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July 4 and Cheeseburger Festival plans finalized

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture met in regular session Thursday, June 1, 2006 at the Chamber office.

On the agenda were plans for the Friona 4th of July celebration and the Cheeseburger Festival slated for Saturday, July 15.

For the 4th of July the Chamber members will have water and soft drinks for sale in the park before the fireworks display at Chieftain Field. The Lions Club will be on hand with their delicious hamburgers and fries as well as ice cream by the Friona Fire Department. Other activities planned are the kiddie train rides, horseshoe pitching and water polo. Any other organizations that would like to join the 4th of July festivities contact the Chamber at 250-3491.

The 1st Annual Cheeseburger Festival will be held in the Friona City Park starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning with the meat pick up for the contestants. Cargill Meat Solutions has donated 500 lbs. of ground beef.

At 9 a.m. a food safety seminar will be conducted to instruct the entrants on safe handling of the cheeseburgers. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the public will be allowed to purchase burgers at 1:30 p.m.

The first place cheeseburger

will be awarded \$500, second place \$300, and third place \$100. A people's choice award will be given to the cheeseburger with the most votes.

Other activities planned are the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo with Pokey the Clown, sponsored by Stevens 5-Star Car & Truck Center of Hereford. The rodeo will start around 2 p.m. Contact the chamber for more information of forming teams and the registration fee.

The fire department will be providing homemade ice cream with the dairy products provided by the Panhandle Dairy Women.

A motorcycle show is planned during the festival to benefit the Clovis Food Bank. Bring peanut butter and cereal to help the worthy charity.

The portable dairy will be in the park giving demonstrations.

Various games and booths will be scattered around the park.

If your organization would like to participate in the festival contact the Chamber or any Chamber Board member.

The members of the chamber for 2006 are Danny Campbell, Kenny Austin, Cindy Butman, J.B. Douglas, Lance Gatlin, Dana Jameson, Steve Patterson, Patricia Phipps, Charlie Pope, Suzanne Reese and Varla Wilcox.



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Chuckwagon Ministry. We are not sure if cowboy chuckwagons carried Quaker Oats and Folger's Coffee but Ken Brnum's does. Ken brought his chuckwagon from Hereford and was on hand May 18 at city park to participate in the museum's living history day. He served brisket and potatoes to over 300 people by donation only and gave the money to the museum. More living history day pictures on page 5.

Horseshoes, volleyball at Bovina's July 4 fest

Among the activities scheduled during Bovina's July 4 celebration will be a horseshoe tournament and a volleyball tournament.

The horseshoe tournament will be a doubles tournament with an entry fee of \$10. It is a double elimination. There will be an adult bracket and a children's division for 5-12 year-olds. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners.

You can mail an entry to P.O. Box 105, Bovina, 79009, or call Lisa Villarreal at 806-584-5876.

The volleyball competition will be a six player tournament, 8 persons on the roster. It will begin at 11 a.m. at Bovina City Park. They are only accepting the first 10 entries. There is no age limit and all teams will play in the adult bracket. The entry fee is \$80.

Send your team name, contact person, and phone number to the Bovina Chamber P.O. Box 418, Bovina, 79009 or call Deanna Curtis at 505-693-3984. Prizes will be given to the top three teams.

The Bovina Chamber is asking that entries to the horseshoe and volleyball tournaments be received by June 30.

Xcel Energy seeks rate increase

Electric service company Xcel Energy is proposing a rate increase in Texas to offset the higher cost of doing business. A press release from Xcel stated it would be the first rate increase since 1986.

The overall rate increase would raise Xcel revenue by \$47.1 million which is 6-percent. The residential rate would rise by 7.4 percent, or \$5.18 more per month for an average household using 800 kilowatt-hours (kWh). Other rate classes would see different percentage increases but the overall increase for all customer classes is 6-percent.

The proposals were filed last week with the 81 municipalities that Xcel Energy serves and

with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. If approved, new base rates could take effect in July. The press release states that consumer prices over the past 20 years have risen almost 80-percent even as Xcel Energy lowered base rates twice during that period.

Southwestern Public Service Company CEO Gary Gibson said, "We have worked hard to keep prices down, in spite of inflation, because our low costs are a chief economic driver in this region. In order to fund capital improvements we must take a step toward offsetting increased costs and focus on the needs of a growing customer base."

Electric usage in the Texas

and New Mexico territory Xcel Energy serves has risen by more than 50-percent since 1986, Gibson pointed out, and the company must keep up with this growth by investing in power generation, transmission capacity, and a host of other system-wide improvements.

Xcel Energy will continue to work with customers who need extra time in paying bills and will also continue working with area nonprofit agencies in finding assistance for customers

who cannot pay their bills. Customers who need assistance in paying their bills or who need payment arrangements should contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

As an aside, Bill Crenshaw, longtime Xcel Energy Media Relations spokesman has retired from the company. Wes Reeves, who was already with the company, was promoted and has taken Crenshaw's place.

Wheat co-op members meet

Wheat producer members of the Friona Wheat Growers co-op met Tuesday for their 72nd annual stockholders meeting.

Over 150 members and their families gathered at the junior high cafeteria for a meal catered by Desperadoes, a short

business meeting, and door prizes.

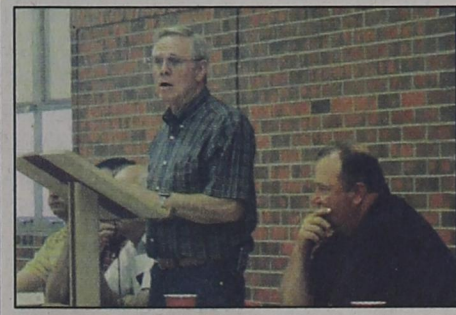
Board president and director Davy Carthel welcomed

the audience. Randy Kaufman, CPA, of the firm of Lewis, Kaufman, & Co., P.C., in Plainview gave a brief summary of the co-op's annual audit report. He announced the co-op would pay a 15-cents per hundredweight dividend to producers that brought grain to the elevator last year.

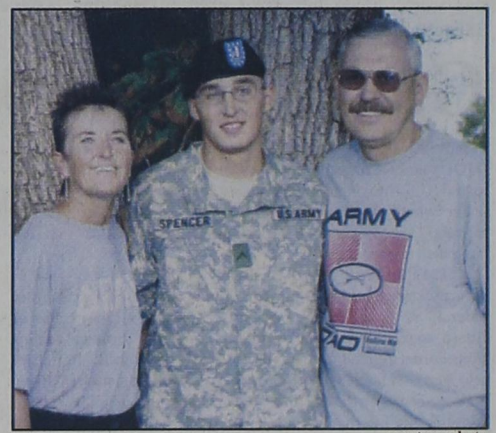
Friona Wheat Growers manager Ron Smiley told members that last year's wheat crop was a record for the elevators as they handled 2 1/2 million bushels. He also classified the milo crop as good and asked producers to plant grain. This year's crop, he said, will not be a record because of the drought that has a grip on the area.

Smiley reported that the elevators are in good mechanical shape. He said the main question people ask him is whether the price of wheat is going up. "I don't know," he told them. "It should go up but we can't predict for sure."

One new director was elected. The term of Larry Don Rush expired and he chose not to run again. Members voted Stan Fury of the Rhea area as the new director to fill the post. Other directors are Carthel, Jason Wright, Von Edelman, and Owen Drake. Smiley is the manager and Dean Sasser is assistant manager.



ron carr photos
Above, Desperadoes brought the BBQ and co-op members brought the appetites to Friona Wheat Growers' annual meeting. Left, manager Ron Smiley and board president Davy Carthel report to the membership.



courtesy photo

U. S. Army Pfc. Logan Spencer with his parents Cathy and Raymond Spencer on a recent visit before deploying to Iraq.

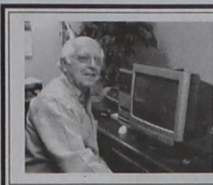
Local soldier injured in Iraq IED explosion

U. S. Army Pfc. and 2001 Friona High school graduate Logan Spencer was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded near the Humvee he was traveling in as a gunner near Baghdad last Friday. His parents are Cathy and Raymond Spencer.

Cathy said she received a call about 4 p.m. last Thursday from a stateside Army officer about the mishap. Iraq is nine hours ahead of our time. Logan and his crew were on a routine patrol. They were the first Humvee in the convoy. The blast almost severed Logan's right hand ring finger and caused two lacerations to his neck area. The dangling finger was reattached and it took 15 stitches for his neck injuries.

The Humvee driver was from Tyler, Texas, and also suffered a shoulder injury. The driver and Logan were friends and roommates and were sent together to a military hospital in Germany and will return to the U. S., probably Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, on Thursday or Friday this week, Cathy Spencer said.

Cathy said she and Raymond had talked to Logan and had also received a phone call from his 1st Sergeant in Iraq. She was told it would take six months to a year of recovery and rehab time for him. Logan was in Friona in April for a family visit and had returned to Iraq on May 7.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

salad days

My Random House Webster's dictionary defines salad as a cold dish of raw vegetables, such as lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers, served with a dressing, and sometimes meat or cheese, etc. added. Bell peppers and carrot shavings come to mind. And croutons. Even radishes.

Out here in beef country it is pretty hard to escape hamburgers, steaks, and barbecue. On occasion I jump off the hamburger train and put myself on a salad diet. I have no illusions of getting skinny eating lettuce, I just need a break from the heavy food.

The problem is salads seem to be more about meat than salad these days. You can get a restaurant version of salad with almost any meat topping: crispy or grilled chicken, fajita meat, taco beef, shrimp, tuna or catfish. Young folks look at you funny if you order salad with no meat.

