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Chamber events coming in April

On Saturday, April 9 the Friona Chamber of Commerce will sponsor two events.

The Ladies Spring Luncheon with a style show sponsored by Ingram's Department Store will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. Bring a dessert or salad for admission.

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will perform at the Reeve Lake/community center area. Show times are 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. More details later.

Band booster meeting Tues

There is a Chieftain Band Booster meeting Tuesday March 22 at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. Business topics include state qualifiers and the end of school concert. All band parents and boosters are encouraged to attend.



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Parmer County Precinct 1 employee Wayne Stone puts the finishing touches on the community center parking lot. TxDOT gave Precinct 1 some excess recycled asphalt that was used to resurface the parking area and county employees did the paving. The asphalt was recycled from Highway 60 repaving projects. Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye said TxDOT gives the recycled material to the county each year. This year Precincts 1 and 2 were the recipients.

Council discusses Prairie Acres, election, country club change

BY RON CARR

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday March 14 at 619 Main St. Mayor J.B. Douglas presided. Council members Mark Osborn and Charlie Pope were absent but the mayor declared a quorum present.

Shana Shelton, Chief Financial Officer of Transition Services (the Prairie Acres management company) was present and provided a Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates financial report. She stated

that the financial position had improved since they took over management in October 2008. The February bond and interest payment was made and there is cash in reserve toward the next payment in August.

She explained to council members how payments from Medicaid, Medicare, and private payments are received. She stated the current Texas legislature is proposing a 33% reduction in Medicaid payments but thinks it will eventually be closer to 7-9%.

City manager Patricia Phipps reported that incumbents Jim Atwell, Mark Osborn, and Charlie Pope were the only candidates for the three seats up for election and the city would not have an election. There will be a school board election May 14 at the council chambers and appointed as election judges were Becky Mays and Pam Mercado.

The agreement between the city and the school district for maintaining the

adult softball field was extended until 2015. The school district owns the field but the city maintains it.

The council approved a modification of an agreement between the country club board and the Economic Development Corporation to allow the agreement to be transferred to the new club operators. Former Friona resident Dee King met with the city and the EDC last Thursday to propose leasing and operating the

country club. That arrangement is in the process of being finalized and King has assumed operation of the club as of Monday March 14.

The city financial statements and accounts payable for February were discussed and approved. It was noted that long time city employee Kenny Ford plans to retire at the end of April. Ford is the only city employee certified for mosquito spraying and Richard Samarron, who is certified for weed

spraying, is working toward his mosquito certification. It was also noted that new heating and air units were installed at the police department and new heating at the community center, plus all the ballasts at the library were replaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting of the city council will be Monday April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

Six sign-ups for school board, no election for the city council

The sign-up period for election to the Friona city council and the FISSD board of trustees ended Monday March 14 at 5 p.m.

Three seats on the city council were up for election. The only candidates signing up were incumbents Jim Atwell, Mark Osborn, and Charlie Pope. With three candidates and three vacancies the May 14 city election will be canceled.

A total of six candidates have signed-up for the two available school board seats. The

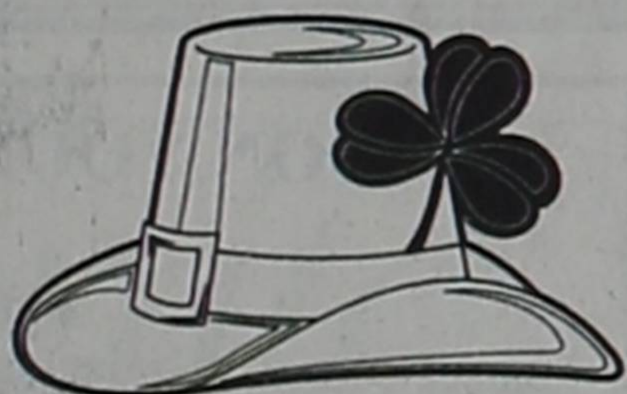
terms of Danny Hand and Tracy Bunker are expiring. Hand declined to run for another term. The six candidates are incumbent Tracy Bunker, Ben Osborn, Freddy Moreno, Greg O'Brian, Wade Schueler, and Antonio Rocha.

The school board election will be May 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the city council chambers, 619 Main St. Early voting will be May 2-10 by personal appearance at the FISSD administration office, 909 E. 11th.



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Courtney Bunker leads a Muleshoe runner during the junior high track meet in the 800m run.



Dee King to take over country club

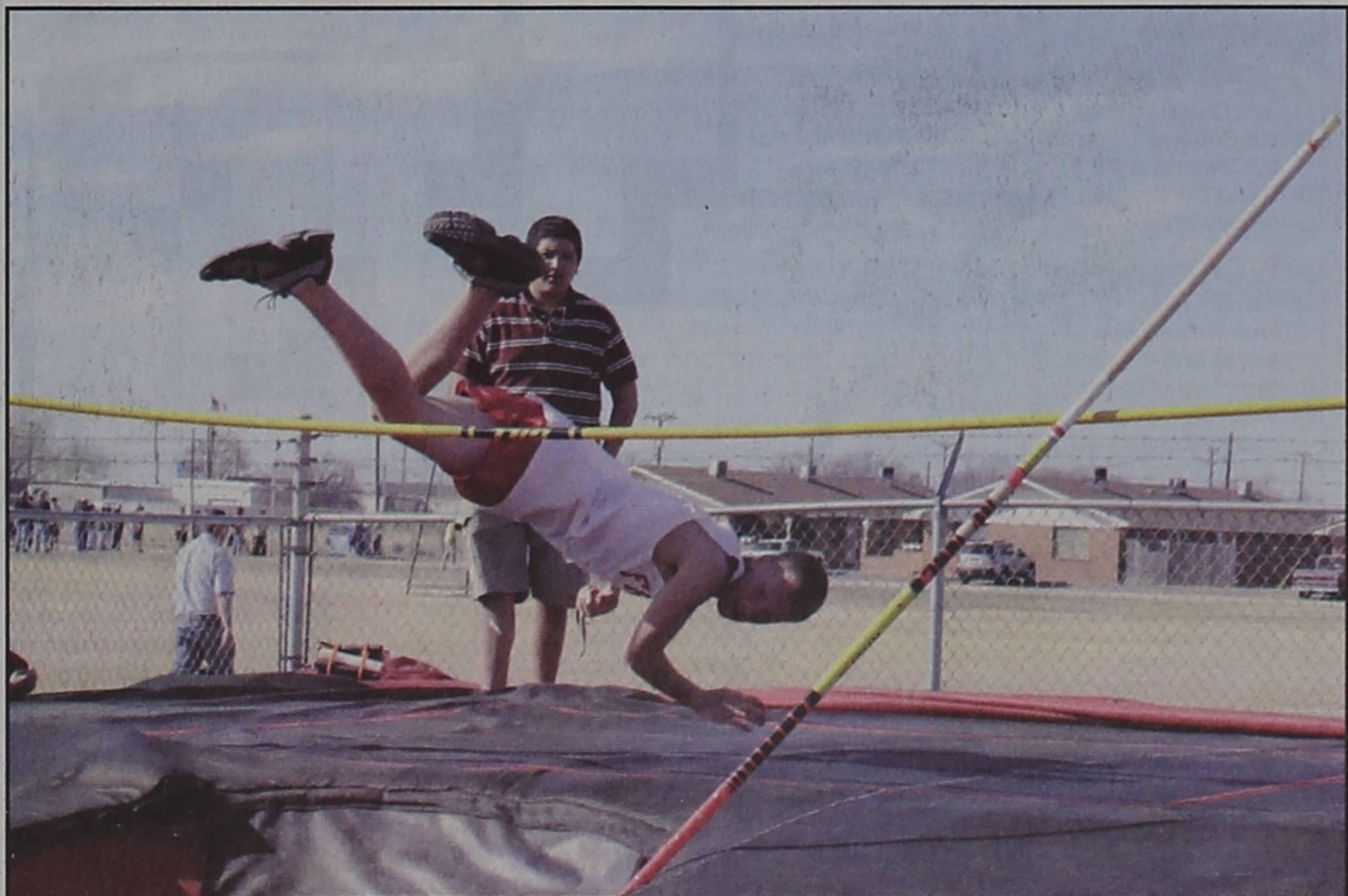
Former Friona resident Dee King, owner of Dee King Trucking, is near finalizing an agreement with the Friona Country Club board of directors and the Friona Economic Development Corporation to lease and assume the operation of the country club and golf course.

