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High school open house

Parents and students are invited to a come and go open house at Friona High School Monday February 25 beginning at 6 p.m. All parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and talk with teachers and staff. At 7 p.m. a junior ring ceremony will be held.

City/school board election deadline

The office of mayor, three city council seats, and two school board seats are up for the May 11 election. As of Wednesday February 20 the following persons have turned in applications for the ballot:

Mayor – Rick White and Ross Paiz. City council – Charlie Pope (incumbent).

School board: Ricky Barnett (incumbent), Victor Guerrero, and Jose Cigarroa.

The deadline for filing to run is Friday March 1. Applications can be picked up at the school administration office and city hall.



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It was a hot time at the baseball field Saturday. After the game with Dimmitt ended, this fire along the fence line was started by a couple of youngsters and rapidly spread to the dry timber, threatening a few vehicles parked nearby. Friona firemen were called and made short work of the blaze.

57th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tuesday March 5 - 6:30 p.m. Community Center

This year's banquet will feature a Western theme. Cowboy hats and boots are acceptable. Awards will be given to Friona's outstanding citizens.

Charlie Pope and the Cargill crew will be cooking some fabulous food.

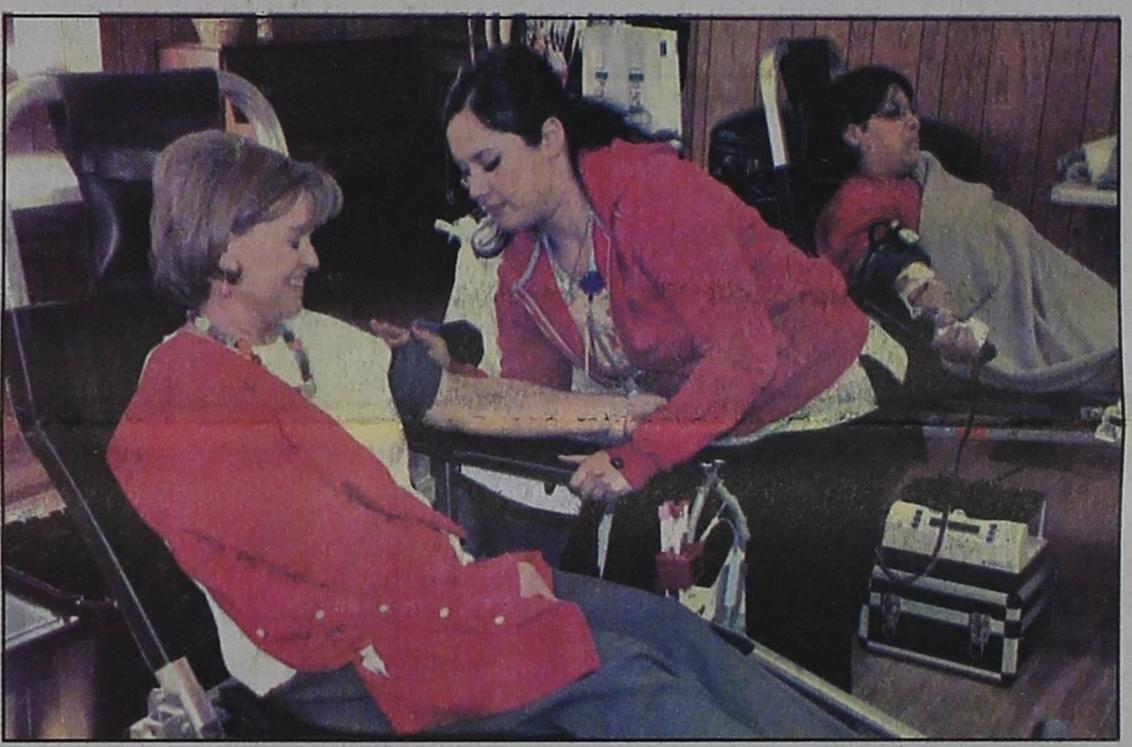
There will be a fun live auction with Kevin Welch as the auctioneer so bring your check-book and join in.

Tickets are \$25 and available at the Chamber office, 621 Main St. No tickets will be sold at the door.