There is fruit salad of course which is not a salad according to the dictionary. Almost anything can be a salad if you put it on a bed of lettuce. Here is a message I would like to get across: lettuce by itself is not a salad. It is just lettuce.

If restaurants are going to sell me lettuce they should call it 'a bowl of lettuce' on the menu, not salad. "Would you like a small bowl of lettuce with that, sir?" At the very least, a salad should have lettuce and tomatoes. And I want green leafy fresh lettuce. Doesn't matter to me if it is iceberg, romaine, or spinach, I want it to be green and fresh. If I wanted crispy chicken, I would order crispy chicken.

Salad bars are not really salad bars. Yes, they have salad ingredients but they also put a bunch of non-salad or related items out too. The big salad wagon at K-Bob's in Hereford doesn't even include tomatoes. Or at least it didn't the last time I was there. And the lettuce on most salad bars I have been to is more light green to yellow than green.

There are a whole bunch of things that are not salads. Jello and boiled eggs are not salads even though they are in the salad section at most cafeterias. I was in Wichita Falls last weekend. My daughter Megan and I had lunch at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in the mall. I was going to get a salad but they didn't have one.

The lady with the white uniform and hairnet said, "Can I help you sir?"

"I'd like a salad please."

"What kind?" she said.

Spread out before me were bowls of cottage cheese, Jello, chunks of fruit, a bowl of sliced tomatoes, and a really big bowl whose main ingredient appeared to be yellow hominy. They did not have a bowl with lettuce and tomatoes except for two pre-wrapped bowls with chicken on top. "That is not salad," I said. She ignored me and shouted at the next person in line. I opted for a bowl of watermelon.

Chili's or Cotton Patch in Clovis serve a real salad. Zoo Kini's in Amarillo has a 50-foot long salad bar with bowls of spinach and romaine lettuce. You can construct your own version of salad. They offer every salad ingredient known to man.

Making salad is not an art form. Anyone can do it. Even me. I have salads at home. I even buy those bag salads, mostly Caesar, that come in a neat package with croutons, parmesan cheese, and dressing included. I like bleu cheese dressing too. Chunky or smooth, I don't care. Salad is a good bach-

elor meal, especially when the bachelor is lazy like me.

On Wednesdays we order in lunch here at the Star office. It has become a tradition. Since we finalize the paper on Wednesdays we eat in the office to save time. This week we are trying out the new El Monterrey Restaurant that has opened. It is in the red building next to the former Headquarters Restaurant out on west highway 60.

The young man's name is Beltran, I believe. His dad operated the El Monterrey in Hereford for years and the son is now in Friona. In addition to Mexican food, he sells burgers and salads. I'm ordering a burger for lunch plus a Roger salad.

I have no idea what a Roger salad is so I'm investing \$2.25 to find out. This is yet another step in my continuing journey to find the perfect burger and salad. I'll give you my rating later.

In the meantime, stay cool and enjoy these salad days of summer. Have a salad.

p.s. If you find your own version of the perfect salad, let me know where.

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 Thank you,
 Lois Strickland

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These boys could have a baseball career in their future. They were attending the Chieftain baseball camp this week. From left are Christian Huckins, Estevan Rocha, Brandon Countiss, Trent Hickman, Josh Barnett, Tyler Hough, John David Haile, Daniel Pena, and Jacob Dickson.

Guard troops on Texas border

Gov. Rick Perry signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing the deployment of National Guard Troops to the U.S.-Mexico border as part of Operation Jump Start, under which the troops will support federal border security officers. The Governors of Arizona, California and New Mexico have also signed the MOU.

"The National Guard is already a part of Texas' border security strategy, Operation Rio Grande, which brings together federal, state and local law enforcement and the National Guard to conduct joint operations to better protect Texans from border-related crime and violence," Perry said. In February, Perry launched Operation Rio Grande, a comprehensive border security strategy that gives the state a leading role in coordinating intelligence and law enforcement assets within an 80,000 square mile region.

National Guard troops operating in Texas as part of Operation Jump Start will remain under Perry's command, although the federal government will cover the cost of the mission. Troop activities may include detection and monitoring, engineering, transportation, logistics, vehicle dismantling, analysis, road building and language support. The temporary deployment is expected to be phased out as new Border Patrol agents are hired.

Operation Jump Start planners immediately will be dispatched

to the border to lay the groundwork for the full deployment of guard troops. About 2,300 Texas guardsmen and airmen are expected to be involved, although troop levels and deployment details are still being finalized.

"The Texas-Mexico border is becoming an increasingly dangerous and violent place for peace officers and the citizens they protect. We are pleased that we will soon have more resources and personnel to address the border threat," Perry said. "However, we will continue to urge Congress to meet its long term responsibility, and provide the manpower and resources to secure our border."

The Department of Homeland Security announced this week that it has cut homeland security funding for Texas - the state with the longest international border - by 31 percent from last year. Perry said this funding disparity, combined with continued federal inaction "jeopardizes our security and reinforces my belief that Texas must never wait for Washington to act."

On Thursday, Perry announced Texas will soon provide additional funding for local law enforcement along the border, seek a long-term financial commitment from the Texas Legislature to support ongoing border security operations, and create a virtual border watch program.

A copy of the MOU is available at www.governor.state.tx.us.

Tumbleweed Smith

Audie Murphy: War hero and movie star

Audie Murphy was born in 1924 at Kingston in Hunt County. He was one of twelve children in a poor family. He perfected his aim by shooting squirrels and other game for family meals.

"I know of two times the family was so poor they lived in a boxcar with no running water and no electricity," says Adrien Witkofsky, Executive Director of the Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum in Greenville.

She says when World War Two broke out, Audie tried to join the Marines, but they turned him down.

"I think in not so many words they told him to come back when he grew up. He was only five feet seven inches and weighed just 130 pounds, but he wanted to serve his country. The Army gave him that chance."

He took part in the campaigns for Sicily and Italy and was in the first wave of the invasion of southern France. Audie Murphy's heroic efforts made him the most decorated soldier

in World War Two. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he earned every combat decoration the Army offered.



"He saved many, many lives. He was overseas about three years and was wounded several times. Some of those wounds he carried with him the rest of his life. Some of them caused him severe discomfort."

When he got out of the Army, Audie went to Hollywood.

"He was in forty-four films, a lot of them westerns. He wrote a book, TO HELL AND BACK, which was turned into a movie, and he played himself.

From doing some research, I found out he was not the first choice for the role. After interviewing several more applicants, the casting people agreed he should play himself. The movie

told about his exploits in combat, losing his best friend and getting wounded."

Audie attended school to the 5th grade in the community of Celeste, but didn't get much more formal education. That didn't keep him from accomplishing a lot. He wrote poetry and country songs. He's in the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Roy Clark, Teresa Brewer and many well-known people sang his songs.

Audie Murphy died at the age of forty-six when a plane taking him on a business trip crashed into a Virginia mountain.

The Audie Murphy Museum honors Veterans with a special ceremony the middle of June every year. This year it takes place on June 16 and 17. The museum has a life-size statue of Audie in front of the museum. He is in full battle dress carrying a German weapon. Adrien says he ran out of bullets and had to use a German gun he picked up in the heat of battle.

Around Town

To get your area events published, call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wrt.net

Prairie Acres seeks recipes and chapel

Prairie Acres will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in August 2006 and to commemorate this special occasion the Activity Department is gathering recipes from residents, friends and family that live or have lived at Prairie Acres. Please share your favorite recipes by contacting the Activity Department, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas 79035 or fax to 806-250-2131 or come by and drop them off at our office.

Prairie Acres would like to transform a room into a chapel for family members, friends and staff and they need your help. If you are interested in donating funds or new furnishings to this project please contact Elizabeth Romero or Sabra Patterson at 806-250-3922.

Attention: Firework donations needed

Fireworks donations are needed to make this year's Independence Day celebration the best ever. If you would like to donate contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce at 250-3491 or mail your donation in any amount to: Friona Chamber of Commerce, 621 Main, Friona, Texas 79035.

Chieftain Basketball Camp June 12-15

Friona High School Coach Ky Graham would like to invite everyone in grades 3-9 to participate in the 2006 Chieftain Basketball Camp, June 12-15. Grades 3-6 will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the cost is \$25



per child. Grades 7-9 will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the cost is \$35 per child. Free t-shirts and prizes for contests will be given. Contact Coach Ky Graham to register. Forms need to be returned by June 9 to Friona High School or 1603 W. 7th. For more information call 250-3862 or 250-3452.

Summer readers invited to exercise

The Friona Public Library has joined the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in their 50th anniversary year and as part of our Centennial Year activities. The library is inviting all the summer readers, including adults, to participate in including exercise in their daily activities. If you would like to participate in this program, please call the Library at 250-3200.



TDH immunization June schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for June 2006 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be Monday, June 12, in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The clinic in Friona will be Friday, June 16, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Christian Women to meet Jun 13

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. The program will be presented by Rusty Peace on the Life Gift Program. This program is on organ and tissue donation. All ladies are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Hereford Citywide garage sale Jun 17

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held June 17. Maps and sale lists will be available from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chamber office the day of the sale.

Breast Cancer Clinic June 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital at 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona, Texas on June 19, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday, June 1, with 15 members and club sweetheart Breann Barnett present. Boss Lion Clint Mears advised that Lion Cecil Maddox was scheduled for cataract surgery soon. Members viewed a short DVD presentation on the Panama Canal and a discussion followed.

Thanks to Lupe Paiz Taylor and her crew for the nice chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and strawberries and Cool Whip lunch.

The Lions cooking crew hauled out the mobile cooking oil trailer and cooked french fries for the Farm Bureau's salute to area firemen. Farm Bureau provided a steak and french fry cookout for all Parmer County volunteer firemen Thursday June 1 at the Friona fire station.

