spirited bidding each year is a deluxe steak dinner for eight couples prepared and sumptuously served by grillmeisters Steve and Sha-

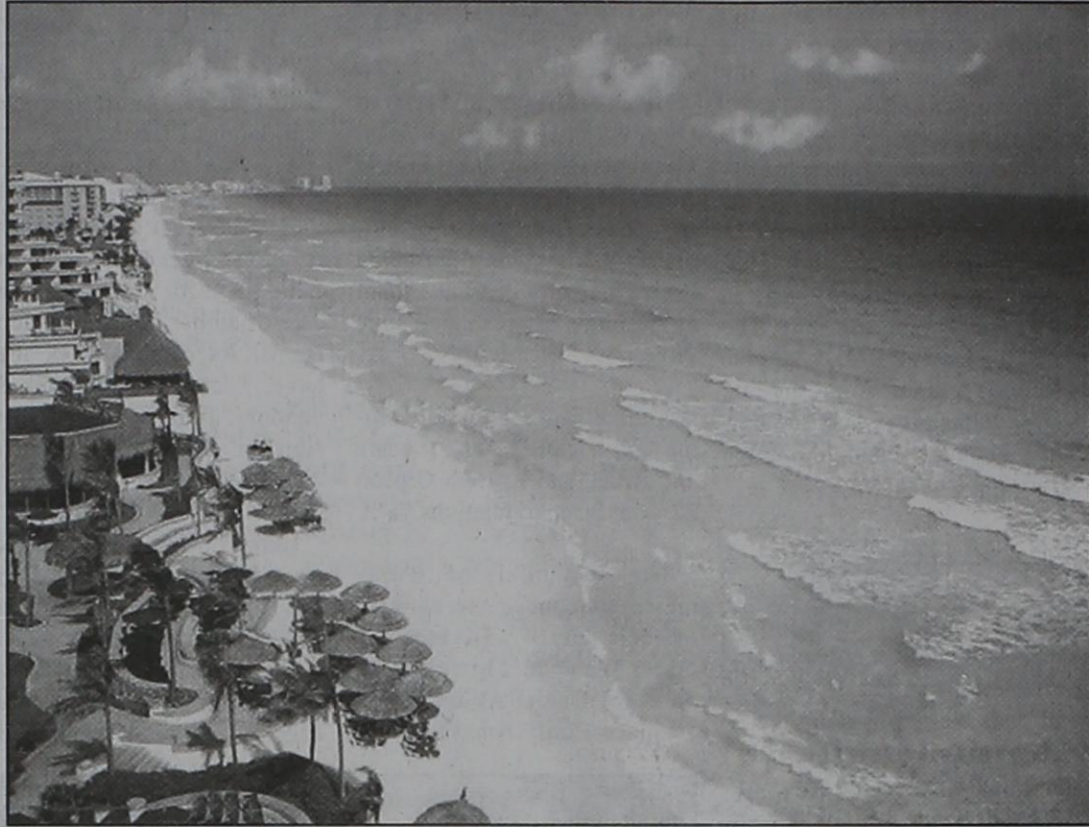
ron Hodges in their backyard.

Other auction offerings will include a sandbox for the kids custom built by Scott Wilcox, metal patio furniture, a family pass to a WTAMU sports event, a Zales diamond and

pearl drop, Mariana necklace and earrings, a Stihl chainsaw, and art by Kenneth Wyatt.

Admission tickets for the Founders Day Barbecue are \$30 each, and are available from the King's Manor busi-

ness office, 400 Ranger Drive in Hereford by calling 364-0661. Sponsorships ranging from \$250-\$5,000 are available for reserved seating. Tickets can be held at the door for purchasers.



VACATION BEACH—Featured auction item at the 38th annual King's Manor Founders Day event July 16 will be a dream vacation of your choice valued at \$6,000. Possibilities? How about an all-inclusive get-away amidst the white sand beaches and crystalline waters at Cabo San Lucas, a 7-day cruise to Alaska, or perhaps taking the kids to Disney World? The winning bid will make the dream a reality. Founders Day events start at 6:30 p.m. July 16 at the Hereford ISD Administration Building and tickets, priced at \$30 each, cover the barbecue dinner, live and silent auctions, and a live performance by the Frankie Valli tribute band "Let's Hang On." Tickets are available by calling King's Manor at 364-0661.