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These young ladies from Girl Scout Troop 5181 were working on their day off from school Monday. Selling Girl Scout cookies in front of Fast Stop were, l-r, Kambree Kimbrough, Kayli Stone, Emily Campbell, and Valilah Hernandez. We bought chocolate covered peanut butter, mango crème, and lemon. Thanks girls.



ron carr photo

Vickie Field, left, and Lupe Taylor were two of the many donors at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center's blood drive on Thursday February 14. The Coffee Memorial technician is Micaela Lopez. There were 62 donations and all donors received a t-shirt and refreshments. Thanks to our Friona folks for giving the gift of life.

Elementary parent/teacher conferences

Friona Elementary will have the spring parent/teacher conferences next week. Here is the schedule: Tuesday Feb 26 - 2nd grade; Wednesday Feb 27 - 3rd grade; Thursday Feb 28 - 4th

grade; Friday Mar 1 – 5th grade.

Parents are encouraged to respond to their child's teacher by signing up for a time slot. Translation will be available. Current academic progress as well as their child's STAAR (state testing) results will be discussed.

Parents will receive a printed copy of their child's Confidential Student Report. As parents leave the building they will be asked to fill out a short parent survey for the elementary campus.

There will not be an elementary open house. Principal Ben Kirton said, "We will work with parent schedules to help them take advantage of the parent/teacher conference for a personal visit with their child's

teacher." For questions or information, contact Mrs. Antillon or Mr. Kirton at 806-250-2240.

Mr. Kirton added, "I want to say a big thank you to Friends of the Friona Library for helping bring Mr. Ronald Radford to Friona February 12 & 13. I want to also thank Mr. Austin and the school board for supporting this master musician's positive and important message of 'OLE' to our students."

Area residents urged to write legislators over Universal Service Fund

By Jim Steiert

The Texas Universal Service Fund assists in providing affordable voice and broadband, as well as emergency communications service in high cost rural areas of the state.

This affordable service has been and continues to be an important foundation for the the economy of the Texas Panhandle, making communication possible for local agriculture and other industries.

The Texas Legislature is currently weighing legislation concerning the Texas Universal Service Fund, and has been challenged to "analyze the state of the telecommunications market in Texas." Accordingly, the vital Texas Universal Service Fund is under scrutiny.

"The availability of affordable communication is essential to rural Texas. The federal and state USF system has worked well for Texas. Small rural carriers have used their portions of federal and state universal service effectively and efficiently," says Amy Linzey, General Manager of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.

Small businesses in rural Texas have invested millions of dollars in advanced networks by relying on continued USF support. USF makes service affordable for thousands of rural consumers. Eliminating the Texas USF will put at serious risk the quality services that thousands of rural consumers get today, and will pose serious harm to small businesses throughout rural Texas.

In the Panhandle, rural communication made possible with assistance from the Texas Universal Service Fund is vital in the workaday world of grain production, storage and marketing, cattle feeding, and even in the beef packing industry. Consider the number of grain elevators and cattle feeding

yards, as well as the major beef packing plants in the region. All are served by phone lines.

"Broadband is too important to the 21st century economy to eliminate state USF instead of reforming the proven cost recovery mechanisms that have already supported broadband build-out in rural Texas. We need sustainable broadband. Businesses and jobs won't come to or stay in rural Texas if they feel the broadband network isn't sustainable," says Ms. Linzey.

Texas runs a substantial risk of frustrating efforts to push broadband into unserved areas and would also place at risk the ability to sustain existing network investments, cause a significant fall in the quality of broadband services in rural areas as compared to the rest of the state, jeopardize further gains in broadband adoption, and require substantial rate increases for millions of rural consumers—potentially causing many to lose service entirely.

"We applaud the objective of fiscal responsibility, but sometimes the shortest route between two points really is a straight line. The economic future of Texas is tied to deploying robust broadband right now, and there is a clear and straighforward roadmap for what has worked -and what has failed-in promoting affordable broadband in rural Texas. Broadband services must remain affordable and high-quality once available. As carriers with decades of commitment to serving rural communities, we can attest that deploying the network is only the first in a series of significant challenges to satisfy consumer demand," says Ms. Linzey.

She stresses that "Texas shouldn't throw the baby out with the bathwater," but should, with the state's broadband future in the balance, retain what has

worked in rural areas and build on that success with carefully calibrated measures.