Lions Club members will put out the American flags around town on June 14 (Flag Day) and July 4. We will also be set up at city park July 4 with burgers, fries, and perhaps funnel cakes to join the local July 4 celebration.

Boss Lion Clint Mears has done a fine job as club president this past year. Hats off and thanks Clint. The new club president, Boss Lion John Gurley, will take over July 1 and no doubt will lead us to another successful year. Thanks to all of you that support our Lions Club projects.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday night, June 22. It will be our annual Ladies Night and a joint meeting of the Noon and Evening Lions. The meeting will be at the Senior Citizen Friendship House at 7 p.m. for Lions members and their ladies. The meal will be fajitas.

We can always use new Lions members. For info contact Ron Carr, Clint Mears, or any Lions Club member.



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Farm Bureau board member Kevin Welch, left, and Lions Ricky Barnett, Robert Jones, and Fred Cook, were at work serving up baskets of fries for the area volunteer firemen. Farm Bureau provided a steak dinner to show appreciation to our area volunteer firefighters for their service to the community.

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FlashBacks

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Big BBQ set Friday

Bull Town Days celebration scheduled in Bovina this week

Sufficient boneless beef round—enough for 2000 hungry Bull Town Days visitors—will go on the grills at 1 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) in preparation for the focal point of the four-day community celebration at 6 p.m. Friday.

Everyone is invited to "come to supper" in Bovina at that time with about 2,000 people expected to accept the invitation.

The meal will be served on the town's Main Street with four serving lines set up to move the people through in a minimum of time.

Some 1600 pounds of barbecue meat has been purchased through Bovina Supermarket for the event.

Don Murphy will be the chief cook and in charge of the grills located on the yard of Bovina Gin Co., north of town.

After the meat is taken from the grills Friday morning, it will be packed in foil-lined insulated boxes until mealtime Friday evening. The boxes will be opened then and a crew of men will slice it as it is served.

Kenneth Cary will be in charge of the slicing crews.

Barbecue won't be the only item on the menu as Bovina-grown cantaloupe and onion slices along with pinto beans will be served.

Wilbur Charles is in charge of sacking the pinto beans with the Bovina CowBelles preparing giant-size pots of beans.

The locally grown cantaloupe and onion slices will be provided by Gateway farms here.

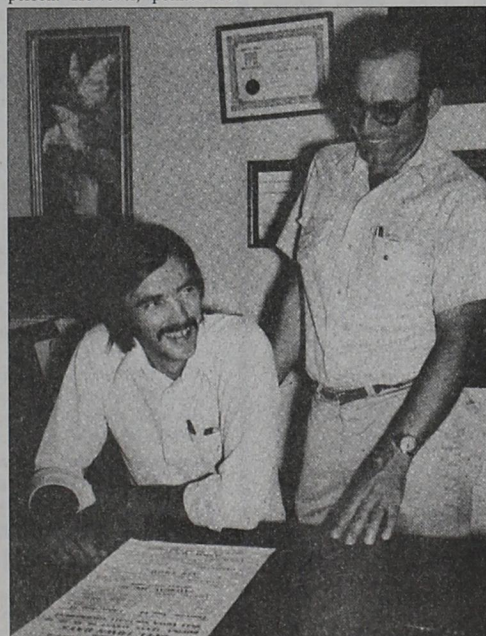
Members of the CowBelles and Bovina Jaycee-Ettes will be in charge of the serving lines.

Other civic organizations will sponsor soft drink booths on Main Street before, during and after the barbecue that day.

In view of the rising costs of the barbecue meal, BTD sponsors and promoters voted this

year to charge a nominal fee for the meal—the first time in the 12-year history of the celebration. The fee will be \$1 per person. However, pointed out

Ken Horn, BTD general chairman, free tickets are available for the meal.



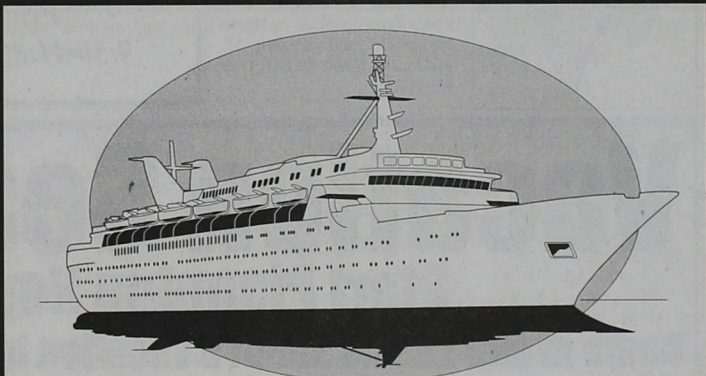
BTD Discussion...Ken Horn, left, general chairman of the 1975 Bull Town Days, and George Powell, assistant chairman, look over the four-day schedule of events for the 12th Annual celebration to see what last minute details need attention. The celebration is scheduled Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

DID YOU KNOW?

The grant to establish Farwell was made and signed by Sir William Ewart, of Belfast Ireland, and the honorable Sir Herbert Maxwell, London, England, trustees for the Capital Freehold Land Investment Company.

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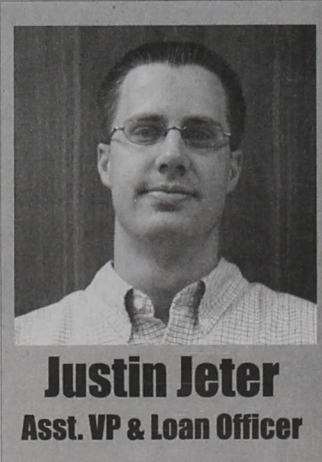


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Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles office:

May 30, 2006, Fernando Longoria, Jr., 24, of Farwell, Texas was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with assault, pending County Court. He was also charged with interfering with an emergency call, pending County Court.

May 31, 2006, John Embry, 28, of Muleshoe, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., pending County Court.

May 31, 2006, John Saylor, 23, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., pending County Court.

June 1, 2006, Juan Fernandez, Jr., 23, of Dimmitt, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 2nd, pending County Court.

June 1, 2006, Silas Garcia, 21, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

June 3, 2006, Rafael Uribe, 28, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to stop and render aide, pending Grand Jury.

June 3, 2006, Juan Ramirez, Jr., 44, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., pending County Court.

June 3, 2006, Epifinia Gonzalez, 33, of Levelland, Texas, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with a Hockley County warrant (theft by check), pending transport.

June 5, 2006, Lazaro Villanueva, 32, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with motion to revoke (driving while intoxicated), pending County Court.

In 287th District Court on May 23, 2006 with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

—Orland Herrera, 37, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, charged with possession of marijuana, was sentenced to 7 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years; \$416 court costs; \$3,000 fine, and \$140 restitution.



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from May 24, 2006 to May 31, 2006:

Arden Hawkins and Joyce Laverne Hawkins-Lloyd Bradshaw and Janice Marie Bradshaw, SE/4 S10 DOUD & KEEFER, S60 AC NE/4 S10 DOUD AND KEEFER, SW 40AC S11 DOUD & KEEFER

Aurora Balli, Aurora Balli Fernandez, Arayala Balli, and Eliseo Balli, Jr.-Efrain Balli, L1-6 B59 FRIONA

Troy White and Veca White-Robert Gonzales, Jr., L7 N2.5' B1 WELCH ACRES

Bank of America-HUD, L27-29 S15' L30 B44 FARWELL

Sandy Denise Reames and Forrest Reams-Leonard J. Jaramillo, Sr. and Maribel Jaramillo, L26-29 B21 FARWELL

Swartz & Brough Inc.-Daniel Wiseman, L39 B1 WESTERN ADDITION

Robert A. Pomper and Rebecca A.T. Pomper-Michael H. Pomper, L28-29 S/2 L30 B27 FARWELL

Ettie Musil Jesko, Frank Joseph Jesko, Ettie Maureen Jesko Castellano-Joshua Ryan McDonald and Kristen M. McDonald, NW/4 S9 DOUD & KEEFER

Puzzle Solution

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Blackburn graduates from Amarillo High

Traci Blackburn, daughter of David and Laura Blackburn graduated from Amarillo High School on May 27, 2006 at the Amarillo Civic Center. She had been a former student in the Friona School system for 2 years before moving to Amarillo where she has been a student for 11 years.



Traci Blackburn

While she was attending Amarillo High School, she was in FCCLA, Latin Club, as well as sports during her junior and senior years. She has been in advanced-placement classes since 6th grade and graduated with honors from AHS. She was an AHS Cheerleader for 2 years and competed for Amarillo Cheer Elite this past year.

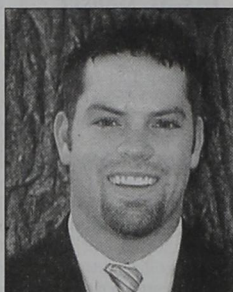
She is planning to attend Texas State University in San Marcos and will major in *Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology*. She will also be a Bobcat Cheerleader on the Co-ed squad.

Traci's hobbies include cheerleading, gymnastics, going to the lake and hanging out with her cousins and friends. She also attends Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo.

Her grandparents are Rex and Chuck Blackburn of Friona and Arthur and Charlotte Clark of Hereford. Her great-grandmother is Julia Fairchild, of Friona.

Carthel completes degree at ACU

Kade Carthel of Gruver graduated with honors from Abilene Christian University May 13, 2006. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.



Kade Carthel

Kade plans to continue his studies at the Texas Tech Health Science Center of Medicine and pursue a medical degree.

His first two years of study will be at the Lubbock campus followed by two years of clinical studies in Amarillo. A white coat ceremony signifying the entrance to medical school is slated for August 19, 2006.