King met with the FEDC board last Thursday to seek approval of the transfer of an agreement between the club and the FEDC into his name. The Friona city council approved the measure Monday night paving the way for King to proceed with the takeover. The FEDC had given the country club board a \$30,000 loan in 2009. Terms required that the club be kept open to the public and one-third of the loan would be forgiven each year for three years.

Although the official paperwork is not yet final, King said he took over operation of the club on Monday March 14. He expects all contracts to be formalized in the next couple of weeks. He has brought in a former club employee, Bobby Sansom, as manager.

The current board has been in a financial struggle for several years to keep the country club operational. Green fee and cart rental revenue had diminished. Not as many members were regular golfers. Membership dues were not enough to support the operation.

The board is basically turning over the club operation to King. He will have a lease agreement but no money will exchange hands in the deal. King will assume the club debt and expenses and be challenged to increase club revenues and attract more golfers, hence more revenue. Exact details of the final agreement are not known at this time for publication. King said he planned a grand opening promotion in the near future. Mayor J.B. Douglas, also an FEDC board member, told the city council Monday that the board was impressed with Mr. King and his plans for revitalizing the country club. They feel he will be a positive benefit for the community.



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Friona 7th grader Josh Barnett looks back to make sure he cleared the bar in the pole vault competition at last week's junior high track meet. Looking on is Sergio Soliz. Don't forget your scrapbook. More junior high track photos available at frionaonline.com.

Town Talk II

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

Earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan, tour bus crashes in New York, floods in New Jersey. The news lately is filled with major tragedies. Makes the peaceful country living in Parmer County look pretty good. At least we get some advance warning about tornado activity. It is time for the "pray for rain" people to turn up the pressure. A lot of rain would make life around here even better.

The Parmer County Historical Commission will meet Thursday March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse in the commissioners room. All interested residents are invited to attend.

Former Friona resident Dee King is finalizing an agreement to assume operation of the Friona Country Club and golf course. He met with the city and the Friona Economic Development Corporation last Thursday. I spoke with Dee on Tuesday and he is enthu-

siastic about the project. He has hired former country club employee Bobby Sansom as the full time manager. Once the agreement is final he plans a grand opening and we will keep the community updated in the pages of the Star. The country club and golf course is an asset to the community and we wish Dee much success and support with the venture.

A couple of school items to mention. The Chieftains JV and varsity baseball teams will host Abernathy Saturday March 19 at 12 p.m. at the Friona ball park. Then Sunday March 20 at 2 p.m. the FHS one-act play will perform a dress rehearsal for the public in the high school auditorium. The play lasts around 40 minutes so come and support the kids.

We should send congratulations to the Idalou Wildcats for winning the 2A state basketball championship with a 55-54 victory over Tatum. Idalou won both the

state football and basketball titles this year. That is a major accomplishment in high school sports. The Wildcats were our homecoming opponent in football and were in our district in basketball. The Idalou baseball team will be here for a district game Saturday March 26 at 12 p.m.

For almost a year now the Friona Star has been on the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics report list. Someone from the Labor Department calls at an appointed time each month (they send a postcard in advance) to collect my employment and payroll data. It is a pretty short conversation. I say, "Nothing's changed. Same as last month." They say it is quite important that they gather my information to keep the public informed about trends in the labor market across the country. And you thought we were just some little huckleberry newspaper.

At the Chamber banquet Terry Hunt was Teacher of the Year and FHS seniors Laci Austin and J Gurley were Students of the Year. While I was in the process of taking their photos, Mrs. Hunt said that she taught both J and Laci in first grade. She also taught my son Zac in first grade and he graduates from college in May. Time continues to march on.

My oldest daughter Candace Holmes, her husband Walt and their three teens are spending spring break in Kenya, Africa. It is sort of a mission trip. They are staying with a former youth minister from their church in Coppell and visiting orphanages and schools along with some sightseeing. She is posting many neat photos on Facebook. It is a great family experience. Their oldest daughter (and my oldest granddaughter) Hayley will graduate high school this year and attend the University of Arkansas in the fall.

How far is Africa? Ten thousand miles? I have been having instant communication with my daughter on Facebook while she is in Africa. Instant like replies within one minute. Totally amazing to this old guy who thought the Dick Tracy two-way watch would only exist in the funny paper.

When I called County Commissioner Kirk Frye Monday to ask about the paving at the community center (see photo on front page) he was driving through Temple on the way to the stock show in Houston where his son Kirby will show lambs. They will be home Friday for baseball

practice. Kirby is the only senior, and starting pitcher, on the Chieftain baseball team.

Bovina is having their version of a Chamber banquet although their Chamber was disbanded last year due to lack of support. They are organizing a Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday March 26 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. The speaker will be Jared Blankenship, the Hereford resident who has declared as a candidate for President of the United States. Military veterans will be honored. Tickets are available from the Bovina city hall or call 806-251-1116.

Back in the day there were potato chips and corn chips. That's all we had. Neither was flaming hot. Sunday I was in that big store in Hereford at the checkout counter and observed a display of potato chips. The flavors were, in order of hotness I guess, Jalapeno, La Diabla, Habanero, and Nitro. I bought some Fritos. I did invest in a box of the new Cinnamon Cheerios. How many more varieties of Cheerios do we need? I am proud to be simple.

In the Miss Teen Texas pageant in San Antonio, Kylie Boyd won the evening wear competition and was 3rd runner-up for the Miss Teen title. She is the daughter of former Friona residents Carol and Byron Boyd. The family now lives in Canyon.

Six candidates will be on the school board election ballot May 14 to fill two vacancies. The six of-

ficial candidates are incumbent Tracy Bunker, Freddy Moreno, Ben Osborn, Greg O'Brian, Wade Schueler, and Antonio Rocha. More about these gentlemen in the days ahead. Incumbent board member Danny Hand decided not to run for reelection.

At Monday's city council meeting, Kitty Gallman and her granddaughter Jessie London were in attendance. Jessie is a WT A&M student but plans to attend Hardin Simmons University in the fall. She was observing the council meeting for a political science class project. Good to see young people observing and making progress. All city council meetings are open to the public.

Friona graduate Doug Massey, Class of 1980, is the incoming president of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors-Texas. He recently testified before the Senate State Affairs Committee opposing a Senate Bill about annuity contract withdrawals. Massey is a resident of San Angelo and his mother is Johnny Douglas of Friona. He has been in the insurance/financial advisor industry for 26 years.

Spring break is about over. In two months the Class of 2011 will graduate. The senior class steak dinner is Sunday April 10. Hope to see you Saturday for the Chieftains baseball game and Sunday for the one-act play dress rehearsal. If you are a former resident now surviving somewhere else drop us an email about what you are doing. See you next week. Until then!

Thanks Farmers: National Ag Week

BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK

America's farmers, ranchers and growers are some of our nation's greatest assets. Not only do we rely on American agriculture for our food, feed, fiber, and fuel, our agricultural producers preserve our environment, and help drive our national economy.

As I travel the country and speak with audiences of all sorts, I often ask folks when they last took a moment to thank or appreciate a farmer. The truth is that we owe a debt of gratitude to the hard working men and women who provide us - and much of the world - with a safe, reliable, affordable, and abundant food supply.

March 15 is National Agriculture Day, and a great time to consider the important contributions that American agriculture makes to our lives.

Agriculture is responsible for one out of every 12 jobs in America. And while many sectors of our economy are running trade deficits, American agriculture has enjoyed a trade surplus for nearly 50 years. This year we expect a record agricultural trade surplus worth more than \$47 billion and record agricultural exports that will help support more than 1 million jobs across the nation.

What's more, America's farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world - helping support the strength and


prosperity of our nation as a whole. American families spend only 6 or 7 cents out of every dollar on food - less than almost any other nation and half as much as in Japan or Italy. That means we have more to spend on a nicer home, to save for retirement, or to fund our children's college education.

And America's farmers have taken extraordinary steps to take care of our nation's natural resources. In the last 30 years alone, USDA has worked to help producers reduce soil erosion by more than 40% and agriculture has gone from being the leading cause of wetland loss to leading the entire nation in wetland restoration efforts. Our farms act as carbon sinks, mitigating the impact of global warming. Land that remains in farming, pasture, or forest helps clean the water we drink and the air we breathe.

