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EIGHT PAGES

St. Teresa's Jamaica at city park Sunday

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will hold its annual Jamaica Sunday, August 2 at the city park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Food items will include hamburgers, carnitas, gorditas, fajitas, barbacoa, corn dogs, funnel cakes, corn, turkey legs, and tacos. There will also be live music, bingo, a dunking booth, train rides, dart games, and football throw, with stuffed animals and more for prizes.

The public is invited to attend and join in for tons of fun.

Class of 1979 needs reunion contact info

The Friona High School Class of 1979 is planning a 30-year reunion during Maize Days in September. Exact details and date to be advised later.

Classmates Kim Smiley and Varla Wilcox are organizing and need current contact information for the Class of 1979. Mailing address, email addresses, or phone numbers are needed.

If you have contact information for a Class of '79 graduate call Kim Smiley at 806-265-3800 or email her at kimsmiley8@yahoo.com or Varla Wilcox at 806-250-2457 or email mccmavwilcox@gmail.com.

The ladies will send reunion information direct to class members at a later date so having contact information is important.

All-school reunion in 2010, committee seeks alumni info

The Friona ISD all-school reunion centennial celebration will be held during Maize Days in 2010. The centennial committee needs the following information from all former Friona graduates, teachers, and staff in planning for the celebration: graduation year, name, maiden name, email address, phone number, and mailing address.

Mail or email the information to Sharon White, 1996 CR 15, Friona, Texas 79035. Email is swhite@vtri.net. Mrs. White's phone number is 806-265-3874. For information you can also check out the school website, www.frionaisd.com, and click on alumni.

The committee will be communicating reunion plans and updates throughout the next year leading up to the reunion celebration so make sure Mrs. White and her committee has your most current information.

AgriLife Soil meeting Aug 6

Texas AgriLife Extension has scheduled a soil meeting and EQIP update for Thursday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bovina EMS building.

Lunch will be provided. Any questions contact Benji Henderson at 806-481-3619 or Earl Behrends at 806-481-3311.

School supplies in sales tax holiday

The annual sales tax holiday dates are August 21-23 when sales tax is waived on certain clothing, shoes, and backpack purchases under \$100. This year school supplies are included in the sales tax holiday. Purchases for elementary and secondary students will be exempt from sales taxes on the above dates.

2009 yearbooks are in!

Yearbook advisor Allison Johnston says the new yearbooks are in!

If you ordered a yearbook you may pick up your copy in the choir room at Friona High School beginning Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Johnston said they ordered a few extra yearbooks. If you did not order one you can still get one for \$55. They also located some old yearbooks from previous years and will be selling those too. If you need more info or have questions contact Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610.

Learning to Serve



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Varsity volleyball coach Carrie Arias teaches serving techniques to a group of future Squaws during the annual volleyball camp this week at Friona gym. Official UIL volleyball two-a-day practices start Monday August 3. All candidates for this year's varsity volleyball program (9th to 12th grade) need to report to the gym at 7:30 a.m.

Maize Days is just ahead, volunteers needed

BY RON CARR

While the community catches its breath after the Cheeseburger Cook-Off and Channel 10 visit, the Chamber of Commerce reminds us that in a little over seven weeks the annual Maize Days festivities begin.

The official Maize Days week is September 19-26. A couple of class reunions are already being planned for the Maize Days weekend by the alumni from the classes of 1979 and 1999. If there are other classes planning reunions let us know here at the Star and we will include you in future issues.

Most important, Chamber staff Chris Alexander and Betty Lamb and the Chamber board are looking for volunteers to help with the Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona pageants as they begin planning. The Chamber has a list of eligible girls for the pageant. If you can sponsor a contestant call the Chamber office.

The Miss Friona pageant will be Saturday September 19 and the Little Miss Friona pageant is Tuesday September 22. The big parade and festivities in the park will be Saturday September 26. The homecoming football game will be Friday night September 25 as the Chiefs host the 1A state champion Stratford Elks. The Noon Lions will be selling their world-famous burgers and fries at the homecoming game.

Floats for the Saturday parade will be needed. The Chamber board is urging Friona High School classes to decorate and enter a float. Also churches, class reunions, civic groups, or any other organization is encouraged to be a part of the parade.

The Chamber plans to have the chuck wagon breakfast again in the park before the parade. Vendors interested in a booth at the park on Saturday September 26 should contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 806-250-3491 to reg-

ister. Booth fees are \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

The Friona Star will provide continuous updates about Maize Days events in the weeks ahead. Plan now to be a part of it all.

Maize Days event plan-

ning takes many volunteers. If you can volunteer to help with the pageants or other Maize Days events, go ahead and call the Chamber as soon as possible to get your name on the list. It will help everybody.

Before and After



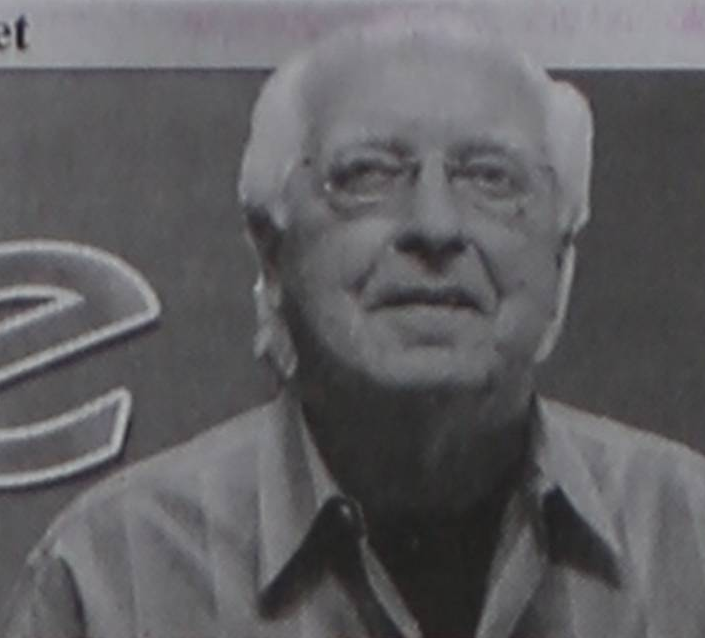
ron carr photos

A team of Cargill employees gathered on N. Main St. Saturday to paint and repair the home of Annie Mae Thomas. The effort is part of the Cargill Cares program in which employees volunteer their time for community assistance programs. Above, workers are busy painting and repairing the home. Below, Mrs. Thomas, seated right, joins the volunteers to say thank you as the project was almost complete. Seated left is her daughter Eva Nell Dale of Muleshoe.



Out Here

By Ron Carr



David Augustus DeWitt, Jr.

That was his name. David Augustus DeWitt, Jr. Al and I just called him "Coach". I never knew about the middle name Augustus. He always was and will be Coach DeWitt. He died Sunday, July 26, at age 85, in Hillsboro.

I don't mind telling you I loved Coach Dewitt.