Kade is a 2002 graduate of Gruver High School. He is the son of Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver and the grandson of Ann and the late Bill Carthel of Friona.

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Friona Fire Department News

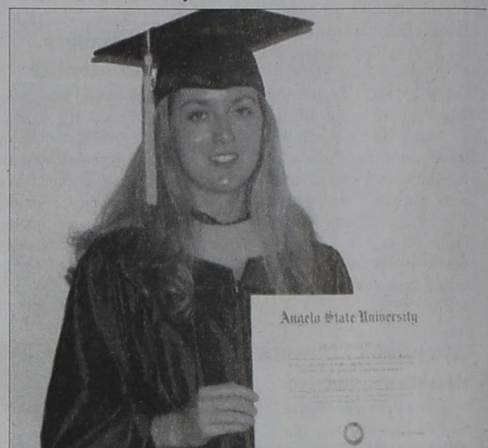
By Jon Douglas, Reporter

There have been numerous grass fires caused by lighting and other outdoor activities and although we have received very beneficial rainfall as of late the fuel load remains high and the burn ban remains in effect.

The fire department has recently installed foam units on the Rescue 1, Tanker 2 and also Tanker 3. The foam is a great help to smother grass and cotton burr fires.

Be advised when smoke is crossing the roadway, there have been numerous vehicle accidents because of motorist driving through smoke. It is best to pull over until the smoke clears and you have a clear sight in the roadway.

We would also like to thank the Parmer County Farm Bureau for the wonderful steak dinner they provided the volunteer fireman of Parmer County.



Dawn Weir

Weir receives master's degree at Angelo State

Dawn Lynette Weir received her Master of Science degree in biology from Angelo State University in San Angelo on May 13, 2006. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from Angelo State in 2000.

Dawn is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. She is the daughter of Doyle and Debbie Weir of Lazbuddie. Her grandparents are Richard and Marilyn Engelking of Lazbuddie and Billy and Lorene Weir of Muleshoe.

She is employed by Enviro-Tech Laboratories, Inc., in San Angelo and plans to pursue a Ph.D in toxicology.

R. Alaniz earns WT scholarship

The West Texas A&M College of Business announced its scholarship recipients for the 2006-07 academic year and its outstanding graduates and award winners during the college's annual Convocation April 20 on campus.

Ramiro (Ramey) Alaniz, Jr., a sophomore computer information systems major, was awarded the Phil Gensler Scholarship. He is the son of Lisa and Ramiro Alaniz of Friona.

Nunn receives diploma from Comanche HS

Cierra Michelle Nunn recently graduated from Comanche High School. She is the daughter of Rachel Gonzalez and Ray Nunn and the granddaughter of Frances Gonzalez of Friona.



Cierra Michelle Nunn

While attending high school, Cierra participated in Band for four years serving as historian for one year; Tennis for three years; Auto Tech for two years serving as reporter for those two years; Debate for three years; Extemporaneous Speaking for one year and placing first in district; Skills USA for one year and being a state qualifier; Guitar for one year; and Chess Club for one year serving as reporter one year.

She was also Color Guard and Dance Captain for one year; Regional Debate; Extemporaneous Speaking State; and she was voted most Congenial of Senior Class.

In her spare time she enjoys playing guitar, piano and flute. She also sings at the First Baptist Church in Comanche.

Cierra will attend MCC in the fall and then she wants to transfer to Mary-Hardin Baylor to study electroneuro diagnostics.

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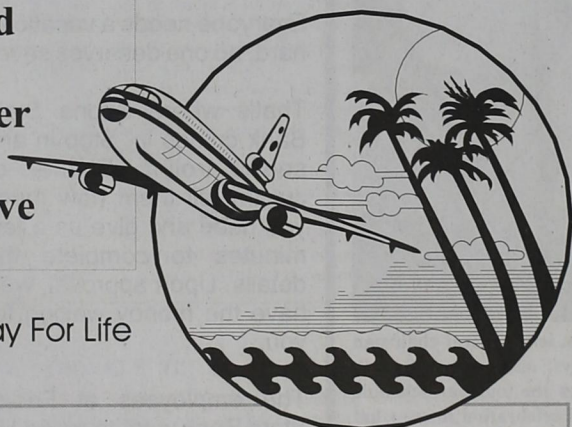
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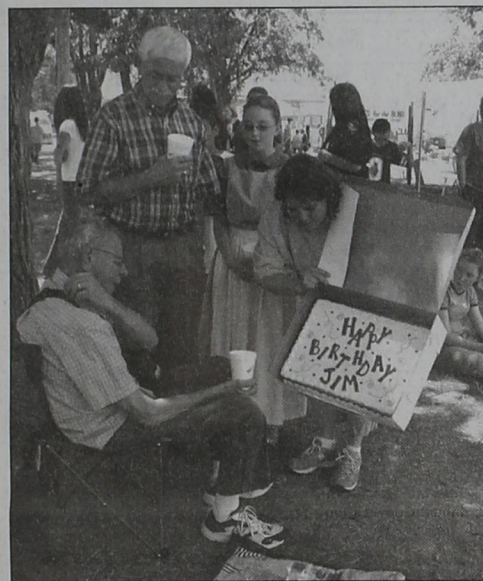
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Museum's living history day a success



Bringing back memories is Friona's Marie Perkins demonstrating quilting and sewing techniques.



Museum supporter and director Jim Johnston, seated, receives a birthday cake from museum curator Wendy Carthel. Jim's son Larry Johnston and Zoe Herring share the surprise.

On May 18 the Parmer County Museum held a living history day at the museum and at the Friona city park. Ken Branum of Hereford brought his Chuckwagon Ministries rig and fed over 300 guests at the park including the Friona and Bovina 7th graders, the Nazarene Christian Academy of Hereford's 2nd-5th graders, and area home school students.

Museum curator Wendy Carthel said it was a very successful day with over 280 people visiting the museum. The theme of living history was carried out by various volunteer presenters who demonstrated quilting, butter churning, an old school classroom, and other assorted handiwork. Students and visitors also were able to tour the Depot in city park for oral history presentations.

Participants, to whom Mrs. Carthel offers a big thank you, were: quilting, Betty Reeve, Bettye Jarboe, Ann Osborn, Doris Barnett, Marie Perkins, & Margaret Duggins; butter churning, Melba Smiley, Melody Drake, & the High Plains Dairy. Also, the school classroom, Sharon White, Zoe Herring, & Steven Dominguez; music, Cass Perkins; assorted handwork, Mary Johnston.

Also helping out were Aundrea Frye, Peggy Monroe, Patsy Allen and the FCCLA students, Erin Barnett and her Spanish class, and the Community Heritage Society for the depot tours. Mrs. Carthel also expressed special thanks

to WT Services for the museum phone lines and service.

"The Hub Community Association, founded in 1957, has given the museum a generous gift and we thank them for their contributions to the community through the years," Carthel said.

According to participants and volunteers, the first annual Parmer County Living History Day was a huge success. "We are grateful to everyone who helped," Carthel said.

If you are interested in supporting the museum please contact Wendy Carthel at 806-265-5712. Carthel concluded, "We are on the road to recording history for Parmer County and would enjoy your ideas." The next museum event will be in July for the Schlenker-Reeve family reunion.



Above, Sharon White, left, visits with Steven Dominguez and Zoe Herring, students who helped during the museum's living history day. Below, students in costume demonstrate the Maypole dance.



The hands of Mary Johnston can still knit as shown during the museum's living history day.



Betty Reeve, l-r, Margaret Duggins, and Ann Osborn talked to museum visitors about quilting.

Friona Primary awards assembly results announced

The Friona Primary School held their end of the year awards assembly May 22, 2006. The following students were honored:

Perfect Attendance: Pre-K-Jaylyn Rodriguez; Kindergarten-Kevin Salinas, Bryce Bunker, and Axel Puga; 1st grade-Karina Santiago, Natalie Avilez and Mario Gomez.

Near Perfect Attendance: Pre-K-Brenda Jaramillo, Isaac Cigarroa, Nicole Fair, Jacob Isom, Marixa Rocha, Amelia Sandoval, Cody DeWit and Mariah Trevino; Kindergarten-Ivan Duran, Marco Maldonado, Briana Padilla, Valerie Ramirez, Anthony Marrufo, Aaron Rocha, Jose Jaramillo, Miriam Morales, and Alex Licerio; 1st grade-Cason Drake, Kim DeWit, Ashton Ferguson, Michael Aragon, Sydney Frye, Mikaela Merino, Jesse Garcia, Luis Miguel Trejo, Arlisa Denton, Jason Kelley, Nastassia Luna, Morgan Wade and Luis Gonzalez.

Music Awards: Kindergarten-M'Kenzie Hurst, Hadley White, Illyanna Perez, Guillermo Quintana, Macey Townsend, Frank Summerlin, Lydia Alexander, Brandon Countiss, Naomi Ganska, Gabriel Antonio, Marlene Moralez, and Rocky Barrios; First grade-Chelsie Gomez, Matti Duran, Sydney Frye, Michael Aragon, Robin Kelley, Emilio Espinoza, Kimberly Lozoya, Luis Angel Gracia, Arlisa Denton, Daniel Pena, Natalie Avilez and Bryan Arzate.

Art Awards: Kindergarten-Terra Cox, Kevin Salinas, Stephanie Maldonado, Matthew Dickson, Brooklyne Johnson, Cade Hurst, Stephanie Corrales, Johnny Ojeda, Aimee Gonzalez, Erick Prieto, Jenifer Jaramillo and David Pineda; First grade-Kendall Barnett, Cason Drake, Miriam Morales, Dylan

Cooper, Andrea Salas, Jason Balli, Beatris Molina, Luis Miguel Trejo, Nicole Law, Jason Kelley, Raquel Davila, and Brandon Douglas.