For generations, America's farmers and ranchers have helped our nation stay strong. Today - through the production of renewable energy like wind and biofuels - they are increasingly helping to build a vital link to our country's energy independence.

This week - National Agriculture Week - please take time to recognize the important work our farmers and ranchers do for this country and the world and say, simply, "thank you".

Celebrate National Ag Week



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Jane Doe, yes, I have a home computer.

Amelia, You will need to fill out our form with some of your personal information including your e-mail address. We will set your temporary password and you are ready to go.

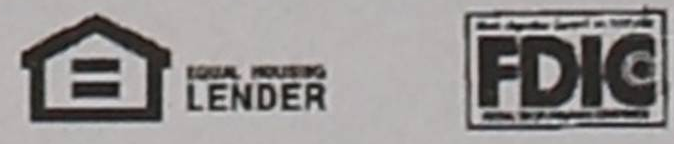
Jane Doe, please explain how to do this.

Amelia, Click on Internet Explorer and type in our website: frionastatebank.com and then click on "Login to Internet Banking". Type in your temporary Login Id that we gave you and then the temporary password. You'll be asked to change both of these. Then choose your security questions and answers and you are ready to look at your account.

Jane Doe, it sounds simple. I think I'll go home and try it. Oh, by the way, what is the cost to internet banking?

Amelia, it's free!

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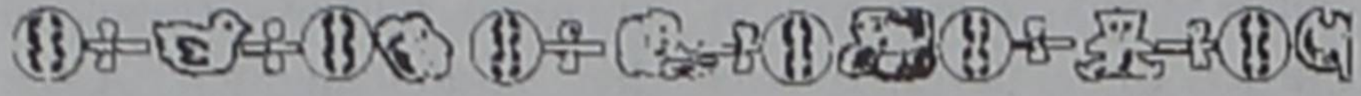
New Arrival

Poppie Ainsley Hollingworth

Jim and Jane Dixon are happy to announce the birth of their new great-granddaughter, Poppie Ainsley Hollingworth. She was born on Friday, March 11, 2011, at Baylor Women's Center in Frisco, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Poppie's proud parents are Sasha Dixon Hollingworth and Clinton Hollingworth of Frisco, Texas.

Grandparents are Milon and Karla Dixon of Canyon, Texas, and Malcolm and Elize Hollingworth of Pretoria, South Africa. Her great-grandparents are Jim and Jane Dixon of Friona.



ENGAGEMENT

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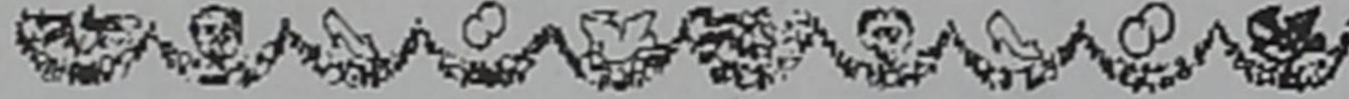
Tolby Wilcox & Jenny Jones

Debra Jones of Mesquite, Texas, and Steve Jones of Seagoville, Texas, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jenny Rene, to Tolby Royce Wilcox. Tolby is the son of Terry and Varla Wilcox of Friona.

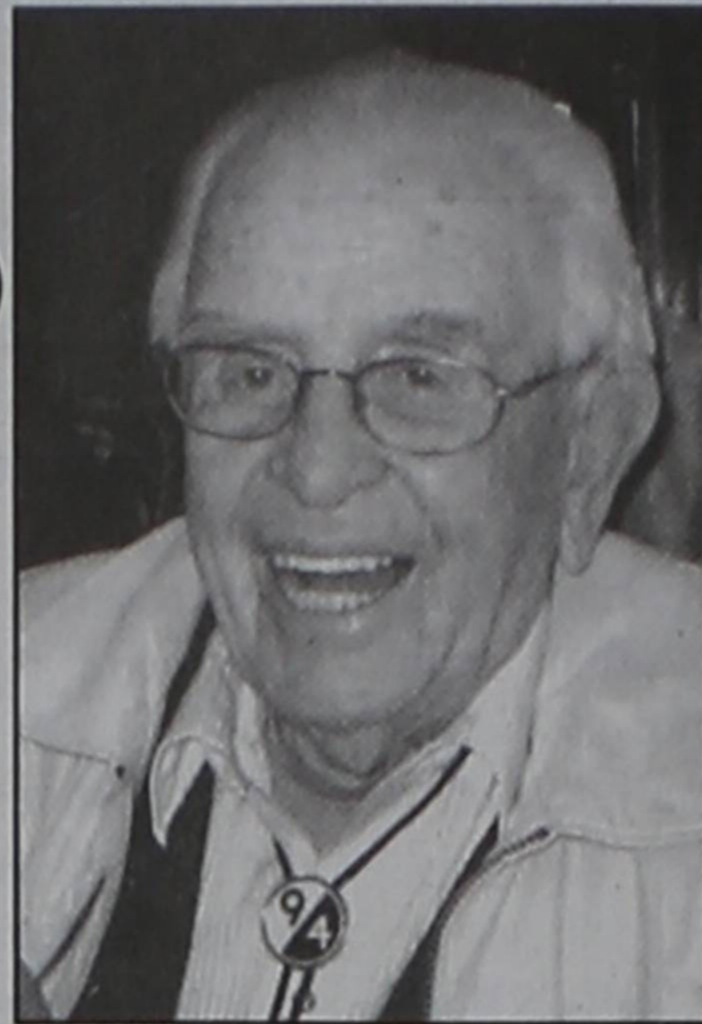
Jenny is a 2007 graduate of Mesquite John Horn High School. She will graduate from Abilene Christian in May with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology. She intends to further her education and get a Masters in Speech Pathology.

Tolby is a 2007 graduate of Friona High School. He attended Abilene Christian after graduation and is currently attending Texas Tech to pursue a coaching career.

Vows will be exchanged on July 30, 2011 at "The Victorian House" in Kaufman, Texas at 7:30 p.m. Family and friends of the couple are invited to attend.



Jack's 90th Birthday



Sunday, March 20th

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Bovina, Texas

All Friends Invited

No Gifts Please / Cards Welcome

Birthday Invitation

Family and friends of
Tommy Jones

are invited to attend his 80th
birthday celebration.

It will be held at the Senior Citizen
Friendship House on Saturday,
March 19 from 2:00 to 4:30.

Refreshments will be served,
along with many shared memories.

Please join Tom, Wanda, and
their children for this special occasion.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 07, 2011 to March 09, 2011:

John Lyle Visser Revocable Family Trust - Joshu McDonald and Kristen McDonald, SE/4 S5 T14S R3E.

Ricky Coleman and Troy Coleman - Norma Aleman, L7-8 B42 FARWELL.

Ray Sanchez and Maria Del Carmen Sanchez - Lazaro Munoz and Hortencia Munoz, L5 B6 IRONWOOD ESTATES.

Derrell Jennings and Glenda Jennings - Josh Morris and Jill Morris, 6.80 AC WPT OF SW/4 S21 DOUD & KEEFER.

7-C Family Partnership Ltd. - Sunset C Ranch Ltd., SW/4 S1 BLK A RHEA BROTHERS; NW/4 S1 BLK A RHEA BROTHERS; NE/4 E37 AC NW/4 S1 BLK A.

7-C Cattle Company Inc. - Sunset C Ranch Ltd., S27 BLK C; SE/4 S1 BLK A RHEA BROTHERS.

Sheriff's Report

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

March 10, 2011, Russell Anaya, 47, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with driving while intoxicated with an open container, pending County Court.

March 11, 2011, Juan Duran, 31, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with assault on a family/house member impeding breath/circulation, pending Grand Jury.

March 12, 2011, Mario Reyes, 27, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

March 12, 2011, Leslie Hernandez, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

March 12, 2011, Vanessa Barrientos, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant charge, pending transport.

March 13, 2011, Manuel Bermea, 18, of Hereford, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol charged with possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

March 13, 2011, Bruce Ramos, Jr., 26, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol charged with no driver license, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

On February 15, 2011, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Pedro Ramirez Muniz, 41, of Muleshoe, charged with DWI, was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years; 10 days confinement in county jail; completion of a rehabilitation program as recommended by the Community Supervision and Correction Division; \$518 court costs; \$1,000 fine; and \$350 attorney fees.