When I first knew him in 1953 he was only 30-years-old but us 14-year-old freshmen basketball players at Hillsboro High School thought he was old already. I was a freshman at HHS in 1953, the same year Coach DeWitt came to Hillsboro from Pecos.

In looking back it is remarkable that he remained in the Hillsboro school system until he retired in 1984 after a 31-year career and continued to live in the house out on Park Drive until his death Sunday.

He came to Hillsboro from Pecos because it was only 30 miles from his hometown of Waco where he starred in basketball for Waco High, making it to the playoffs all three varsity years and leading Waco High to the state finals in his senior year in 1942. He liked to talk about those days. He earned a Bachelor and Master degree from Baylor University in science.

He was over 6-feet, which was tall for that era, and to the end was a skinny, string-bean guy. His nickname was Dizzy DeWitt. The other

Hillsboro coaches called him Diz. He supposedly earned the nickname because his spinning moves on the basketball court made the other team dizzy. More than once during practice he made us guys look pretty silly with his moves.

I last saw him in 2007 at my 50th high school reunion. Me, my classmate Al Podsednik, my son Zac, and my mother, took him to dinner at an Italian Restaurant on the courthouse square. He had the El Diablo shrimp and spaghetti. I'll never forget it. He said it was the first time he had ever eaten spicy Italian food in an Italian Restaurant.

From '53 to '57 we played basketball for Coach. Back then we had "A" teams and "B" teams, not JV and varsity. Only the district champion went to the playoffs. In our senior year the Hillsboro Eagles finished second in district behind Marlin. Other district opponents were Mexia, Waxahachie, and Ennis.

The starting lineup for the 1956-57 HHS Eagles varsity basketball team was Albin Podsednik, Bobby Payne,

Duck Owens, Joe Fernandez, and me. Joe moved away during the season. Coach always said if he hadn't moved we would have beaten Marlin and won the district championship.

Coach took us on the bus to the games. He was a school

bus driver for HISD for 18 years and also taught driver education. We always had fond memories of eating fried chicken at the

Chicken Shack in Waco. For most of us guys eating on the road before the games was

one of the better meals we had that week.

After I graduated in 1957 I didn't have contact with Coach DeWitt for the next 20-years yet his influence stayed with me then and has remained to these many years later. I've tried to figure it out. My teammate Al Podsednik and I have talked about it. It is hard to say actually just why his influence remained so strong over the years.

He instilled in us, without us knowing it, confidence, maturity, respect, and a knowledge of right and

wrong. He could be tough from the sidelines. When we screwed up we knew it and yet our respect for him never wavered. He was the authority during a time when we needed authority in our lives.

He had three daughters, three granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters. Al and I kidded him about not having any boys in the family. He never minded kidding because he had a great sense of humor himself, a quality that endured until the end.

We won some tournaments. We earned an Eagles letter jacket. There is a photo in our 1957 yearbook of me and Bobby holding a gold basketball trophy in the school hallway. Coach Dewitt gave us four years of his best effort then cut us loose and kicked us down the road. Some of us made it, some of us didn't.

He told me more than once he never forgot us.

Coach died Sunday. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hillsboro. Sympathies to his wife Betty Ann and the family. There are more than 50 memorial tributes to Coach on the funeral home's website guest book.

Thank you coach for all you did and for who you were.

Me and Al, we love you and we will never forget you..



Coach David DeWitt
1926 - 2009

Deadly doctors

BY BETSY MCCAUGHEY, New York Post

The health bills coming out of Congress would put the decisions about your care in the hands of presidential appointees. They'd decide what plans cover, how much leeway your doctor will have and what seniors get under Medicare.

Yet at least two of President Obama's top health advisers should never be trusted with that power.

Start with Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, the brother of White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. He has already been appointed to two key positions: health-policy adviser at the Office of Management and Budget and a member of Federal Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research.

Emanuel bluntly admits that the cuts will not be pain-free. "Vague promises of savings from cutting waste, enhancing prevention and wellness, installing electronic medical records and improving quality are merely 'lipstick' cost control, more for show and public relations than for true change," he wrote last year (Health Affairs Feb. 27, 2008).

Savings, he writes, will require changing how doctors think about their patients: Doctors take the Hippocratic Oath too seriously, "as an imperative to do everything for the patient regardless of the cost or effects on others" (Journal of the American Medical Association, June 18, 2008).

Yes, that's what patients want their doctors to do. But Emanuel wants doctors to look beyond the needs of their patients and consider social justice, such as whether the money could be better spent on somebody else.

Many doctors are horrified by this notion; they'll tell you that a doctor's job is to achieve social justice one patient at a time.

Emanuel, however, believes that "communitarianism" should guide decisions on who gets care. He says medical care should be reserved for the non-disabled, not given to those "who are irreversibly prevented from being or becoming participating citizens...An obvious example is not guaranteeing health services to patients with dementia" (Hastings Center Report, Nov.-Dec '96).

Translation: Don't give much care to a grandmother with Parkinson's or a child with cerebral palsy.

He explicitly defends discrimination against older patients: "Unlike allocation by sex or race, allocation by age is not invidious discrimination; every person lives through different life stages rather than being a single age. Even if 25-year-olds receive priority over 65-year-olds, everyone who is 65 years now was previously 25 years" (Lancet, Jan. 31).

The bills being rushed through Congress will be paid for largely by a \$500 billion-plus cut in Medicare over 10 years. Knowing how unpopular the cuts will be, the president's budget director, Peter Orszag, urged Congress this week to delegate its own authority over Medicare to a new, presidentially-appointed bureaucracy that wouldn't be accountable to the public.

Since Medicare was founded in 1965, seniors' lives have been transformed by new medical treatments such as angioplasty, bypass surgery and hip and knee replacements. These innovations allow the elderly to lead active lives. But Emanuel criticizes Americans for being too "enamored with technology" and is determined to reduce access to it.

Dr. David Blumenthal, another key Obama adviser, agrees. He recommends slowing medical innovation to control health spending.

Blumenthal has long advocated government health-spending controls, though he concedes they're "associated with longer waits" and "reduced availability of new and expensive treatments and devices" (New England Journal of Medicine, March 8, 2001). But he calls it "debatable" whether the timely care Americans get is worth the cost. (Ask a cancer patient, and you'll get a different answer. Delay lowers your chances of survival.)

Obama appointed Blumenthal as national coordinator of

health-information technology, a job that involves making sure doctors obey electronically delivered guidelines about what care the government deems appropriate and cost effective.

In the April 9 New England Journal of Medicine, Blumenthal predicted that many doctors would resist "embedded clinical decision support"—a euphemism for computers telling doctors what to do.

Americans need to know what the president's health advisers have in mind for them. Emanuel sees even basic amenities as luxuries and says Americans expect too much: "Hospital rooms in the United States offer more privacy...physicians' offices are typically more conveniently located and have parking nearby and more attractive waiting rooms" (JAMA, June 18, 2008).