Accelerated Reader-5 or more points: First grade-Briana Alvarado, Kendall Barnett, Sabrina Barraza, Tristan Castillo, Joel Cigarroa, Natalie Correa, Kim DeWit, Cason Drake, Matti Duran, Ashton Ferguson, Edwin Garcia, Chelsie Gomez, Lupita Hernandez, Ashley Soltero, and Mason Stanberry.

Michael Aragon, Dylan Cooper, Callie Crum, Brittany Dominguez, Sydney Frye, Kayleigh Hardin, Robert Linville, Mikaela Merino, Miriam Morales, Jerry Prieto, Jose Salas, Karina Santiago, Aaron Tafoya, and Misty Villanueva.

Claudia Alexander, Jason Balli, Alex Cigarroa, Emilio Espinoza, Alex Garcia, Robin Kelley, Katy McLennan, Abby Mendez, Austin Mercado, Jose Rodriguez, Disa Rosales, Andrea Salas, Aliyah Salinas, Devonte Sustaita, and Gabriel Vega.

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Kori Caywood, Lane Collins, Raquel Davila, Brandon Douglas, Larisa Garcia, Mario Gomez, Luis Gonzalez, Jaqueline Juarez, Renee Nelson, Andres Perez, Beronica Regalado, Mark Salinas, Paige Upton and Adrian Vazquez.

Book-It Awards: Kindergarten-Ivan Duran, Lexie Hernandez, Viviana Rivera, Hadley White, Rolando Avilez, Bryce Bunker, Johnny Carranza, Caitlin Carthel, Jade Collier, Matthew Dickson, Ivan Gallardo, Stephanie Maldonado, Anthony Marrufo, Illyanna Perez, Guillermo Quintana, Francisco Reyes, Aaron Rocha, Laura Sanchez, Marissa Villanueva, Cassandra Villarreal and Caleb Crum.

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First grade-Sabrina Barraza, Tristan Castillo, Joel Cigarroa,

Natalie Correa, Kim DeWit, Cason Drake, Ashton Ferguson, Edwin Garcia, Chelsie Gomez, Lupita Hernandez, Ashley Soltero, Mason Stanberry, Michael Aragon, Callie Crum, Brittany Dominguez, Sydney Frye, Kayleigh Hardin, Mikaela Merino, Jerry Prieto, Karina Santiago and Misty Villanueva. Jason Balli, Alex Cigarroa,

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Water Conservation Coloring Contest Award: M'Kenzie Hurst and Kimberly Lozoya.

Very Important Parents/Person: Magali Castillo, Elisa Crum, Becky Dickson, Misty Frye, Vilma Gallardo, Maria Garcia, Kara Hardin, Margarita Lara, Carmen Quintana, Yvette Raymond, Juana Rocha and Rufina Salinas.



A lot of little hands and dirt were flying last week at Friona State Bank as Friona primary school 1st graders planted flowers in the bank's flower beds. It is an annual outing for the youngsters. At left, bank employee Casey Sharrock and teacher Annette Frye help with the planting.



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Put your windshield shades on it's going to be a long hot summer. The electric company should be happy. We'll be buying a lot of cool kilowatts the next few months.

In case you missed it, last Friday, June 2, was the 11-year anniversary of the Friona tornado. June 2, 1995, was also on a Friday and the monster storm hit about 6 p.m. Monday June 5, 1995, was my first day as a Friona Star employee. Doesn't seem like 11-years since I started here. At the time had no inclination that some day I would own the place.

After almost 30-years as a travel agent I've enjoyed my second career as a newspaper guy. Thanks to Bill and Carol Ellis for hiring me in the first place. It's been a blast most of the time.

Speaking of the Ellises, they announced at Monday's senior citizen lunch that their book, "Friona on Parade", is now at the printers. It is finished and should be available by September 1. It is a history, complete with about 1,000 pictures, of Friona schools, both athletic and academic. You can reserve your copy by sending \$10 to the Ellises at 1201 Maple, Friona 79035. The final cost should be somewhere around \$55.

Here at the newspaper we bade farewell last week to employee Jan Hazelwood. She coordinated our advertising since last September. She did such a good job that KVII Channel 7 in Amarillo hired her to sell TV advertising for them in the Clovis market. Jan had five years previous experience selling advertising for Amarillo's Channel 4. We'll miss Jan and wish her all the very best in her new venture. She and the family will remain living here in Friona.

There was a rash of rollover wrecks over the weekend. A one vehicle accident two miles south of Bovina on FM1731 brought the Bovina and Friona EMS and two AeroCare helicopters from Lubbock. The car, with the driver and three passengers, ran off the roadway and rolled. Reports said only one person was flown out

by helicopter.

Then Sunday night about 5 miles east of Friona on FM2397, a pickup rolled. The 21-year-old male driver was transported by Friona EMS to PCCH but was not seriously injured.

In a more serious accident, Alvin and Glenda Downey of Friona were on their way to Allen, Texas, to visit their daughter Stephanie, her husband Jeff, and their granddaughter. On Highway 287 east of Childress a car pulled in front of them. Alvin swerved to miss it, hit a glancing blow then rolled their vehicle 5 times. Reports were the driver was a 14-year-old female with no driver's license.

Glenda, who works for Sylvia Ingram, was airlifted to UMC in Lubbock. It was first thought she had a broken neck but she does not. She has a broken rib, punctured lung, and broken ankle. Alvin stayed in the hospital in Childress and was treated for major bumps and bruises. He finally got to go to Lubbock to be with Glenda on Monday. No word on when she might be back home.

I was in Wichita Falls this weekend to see Zach and Megan. Two days earlier my son Zach had also been in a one-car rollover. He was the passenger, buckled up thank goodness. He and a friend were going to the paint ball range, went too fast on a gravel road and the friend flipped his mother's car. It rolled once and landed on its wheels. Zach went for an ambulance ride wearing a C-collar and strapped to a board. He's sore but he's fine.

Daughter Megan has her driving permit. Needless to say I occupied the passenger seat of my Tahoe while she drove me all around Wichita Falls. She did fine. I think. My eyes were closed a lot.

I reported that Clarence Martin had hip replacement surgery. That was wrong. He had a knee replacement and is doing well. He was at the senior citizen lunch Monday. My apologies to Clarence for trying to turn his knee into a hip.

Clarence's grandson and Larry's

son, Landon Martin, is 25-years-old now, a Tech graduate, and working as a petroleum engineer. He lives and works in Irving, Texas, but Larry said he also travels across the country giving orientation sessions to new interns for the petroleum company. No, he is not married. Yet.

Chieftain football fans will remember the tandem of Landon Martin and Daniel Wiseman terrorizing opposing offenses. You could hear their bone-rattling tackles at the top of the stands. They played all-out on every play.

Daniel is back as a resident of Friona. He is farming land once farmed by his grandfather, Buddy Wiseman. He recently bought a house here and has a couple of Black Labs, I'm told. Hard to believe time flies so fast when these boys we cheered are now grown men.

Breann Barnett will be off to WT cheerleading camp. John and Evelyn Mars are visiting Houston for Evelyn's granddaughter's wedding. Melody and Owen Drake celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last week. Sheriff Randy and Sarah, Geris are soon to be grand-

parents. Daughter Mandy Rigler is expecting in December. Husband Nathan graduated from Tech and Mandy has about one-half year of college left. Grandpa Sheriff. I like the sound of that.

A Heritage Estates resident, who shall remain anonymous, told Dana Jameson she wished that Heritage Estates would install automatic opening front doors. Heritage Estates is an assisted living center and residents are free to come and go. This resident said it would be easier for the old folks to come and go if there was an automatic door.

Since Heritage and Prairie Acres are owned by the city, it might be something for the city fathers (and mothers) to talk about at the next city council meeting.

Don't forget to let us know about any news, vacations, visitors, or concerns in the community. Stop by the office, call 806-250-2211, or email frionastar@wtrt.net. I would especially like to hear from former residents that have moved away but still read the Friona Star. Let us know where you are, how you are, and what you are doing these days. Thanks. See you next time.

Cotton planting nears completion

BY ROGER HALDENBY

With the final planting dates for PCG's 41 counties of cotton production past, here, or rapidly approaching there is significant interest in how the region is looking as the 2006 crop is trying to make a start.

The USDA World Agricultural Supply Demand Estimates coming out Friday of this week will be of great interest to those with a stake in commodity markets, including cotton farmers. The WASDE will contain reliable numbers for world consumption of cotton over the coming months, along with guesses as to potential production numbers for the Northern hemisphere where the 2006 crop is under way but nowhere near finished.

PCG's area runs from the Oklahoma state line in the North, down to Odessa, Midland and Big Spring in the South; from the New Mexico state line on our Western boundary, East to the edge of the High Plains Caprock and a little beyond. Across this 41-county area, cotton growers are expected to plant 3.75 million acres this year to the region's signature crop.

Almost all these 3.75 million acres (55% irrigated 45% dryland) are now planted (as of June 5th) except some in the southern part of the area where the final planting date is June 10th.

Of the 1.7 million dryland acres, maybe one-third is in fair shape and should achieve a stand. But is in dire need of rain to continue development. Another third has just enough moisture to get started/germinated but will soon run out of available moisture with the high temperatures we're experiencing this week. The remaining third is dry planted into dry dirt and is in big trouble with no rain in the nearby forecast.

Irrigated acreage is crying out for a rain, as are the producers farming it. Energy costs are through the roof and with other associated production costs also at high, even record levels producers are scouring the skies for signs of rain clouds, but seeing no signs of any for the near future.