"We urge WTRT members, local officials and businesses to contact their state senators and representatives and express to them the need to keep what has worked for rural communication and build upon it. Legislators should be careful not to undermine service in areas where it is available today and undercut the ability of small businesses to continue investing in their networks for the long term. Reform is essential, but don't throw away the good with the bad. Legislators need to know how important it is to the economy of the state to have the continued presence of rural telephone cooperatives such as West Texas Rural Telephone, and to have them supported by the Universal Service Fund both now and in the future," says Ms. Linzey.

By Ron Carr

over the next ten years

2023.

What will you be doing ten years from now in 2023? None of us can answer that question.

We know what we hope we will be doing but the truth is you, me, nor anyone else can predict the future with any degree of certainty. I don't even know what I'm having for lunch today.

Tell me how much money you will be making and how much you will be spending in 2023. Will you be living in the same house or a bigger one that costs more? We all hope our lives improve as time goes on but sadly they may not.

Have you planned a budget for the next ten years? Of course not. You may have a better job, the same job, or no job so how do you say what your financial situation will be. The answer? You don't.

But not according to our currently vacationing (again) Congressmen and women, the elite group of narcissists who, among their other supernatural powers, can predict

America's future ten-years from now. They will say of a tax increase," This will raise \$800 billion in additional revenue over the next ten years." They will say about a spending cut, "This will save \$500 billion over the next ten years."

So we as average working Americans sit in our easy chairs and nod like bobblehead dolls, secure in the wisdom that the politicians will actually do something that makes sense. "Did you hear that Margaret? Those old boys are gonna save us \$500 billion. Boy howdy they are doin' a good job ain't they? Pass the cornbread."

The President says it, the Speaker says it, and all of the high-priced deputy assistant under-secretaries say it. Over the next ten years.....!

How about this for an idea. Cut a couple of hundred billion by tomorrow night. Reduce a half-trillion by the end of this year. Frankly I don't care what any of the politicians will be doing ten years from now. I want to see some

guts and glory now.

Some would say, "Ron, you just don't understand how government works." They would be right. I don't understand how government works. I see it as a giant playground where the first lady and girls go skiing in Aspen, the first man plays golf in Florida with Tiger, and the entire congress takes another entire week off for President's Day. I heard a report (yes, on Fox News) that so far taxpayers have paid \$20,000,000 for the Obamas trips to Hawaii. The poor should be grateful that their leader is able to get some rest while China was hacking into our computers, North Korea tested a nuclear weapon, and Iran showed us the finger.

Did you see Mr. Obama speaking Tuesday on the bad things that will happen if Congress doesn't act by Friday March 1. They are calling it the sequester. Fancy word. Don't know what it actually means. But I know if the sequester happens next Friday it will be hell to pay

all across America. Policemen, teachers, firemen, and soldiers will all be out of a job. Bridges will start collapsing, highways will develop major chugholes, and children will all become sick

and uneducated. Yet it was Mr. Obama and his staff that passed the sequester plan. He said last year that if anyone, Democrat or Republican, tried to change or stop the sequester he would veto it. Not the first time he has said one thing and done another. Yet the people who are now being called "low-information voters" continue to praise him.

I hope the Republicans dig in and block the Democrats at every opportunity. But I fear they will all cave in, raise the debt ceiling limit, stop the expense-cutting sequester, then hail themselves as a bunch of good guys and gals. They play us for fools and some of us are. Ten years from now? Not for me. In ten years I will be 83 and grumpier than I am now.

Let the sequester begin.

Letters to the Editor

Dear council members,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the community blood drive held in Friona on February 14, 2013. Altogether we had sixty-nine people come in and we ended up with a total of sixty-two lifesaving donations. Fifty three were whole blood and we had five donors able to do the trima. Thank you!

With it being Valentine's Day I appreciate the community of Friona for taking time from their schedule to help save lives. We can count on you because you make a difference and I know that the patients everyday will get another chance at life because of you. Thank you for getting the word out and for the hard work you did to promote the blood drive. I just can't say enough how much I appreciate you.

I appreciate your dedication and for being so patient with our staff. I hope you know that the work you do is greatly appreciated by me, Coffee Memorial Blood Center, and especially by the hospital patients in need of blood and blood products.

Sincerely,

Janne Lawrence

Donor Recruiter

Coffee Memorial Blood Center

(Editor's note: Members of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center's Friona Blood Council are Bessie Holt, Teena Hughs, Andy Montana, Clint Mears, John Gurley, Randy Geries, and Ron Carr.)

U.S. Senator John Cornyn issued this statement after President Obama addressed the need to avert the looming sequestration cuts, which he first proposed.