Friona student in W.T. opera

The West Texas A&M opera workshop will present a double bill program featuring Bohemios and Trial by Jury. Dates are Saturday March 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday March 27 at 3 p.m. in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex Branding Iron Theater on campus.

Bohemios tells the story of a young singer in love with an amateur opera composer and how they fall in love. Cast members include Victor Parra of Friona, a sophomore music major.

Tickets for the program are \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for students. Admission is free for those with a Buffalo Gold Card. For more information call 806-651-2856.

Farm Credit assists fire volunteers

In response to the wildfires that raged through the Texas Panhandle and the imminent danger of more fires in the weeks to come, Great Plains Ag Credit joined forces with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to provide assistance to rural fire departments and volunteer firefighters in several counties across the Panhandle.

The PRPC created the Panhandle Rural VFD Equipment Repair Fund with the Great Plains donation for rural fire departments to use in repairing equipment needed to maintain readiness during fire season. Great Plains Ag Credit initiated the volunteer relief effort to show its support and appreciation to the deserving volunteers who risk their lives to preserve life, land and property for area residents, farmers and ranchers.

"The recent fires were devastating for so many people. We wanted to reach out and help our friends and neighbors," said Tim McDonald, Great Plains Ag Credit CEO. "Many fire departments suffered damage to their trucks and equipment during the wildfires, and Panhandle residents need the assurance that these volunteers are prepared for the increasing fire danger associated with ongoing, dry conditions."

McDonald invited directors and staff to make donations to this relief fund. These personal donations, when combined with the Great Plains contribution totaled \$6,855.

To make a similar donation, readers are urged to contribute to the rural volunteer fire departments in their local communities.

Happy Birthday

March 20 - March 26, 2011

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

Mar. 20-Doris Barnett, Claudia Hanes, Kenda Dunnam, Joyce Wells, Tammy Spencer Fincher, Mildred Agee, Jesse Estrada, Jeanne Kerby

Mar. 21-Jeffery Sunderlin, Joe Murphree, Lou Keith, Amelia Wright, James M. McFarland, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adriana Garza, Kathy Graves, Peyton Schueler, Melissa Tamez

Mar. 22-Teresa Kendrick, Derek Dunn, Jack Wilson, Alisa Perkins Trimmell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz, Kenny Austin, Anita Guest, Willie Cooper, Cecil Cooper, Allen Huckins

Mar. 23-Judy Potts, Roma Wilson, Chase Alexander, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Jim Dixon, Donice Jones Strickland, Tammi Kelley LaFuente, Diane Glover, Christine Norega, Roman Wilson, Becky Herrera, Sara Flores

Mar. 24-Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada, Ella Jo Stormes, Phillip Hand, Sabrina Barraza

Mar. 25-Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, J. Ryan Seright, Sydney Grace Frye, Mark Englant

Mar. 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Graham, Joan Grimsley, E.G. Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson, Dylan Tyler

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OBITUARIES

Lions Club News

Mattie Faye Crow

Mattie Faye Crow, 92, of McAllen, Texas, went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 12, 2011, at Comfort House, after a brief illness. Mattie Faye was born February 11, 1919 in Erath County, Texas, to Lura and Dallas H. Coldiron.



Mattie Faye Crow

She is survived by her daughter, Joy Masso of McAllen; son, Earl Crow of McAllen; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother, Dallas Coldiron of Lubbock, Texas; and numerous other relatives and many friends.

Mattie Faye was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Wilmot "Red" Crow.

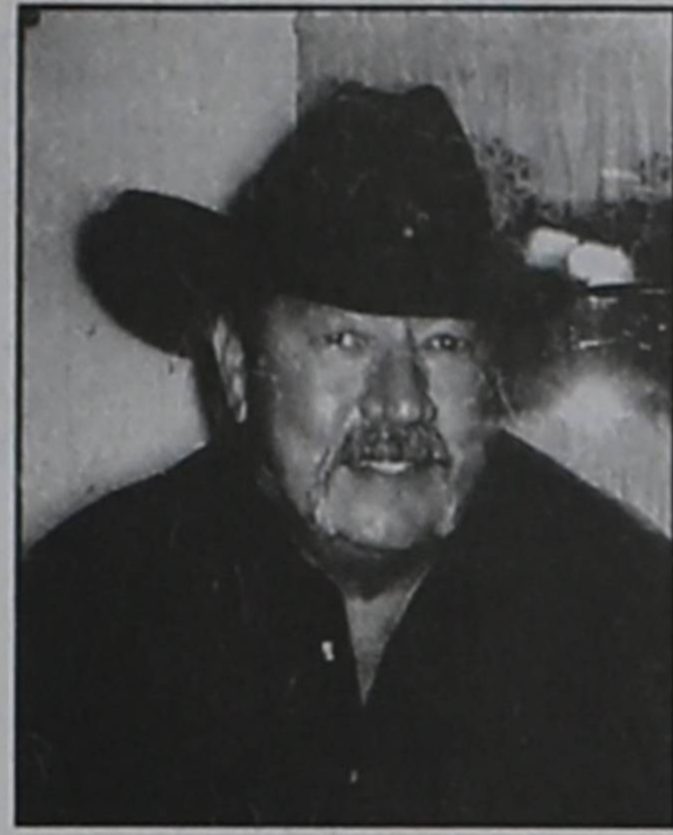
A family gathering was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen. The funeral service

was held at the First Baptist Church in McAllen at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, and was officiated by Rev. Bill Sutton. Interment followed at Valley Memorial Gardens under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Comfort House, 617 W. Dallas, McAllen, Texas 78501.

Joe Weldon Jones

Joe "Paw-Paw Joe" Weldon Jones, 67, of Bovina, died Sunday, March 13, 2011 in Amarillo. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, with the Reverend Brian Mullins, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