No one on the High Plains of Texas is forecasting a 2006 match for the record production levels of the past two seasons. But, it's early days yet, and any West Texas farmer will tell you, "the further we go into a drought, we get one day closer to that rain."



sheriff's dept photo

A pair of AeroCare helicopters were called to the scene of a one-car accident two miles south of Bovina over the weekend. The vehicle was occupied by two men and two boys, according to sources at the scene. One report stated only one of the victims was taken to Lubbock by helicopter. Two other rollover accidents involving area residents happened over the weekend. It's summer. Drive safely and be here for the fall.

Texas Tech field tour and dinner for producers

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University will provide a demonstration field tour and chuck wagon cookout June 15 from 4-8 p.m. at the Texas Tech Agricultural Field Lab near New Deal. Registration deadline is June 13. The event is free and open to the public.

The program will include experts on forages, carbon sequestration and credits to producers, irrigation technologies, soil fertility and fertilization, weed science, the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, beef cattle management, and soil microbes. For more information and registration contact 806-742-2774.

Emergency farm loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and high winds are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Farwell, Thomas Taylor said.

Farmer County is one of sixteen in Texas recently named as eligible for loans to cover part of actual losses resulting from the drought and high winds. Taylor said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Taylor said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 18, 2007 but farmers are urged to apply as soon as possible. The FSA office in Farwell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Taylor can be reached at 806-481-3349.

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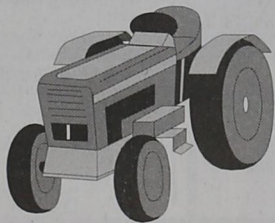
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The joy of holiness #2

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Another producer of joy for the Christian is the joy of anticipated reward. The author of Hebrews said, "let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (12:2) Jesus was motivated to endure by anticipating the joy of His reward and no doubt the joy of our reward was a part of his anticipation. No amount of hardship and struggle could deprive him of that anticipation.

In the Parable of the Talents, the Lord said to the two servants who used their talents, "well done good and faithful servant!...Come and share your Master's happiness." (Matthew 25:21,23)

God has given us the ability—talent to walk in Holiness. We, too, can look forward to entering into the Joy of the Lord as we walk in holiness to the end of our days. If we are "faithful, even to the point of death" we will receive the "crown of life" (Revelation 2:10)

The secret to church growth...belching cows

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb

Like Columbus searching for a world free from high-salaried professional sports figures,

people everywhere have been searching for the secret to church growth. I'll let you in on a little secret: I found it.

The secret to church growth has to do with cows and spectacular signs. My revelation be-

gan several years ago on a lonely highway between Dallas and Greenville, Texas. There was a sign that read: "30 Cal. Red Angus Purebred, Show Calves, Hybrids." What a novel idea! Give cows firearms. That would explain the Don't Mess with Texas bumper stickers. Give your cattle some art supplies, and they could certainly draw a crowd.

The cover story in a national magazine mentioned that cows are adding to the problem of global warming by letting out a tremendous amount of methane gas through belching. (This is not to be confused with a similar study on church softball teams.) Belching cows may be a downer for the environment, but they would be an obvious attraction at church, especially on potluck dinner days.

There is something attractive about the spectacular. A few years ago, there was a church in Pennsylvania that had trouble with howlers. At different points during the sermon, three women would stand up and begin howling prayers—and it was not even a sermon on tithing! In Whispering Pines, North Carolina, a group of people meet annually at a Christian nudists retreat. I can only assume the

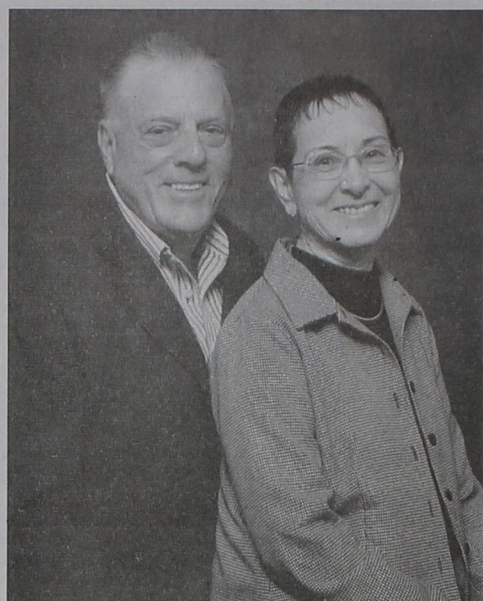
ritual at this service does not include howling.

While mulling over these events, it finally hit me like a ton of too-moist pound cake. The secret to church growth is getting a big-name personality to enter our sanctuary—howling, laughing, and riding naked on the back of a .30-caliber belching cow.

Before I could act on this idea and run it by nine committees, reality set in and I heard the words to a country song—something about how Jesus and Mama always love me, even when the devil takes control. Those lyrics were still ringing in my ear when I was reminded of another song: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..."

The secret to church growth is not man-made tricks or sensational antics, but in church members telling non-church members that Jesus loves them. It is every Christian building a relationship with a lost person and inviting him or her to worship, fellowship, and Bible study.

It's not sensational, it's not supernatural, it's not complicated, and it's not even a secret. It's been in the Bible all these years.



Kenneth and Elizabeth McLellan

McLellans to celebrate 50th anniversary

A 50th wedding anniversary reception will be held to honor Kenneth and Elizabeth McLellan, of Friona, Texas, Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the Friona State Bank Community Room from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All family and friends are invited. No gifts please.

Kenneth and Elizabeth McLellan, the former Elizabeth Ann Grubbs, of Friona were married June 17, 1956 at the Friona United Methodist Church.

A reception will be hosted by their children and spouses, Ronnie McLellan, Clifford and Pam McLellan and Becky and Sonny Mays; sisters and spouses of Mrs. McLellan, Bennie Tinnin, Ruby and Weldon Fairchild, Mary Jane and Jim Roy Clements, and Willie Grace and Donnie Skelton.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan's grandchildren are LaFawnda Mays, Michael McLellan, Raelye and Brady McLellan.

Fellowship of Christian Women Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7 p.m.
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Facts About The BIBLE

BY JOHN LEHTI

THE HEBREW "GAMAL"!

THE NAME FOR CAMEL IN ARAMAIC IS "GAMALY"—ALSO, IN ANCIENT PHOENICIAN, GAMAL IS THE NAME FOR THIS STURDY BEAST OF BURDEN! THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE THERE ARE FREQUENT MENTIONS OF CAMELS—USUALLY ACCOUNTS OF CAMELS BEARING WEALTH, SUCH AS HAZAEL, ASSYRIAN PRINCE BEARING GIFTS THAT WERE TOTALLED AS "FORTY CAMELS" BURDENS WORTH OF EVERY GOOD THING OF DAMASCUS! (1 KINGS 8:9) ALTHOUGH THEY WERE THOUGHT OF AS BEASTS OF BURDEN, THE ONE HUMP DROMEDARY WAS SWIFT OF FOOT AND COULD TRAVEL AT SPEEDS OF 8 TO 10 MILES PER HOUR AND KEEP GOING FOR 18 HOURS OUT OF THE 24—THAT NO HORSE COULD DO! THE FACT THAT THE FIRST STOWAWCH OF THE CAMEL HAS COLLECTIONS OF WATER CELLS WHICH THE ANIMAL CAN DRAW ON WHEN NO OTHER WATER IS AVAILABLE MAKES THIS BEAST A PERFECT CONVEYANCE FOR DESERT AND ITS SANDY WASTES! ADD TO THAT THE CAMEL'S HUMP AS A STOREHOUSE OF FOOD FOR ITS SYSTEM, WHEN FOOD IS SCARCE, AND YOU KNOW WHY MANY MEN PUT UP WITH ITS MEAN TEMPER, WHICH CAMELS ARE SAID TO HAVE!!

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Farm Bureau director Alan Monroe, l-r, Friona fireman/training officer John Taylor, and Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley at the Farm Bureau steak cookout.



Firefighters from Farwell do some serious steak eating at the Friona fire station.



The Bovina firefighters came to enjoy Farm Bureau's steak cookout to salute all of our volunteer firemen.

Farm Bureau fetes firemen

Parmer County Farm Bureau employees and directors hosted an appreciation dinner for area firemen. Farm Bureau manager Mitchell Smiley said, "We just wanted to show our appreciation and the appreciation of the community to these guys for the job they do in fighting fires in the county." The firemen gathered at the Friona Fire Station Thursday, June 1, and were treated to steak, french fries, and cake for dessert. The steaks were provided by Cargill Meat Solutions and the Noon Lions cooked the french fries. A decorated cake from the Sugar Shack featured a fire truck and thank you's (see upper left corner of the front page).

In addition to Smiley, Farm Bureau agents Andy Montana and Veca White were hosts. Firefighters from Bovina, Rhea, Farwell, Lazbuddie, and Friona attended.



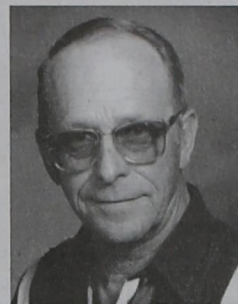
OBITUARIES

Richard L. "Andy" Anderson

Richard L. "Andy" Anderson, 70, of the Rhea Community, Texas, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 4, 2006 at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Friona, Texas with Dale Schueler and Rev. Mark Stovall officiating. Burial followed in the Rhea Lutheran Cemetery in the Rhea Community under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Anderson was born June 6, 1935 to Dave and Ann Durheim Anderson in Drayton, North Dakota. He married Velta Knight December 2, 1955 in Farwell, Texas.