"Today President Obama said, 'these cuts are not smart, these cuts are not fair, and they will hurt our economy', but what he neglected to say is that these cuts were his idea.

There is bipartisan agreement that the President's sequester is not a smart way to cut spending and Republicans have repeatedly offered and passed solutions to achieve the same amount of deficit reduction in a more responsible way without tax hikes.

Any effort to avert the sequester should begin with the billions of dollars in frivolous projects, government waste, and duplicative spending that have propagated our runaway debt and deficits."

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Town Talk II

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The good folks of Friona donated 62 units of blood at the February 14 blood drive. The 62 donations from a town the size of Friona is above average according to Coffee Blood Center officials. Friona is consistently above 60 donations. Thanks to everyone who continue to give the gift of life. Bessie Holt made cookies, Mary Ford and Glenna Holt helped with registration, donors got t-shirts, Hunan II provided lunch for the Coffee Blood Center employees, and Renee Jameson won the drawing for lunch for two at Headquarters Restaurant. Thanks again to all.

The Chieftains baseball team ford-Fritch, and Friona. According to the baseball schedule the Chiefs will play each team three times, beginning with Bushland March 23. I went down to the baseball field Saturday to watch the Chiefs scrimmage Dimmitt. Nathaniel Gonzales took over pitching in the second inning and pitched the rest of the game. Good hitting by Brayden Pope, Mason Loflin, Hunter Sundre, and Brad Stowers led to a 9-2 Frio-

na win. The boys looked good. This could be a playoff year.

Tom Sawyer in Clovis? Clovis Area Home Educators (and area homeschoolers) presents The Adventures of Tom Sawyer at the Lyceum Theater on Main St. in Clovis. Dates are March 1 at 8 p.m. and March 2 at 3 p.m. (Texas times). Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Former Friona resident Conrad Renner had triple bypass surgery Wednesday February 13 at BSA in Amarillo. Reports are he is recovering well.

A one-vehicle rollover occurred about 5:30 a.m. Thursis in a four-team district with day February 14 east of Friona Bushland, Boys Ranch, San- near Black. A woman was on the way to work at Cargill. Cause of the accident is not known. She was transported to the Friona hospital by EMS. Friona volunteer firemen also responded and extricated the woman from the vehicle.

> A fire call on Thursday February 14 at 11 a.m. turned out to be a false alarm. Someone reported a fire west of town but it was a controlled burn. The burn ban was lifted last week

only from Tuesday to Friday at midnight but not everyone got the word.

Congratulations to Darla and Rex Bracken on their 43rd anniversary February 14. Also, former residents Bill and Ruthie Hardin celebrated their 40th anniversary in Amarillo by having dinner with their kids. Joe and Helen McWhorter will be celebrating their 63rd anniversary February 24. A big 'attaboy' to all of these folks. If you or someone you know will be observing an anniversary let us know. We would like to mention it.

At the Prairie Acres Valentine's Day party last Thursday, residents Leroy Widner and Dixie White were crowned Valentine King and Queen. Tom Parsons is a new resident at Prairie Acres. The Heritage Estates residents also had some Valentine party fun and named Margaret Parsons and administrator Billy Ray Johnston as King and Queen.

Gertie Murphree had a fall at Heritage Estates and suffered a vertebrae fracture. She is recovering at PMC. My mom, Hannah Lookingbill, came home Friday after over two weeks at PMC, also recovering from fractured vertebrae. She is still weak but recovering. Thanks to all for your concerns.

News from Floyd Reeve is not good. He is still on a ventilator and running fever and mostly unresponsive to doctors and family. Floyd had a heart transplant Christmas Eve at Baylor Hospital in Dallas and has been there ever since. He has been battling viral infections. His farm hands and friends here in Friona are selling all of Floyd's cattle and taking care of his farming operations.

Better get by the Chamber of Commerce and pick up your Chamber banquet tickets. They are \$25 and sold only in advance. The highlight of this year's banquet will be a live auction. Kevin Welch will be the auctioneer. If you have items to donate for the auction contact the Chamber at 250-3491. The Cargill crew will be cooking prime rib and all the trimmings. Parmer County Implement once again is donating the steak knives which folks can use then take home with them. The theme is Western so polish your boots and come have fun.

Don Spring is re-elected as president of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. Larry Mitchell is vice-president, Martha Tyler treasurer, and Suezy Smith secretary. The group is planning a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday May 4.