No one has leveled with the public about these dangerous views. Nor have most people heard about the arm-twisting, Chicago-style tactics being used to force support. In a November 16, 2008, Health Care Watch column, Emanuel explained how business should be done: "Every favor to a constituency should be linked to support for the health-care reform agenda. If the automakers want a bailout, then they and their suppliers have to agree to support and lobby for the administration's health-reform effort."

Do we want a "reform" that empowers people like *this* to decide for us?

(Betsy McCaughey is founder of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths and a former New York lieutenant governor.)

Weather guy rain update

Local weather guy John Gurley called to report Friona received 0.39" Sunday night and 0.99" Tuesday night. Total for July as of Wednesday 4.48"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ron,

How wonderful it was to see you and so many others during the summer drama workshop. We were reminded why we loved Friona so much and how we have missed so many who were so good to our family.

I am writing to say thanks for letting me once again help with the elementary production this summer. Many thanks especially to Allison Johnston and Joy Morton for trusting me to help all the children in summer drama and for my own children and I to be a part of such an exciting and fun-filled program.

I believe as you Ron had said that summer drama is a truly magical experience. My children were in the workshop when we first came to Friona and loved it and learned so much from Allison, Joy, and the students who were models for them.

Thanks also to the many students who helped back stage with sound and lights. You guys were amazing. It couldn't happen without you. Special thanks to Kaki Stadler, Galen Clark, and Kenzie Malone for your extra hard work, respect, and teamwork.

Thanks for the special gift you gave me. I love it and appreciate it so much.

My kids are already excited about next year. May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Elisa Crum and family

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

6th Annual Chamber of Commerce golf tournament. Contact the Chamber for entry information, 250-3491.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

School starts for all Friona ISD campuses.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Annual Stock Show dinner at 7 p.m. at Farwell Community Center. Tickets are \$100 and admit two. Proceeds benefit the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. Ed Terry at Veterinary Industries has tickets.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Annual Miss Friona pageant in the high school auditorium. Time and cost details TBA.

SAT-SAT, SEPTEMBER 19-26

Maize Days Week includes Little Miss & Miss Friona contests. Saturday Sep 26 parade and booths in the city park all day. All food vendors welcome. Booths are \$30. Vendors furnish their own tables and chairs. Chamber can email or fax vendor forms. Call 806-250-3491.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Annual Little Miss Friona pageant in the high school auditorium. Time and cost details TBA.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

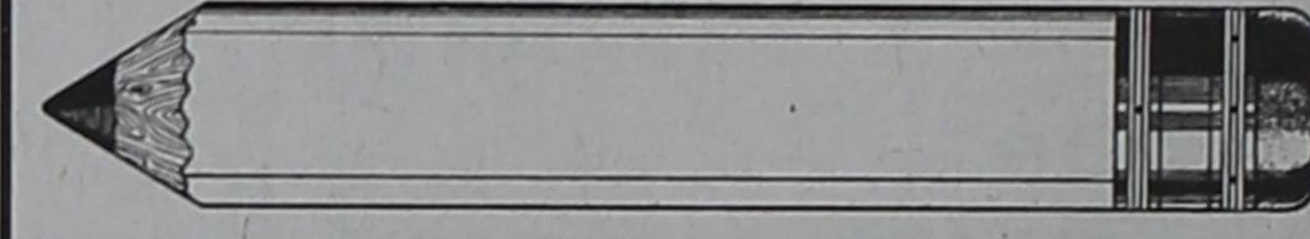
FHS homecoming Chieftains vs. Stratford Elks. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Homecoming queen activities will begin about 7 p.m. prior to the game. The Noon Lions Club will be selling hamburgers and fries at the game starting around 6 p.m. Go Big Red.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Maize Days in the park. Chuckwagon breakfast in the park before the parade. The parade starts at 10 a.m. followed by Maize Days activities at city park. All vendors need to contact the Chamber at 250-3491. Booth fee is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members.

FRI-SUN, AUGUST 21-23

Annual tax-free weekend for certain back-to-school items. School supplies are included this year. Remember to shop at home for back-to-school. It helps the community.



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Thursday, July 30, 2009

Still getting our sporadic rain around About 0.50" Sunday and rain in the forecast evening this week. had a nice rain run should be grateful change. Temps this be mostly in the say. Football and two-a-days start next day. Maybe the heat will us a break as summer to wind down.

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Town Talk II

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

Still getting our share of sporadic rain around here. About 0.50" Sunday night and rain in the forecast each evening this week. We've had a nice rain run and should be grateful for a change. Temps this week to be mostly in the 80s they say. Football and volleyball two-a-days start next Monday. Maybe the heat will give us a break as summer begins to wind down.

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It appears that former Frionan Rusty Peace will be moving from Amarillo to Ft. Worth in mid-September to take a job with LifeGift as a donation clinical specialist. Rusty is a Friona grad that has pursued a career in the emergency medical field, including ambulance and firefighter. Way to go Rusty.

My name is not Ronald. The Calvary Baptist preacher is not Richard. My name is officially Ronnie and his is Ricky. Last week here I said his name was Richard and his daughter is Liz, making a tongue-in-cheek reference to Richard and Liz Burton. Well Rick, as he is known around here, told me he is not really a Richard. So hey sorry Ricky B! Not the first time my attempt at humor has bombed.

Great showing for the Coffee Memorial blood drive last Thursday. The blood center reported they received 55 donations, a fine showing for Friona so thanks for giving the gift of life. Donations were given in honor of Annie Mae Thomas. Then on Saturday a group of Cargill employees volunteered to repaint and repair Annie Mae's house on N. Main St. A good week for her and for Friona.

David Woody, another Friona grad, will soon complete 10 years in the Navy and is scheduled to deploy

back to Qatar this week. When he returns to the U.S. he hopes to be stationed in Oklahoma but the East Coast is also a possibility.

Greg and Jan Hazelwood are completing their move to Corsicana this weekend. Greg will be an assistant football coach responsible for outside linebackers at the 4A school. He said to relay their thanks to everyone for the support and friendship during their years in Friona. Good luck Jan, Greg, and Brandon.

Junior high principal Mark Sundre and family spent the last week vacationing in San Antonio where they did the Schlitterbahn Water Park and River Walk attractions. He said they usually waited for a table inside at the River Walk restaurants because of the heat and humidity there. I found this info when I ran into Mark at the post office where one can find out all sorts of interesting information.

The Prairie Acres staff asked me to draw the name of the winner in their fundraiser for PA employee Jennifer Baize. The raffle prize was a Dell computer and a Canon printer. They raised \$5,628 at \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. The basket was full of tickets. The drawing was Monday morning. I drew from the center of the pile and the winner was Ronnie Stevick who is definitely skilled with a backhoe but I'm not sure about his computer skills. Maybe he should give it to me.

Elizabeth Romero and the Prairie Acres staff asked me to say thank you very much to everyone who supported the raffle. Jennifer had surgery for breast cancer a couple of weeks ago and the funds will be used to help out with medical expenses. She will be facing chemo in the next few weeks. She is a nurse at Prairie Acres.