Mr. Anderson was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was sta-



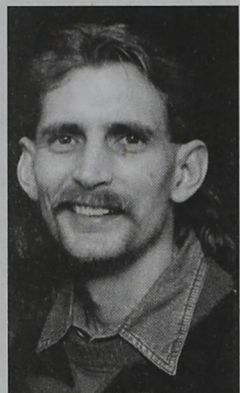
Richard L. Anderson

tioned at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico for several years. He had lived in the Rhea Community for the past 36 years moving there from Clovis. He was a mechanic and owned Rhea Engine Service.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Rhea Lutheran Church and the American Legion in Clovis.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife; one son, Rick Anderson Jr., of Texico, New Mexico; two daughters, Debbie Lewellen and her husband, Donnie, of Friona, and Susan London, of Amarillo. He is also survived by three sisters, Mary Ann Fontaine of Hibbing, Minnesota, Darlene Larsen of St. Thomas, North Dakota, and Carol Bestland of Buffalo, Minnesota; two brothers, Ronald Anderson of East Grand Forks, North Dakota and Bob Anderson of Puyallup, Washington; and seven grandchildren, Greg Lewellen, Cassie London, Zane Anderson, Luke London, Chance Lewellen, Brett Anderson and Shaylee Anderson.

Eddie Scott Graham



Eddie Scott Graham

Memorial services for Eddie Scott Graham, 44, of Pottsboro, Texas, will be held Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church 720 N. Davis in Clovis, New Mexico with Rev. Dave Wheeler officiating.

Mr. Graham was born May 24, 1962 in Tucumcari, New Mexico to Wesley and Darla Graham. He was raised in Clovis.

Mr. Graham passed away June 4, 2006.

Mr. Graham worked for Excel Corporation for 18 years before becoming a self-employed carpenter. His hobbies included oil painting, drawing and fishing.

Mr. Graham is survived by

his wife, Kimberly; two daughters, Kacie Graham of Pampa, Texas and Alexis Graham of Pottsboro; three sons, Eddie Graham, Jr. and Curtis Graham of Pampa and Travis Earheart of Friona, Texas. He is also survived by his parents; two brothers, Wesley Gene Graham and his wife Katie of Clovis, and Richard Graham and his wife Leah of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Debbie Whitecotton and her husband Douglas of Clovis, and Rhonda Wheeler and her husband Reed of Clovis.

Mr. Graham is also survived by one granddaughter, Ciara of Pampa; seven nephews; five nieces, and four great-nephews.

Mayra Gonzalez Villanueva

Mayra Gonzalez Villanueva, 26, of Friona, Texas, passed away May 27, 2006 in Gainesville, Florida. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2006 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Roy Dominguez of the Templo Of Adoration Church of Friona officiating. Burial was under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Villanueva was born April 28, 1980 in Mexico to Jose Luis Gonzalez Ceniceros and Maria Cruz Calderon Rico

Gonzalez. She married Jessie Villanueva, Jr. April 23, 2005 in Del Rio, Texas where they made their home before moving to Friona. She was a member of Templo Of Adoration of Friona.

She is survived by her husband of Friona; one stepson Jessie Villanueva III of Del Rio; her mother, Maria C. Calderon Gonzalez of Friona; two sisters, Magdalena Gonzalez and Maria Cruz Gonzalez both of Friona; two brothers, Jose Luis Gonzalez and Heriberto Gonzalez both of Big Lake, Texas.



Mayra Gonzalez Villanueva

Pearl Cervantez



Pearl Cervantez

Pearl Cervantez, 88, longtime Bovina, Texas resident, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2006 in Amarillo, Texas where she had been residing for the past 5 months. A memorial mass was held Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Jose Luis Chavez-Lopez officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona, Texas.

Mrs. Cervantez was born October 23, 1917 in Tucumcari, New Mexico to Sugundo and Lala

Hernandez Brito. She married George Cervantez in 1940 in

Bovina. She was a former coordinator of the Indigent Care Program at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona, a homemaker and member of St. Ann's Church in Bovina where she was a Guadalupana member.

Mrs. Cervantez was preceded in death by two brothers, Sonny and Gene Brito and two sisters, Matilda Baca and Mary Rose Matinez.

Mrs. Cervantez is survived by her husband of Amarillo; one son, Danny Brito of Amarillo; four sisters, Lucy Everett of Earth, Texas, Marie Cervantez of Clovis, New Mexico, Elizabeth Sena of Clovis, New Mexico and Donna Dominguez of Portales, New Mexico; one brother, Joe Brito of Ribera, New Mexico; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements for **Charlsie Eubanks, 99, of Bovina, were pending at Blackwell Funeral Home at our press time.**

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My Life Story



Eudell Prather

By Eudell Prather

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Eudell Prather.

I was born to William Thomas Norwood and Susan Agnes (Hunt) Norwood on July 12, 1924, in Danville, Arkansas. I had two older brothers, William Urban and Bryce Lawton.

My daddy was a farmer, because beginning at eight years of age, he had the responsibility of making a living for his mother and three sisters (after the death of his father), and farming was what he knew best.

We lived in Danville until I was five years old. After leaving Danville, we lived on a farm at Amber, Oklahoma, for a few years, and then we moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma. I graduated from Friend High School in 1942. My oldest brother, Urban, wanted to go to Oregon for college, so we loaded up and went. When we got there he changed his mind, and we had to come back.

I wanted to be a nurse, but circumstances kept me from it. Shortly after I graduated from high school, we moved to Oak-

land, California. I got a job at I. Magnin, a department store that was the Neiman-Marcus of the west coast. I worked until my parents and I moved back to Oklahoma in late 1943. I worked for the telephone company for about three months, and then on February 19, 1944, I married Riley Thomas Prather. We had known each other in high school, and then got reacquainted in California, where he was living during the early war years.

Soon after Tom and I married, we moved back to California, traveling in a Pullman car from Oklahoma City. The "Pullman car" was more like a cattle car, with straw-backed seats. The women were boarded first, and the men were told that if there was room, they could board. You can imagine how nervous I was at the prospect of my groom being unable to travel on the same train. We stayed in California for about six years, and I went back to I. Magnin's. One thing that happened while we were there, and I'm not telling it to brag, I'm telling it to show how scared this country girl was. One day, my store manager called me to her office and told me to take a \$5000 fur coat to the San

Francisco store. I was to call a cab, and the store would pay for it, but it was all the way across the bay, and that was one expensive coat! Everything worked out okay, but until I handed that coat over to the San Francisco store manager, I was nervous!

Tom had it in his mind to farm, so he bought a farm and we moved to Laverty, Oklahoma-the sand hills of Oklahoma. No one should ever have to try and grow anything in the soil around Laverty, so we moved to New Deal, Texas and farmed there until we got "homesick" for California, and moved to San Leandro, in the Bay area, in 1955 or 56. I went back to work for I. Magnin's, and worked my way up from stock girl to department manager, in charge of receiving, marketing and accounts payable. We stayed there for 12 years, until Tom had to retire due to health problems. We moved to Marlow, Oklahoma, to be near our family.

Tom died in 1985. I had never learned to drive before, so at the age of 62, I took driving lessons and got my license. This kept me mobile and independent until my vision deteriorated (due to macular degeneration) and I had a close call going home from the beauty shop. After that happened, I hung up my keys and moved to Canyon, Texas, to be near my brother, Bryce and his girls. I even lived across the hall from him in the Palo Duro Village Retirement Center, before my vision limitations prompted me to move to Conner House. Bryce moved there later too, after his health declined, and we go to be neighbors again until he died in October of 2003.

In February 2006, I moved to Friona Heritage Estates and I must say I love it here. This country girl sure does enjoy sitting out on the patio and watching the rabbits and birds go by!



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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

Coming Home from War (Part 1 of 2)

By C. L. Vestal (with permission)

Note: My friend C. L. Vestal was quite a writer. Several years ago he asked me to help type some of his handwritten memories of the war; I was very touched by his stories. As I was re-reading some of his WWII stories last week, I came across this one I want to share with you. It is almost like getting to talk to C. L. again. I hope you enjoy it. He had served on Stirling Island in the West Solomon Islands. This was written 2 Feb 1983.

For over three weeks we had zigzagged across the Pacific. This was when the 'Ole Boy jumped overboard (and was rescued). Would it be a day more or a day less since we were crossing the 180 degree dateline coming backwards? "Yonder she is! Yonder she is!" someone yelled. Sure enough way over the horizon was the California coast line. It was about an inch and a half long it looked like, from the top of the top of a wave. Then we would go down in a valley between waves and lose it then on top of the next wave and it would be larger. That is like life also. As we go down into the valley of despair, the next hill we climb brings Heaven a little closer and more beautiful.

Soon we could see that coast line all the time from the north horizon to the south horizon. That's when a bunch of us went below and got our gear lashed up to unload. Again the questions were flying, "Is that below San Diego or north of Los Angeles?" We had shipped out from

San Francisco and we hoped that was where we would return and dock.

"Yonder she is! Yonder she is!" someone yelled again. Sure enough dead ahead was one of the most beautiful sights this side of Heaven, the Golden Gate Bridge. There was about an inch between the pillars that held the huge cables as it appeared from that distance. Of course, we knew it was 4200 feet between those pillars. Many of us never went below top deck until we had docked. We didn't want to miss any part of this experience of returning home. We missed noonday chow, but we were not about to miss any part of this beautiful experience for any more troopship chow.