Pam Lockmiller, 36 years, and Betty Rich, 46 years, will be retiring from Bovina Schools at the end of the school year. Had the pleasure of working with both ladies back when I was covering Bovina for the newspaper. Good luck on a well-deserved retirement.

The St. Ann's Catholic Church Youth Organization in Bovina will be selling breakfast burritos Sunday February 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon to raise money for a summer trip. They will have bacon, sausage, and barbacoa. They are \$2.00 each. Help support these young people and have some great burritos.

Tyler Hough caught a calf during the calf scramble at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo. His mom Renee said 24 youngsters are in the scramble during each rodeo event and there are 12 winners. The calves are 300-400 pounds and they have to catch the calf and put a halter on it. He received a certificate for \$800 to be used to purchase his show animals next year. You might recall Tyler lost his 7 show goats in a barn fire just before the Parmer County Livestock Show in January. Good job Tyler.

The Hunan II Chinese food

restaurant has new operators. The Hunans moved back to Hereford. They have leased the restaurant to Senh Ou and his wife Aire Rasachack. Senh stopped by the Star office this week to get acquainted. He came to the U.S. from Laos when he was 10-years-old. He graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. Most of his family now live in California but Senh and Aire live in Frinew venture. He says Aire is the head chef.

They want to get involved in Friona activities and last week they furnished food for the Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff during the blood drive here. He is a friendly young man. Stop by and meet them and give their food a try. They are anxious to build their business and have menus to handout in case you want to call for carryout. The phone number is 250-2300.

The Patel family and the Friona Inn is the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for February. Since purchasing the Inn in 1997 they have made many upgrades and improvements. The rooms are nice sized with flat screen TVs and Wi-Fi connections, plus queen and king sized beds. Some of my kids and family have stayed there during visits to Friona. Glad to have Jay, Julie, Sajal, Trushar, and Rhea as

recognition is well deserved.

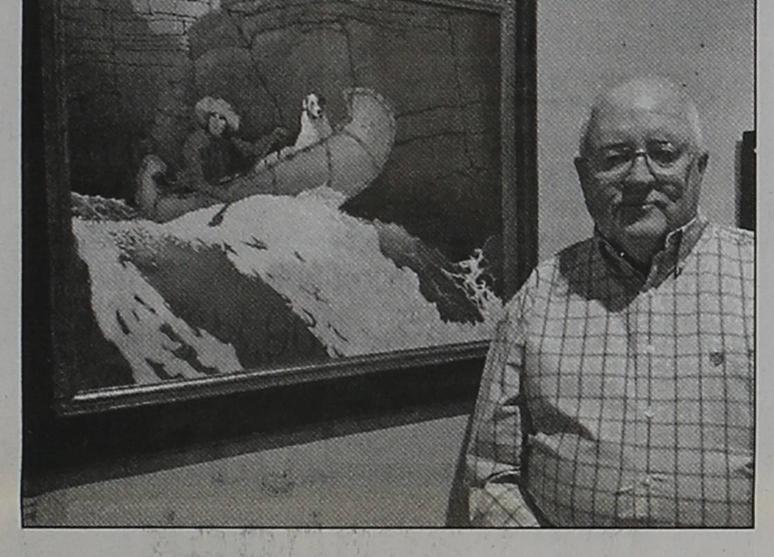
Misty Jayne Turbeville received a Masters Degree of Education with emphasis in secondary education from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Misty is the daughter of Owen and Melody Drake.

As of Wednesday, February 20, here are the candidates so far signed up for the May 11 city/school elections. For mayor, Rick White and Ross Paiz. Charlie Pope has signed up for re-election to the city council. Three terms are expiring: Mark Osborn, Jim Atwell, and Charlie Pope.

For the two school board seats, incumbent Ricky Barona and are excited about their nett, Victor Guerrero, and Jose Cigarroa have signed up. The terms of Barnett and Loraine Anthony are expiring. It looks like there will be an election on May 11 at the council chambers on Main St. The deadline for submitting an application to run for city council or school board is Friday, March 1.

We have an article from the DPS in this paper reporting a new website that lists unsolved cold case murders in Texas. If you are a CSI, 48 Hours, or The First 48 crime junkie like me you will want to take a look at these real life crimes. Interesting.