A nice crowd at Monday's senior lunch enjoyed pork, macaroni and cheese, cabbage and cornbread. The seniors welcomed new assistant cook Lourdes Benavides. It was Lourdes' first day helping Nora Rios in the kitchen. Welcome Lourdes. Senior lunches are \$3 and served each Monday and Thursday at the Friendship House. All area seniors are welcome to participate.

I visited three "camps" this week for photos: Chieftain football camp, Squaw volleyball camp, and FHS cheer camp. It is a sure sign that school is not far away as the youngsters get in shape for the school year

full of athletics and other assorted fun and education. Welcome back teachers, coaches, and staff. We are having fun now!

Speaking of photos, we will soon be removing last year's photo albums from our frionaonline.com website. The 2008-09 photos covering sports, livestock show, one-act play, and other local events will be removed to make way for the new school year. If you have been planning to purchase some favorite reprints for your scrapbook now is the time. If you are confused navigating our photo albums call us during office hours Monday-Wednesday and we will try to help out.

Nice group Saturday at the Parmer Medical Center golf tournament. There were twelve 4-person teams, brisnet lunch was served, a raffle for all kinds of nice golf equipment was held and the weather cooperated for a great day of golf. Good job by all the hospital employees there to help run the tournament.

Welcome to another new coach, Paul Hodge, who comes to Friona from Vega. He will be coaching volleyball, basketball, and track but that is all I know at this point. He formerly coached JV girls basketball at Randall. Head coach and AD Mike Herbert has three new coaches this year and is no

doubt working out final coaching assignments. We'll keep you posted as the 2009-10 athletic year begins next Monday.

Our sympathies to Aundrea Frye and family on the death of Aundrea's sister, Beverly Sue Montis, 63, of Lubbock. Funeral services were Monday.



photo by elizabeth romero

Prairie Acres employees sold tickets for a raffle benefiting fellow co-worker Jennifer Baize to help with medical expenses. Mrs. Baize was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent surgery. The raffle prize was a Dell computer and Canon printer. The raffle raised \$5,628. Ron Carr, right, drew the winner Monday at the nursing home. Left is Mrs. Baize and center is Prairie Acres administrator Nikki Brister. The winner was Ronnie Stevick of Friona. The staff says thank you to everyone in the community for your participation.

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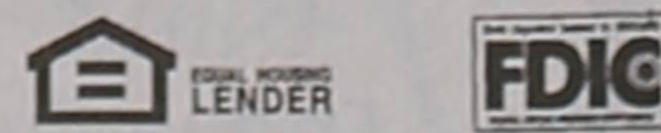
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The July 23 Coffee Memorial Blood Drive in Friona collected 55 donations. The drive was held in honor of Annie Mae Thomas. From left are Bessie Holt, local blood drive coordinator, donor Kitty Gallman, Annie Mae's daughter Eva Nell Dale, and Annie Mae Thomas, who at 96 still entertained on the piano during the afternoon at the Calvary Baptist fellowship hall. Thank you to all who supported the blood drive.

Thank You!!

The Friona Chamber of Commerce thanks the following businesses for their help in sponsoring the 2009 Cheeseburger Festival & Car Show:

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We would also like to thank the Cook-Off teams, vendors, car show exhibitors, judges, and especially the public who attended and participated in the cook-off and the KFDD Channel 10 visit. Thank you everyone.

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\$24.00 PER YEAR

Call 806-250-2211 for more information.

Oldham County Roundup events set for August 6-8

The Oldham County Roundup will be held in Vega August 6-8. Events will include a parade, free BBQ picnic, games, entertainment, timed rodeo events, team roping, softball tournament, dances and lots of hometown fun.

Thursday night golf scramble at Oldham Country Club.
Friday night street dance at 7 p.m. at Jackson's barn at the west end of Davis St.

Saturday parade at 10:45 a.m. Free BBQ at 12 on the courthouse square plus entertainment. Bingo at 1:30 p.m. on the square.

Timed rodeo followed by open team roping at 1:30 p.m. at the arena on Coke St. Softball tournament at 2 p.m. Dance at 9 p.m. at the Legend Hall. For more information contact Linda Drake at 806-267-2828 or email oldhamco@am.net.

Muleshoe's Mule Days scheduled August 15

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 15 for Mule Days in Muleshoe. A full day of events is scheduled including the Mule Days Parade and Mule Rodeo.

The day starts with a pancake breakfast 7-11 a.m. at the senior citizen center, 319 S. Main. The parade starts at 10 a.m. This year's theme is Mules Making History. A tractor show will be held after the parade at the courthouse.

The Mule Rodeo is at 11:30 a.m. at the Dusty Rhodes Arena east of Muleshoe on Highway 84. Lunch will be available at the arena. For more information about participating in the Muleshoe events contact the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce at 806-272-4248 or email chamber@fivearea.com.

Sheriff's Report

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

July 24, 2009, Matthew Davis, 41, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, posted bond and released.

July 26, 2009, Jeffrey Gonzales, 30, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of public intoxication, fined \$250; and prohibited substance in a correction facility, pending Grand Jury.

On July 14, 2009, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Mauricio Martinez, 44, of Friona, charged with DWI 3rd or more, was sentenced to 4 years in the institutional division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, confinement suspended and placed on community supervision for 4 years; confinement for 10 days in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision; TAIP program; installation of a deep-lung breath analysis mechanism in vehicle; \$470 court costs, and \$1000 fine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 2 - August 8, 2009

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wrt.net)

Aug. 2-Billy Sifford, Dusty Ryedell Rosario, Pepper Weatherly, Vuthill Loafman, Brenda Jackson, Jack Turner, Hunter Widner, Millie Lou Moore

Aug. 3-Connie Johnson, Valerie Brockman Greene, Peggy Stowers, Norbert Schueler, Jason Wells, Wendy Harris, Mac Glasscock

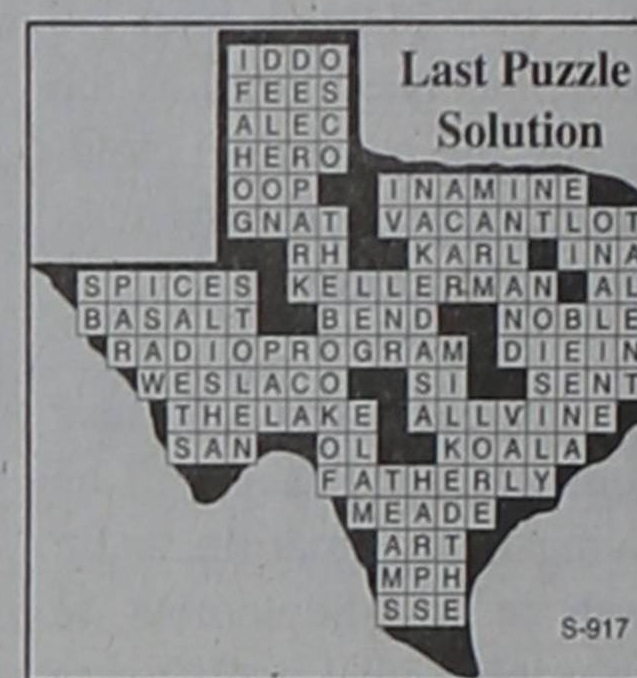
Aug. 4-Ashley Smiley Gutierrez, Shannon Grissom, Rosa Reyes, Quint Ellis