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Lacey and Jon Poage and their children Taytum and Gunner (Captain America) enjoyed the 3rd Annual Neighborhood parade on Monday morning.

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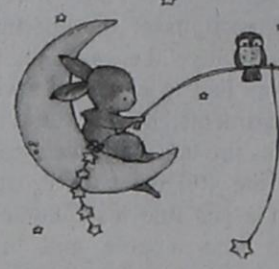
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Sad Scriptures

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What is the saddest scripture you can think of? Judges 21:25 or Matthew 7:21-23 come to mind, but so does Matthew 13:58.

What about your life? Could Matthew 13:58 be said about your relationship with the Lord? Do you look at Jesus with skepticism and doubt, instead of childlike faith and wonder?

Reflect God

By TEENA HUGHS

I had an experience reminding me that if we are going to proclaim we are Christians, and we love Jesus, our words and actions need to reflect it.

I was with a group of people who are all believers. Some go to church, some don't. I don't know how many study God's Word or have a relationship with Him.

Based on what I was seeing and hearing, I went to bed the first night thinking there was a desperate need for Jesus in our group. Before I went to sleep, I prayed for all of us, because at that point, I was also in desperate need of Jesus.

These are good people, so I was disappointed by some of the things I saw and heard. Upon reflection, I didn't hear any talk about Jesus and what He is doing in anyone's life, although comments were made about praying, going to church, loving the church, needing to change things at work so they could attend church more often, etc.

So, how do you say you are a believer, but you don't live your life like it: being focused on self, not others; not being completely fair and honest with others; saying you pray every day, but you can't talk about Jesus.

I honestly don't understand it, so I am not at peace with this yet. Somehow, some people have missed out on connecting their belief in, and love of, Jesus to their daily lives. Do they not realize that because you know and love Jesus you want to be like Him and serve Him?

Christians are being watched. May our actions and words always line up with those of Jesus, so that we don't disappoint others.

OBITUARIES

Roy Dwayne O'Brian



Roy Dwayne O'Brian, 73, of Friona, passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016 in Lubbock. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle officiating.

Roy was born April 30, 1943 in Floydada, Texas to Tom and Noreen O'Brian. His family moved to Friona where he remained a lifelong resident on the family farm. He married his sweetheart, Paula Phillips, in December 1963.

Roy is survived by his wife, Paula, of Friona; two daughters, Celia Mason and her husband Ray of Post and Sheila Higgins and her husband Daniel of Dim-

mitt; a sister, Barbara Mason of Friona; nine grandchildren, Keylin Merritt and his wife Yvette, Casey Merritt, Brandy Merritt, Wes Mason and his wife Desta, Ben Mason, Rabekah O'Brian, Alexis O'Brian, Drew Higgins and Kamber Higgins; and one great grandchild, Bailey Merritt.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Phillip Roy in 1964 and Edward Ross in 2013.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Friona, 404 W. 5th Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231.

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Betty Jo Sandlin Talley



Betty Jo Sandlin Talley, 93, of Friona, died Monday July 4, 2016 in Friona. Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2016 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Pastor Bobby Broughton, officiating.

Betty Jo was born in Enterprise, Oregon on December 25, 1922 to Nicholas Benjamin and Inez Carter Sandlin. She graduated from Enterprise High School and attended Eastern Oregon College for two years.

She married Joe Talley on October 25, 1942 at her parent's home at Enterprise. They moved to Parmer County, Texas November 1942 and began farming.

She loved to read and gave many book reviews for civic clubs and church groups. She had been a member of the Parmer Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary and delivered Meals on Wheels for ten years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for more than fifty years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and four brothers-Homa, Hubert, Melvin and Gerald.

Survivors include David Talley and daughter-in-law Marilyn of Albuquerque, N.M.; six nephews; and one niece.