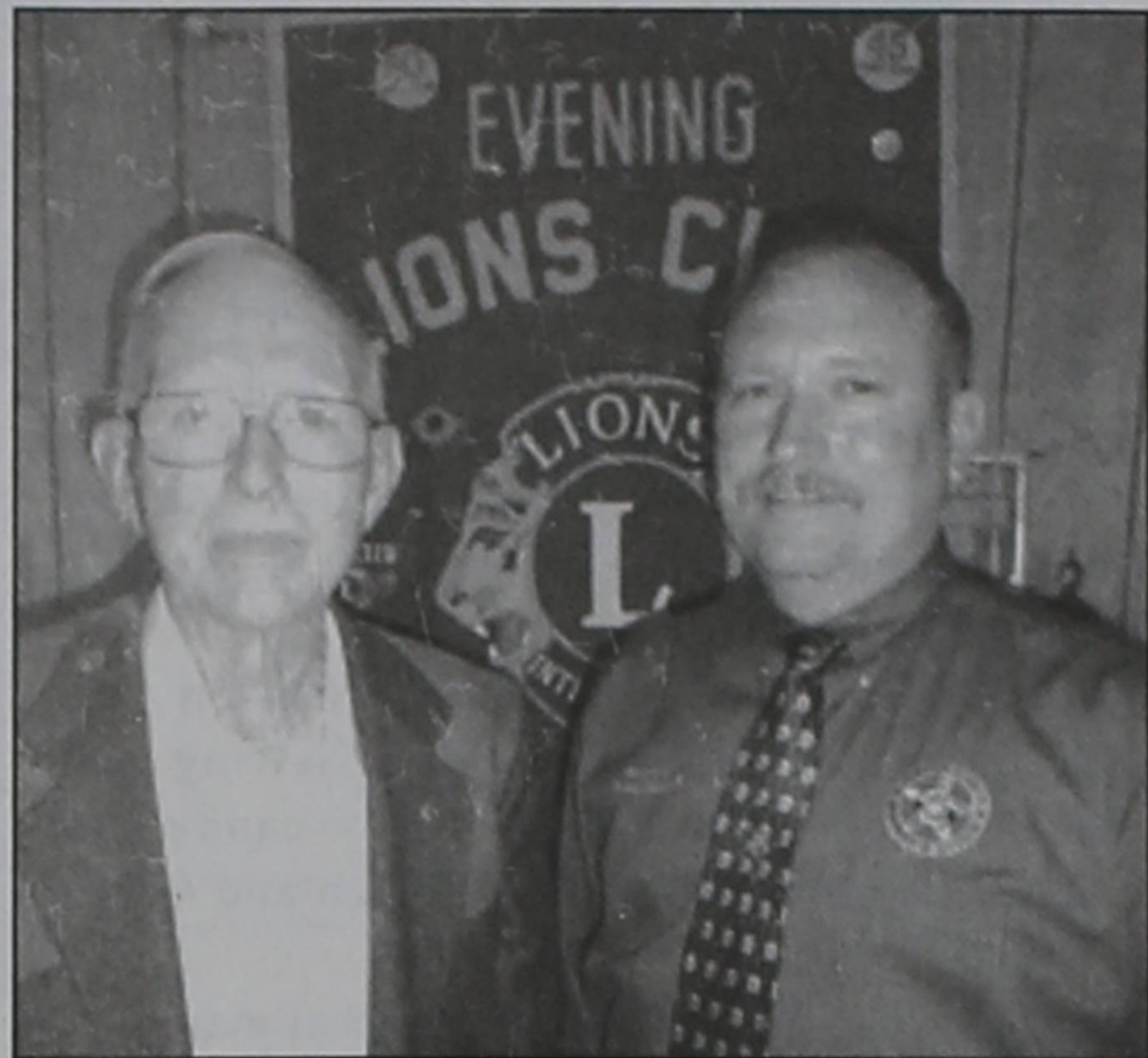
Joe Weldon Jones

Mr. Jones was born December 20, 1943 in Clovis, New Mexico, to J.T. and Tessie Martin Jones.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, serving in Vietnam and was awarded many medals, including a purple heart and two bronze stars, for his service. He was a retired auctioneer, farmer, very active with the Future Farmers of America, Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Bovina Little League, past Master of Ceremonies for the Bull Town Days Rodeos, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Dorothy Luttrell, and beloved partner, Francis Johnson.

Survivors include, two daughters, Carol D'Anne Baker of Portales, New Mexico, and J.D. Clemmer and husband Logan of Bovina; one son, Montana Jones and wife Amanda of Bovina; and four grandchildren, Kaleb and Kyleigh Baker, and Trivian and Kenzi Clemmer.



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Lion Sam Mears, left, and Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris at the Thursday March 10 meeting of the Evening Lions Club. Sheriff Geris gave the program on identity theft.

Panhandle Parables

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BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

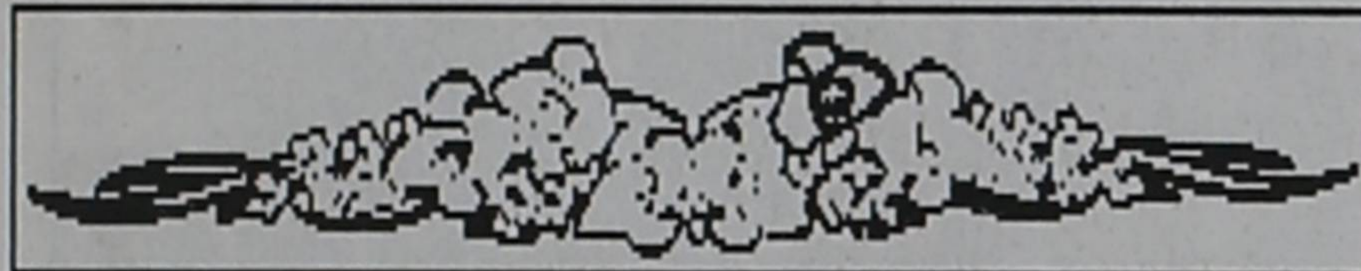
Many of you will immediately recognize the title of this story if you drive a car with an automatic transmission. Most, automatically choose a gear and give it a little gas and away they go. What if everyone could choose only one gear and that was it. Wonder what that would look like on the streets of Friona?

This sometimes happens with attitudes. Some folks put it in "P" and just sit there. Not going to move, and "Don't try to change my mind". Others put their attitudes in "R" always wanting to go back, and longing for things long gone. Some folks prefer "N" having no real opinion, just happy to be pushed or pulled where ever.

Still some choose to have a "D" attitude, always on the move, ever going forward!!! Don't stop, don't look back, and just keep on going. A few may choose "2" or "1" but not many.

Do you recognize these attitudes? We have all been around these types of people. If you are just one of these, then you are like a car with one gear. I think the key may be found in BALANCE! You need to "Park" on the Truth! Being "Reminded" where you have been. "Neutral" is handy if stuck, but dangerous if we allow others to decide for us. "Driving" your life is much like driving a car, pressing on towards Home.

Now about "2" and "1"... when the load gets heavy and the road seems steep, these gears can be very helpful. In your journey of life, drive safely.



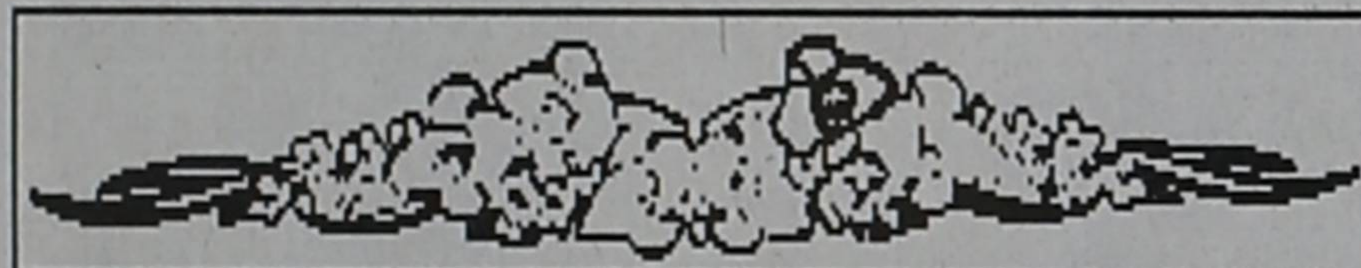
Violet "Granny" Finley

Violet Finley, 78, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in Mesquite, Texas. Services were held on Friday, March 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Watts Chapel Cemetery in Grandview, Texas.

Violet was a caring lady who loved all that she met.

Survivors include her son, James Finley; her daughter, Shera Wood Putman; her brother, Wayne Mahurin; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her companion, Buttons; and friends.

The family suggests donations be made to your favorite charity.



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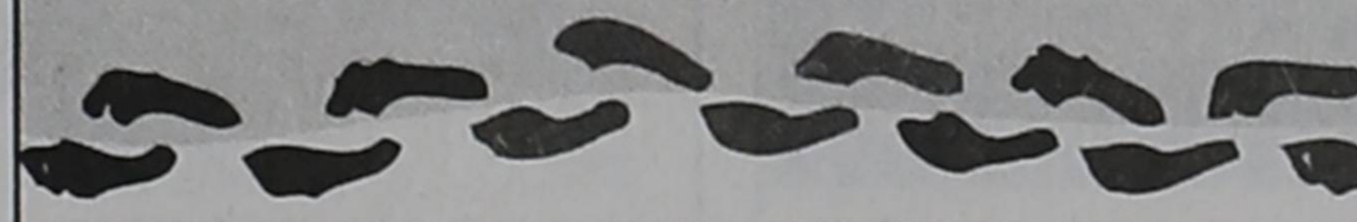
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Tip of the Week:

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Blinded by desire

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

This past winter we have received an abundance of wind and cold which occasionally included blowing snow. The blowing snow creates a treacherous condition for those out driving and attempting to do normal outside work. Blowing snow is such a mess because it makes it very difficult to see and the wind cuts to the bone. Similar to being blinded by blowing snow, sinful desires and temptations can blind believers to God's glorious plan for our lives.

In 2 Samuel 4, David faces yet another temptation to twist God's plan for his life to be king, and become a power hungry tyrant. David has just had two men present him with the head of his rival, Ish-bosheth, the King of Northern Israel.

These men, who recently murdered Ish-bosheth in his bedroom, attempt to say the Lord has avenged David, but David sees through their plan to earn brownie points, and promptly has these men brought to justice for their murder.

David could have jumped on the band wagon and went on a power trip, since his enemies were defeated, but he didn't. He maintained integrity, trust in God, and wisdom in dealing with these murderous villains.