Aug. 5-Amber Grager, Ruby Stone, Earlene McCreary, Kirk Frye, Lori Woods, Cindy Adams, Lindsey S. Bowyer, Amber Drager

Aug. 6-Charlotte Paiz, Mary Lou Castaneda, Paul Mohr, Destiny Cruz, Kaleb Rainey

Aug. 7-Sarah Widner, Wayne Case, Jared Beard, Dusty Fleming, Jud Sims, Vicky Pipes, Veda McKay, Leigh Burleson, Kayl Schueler

Aug. 8-Jason Vaughn, Oscar Eastep, Richard Ellis, Julie Warren, Jenny Hamilton Riethmayer, Judy Cummings, Kim Herring, Jeffrey Krauel, Celeste Olvera



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from July 18, 2009 to July 22, 2009:
Robert J. Koehn, and Florene J. Koehn - Myron L. Koehn and Rebecca A. Koehn, SW/4 QF, SE/4, S12 T15S R2E,

Friona Bridal Registry

Ingram's

Phone: 250-3291

- V'Lynda Wilcox & Kevin Barnett
- Lynette Jubay & Eddie Smith
- Lucretia Field & Kyle Morgan
- Ginger English & Robert Yaeger
- Raquel Mendez & J.C. Contreras
- Beau Barnett & Brittany Morgan
- LaFawnda Mays & Anthony Kubacak

Ivy Cottage

Phone: 250-8073

- V'Lynda Wilcox & Kevin Barnett
- Lynette Jubay & Eddie Smith
- Emmie Crutchfield & Aaron Arcos
- Lucretia Field & Kyle Morgan
- Ginger English & Robert Yaeger
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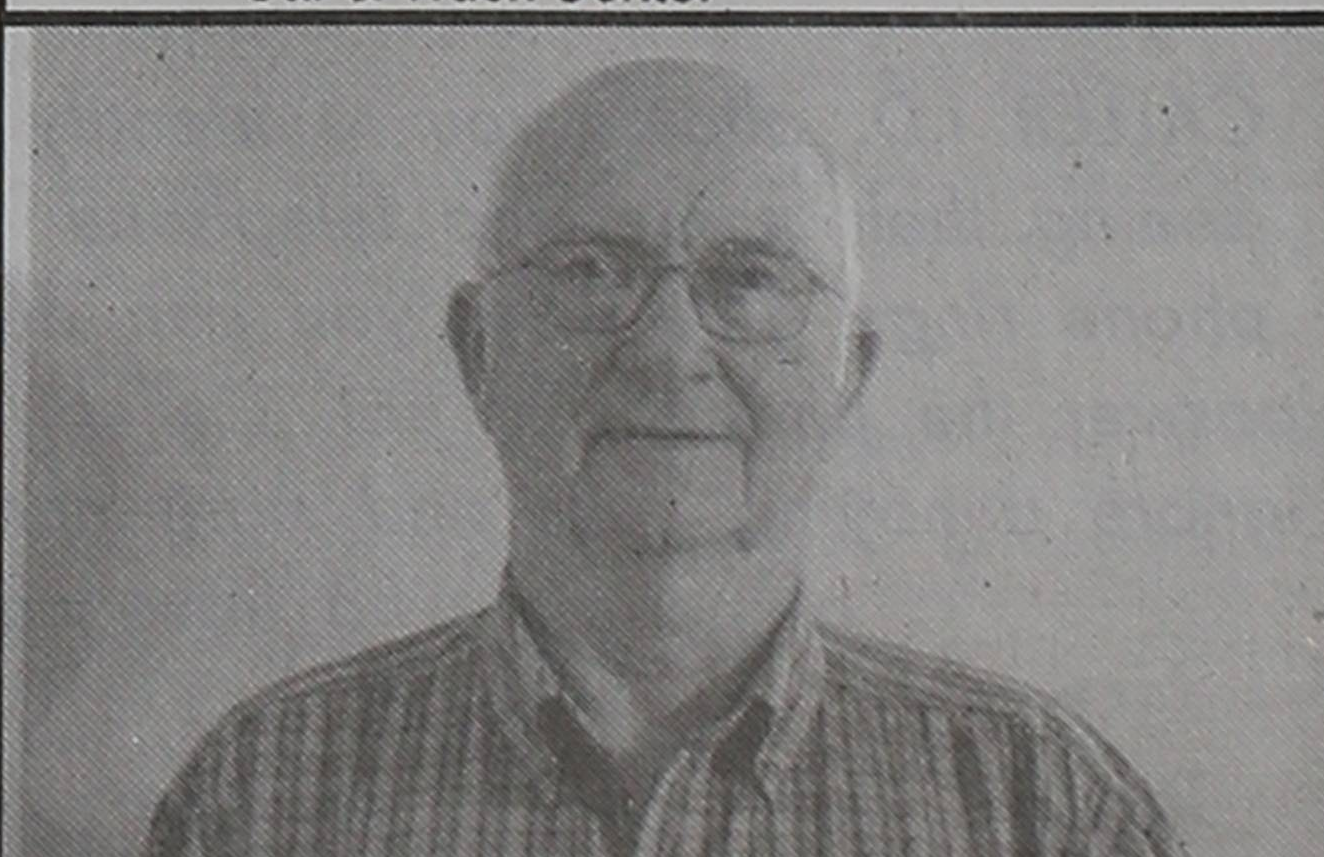
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- Beau Barnett & Brittany Morgan
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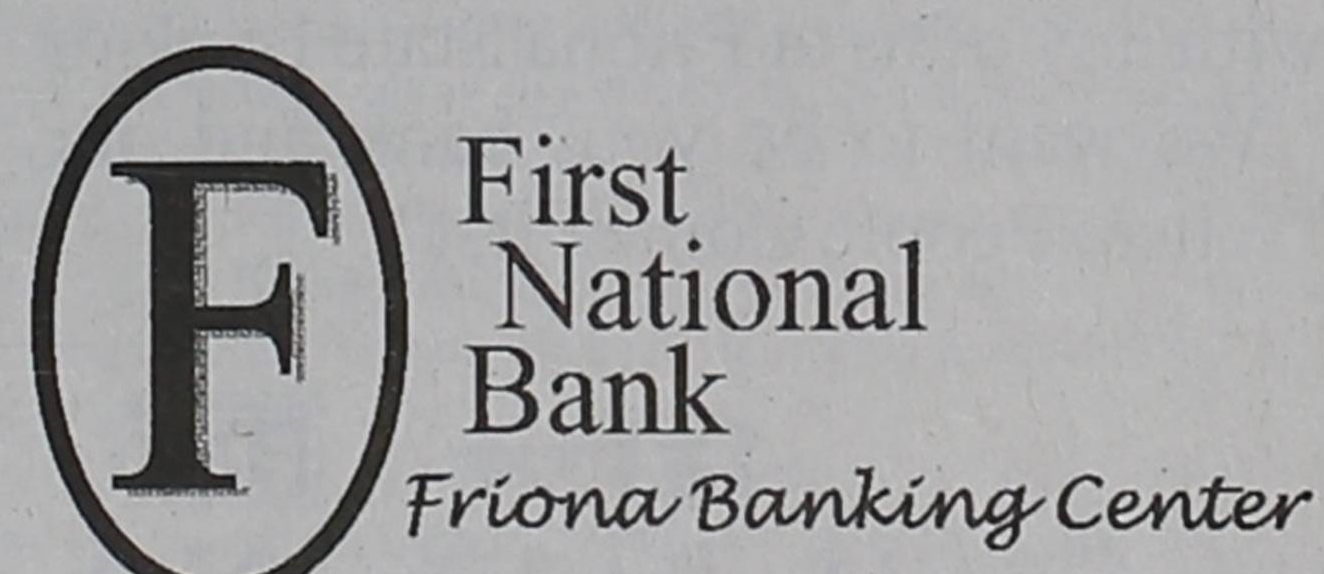
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Thursday, July 30, 2009