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Panhandle Parables

Times, They Are A Changin' Or Are They?

By JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

There is a lot of changing going on around our landscape. The wind project is in full swing. The landscape looks different north of town. It has been impressive just watching that big stuff maneuver through town.

Televisions have become flatter, smarter and clearer. Every time I think about getting one, the next one is already in production. Phones well, I can't seem to catch up. I have a smart phone, but it has been reduced to checking the weather, a text or two and I even somehow took a picture of myself, which showed I was even changing in the age department.

The saying, however, "The more things change the more they stay the same," still seems to ring true. People still lose loved ones, and little ones are born every day. Some folks go hungry, while others leave some on their plate. Successes in life are realized and dashed. People struggle and find peace. God remains on His throne and people still need Him, whether realized or not yet.

Solomon said, "There is a time for everything," and that hasn't changed. There is something rewarding to pick up my Bible and read the same stories the early church read as they faced the very same things. They struggled with faithfulness and persecution. They struggled in their relationships. They lost loved ones and welcomed new family members. They sought salvation through Christ and so do we.

You may get upset with your smart phone, fed up with connected anything to some Bluetooth. Your relationships may take more work than you thought and life may lose its footing, but don't give up. In all those centuries of change, people still found the one constant that made the particular change in their life endurable. They found Jesus and that is enough. He is faithful to all generations and for that we can be eternally grateful. So let the wind blow where it may, and spin those turbines into light. Let the changes we face come for we will face them with Christ and that makes all the difference.

Watching right TV shows can help kids develop social skills

Researchers in mass media and autism education found young children who watch "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" learn empathy and other school readiness skills.

A child's first day of school can be scary. So can a visit to the doctor, trying something unfamiliar and meeting new people.

Daniel Tiger can help with that. In fact, with some assistance from parents, Daniel Tiger can help preschool children learn the social and emotional skills needed to be successful in kindergarten, which directly correlates with success later in life. And it starts with watching TV.

Two studies released by Texas Tech University researchers show watching the PBS KIDS show "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" from the Fred Rogers Company and the cartoon offspring of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," can help young children learn important so-

cial skills. One study focused on parental interaction among largely low-income preschoolers, while another looked at children with autism and whether simply watching the show was enough to change behavior.

The short answer to both is yes, Daniel Tiger helps children. But it's not that simple.

Eric Rasmussen, an assistant professor of public relations, and his co-authors from the College of Media & Communication and College of Human Sciences found children who watch "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" demonstrate greater empathy, recognized emotions better and felt more confident in social interactions than their peers who didn't watch the show, but only when their parents regularly discussed television content with them.

Essentially, the study showed watching programming designed to teach skills

can do so, but not in a vacuum.

"It's not enough to just plop your kid in front of the TV and hope they're going to develop these social and emotional skills," Rasmussen, the study's lead author, said. "There has to be a certain level of parental involvement in kids' TV viewing experiences."

They also found children don't respond equally to the show. Children younger than 4 years and children from low-income households were more likely to reap the benefits. The researchers theorized older children may already be learning those skills. The same is true for higher-income children, who have greater access to opportunities to develop social skills. Because "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" was designed for younger and low-income children, the findings made sense, he said.

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Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

June 28, 2016

Alex Espinoza, 30, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with a blue warrant (parole violation). Espinoza is awaiting transport.

Sergio Meza, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a failure to appear (resisting arrest). The case is pending in County Court.

July 1, 2016

Andrew Michalski, 19, of Farwell, was arrested by the Sheriff's office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG1 less than one gram. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

July 4, 2016

Victor Alvarado, Jr., 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of criminal mischief. The case is pending in County Court.

WTAMU research results signal potential for increased efficiency in beef industry

Scientists at West Texas A&M University confirmed recently that they have taken a step closer to achieving a cattleman's dream: a herd of cattle that consistently produces the highest quality beef, and more of it per animal.