Believers must be constantly on the lookout against ungodly desires and selfish ambitions. Ungodly desires cultivate idol worship, and lead you to spend time, passion and effort on Christless pursuits. Are you blinded by sinful ambitions and desires? Maybe you are not sure. 1 Corinthians 10:31, is a great test, as it commands us, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God".

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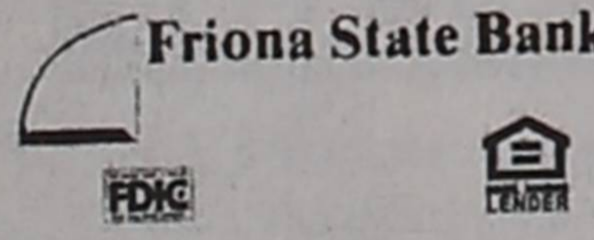


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Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op refund of capital credits at annual meeting Mar 22

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds totaling \$2,681,241.50 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday March 22, 2011.

When the doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn members may register at any table then make their way to a meal of fish, chicken, and beef.

Two directors will be elected. Position One candidates are incumbent Jim Hoelting and nominee Butch Merritt. Position Two candidates are incumbent Gilbert (Nick) Yosten and nominee Steve Robison.

Steve Louder, president and general manager, will provide important information that affects members of the cooperative and the Triple L Band will provide entertainment.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,500 including the grand prize of two airline tickets. All members of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are urged to attend.



Board members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative stand in front of one of the reasons for co-op members to attend the annual meeting March 22. From left are board chairman Donald Wright, Vick Christian, Floyd Reeve, vice-chairman Nick Yosten, Steve Olson, Jim Hoelting, president and general manager Steve Louder, and board secretary Jerry Roberts.

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Presidential Candidate to Speak at Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Bovina, Texas



The Banquet will be addressed by a declared candidate for the 2012 Election for President of the United States, Jared Blankenship. The Banquet will be on March 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Bovina School's Cafeteria. Tickets are \$15.00 a ticket or two for \$25.00 and are available for purchase at Bovina City Hall or call 806-251-1116



Airam Chavez, left, and Kayla Alexander lead the pack at the junior high track meet. More junior high track photos at frionaonline.com

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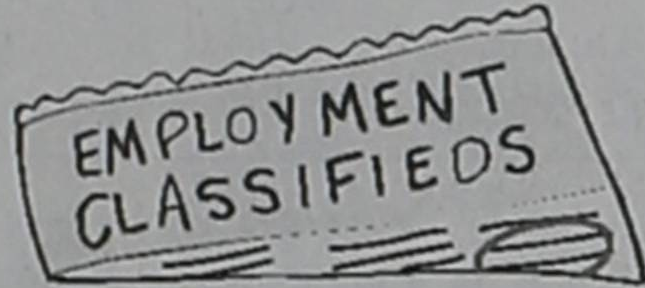
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Mason Loflin, front, reaches for the exchange from Jacob Dickson in first leg of the 400m relay at the junior track meet. More photos from the track meet are available at frionaonline.com/photos.



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Blasting off the starting line for the 800m run in the junior high track meet are, l-r, Tyler Smith, Kaegan Kerby, and Jacob Rejino.

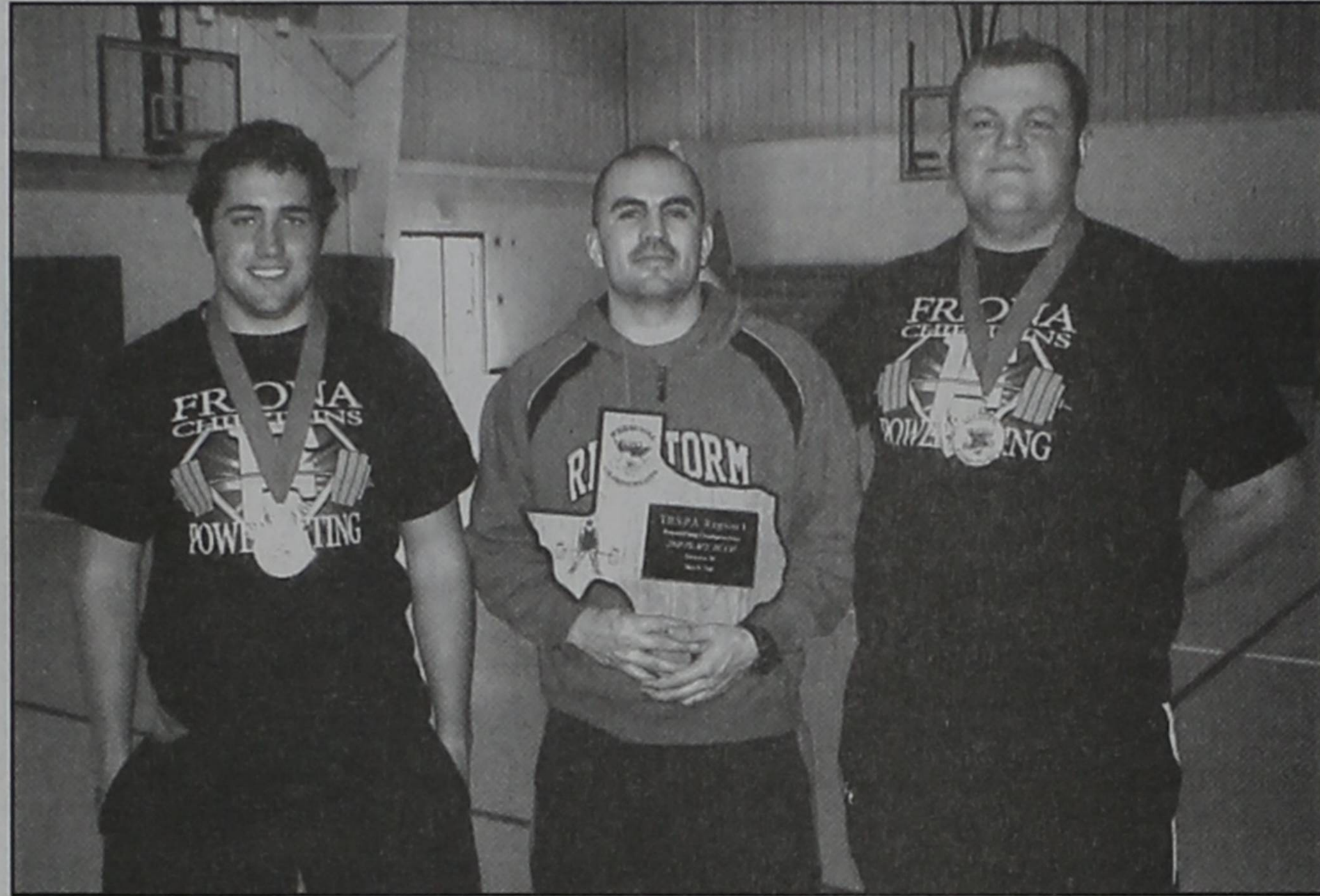
Track results from Plains

The varsity boys finished in 4th place with 142 points. The 800m relay team of Jose Rivera, Marco Terrones, Dominique Kellum, Ernesto Monreal set a new Friona high school record of 1:34.17.

1st place: 800m relay Jose Rivera, Marco Terrones, Dominique Kellum, Ernesto Monreal 1:34.17 (new school record). **2nd place:** 3200m Connor Woods 11:19.70; 100m Marco Terrones 11:39; 400m relay Dominique Kellum, Marco Terrones, Jose Rivera, Ernesto Monreal 44.99. **3rd place:** 1600m Connor Woods 5:05.33; triple jump Zack Fair 38'11.75"; discus Duncan Welch 128'3". **4th place:** 110m hurdles Ryan DeWit 16.44; 3200m Esdras Rodriguez 11:30.77. **5th place:** 300m hurdles Ryan DeWit 44.38; high jump Ryan DeWit 5'8". **6th place:** 200m Zack Fair 24.54; 300m hurdles Sawyer Osborn 44.43; 1600m relay Sawyer Osborn, Paden Henry, Ryan DeWit, Connor Woods 3:51.47.


The junior varsity boys finished in 4th place with 54 points.

1st place: 1600m relay Brian Garcia, Brad Stowers, Abel Palacios, Eddie Garcia 3:55.57. **2nd place:** pole vault Tuffy Henry 8'0". **3rd place:** 3200m Armando Flores 12:37.16; long jump Jesus Sanchez 16'5.75". **4th place:** 300m hurdles Skyler Harris 53.41; triple jump Jesus Sanchez 34'2". **5th place:** 400m relay Brad Stowers, Alex Ovalle, Jesus Sanchez, Eddie Garcia 51.87.