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 30, 2009

Parmer County
PO Box 506
Farwell, TX 79325
(806) 481-3383

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about sixteen (16) days after the date of this publication, Parmer County will submit a request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Project No. 728155 - Water and Sewer System Improvements.

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace undersized water lines to improve water pressure by installing one thousand two hundred seventy-six linear feet (1,276 LF) of four-inch (4") PVC pipe, one (1) tapping sleeve, one (1) flush assembly, and ten (10) service connections; provide first-time public sewer service to ten (10) households. All activities will be located in the Lakeside area located north of the City of Bovina. The estimated project cost is \$228,403.00 which is being funded 100% by TxCDBG grant funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Parmer County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Parmer County, County Courthouse, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas and at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: D. Scott Caldwell, PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. All comments received by sixteen (16) days of the date of this publication will be considered by Parmer County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Parmer County certifies to the Office of Rural Community Affairs that Bonnie Heald in her capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Parmer County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and Parmer County certification received by sixteen (16) days after the date of this publication or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Parmer County approved by the Office; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR:

The Honorable Bonnie Heald, County Judge
Environmental Certifying Officer
Parmer County
PO Box 506
Farwell, TX 79325

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from April 01, to June 30, 2009 Inclusive:

JURY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$ 73,958.28
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	901.99
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	23,354.43
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$ 51,505.84

GENERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$ 1,493,041.18
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	262,280.70
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	651,593.72
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$1,103,728.16

FARM TO MARKET FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$822,431.74
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	254,369.39
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	358,825.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$717,976.13

RIGHT OF WAY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$ 49,921.77
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	12,528.18
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$ 62,449.95

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$16,950.52
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	43,155.23
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	27,763.37
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$32,342.38

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$31,732.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	888.95
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$32,620.95

REVENUE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$128,357.27
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	54,545.75
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	40,205.03
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$142,697.99

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$1,128.48
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	15.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	19.95
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$1,123.53

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$18,356.42
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	1,014.69
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	502.57
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$18,868.54

DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287 th FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$6,981.28
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	6,518.17
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	4,496.45
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$9,003.00

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$ 466.42
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	1,666.50
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$2,132.92

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$7,550.97
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	2.99
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$7,553.96

INTEREST & SINKING FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	\$161,371.34
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	9,323.49
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$170,694.83

LATERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2009.....	0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/09 Balance.....	\$0.00

RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund.....	\$ 51,505.84
General Fund.....	1,103,728.16
Farm To Market Fund.....	717,976.13
Right Of Way Fund.....	62,449.95
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	32,342.38
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	32,620.95
Revenue Fund.....	142,697.99
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	1,123.53
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	18,868.54
District Check Collection - 287 th Fund.....	9,003.00
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	2,132.92
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	7,553.96
Interest & Sinking Fund.....	170,694.83
Lateral Fund.....	0.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,352,698.18

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND	
Certificate of Deposit	
General Fund.....	0.00
Farm To Market Fund.....	0.00
Investments	
General Fund.....	1,801,599.47
Farm To Market.....	648,528.26
Jury Fund.....	76,173.55
Permanent Improvement.....	41,369.98
Right Of Way.....	109.81
Parmer County Forfeiture.....	36,027.24
TOTAL.....	\$2,603,808.31

TREASURER'S REPORT

PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS
THE STATE OF TEXAS)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington
County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th Day of July, 2009.

Bonnie J. Clayton-Heald
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas

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New Album this week:
Cargill Cares



TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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OBITUARIES

Winifred Lee Hurst

Services for Winifred Lee Hurst, 86, of Lubbock, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Winifred passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2009.

Winifred was born in Spur, Texas on October 4, 1922, to Lawis E. and Gladys A. Lee.



Winifred Lee Hurst

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Ruth Augustine.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Andy Hurst, Jr.; daughter, Ann Graves; son, Rick Hurst; son-in-law, Travis Graves; daughter-in-law, Christy Hurst; grandchildren Sunni Graves Graham and husband Preston, Abbi Graves, Helen Hurst Gould, Andrew Hurst, Mary Hurst, Holly Hurst Chapman and husband Andy; and two great-grand-

daughters, Genevieve Graham and Reagan Gould.

Winifred graduated from Spur High School in 1940 and Texas Tech University where she obtained a Home Economics degree and in 1944 she married Andy Hurst, Jr. at St. Johns Methodist church in Lubbock. The couple then moved to College Station, Phillips, Matador, Sudan, and finally settled in Friona, their home of 44 years. Winifred was involved in women's study club, Boy and Girl Scouts, Bible school, PTA, WSCS, First Methodist Church, and a multitude of charitable works for the community. Active in every aspect of small town life, she is survived by many friends whom she deeply loved until the end of her life.

Winnie was loving and fun-loving. She was known for her infectious laugh and sense of humor. She believed Jesus Christ to be her savior. Her devotion to him and a vibrant prayer life deepened over the years. She was amazingly creative, talented, and busy. She painted, collected stamps, gardened, sewed, traveled, entertained, and was a fabulous cook. Her love for her husband, her family, her friends, her Lord, and life itself, are a continuing source of happiness for all who were touched by Winnie.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Vista Care Hospice of Lubbock.

Please join in celebrating Winifred's life at her memorial website at www.mem.com.