In the beef industry, conventional wisdom holds that the quality of beef suffers as the yield—the amount of boneless, closely trimmed retail cuts—increases and vice versa. But the initial results of WTAMU's research involving cloned cattle demonstrate that it is possible to improve both simultaneously, which means higher value beef can be produced without wasteful trim fat.

"This outcome indicates that the antagonistic relationship between beef carcass quality and yield can be overcome by crossing rarely occurring animals," said Dr. Ty Lawrence, professor of meat science and lead researcher on the project.

In 2012, WTAMU successfully cloned a bull, which they named Alpha, from the carcass of a steer that graded Prime, Yield Grade 1—the best combination of quality grade and yield grade in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's beef evaluation system. Such a rating is only achieved by about .03 percent of all beef carcasses. Three heifers—Gammas 1, 2 and 3—were cloned from another Prime, Yield Grade 1 carcass.

While not clones themselves, the 13 calves of Alpha and the Gammas were the first bovine offspring ever produced from two cloned carcasses. Last month, seven of them were harvested. The seven steer carcasses were evaluated by a third-party USDA beef-grading supervisor and graded significantly above the industry average. One of the seven achieved the Prime grade, three graded High Choice, and three were Average Choice. The industry average is Low Choice. Industry-wide, less than 5 percent of all beef—fewer than one in 20 carcasses—grades Prime.

"As someone who has been following this project closely, I

am extremely excited by these results, which have the potential to revolutionize the beef industry," said Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp. "I'd like to offer the research team at WTAMU, as well as their industry partners, my congratulations. The Texas A&M System is committed to conducting cutting edge research with practical applications, and their work is a fine example of our philosophy in action."

All seven of WTAMU's steers produced a yield grade of 1 or 2. The industry average is a 3. Compared to the average animal reported in the 2011 National Beef Quality Audit, the offspring of Alpha and the Gammas have 16 percent less trim fat, 9 percent more ribeye and 45 percent more marbling.

"By finding, cloning, and crossing these rare genetics, we have demonstrated the ability to create exactly what the market desires: high quality taste fat without unnecessary waste fat," Lawrence said.

These findings have been five years in the making and the ongoing project has included numerous partners. WTAMU teamed up with ViaGen, a private company now based in Cedar Park, to develop the initial clones for the purposes of breeding them.

"A goal of WTAMU is to support research that has a significant, positive impact on the economy of the State of Texas and specifically on the well-being of the agricultural sector of the Texas economy," said WTAMU President J. Patrick O'Brien. "Through the public-private partnership of University faculty and members of the private sector working on this cloning project, I believe we have advanced our goal and created something really special for the benefit of the cattle industry and for the average consumer."

Collaborating with their industry partners, animal scientists from WTAMU were careful to raise the offspring of the clones in the same way that cattle would normally be produced for com-

mercial meat production. "The calves were raised by their mothers while grazing our native pastures, in the herd with our other commercial cattle," said David Lust, a research team member and associate professor of animal science. "They were weaned at a normal time and then fed at the WTAMU Research Feedlot for 185 days on a typical feedlot diet. They have been treated just like commercial cattle throughout the industry."

The research team is encouraged that the data thus far points toward a new way to improve beef production efficiency.

"I think the biggest innovations will be the intersection of technology and biology," said Dr. Gregg Veneklasen, a research team member and veterinarian at Timber Creek Veterinary Clinic. "West Texas A&M University will be at the forefront of this cutting edge technology, and our students will be the ones who benefit."

Following these initial results, the team plans to conduct a commercial scale trial with future Alpha-Gamma calves that are cattle bred, born, raised, fed and harvested outside the controlled University research environment. Additional trials will also proceed with Alpha alone—they want to know how he compares to top sires of multiple breeds selected through traditional ways. They also plan to continue to find and clone exceptional carcasses.

"This project is an example of a public-private partnership that produced great results," said Dr. Dean Hawkins, research team member and dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences. "West Texas A&M University is thankful to Blake Russell and the team at ViaGen, Dr. Gregg Veneklasen at Timber Creek Veterinary Clinic, Jason Abraham at Mendota Ranch and many others who propelled this idea to fruition."