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At the regional powerlift meet in Sundown, Friona lifters placed 2nd as a team. Individual lifters Duncan Welch, left, and Clayton Smiley, right, with Coach Jimmy Arias, qualified for the state powerlift meet March 26 in Abilene. Welch qualified with a total lift of 1,305 pounds. Smiley's total was 1,460 pounds.



FRIONA KIDS INC. SUMMER BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the summer Kids Inc. baseball league were distributed March 10 to area schools and are available at Bunker Trucking on So. Main St.

Completed forms with the entry fee should be delivered to Bunker Trucking by 5 p.m. Thursday March 24.


If an adequate number of players register there will be league play in T-ball (Pre-K and K), Coach pitch (1st & 2nd), Minor league (3rd & 4th), and Major league (5th & 6th).

Entry fees range from \$25 to \$40 depending on the league.

If any individual or business wishes to sponsor a team (\$125) please contact Tracy Bunker at 806-683-1319 or Lance Gatlin at 806-584-0087. Thank you for your support.

We support National Agriculture Week and the farmers and producers who contribute so much to our Parmer County economy.


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Farm Bureau is proud to sponsor our annual Ag in the Classroom Day at the Friona Community Center Thursday March 31 for area 4th grade students.

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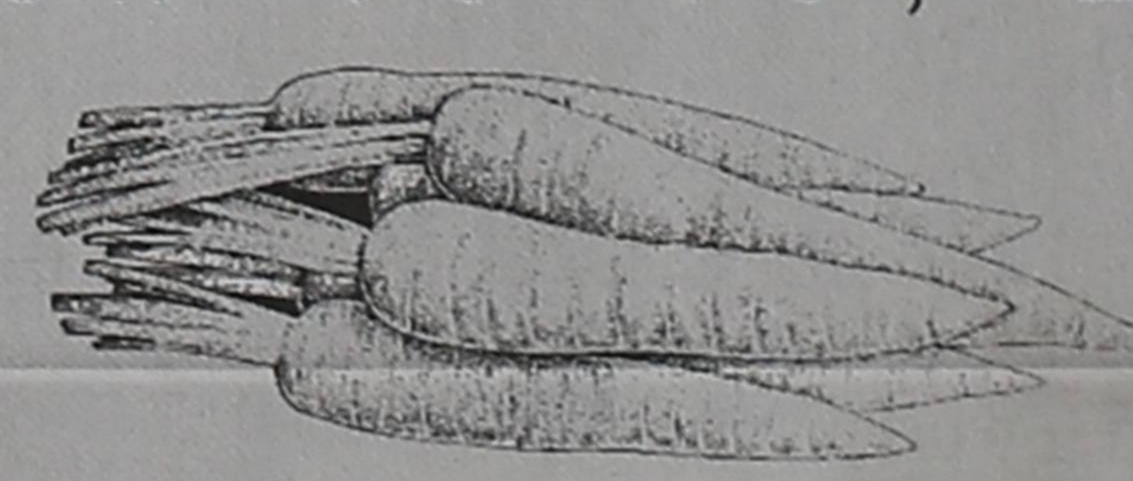
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More time needed to get water rules right

New water use regulations for a 16 county region of the High Plains are of such monumental importance to the region's economy that they should not be rushed to a hasty adoption, David Gibson, executive vice president of the Corn Producers Association of Texas, said Friday.

"Water use determines the productivity of agriculture, which is the number one driver of the economy of Lubbock and the surrounding region," Gibson said. "The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District is not under a specific deadline to adopt new regulations, so it's vital that they take the time to do it right."

Draft regulations to place new restrictions on water use, written for implementation in May, were made available to the public for the first time on February 25 with a deadline for public comments of April 1. "After meeting with more than 400 agricultural producers in four town hall meetings this week, it's clear there is a tremendous amount of concern over provisions in the draft that are vague and confusing, as well as uncertainty about the impact this will have on the economy," Gibson said. "There are many, many questions that need answers."

The proposed water restrictions would dramatically affect income, land values, loan repayments, business expenditures and local tax revenues in ways that could reverberate through the entire economy of the South Plains, he said.

"In each one of our meetings this week, people wanted to know if any economic studies had been done on the impact of the draft," Gibson said. "We know the district has had economic impact studies done by economists at Texas Tech University and that information should be released to the news media and the public before the district holds its public meetings beginning on March 23."

"The main thing that came out of our meetings with produc-

ers this week was a desire to work with the members of the district's board to find ways to meet future water conservation goals without stifling the region's economic growth."

The district has scheduled public meetings on the draft regulations on March 23 in Hereford and Littlefield, March 24 in Dimmitt and Lubbock, and March 25 in Plainview.

County sales tax received

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state's sales tax revenue in February was \$1.75 billion, an increase of 9.7 percent compared to February 2010.

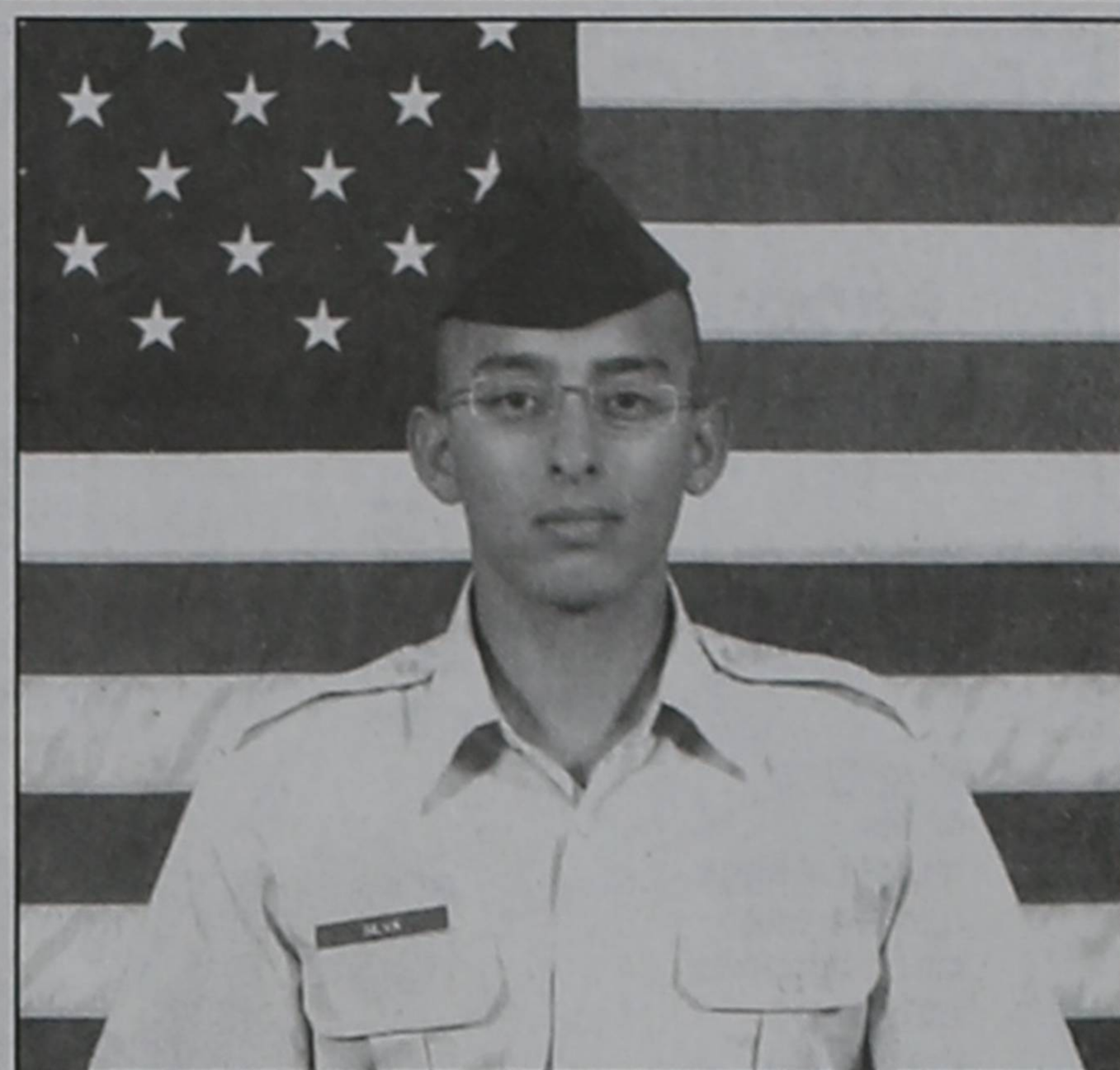
"This is the 11th straight month that sales tax revenue has increased," said Combs. "Much like in recent months, there were increases across all major sectors including oil and gas activity, manufacturing and retail trade. We will continue to monitor current economic conditions and gauge the effects on consumer and business spending."