Frances Ready

Funeral services for Frances Ready, 91, of Friona were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Reverend Ron Colwell, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at 3:00 p.m. in the Abernathy Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home. She died Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo.

She was born November 11, 1917 in Bynum, Texas to Tom and Pearl House Young. She married J.P. Ready on January 25, 1936 in Plainview, Texas. He died on March 27, 1992.

She moved to Friona in 1953 from Andrews, Texas. She worked in the Friona School cafeteria and drove a school bus for many years. She was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Mickey Ready of Waco, Texas, Frank Ready of Bonanza, Oregon, and Don Ready of Summerfield, Texas; two daughters, Patricia Baker of Lipan, Texas and Wanda Reeve of Farwell, Texas; two sisters, Audrey Mahagan of Claytonville, Texas and Margie Pool of Tulia, Texas; four brothers, Earl Young of Bovina, Texas, Mearl Young of Cherokee, Oklahoma, and Carlton Young and Billy Young both of Plainview, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.



Frances Ready

Shirt Pocket History

BY JIM STEIERT

(Reprinted from the August West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op Connection Newsletter.)

Never thought much about it, but there are some of us who carry history in our pocket. Not the stuff of great statesmanship or political or military maneuvering, just minute chronicles of everyday life scrawled in handy shirt pocket size calendar/notebooks.

The old Federal Land Bank used to provide these pocket calendars and copies of the Farmer's Almanac for the year as patronage favors—anybody who ever made loan payments knows the calendar booklets and almanacs weren't really free—but still a decent idea.

I started picking a couple up at the Capital Farm Credit office here in Hereford at my Dad's request a few years ago, and the habit has stuck.

In our basement right now is a small box full of my late Dad's old pocket calendars from years past—I couldn't bring myself to dispose of them.

Scrawled on their worn pages in tight Eversharp lead script are recollections.

Foremost among them are notes of .70, .30, slow drizzle all day, 1.5 soaker, cotton shower, hotter than hell, bad hail-storm, big duster—fought sand all day, light frost, hard freeze in dark of the moon, norther and blowing snow. All of it is a straight to the point chronology of the essential element of life on the Plains that is weather. Crucial components of agrarian life—duly noted but sparingly expounded upon—in the space available to the days of its happening.

Over scored of years and as many pages are other simple, significant facts and numbers, 10s and 12s and 14s, even 16s and 18s far more numerous than mere 8s—the tallying of hours of honest labor of a tractor driver for hire on the old Hill home place, or the old Judd Davis spread, west of the potato shed, expansively down in the "drifting dunes" south of Olton, on assorted of Allen's fields. Matter-of-fact, straight-arrow accounting toward payday. The numbers run highest in the times of harvesting potatoes and onions and loading up trucks with contracted carrots conveyed up from the digger, the smell of fresh moist earth and golden skinned spuds virtually emanating from the pages, and in the calendar spaces denoting the fine fall times when loads of corn were caught on the fly in the grain cart with deft handling of the tractor running alongside the combine. I can still smell the diesel, the essence of fodder and hear the rattle of yellow kernels spilled in the bin.

Spring days often hold notes of re-hilling spuds blown out with the shifting of the sandy soil hard-pressed by insistent winds. Not

in every volume, but in several, are the briefest of notes on April 1. An eloquent entry runs five words—"the day we hit Okinawa," a sparse one simply two—"Okinawa landing". The shortest of pencil memoirs to his place in the spearhead wave of the largest invasion of the Pacific war against the Japanese empire in 1945—nothing at all about evacuating troops cut off on a beachhead off Naha while under fierce artillery fire, or having island hopped all over the Pacific in assorted landings.

Often, there are even notes on winter work days, references to "big oxing" on the home place, running the long chisels of the implement to the hilt in cattle-packed ground, often as not a rough ride, or disintegrating clods with the turning metal of an offset disk.

There are occasional seasonal notes of other bents—"kids coming", "big doings at Jim's, pick up a turkey" a reminder of duties to fulfill prior to a Thanksgiving day gathering, a grandchild's birthday, the all-important do-not-forget-at-all-cost anniversary number....

Now, I scribble in my pocket calendar books, probably not nearly so abundant in pithy pencildote, but trending toward the prime examples I have known.

Inherently heavy on weather—90 on June 18, a nice topoff with another 1.30 on June 20, an unheard-of 2.9 on July 5 and another .80 on July 6—fantastically rapid corn growing sort of wet.

A few pages hold the briefest of Dr. Appt. notes—not the favorite sort of thing to enter, but necessary, sometimes, hopefully not too often.

Entries in the early days of the year hold a breakdown on number of geese bagged, species, and those hunting.

Happy lines mark trips to 4-H Roundup, Playa Festivals, a road trip to Jaime's, the head count of those accepting an invitation for a cookout.

Short lines of everyday history in my shirt pocket.

Prayer

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

The last two weeks at Union Congregational we've been following the lectionary (which is a series of scriptures compiled weekly, so that, in a three-year cycle one reads the major themes of the Bible) but pondering prayer too. Just what is prayer, really? I love Rabbi Neusner's line on prayer, "Do I pray? Yes. I pray everyday. I pray with my feet." I believe he means that there is more to prayer than just words. It can be a word or a string of words compiled into sentences, but prayer is also action. It is something much more than seeing God as a Cosmic Bell Hop or a Divine Spare Tire to where we only need God when we want something or only use God when we have a spiritual flat. There are three types of prayer: Meditative, Contemplative, and Vocative.

As can be guessed, the first two types are usually not spoken. A meditative prayer can be your favorite prayer you've known for decades, one that is written down, and a contemplative prayer can be a phrase, a certain scripture or saying that allows one to focus on God. These two differ greatly from the vocative type, in that, they center around listening to God instead of speaking to God. A vocative prayer is one that speaks to God, and there are more than five types of these.

Which way best describes your prayers? Do you talk, or do you listen? Do you hear the Spirit, see the Spirit, or do you feel the Spirit mostly? The best thing I've found for me, and it may not be at all for you, is to write down my prayers. It's amazing - not that my prayers are good, but the language, the structure, and the requests and pleads I make surprise me most. It's as if, when I write them down, the answer to my prayer comes much more quickly. And even more eerily, the answer was right in front of me the whole time. Maybe I've viewed God as too far off and too high up, like a spare tire just waiting to be uncovered or a bellhop only at my service. Maybe it's been a long, long time since I really, honestly prayed? When I listen more than I speak, it seems I understand so much more about selfish, silly prayers and the real prayer that comes by grace. The silly prayers I've made have been very valuable. They have uncovered my greed and lack of gratitude, especially when I have them written down for future examination.

Think about this

A man on the move

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Genesis 11:27 begins a new section of the "Great Story". What begins now is a series of events that finally bear fruit in the emergence of a chosen people, Israel.

Abram (Abraham) will be the central figure in the beginning of this new nation. Paul said Abraham is the "Father of all who believe", (Romans 4:11).