"We anticipate this to be the beginning of a long relationship of positive research outcomes," he said.



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The City Council of the City of Friona will hold a public hearing on the Consumer Confidence Report 2015 at 6:30 PM, Monday, July 11, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona. Everyone is invited to attend to voice comments and ask questions regarding the drinking water quality report that was mailed to all water customers in the City of Friona.

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Saturday, July 16
Burgers go on sale at 11:30 a.m.

Xcel Energy offers tips to stay cool and lower summer bills

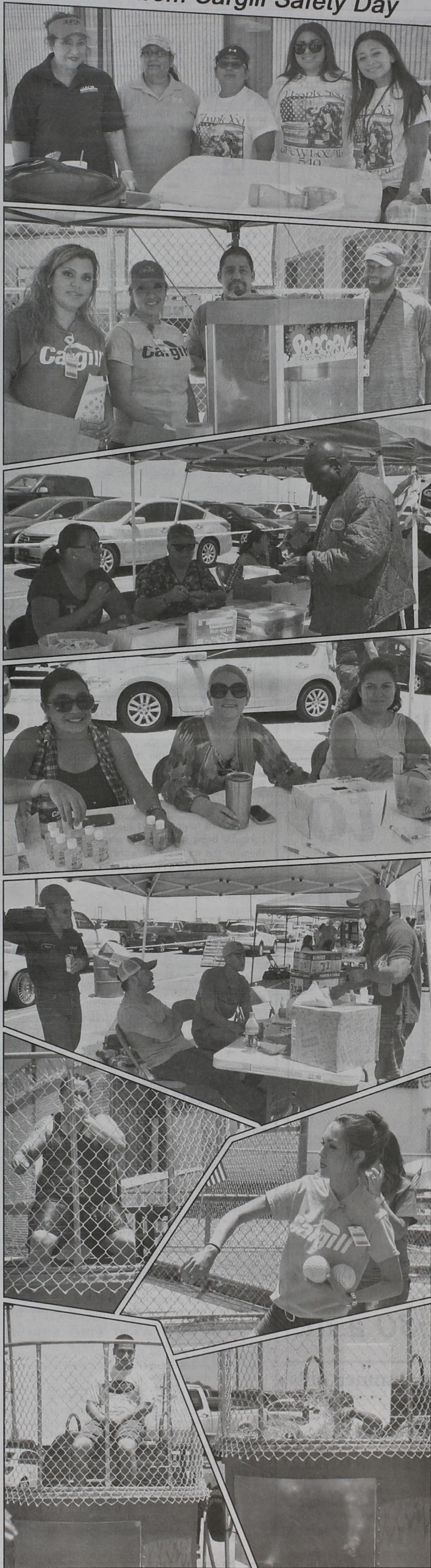
Summer on the southern plains calls up images of bright sunny days and pleasant evenings, and air conditioning completes that pretty picture for many Xcel Energy customers in New Mexico and Texas. Home cooling can account for half or more of a summertime electric bill, and the best way customers can keep that bill from climbing too high is to practice some basic conserva-

tion and efficiency habits that help us maintain household comfort without stressing our budgets. Xcel Energy offers tips for saving money and energy at its website, www.xcelenergy.com. Among the simplest of the energy-saving measures are:
•Raise the thermostat setting from 72 to 78 degrees, providing a savings of up to \$100 over the course of the summer.
•Turn off unnecessary light-

ing and replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs or LEDs, which use 75 percent less energy than traditional bulbs and last longer.
•Run washing machines, dishwashers and clothes dryers with full loads after the heat of the day.
•Change air conditioning filters.
•Use ceiling fans to help cool

the home.
•Use a whole-house or attic fan to draw in cool nighttime air and push out hot air during the day.
Xcel Energy also offers incentives and rebate programs to make homes and businesses more efficient. Information on these programs can be found at www.xcelenergy.com by selecting the "Programs & Rebates" link at the top of the homepage.