As we went to press Wednesday they were predicting precipitation in the form of rain or snow or both. It was cold and cloudy. Hope we received some much needed moisture out of it. Check out the free puppies ad in the classifieds. Thanks for reading the Star. See you next time. Until then!



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Jim Bob Swafford of Bovina was the feature artist last week at the Diana Ling Center for Academic Achievement of Arts in Lubbock. He is shown here with his oil painting titled "Uncharted."

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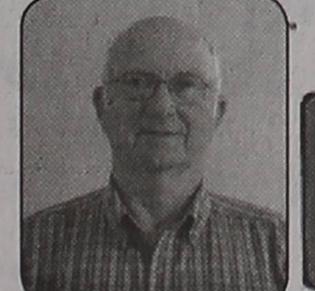
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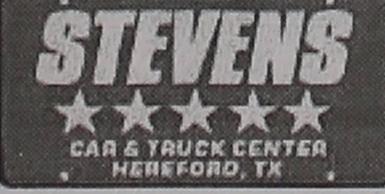
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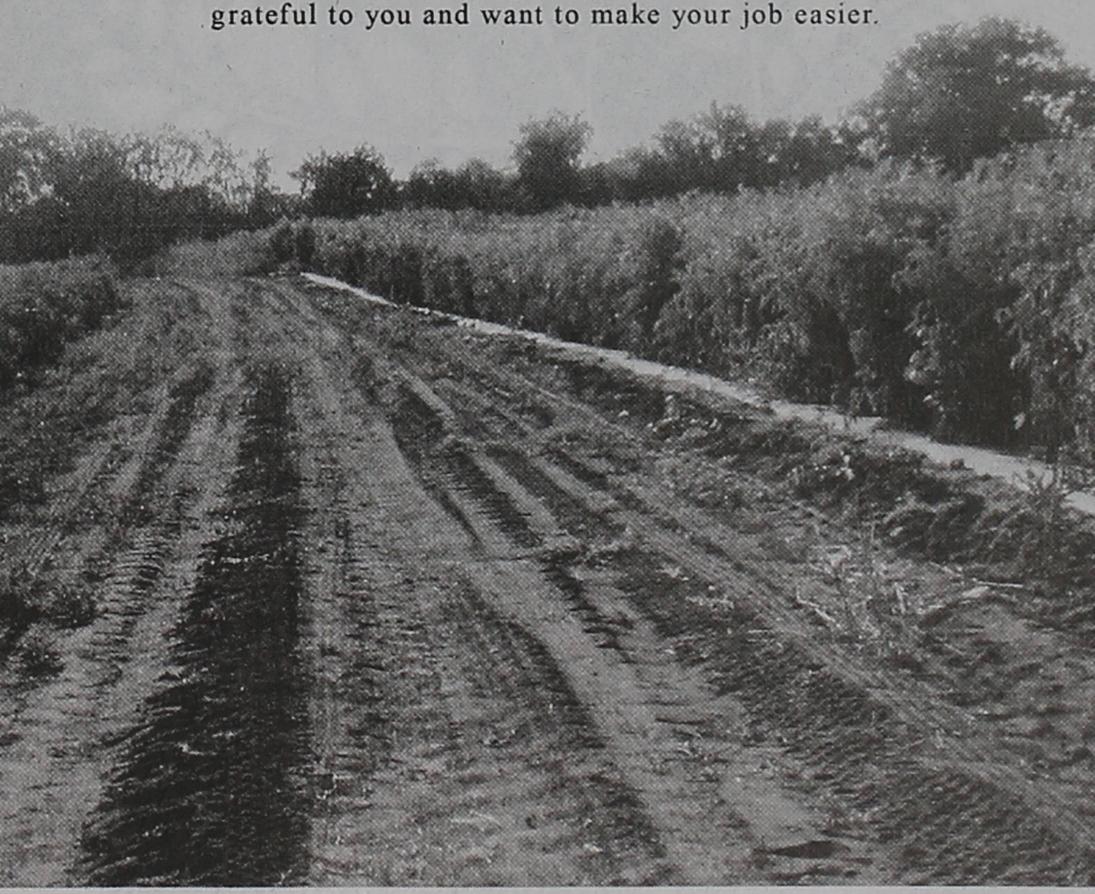
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Lions Club News



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The Friona Evening Lions met Thursday February 14. Valentine's Day was celebrated by 27 Lions and special guests. Boss Lion Von Edelmon presented all the ladies a carnation bouquet. Lion Clint Mears provided dinner music. Chef Canna Ray and family catered the Valentine meal. Pictured are, l-r, Lion Ron Davenport received a 45-year membership award, Lion Katherine Woodward received a key award for sponsoring two new members, program chairman Gary Brown, and Club sweetheart Kalley Preston.