Even though Abram was a great man of faith, he was still a man who struggled a great deal with that faith. There are several reasons why Abram struggled with his faith. Perhaps we can relate to some of these possible reasons:

(1) Evidently, Abram had been raised to believe and worship many Gods. Joshua will later say that Abraham lived in a family that worshipped other Gods. (Joshua 24:2).

(2) Maybe Abram had a dominating father. Terah, Abram's father, seems to be the authoritative head of Abram's family long after Abram is married; actually, until Terah dies, (11:32-12:3).

God charged Abram in the Ur of Chaldea to depart from the land and go to a land He would show him but Abram actually didn't leave his kindred. He evidently allowed Terah to dictate his life. It is only when Terah dies that God calls Abram a second time, from Haran. (Compare Genesis 11:27-12:4 with Acts 7:1-4.)

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Bovina Class of 1959 reunion attendees are, back row, l-r, Donald Jones, Billy Burnam, Jerry Strawn, Ramey Brandon, Don Bandy, Duane Rea, Ferman Kelso; front, l-r, Arlene Clayton Bryan, Joan Kay Ezell Horn, Kay Hartzog Strawn, Janice Richards, Nancy Cumpston Perkins, Gladys Dean Spring, and Mary Morris Williams.

Bovina class of '59 has 50-year reunion

Submitted by GLADYS SPRING

The Bovina High School Class of 1959 held their 50-year reunion July 17-19 at the Days Inn East in Amarillo. There were 14 class members with spouses attending.

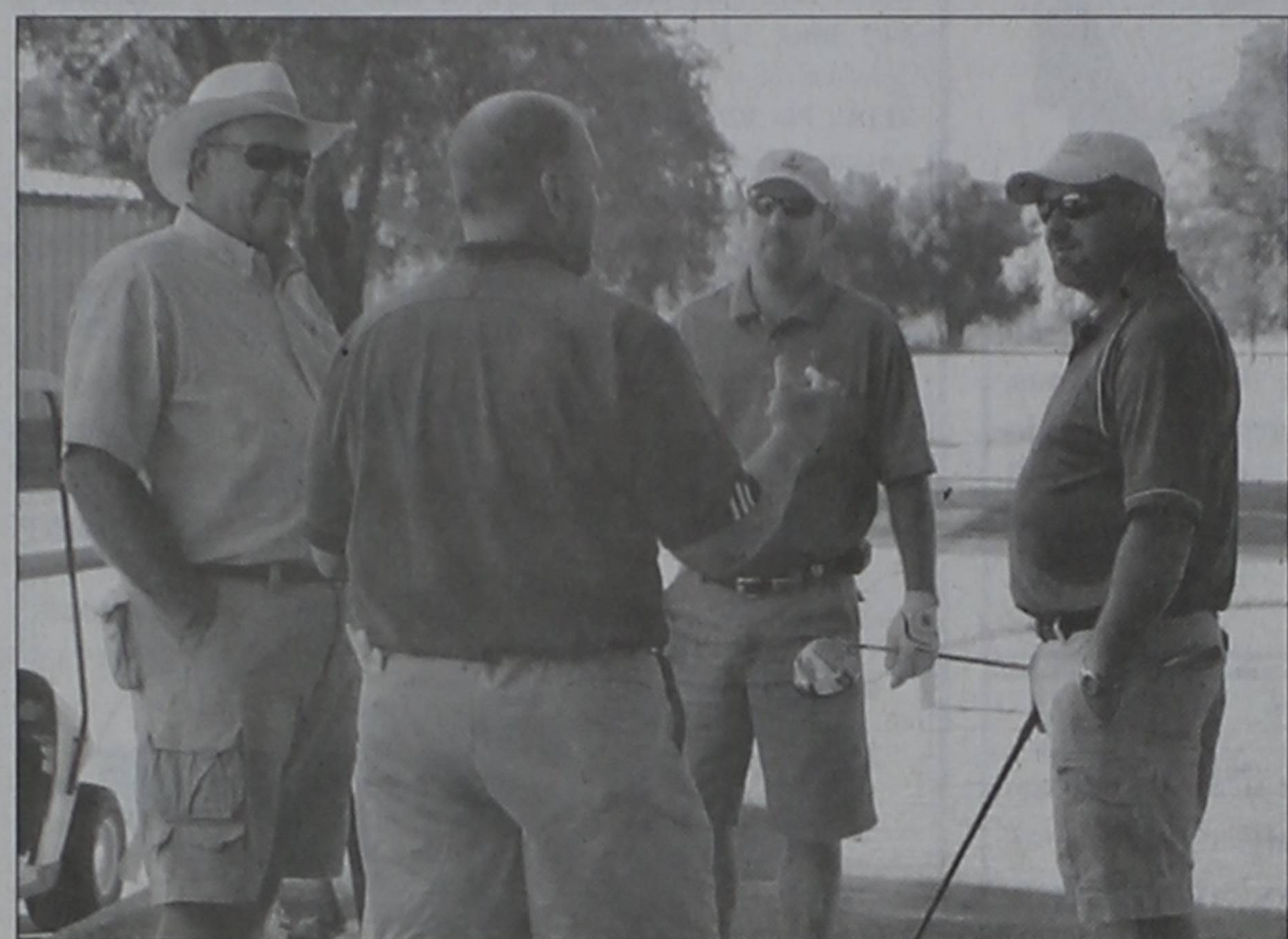
The reunion started July 17 with a picnic in Palo Duro Canyon State Park followed by attending the musical "TEXAS".

Saturday began with several having breakfast together. Congregating began in the meeting room of the Days Inn. Visiting, remembering, enjoying scrapbooks and photos of the past, and eating were enjoyed by the group throughout the day.

Memory books that included essays and photos from each class member about their life since 1959 was handed out. The evening meal was held at the Country Barn. Following the meal the group met back at the meeting room for more

visiting. Sunday morning several shared breakfast together before class members said their goodbyes and headed for home.

Attending the reunion were Ramey and Sharon Brandon of Tumwater, Washington; Duane Rea of Austin; Joan Kay (Ezell) Horn of Austin; Jerry and Kay (Hartzog) Strawn of Panhandle; Nancy (Cumpston) and Erick Perkins of Grapevine; Arlene (Clayton) and Roy Bryan of Happy; Bill and Shirley Burnam of Hereford; Ferman and Maxine Kelso of Clovis; Donald and Vickie Jones of Farwell; Mary (Morris) Williams of Farwell; Don and Pat Bandy of Bovina; Janice Richards of Bovina; and Gladys (Dean) and Don Spring of Bovina. A special friend and early class member, Augusta Richards Salter of Amarillo, also attended.



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Tee talk. At the Parmer Medical Center golf tournament last Saturday, l-r, Robert Neelley, Toby Fletcher, Kirk Wright, and Jon Douglas talk things over before teeing off. The foursome won first place in the 12-team tournament. Mr. Fletcher was here from Marble Falls. He was PMC administrator Lance Gatlin's college roommate.



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