Scenes from Cargill Safety Day



Sorghum Checkoff launches first consumer brand

The Sorghum Checkoff announced today the first consumer-facing brand, Sorghum Natures Super Grain™, and the launch of SimplySorghum.com.

"Whole grains are becoming increasingly popular," said Doug Bice, Sorghum Checkoff marketing director. "Nearly two-thirds of consumers are making at least half their grains whole, which is great news for sorghum. These new branding efforts are imperative to help support the expanding sorghum consumer marketplace, and American farmers are eager to meet that growing demand."

The goal of the Sorghum Checkoff consumer branding efforts is to educate consumers about the wholesome goodness of sorghum and the endless possibilities it has to offer in a healthy diet.

Jennifer Blackburn, Sorghum Checkoff external affairs director, said the new logo and tagline were created to help showcase sorghum's capabilities as a whole grain. The tagline highlights sorghum's health, versatility and

sustainable attributes.

Serving as the premier source of information for consumers, and food and health professionals, Blackburn said SimplySorghum.com will share information as it relates to what sorghum is and how it can be used. Key features of the website include a sorghum cooking-directions library, recipe catalog, nutritional information, and a list of chefs and restaurants using sorghum.

"SimplySorghum.com and the consumer logo are integral components of the Sorghum Checkoff's consumer-facing brand," Blackburn said. "We are excited about the new website, the first sorghum consumer website of its kind, and the robust information and opportunities it provides users."

Blackburn said new consumer branding efforts and the website not only help enhance consumer awareness of sorghum's healthy characteristics, it also helps consumers close the missing gaps by giving them a place to locate sorghum brands and take action to request products containing

sorghum in their local grocery stores.

Developed using modern-web technology, the website features clean, bold-imagery, rich content and was designed to provide a user-friendly experience. Plus, the website is mobile friendly, so recipes, cooking tips and more can be accessed anywhere users go.

"Just a year ago, establishing a consumer brand was only an idea – a big idea," Blackburn said. "The launch of this new consumer site and logo further amplifies the strides we have made as an industry. Our hope is that these efforts will help move the needle and make the connections that lead to more sorghum on more consumers' plates, that in turn will help increase demand for the farmer."

The Sorghum Checkoff's new consumer website will be updated regularly with recipes, cooking tips, new sorghum products, restaurants using sorghum and more. Visitors can explore the website and sign up for the consumer newsletter at SimplySorghum.com.

Pre-plant wheat meeting set Aug. 12 in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Potter County will host a Pre-Plant Wheat Meeting Aug. 12 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo.

"This meeting will offer timely, research-based information to aid producers with informed decisions and profitability," said Austin Voyles, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County.

The meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. There will be a \$10 fee, and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Aug. 5 to Voyles at 806-373-0713.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – two general and one integrated pest management – will be offered.

Lunch will be provided by the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association. The guest speaker will be Steele Fischbacher, director of

policy and marketing, who will provide a wheat industry update.

Speakers and topics will include:

– Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station, Market Outlook Update.

– Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state agronomist in College Station, Uniform Variety Trial Update.

– Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo, Land Leasing Option.

– Rachael Myers, Myers Crop Insurance Agency, Insurance Decision.

– Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist in Amarillo, Wheat Disease Strategies.

– Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo, Grazing Versus Grain Economics.

For more information, contact Voyles at Austin.voyles@ag.tamu.edu.

AgriLife Extension law specialist:

Agricultural leases need to be in writing

By Kay Ledbetter

Get it in writing. That may be the single most important message conveyed at a series of Rancher Leasing Workshops, which culminated in Amarillo recently, according to presenters.

The workshops were hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Oklahoma State University and the National Agricultural Law Center. Other workshops were in Fort Worth, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The project was funded by the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center.

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist in Amarillo, said regardless if you have known the person all your life or are just meeting them, a written lease clarifies things.

"You never know what might happen between two folks with an oral lease, even if they are family or the best of friends," she said. "Lease agreements certainly do not have to be lengthy and complex, but there are some terms you need to include to protect both sides."