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Parmer County's March 2011 payment totaled \$39,447.99 broken down as Bovina \$7,304.85; Farwell \$7,047.12; and Friona \$25,096.02. In March 2010 the tax payment total was \$33,340.30.

Comparing tax receipts from the same period last year, payments were up 18.31%, broken down as Bovina 43.54%; Farwell -5.50%; and Friona 20.68%. For the year, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$140,393.55 as compared to \$114,984.64 for the same period last year, a 22.09% change.

The Comptroller's April sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 8, 2011.



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Air Force Airman Jose J. Silva graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airman Silva is a 2009 Canyon High School graduate and is the grandson of Jose Silva of Friona.

Seliger files bill to reduce unnecessary testing

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) filed Senate Bill 1403 to reward those students who consistently perform well on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) by exempting them from testing in certain years. "There are some students whose progress is evident and testing provides little additional information. We should not test just for exercise," said Seliger.

Current testing data has consistently shown that student performance is over 95% predictable for high achieving students from one year to the next. A student who performs at a certain level on TAKS one year will almost certainly pass the following year. Senate Bill 1403 will exempt those students who score at the top levels in third and fifth grades from taking the tests in fourth, sixth, and seventh grades respectively. All students will still be required to test in math and reading in grades 3, 5 and 8.

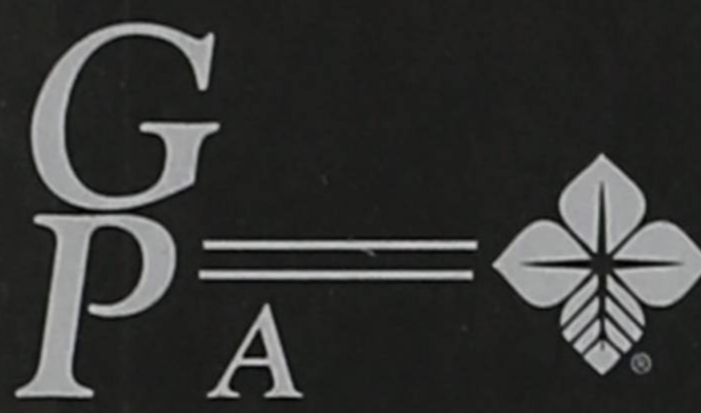
In addition to reducing costs to local school districts for test preparation, administration and grading, Senate Bill 1403 will allow teachers more time to focus on those students who are most academically at-risk, and utilize innovative methods to help those children learn.

While he is the newest member of the Senate Education Committee, Senator Seliger has long advocated for a more effective and accurate measure of student performance. During the 80th Legislature, Senator Seliger was a co-author of Senate Bill 1031 by Senator Florence Shapiro, a bill that replaced the TAKS test with end-of-course exams at the high school level.

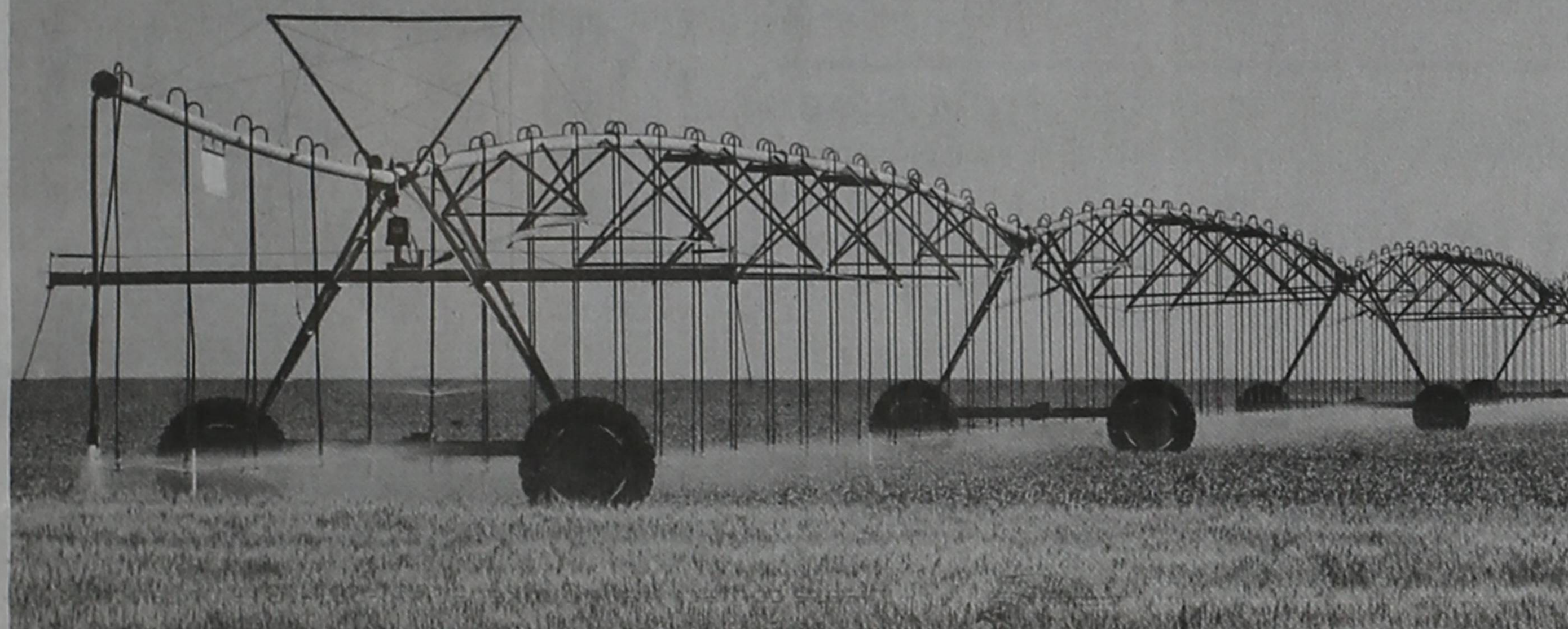
"We want to make sure that our emphasis is on learning, not high stakes testing. Senate Bill 1403 gets us closer to that goal. I appreciate the input from educators in Senate District 31, who help shape all of my education related legislation," Seliger stated.

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Playa grazing management day

A Playa Grazing Management Day will be conducted on Thursday, March 24, for interested landowners, agency personnel, and the general public. Those attending will learn hands-on information from a prescribed grazing regime involving 43 mother cows. In addition, there will be presentations on assessing the forage base in playas and understanding how playa plants respond to grazing, with an overall focus on how grazing, properly applied, can help create healthy playa habitats.

The Management Day will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. in the Home Mercantile Building, located at 101 Second Street in Nazareth, Texas. At 9 a.m., an overview of playas and their benefits will be given by Dr. David Haukos, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

At 11:50 a.m., a home-cooked meal will be served by "My Happy Place Restaurant". During lunch, remarks on playa wildlife opportunities will be given by Ken Cearly, a Texas AgriLife Extensionist from Canyon, and playa enthusiast and outdoorsman, Jim Steiert of Hereford.

The event will close with a special presentation on Ogallala Aquifer saturated thickness and depletion rates by Dr. Kevin Mulligan, Department of Geosciences at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Those attending are asked to wear clothing, footwear, and a hat suitable for the field tours. There is no charge for the event, though a \$10 donation for lunch is appreciated. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-945-2255 to insure an accurate lunch count.

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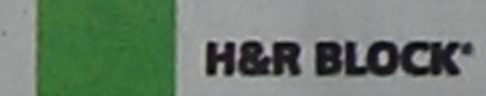
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