As we got closer to the Golden Gate, we realized that we were just trading water, just barely moving. There was a big freighter coming out that was riding low in the water. You see, it was heavily loaded with bombs, bullets, bandages, beans and bulldozers, headed for the war zone. We watched a small speed boat plowing along behind, then it pulled up along side of the freighter and a man jumped from the ship into the speed boat. Here it came to us just hitting the tops of the waves it looked like. It pulled along side of the USS General Hershey (C.L.'s Ship) and we watched this man grab our ladder and come aboard. He saluted the colors, then the Officer on Deck (OOD) and was then escorted to the bridge. There he



C. L. Vestal

saluted the captain, "Sir you called ahead for a harbor pilot, and here are my credentials." "Yes," replied the captain. "While I had the time and a choice, I asked for you." Then the captain continued, "This is my ship, my crew and my cargo. It is a precious cargo. They have paid the price to come home. They are all aboard and accounted for, including the one that went

astray." There had been more rejoicing over the one that was lost and we turned around and went back to save him, than the ones that stayed aboard. In or by his actions," the captain said, "I'm smart enough to take it, my ship, my cargo and my crew under that bridge and through that mine field. Into your care, I commit my ship." (There are a number of smart people on this earth

that can drive their own cars, own banks, and build capsules that fly into space and back, but they still think that they can cross Jordan alone. I contracted my 'Harbor Pilot' to help cross Jordan and to get me through all the 'mine fields' of life when I was a teenage boy.)

As we sailed under that huge Golden Gate Bridge, it felt like the bridge lifted a heavy load off our shoulders. On our starboard side, the warehouses down next to the bay had, "WELCOME HOME" painted on their roofs. On a roof of a building that was located on an island on our portside, there was a sign that read, "Thanks for a job well done." There was no Welcome Back on it. You see, that island was Alcatraz, the Federal Penitentiary. They, like the fellow in the Bible while in Hell lifted up his eyes and said, "Let me go and tell my brothers that this place is real and for life."

Well, we have some left over for you. By the way, what would you men like to drink?" Imagine our surprise when we realized we all yelled, "Fresh Milk!" That's right, cow juice, Bovina cocktail. As often as we had planned to and had stolen the Officer's whiskey and beer, the truth came out. All fresh milk is what we wanted. Just goes to show we were not nearly as tough and wild as we thought we were.

All you boys that have your dress blues can go out on liberty tonight if you wish and we will be getting your thirty day leave paper ready for you to pick up tomorrow." I don't remember how I got my dress blues from home, but I had them. I don't remember who all was with me that night, but we checked into a hotel in San Francisco and we all took care of a little financial business. Some used telephones and some of us had to settle for the telegraph. We then had supper and ordered a beer to drink with it.

The next morning back in a little West Texas town, an local pickup pulled up to the local produce house and an old fellow in faded blue overalls got out to buy a hundred pound sack of laying mash (hen feed). With gasoline and tires rationed, you didn't dare go to town except for business. While in town though, you might as well check on the bus station at the drug store, nothing at the train depot—he checked there when he crossed the tracks coming into town. Also, he might as well pick up the mail, it would be another couple of hours before it would be delivered out on the route. You see, they hadn't heard from their son C. L. in 3 or 4 weeks and well, he just might be...

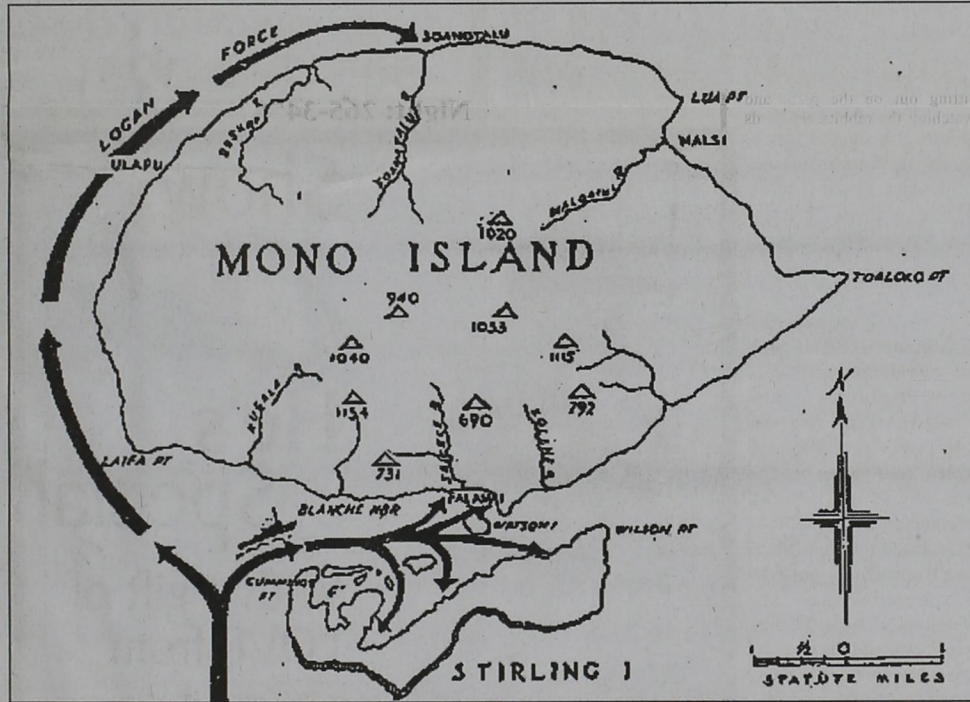
As he went into the post office, he met Banker Frank Spring coming out. "Good Morning, Mr. Vestal. C.L. got back to the states last night." "Oh, how do you know?" was his question. Banker Spring answered, "I've just wired him the money to come home on." "Did you have enough, did you have enough?" Daddy asked as he was pulling out his billfold. "Oh yes, most all the boys have a savings account just for that. Of course, if one didn't, we would make him a loan," banker Spring explained. That somehow or another, the boys could wire home for money and save having to stand in a pay line and get started home a little sooner. Daddy didn't need to come up with any extra money, but how much would you be willing to spend to get your son home those last few miles from a war?

Now out in San Francisco as we were checking out of the hotel the clerk said, "Vestal, you are to pick up your money at the Bank of California, go down and get yours." I got my money and bought me a fancy black leather jacket that had a zipper that ran on an angle down the front. All well dressed sailors had one to wear in place of their navy Pea coat. Of course it wasn't regulation and sometimes they would get into trouble with some nasty S.P. Since the navy is always 'hurry up and wait', I also purchased a little black suitcase that I could sit on while waiting. I still have it.

We went back to the Navy base for our leave papers. Since the leave papers were handed out alphabetically, I was at the foot of it. What a slow line!!! Three editions of a San Francisco paper came out while I was waiting. The Wop got his leave papers early. "How did you get them so quick?" we asked. "I just went up there behind the desk and said, "Since you got to give me my leave papers anyway, just let me have them now and I'll be out of your way." It pays to be big sometimes, that system didn't work for any of the rest of us. There were a bunch more fellows besides us that came in on the U.S.S. Hershey getting leave.

Lott came up to me with, "Say Frionie, don't you go somewhere close to Amarillo?" "Yes, why?" "I just saw one old boy buy a ticket on the railroad round trip to Amarillo for \$56.00. That's a good deal and they come here on the base in the morning and pick you up on the train." Somehow that hit me hard. I realized for the first time in months and months that I had to make a decision about myself. The Navy was out of this and didn't care. I bought a ticket on that train. I finally had my papers, 30 day leave and 7 day travel time. I spend the night on the Navy base then got on the train the next morning. As I was walking to the train, my sea bag on my left shoulder and my little black suitcase in my right hand, my new leather jacket tucked under my arm as an S.P. slapped me with his billie-club, "That's right, sailor, keep that jacket under your arm and you'll get home with it." "Yes, sir," I replied not so graciously, but I'm going HOME!

Continue next week.



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- TXism: "he's ___ a bubble out of plumb"
- Kuwaiti ruler
- old-money Houston store: ___ witz
- TXism: "up and ___ juice" (coffee)
- this Jenkins was "The Sweet Swatter from Sweetwater"
- Denton "primarily for women" univ.
- TX Sedgwick directed "___ Pa Kettle Back on the Farm"
- in Jones Co. on 6
- TX Shaver wrote "Old Chunk ___"
- ex-Cowboy LB Bob
- TXism: "a hard ___ swallow"
- TXism: "as much ___ as a steer in a packing plant"
- Corpus Christi TV
- "The Golden ___"
- Houston's words ___ no foam" (quality man)
- TXism: "tinhorn"
- TXism: "tastes"
- TX bumper snicker: "I'm Mad Too, ___"
- "old dishwasher"
- "I'm Mad Too, ___"
- "Ding Dong Daddy Dumas"
- TXism: "I'll ___"
- TXism: "nothing to ___" (insignificant)
- Tom Green Co. seat
- Nazi Hitler
- TX Gene Autry's "That Silver-Haired Daddy of ___"
- UCLA is Troy Aikman's ___ mater
- TX King Vidor directed film "
- TXism: "got the short ___ of the stick"
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Coach Greg Hazelwood talks to a group of baseball camp boys this week. From l-r, back, Cotton Fleming, Rowdee Rhodes, Mason Fleming, Jacob Pena, Front, l-r, Jacob Osborn, Blake Stowers, Brandon Berend, Mark Schwab, Mason Loflin, and Brent Hickman.



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PCCH employee Lori Nino was recognized recently as June Employee of the Month. Lori has received high praise, not only as a valued team player but she goes above and beyond. Her caring for patients is exemplified by her willingness to transport patients to the clinic who are wheelchair bound. She helps other departments and is known for her energetic smile. Congratulations, Lori!

Five attend Crime Stoppers confab

The 18th annual Texas Crime Stoppers conference was held May 17-19 in San Antonio. Attending from Parmer County Crime Stoppers were Parmer County deputy Wayne Gruben, coordinator; Frances Kube, president; Deanna Gruben, secretary; and board members Bertha Arce and Marjorie Watkins.

The group attended two full days of training sessions such as terrorism and Crime Stoppers, MS-13 and gangs, cold case files and Crime Stoppers, operational guidelines, fundraising, and publicity and media relations. An awards dinner was held Thursday night.

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