Dowell Lashmet said writing things down can also remind both parties of issues or situations they need to agree on before they shake on the deal. Some she pointed out include:

– Forum clause – "If you have a tenant who doesn't live in your area, you are identifying where you want any legal forum to be if there becomes an issue that requires court action."

– Dispute resolution clause – "Suing people is expensive; consider a method of avoiding court and settling the case beforehand through mediation or arbitration. These are two very different things – mediation has a third party involved and if both parties agree to settle, it's written up and everyone goes home, or if they

don't, they go to court. But in arbitration, the arbitrator hears both sides of the case and then the arbitrator picks a winner and you are done. Generally you can't go to court after that. Make sure you know what you are agreeing to."

– Attorney fee provision – "If you clarify that in a court situation the prevailing party can recover attorney fees, you can pursue that, otherwise each are on their own."

– Setting a stocking rate – "If you lease me 300 acres and don't tell me how many cattle I can put on it, I will likely put everything I own on that land. The landowner wants this term, the tenant probably does not. Also be very clear on size, weight or animal units allowed. Be aware that this number may need to change based on drought or wildfire."

– Term of lease and cancellation – "There are two typical lease types when dealing with grazing leases – tenancy for term or periodic tenancy. Term has a start and end date, that's it. Periodic has a start and end date that renews itself unless one party gives written notice. Make notice of cancellation be in writing. Set a time when the notice is due."

– What may be done on the property? "If limitations are not included on the lease, they don't exist. Put it in the lease if you want it clarified. Can kids ride four-wheelers? Can anyone hunt or is it for grazing purposes only? Do they have access to corrals or just pasture? Spell out who has hunting rights or you will have a tense situation in November when deer season opens."

– Maintenance of fixed assets – "Who has to maintain things? Who has to pay for it? You can do whatever you want, but spell it out in the lease. Fences are a big deal. Who is required to maintain those fences and make sure periodic inspections are

done?"

In the area of hunting lease pointers, she said to require everyone to sign a lease and waiver.

"You want them bound by the terms of the lease, so if they breach one of those terms, you can sue for breach of contract," Dowell Lashmet said. "But if they didn't sign a lease, no contract exists for a claim to be based upon. A landowner might consider requiring that no parties beyond the lease may be brought onto the land without written permission from the landowner."

"Consider whether you will allow hunters to bring and utilize tree stands and deer blinds," she said. "From a liability standpoint, landowners may want to consider not providing these, due to the number of injuries occurring each year related to tree stands and deer blinds."

"You might also want to clarify what weapons and vehicles can be used on the property. Make sure you read your insurance policy and make sure it provides coverage for injuries to people who are paying money for hunting."

She said it also doesn't hurt to include in the lease a statement that lessee is required to follow all state and federal laws or the lease will terminate.

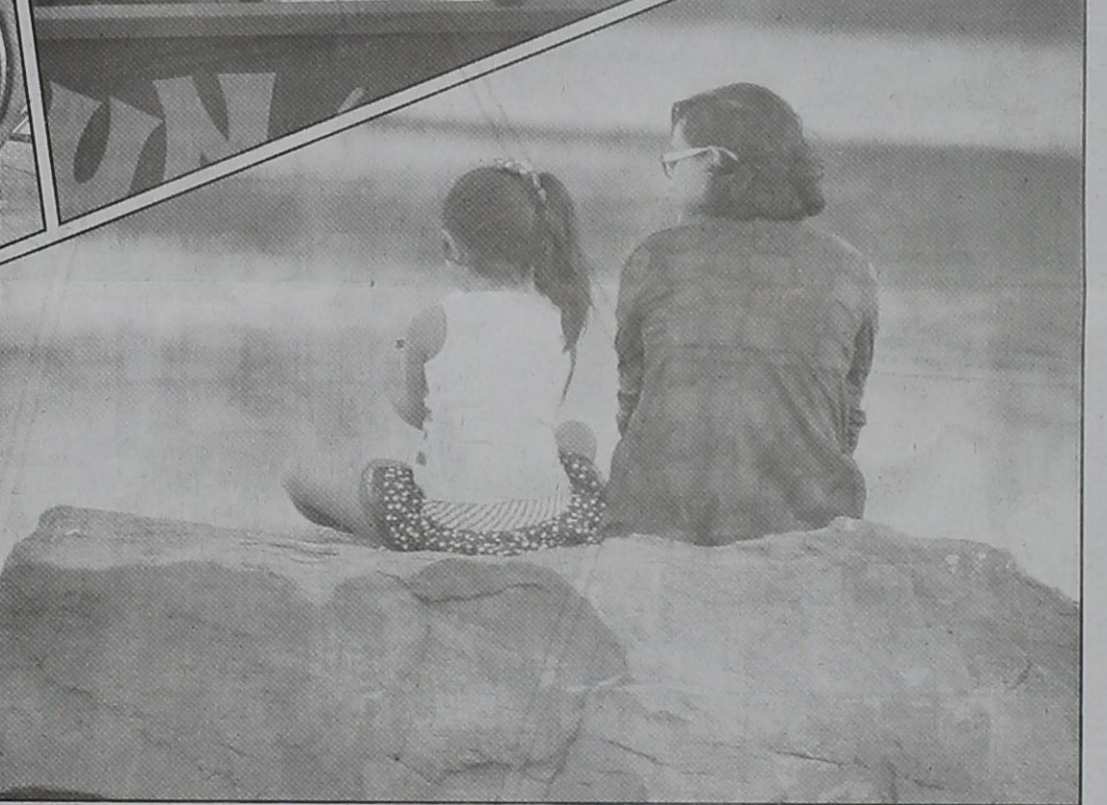
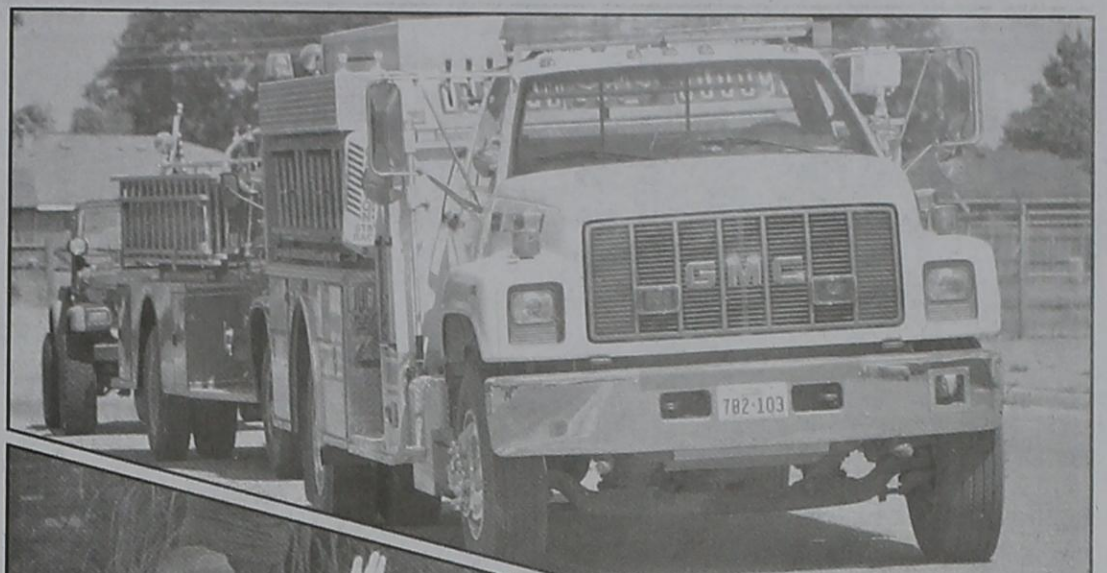
Describe leased property and limitations, Dowell Lashmet said. Consider including a map clearly showing leased land and any important areas. Delineate where they should enter the property and whether anybody else is going to have rights. Consider requiring a security deposit in case there is damage.

"Leasing land can be beneficial for both landowner and tenants alike," she said. "Both parties can benefit from developing written lease agreements to protect their rights in this scenario."



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