School Menu

The breakfast/lunch school menu for February 25-28.

Monday: Cereal, waffles, fruit, juice, milk Steak fingers, roll, mix vegetables, peas, fruit, milk

> Tuesday: Cereal, pancake sausage stick, fruit, juice, milk Popcorn chicken, tomatoes, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk

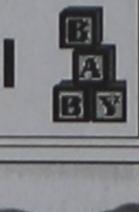
Wednesday: Cereal, breakfast toaster, fruit, juice, milk Beef spaghetti, green beans, pinto beans, fruit, milk

Thursday: Cereal, pizza, fruit, juice, milk Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk

Friday: Cereal variety, cinnamon rolls, tropical fruit, orange pineapple juice, milk Burrito, lettuce & tomato salad, corn, peaches, milk

New

New Arrival





Kaden Alan Fairweather was born December 13, 2012. He weighed 7 lbs 10.6 oz and was 20 ¼ inches long. His parents are Derek and Brandi Fairweather of Amarillo.

Grandparents are Brenda and Alan Fairweather of Friona, and Rodney and Carrie Kimmel of Stinnett, Texas. Great-grandparents are Bill and Kathy Fairweather of Friona, Bill and Beverly Danley of Rock Port, Missouri, Kenneth and Winnie Kimmel of Healdton, Oklahoma, and Dawn Hearon of Stinnett. Derek was the first American born grandchild and Kaden is the first American born great-grandchild on the Fairweather side.

County receives January sales tax

Texas Comptroller Susan combs said state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.12 billion, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2012. "Growth in sales tax receipts was led by the construction, retail trade, and restaurant sectors," said Combs. "Receipts from oil and natural gas related activity also continue to be strong. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 34 consecutive months."

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers as well as sales by businesses that report tax on a quarterly or annual basis.

In Parmer County, Farwell received \$14,592.23, a 26.92% increase; Bovina received \$11,695.58, a 21.76% increase; and Friona received \$44,452.51, a 21.68% increase.

London makes President list

Jessie Janelle London, a senior majoring in English and Psychology at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, has been named to the President's List for the Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 semesters. To be on the President's List a student must carry at least 12 hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average. Jessie is a 2010 graduate of Friona High School.

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Warranty deeds filed at the County Clerk's Office for the week of February 7-13, 2013.

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Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

February 13, 2013 Andre Johnson, 24, of Lubbock was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for theft of property more than \$20 less than \$500 by check, fine, court cost, restitution, 30 days jail probated 6 months.

February 13, 2013 Larry Wauson, 35, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on motion to revoke, burglary of a habitation, pending district court.

February 15, 2013 Eric Villezcas, 18, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, pending county court.

February 15, 2013 Joe Zuniga, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for minor in consumption, pending JP court.

In 287th District Court on January 25, 2013, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

German Rey, 24, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervision (possession of marijuana) was sentenced to community supervision revoked, 18 months in state jail (TDCJ) \$643 court costs and \$1,000 fine. On the charge of violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine) Rey was sentenced to community supervision revoked, 5 years in the institutional division of TDCJ, \$643 court costs and \$1,000 fine.

Jordan Shivers, 22, of Clovis, charged with violation of community supervision (burglary) was sentenced to community supervision revoked, 5 years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ, \$265 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$285.95 restitution.

Crime of the Week

On February 13, 2013 the Parmer County Sheriff's Office took a report of a burglary of a building in the 1700 block of Highway 60 in Friona. Unknown person(s) entered the building and stole a display case with antique U.S. coins and a box of arrow heads.

If you have any information about this or any other crimes call Crime Stoppers at 806-481-9178 or 800-774-8477. You will remain anonymous and if your tip leads to an arrest you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.



Happy Birthday

Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2013

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

Feb. 24-Mike Smith, Joe Bob Johnson, Sharon Rector, Janice Auburg, Della Patterson, Michelle Morris, Lisa Ann Edelmon, Joey Dominguez, Robin Rushing Stolzfus, Carmella Hernandez, Carlene Jones, Sabrina Vargas, Lacey Lookingbill

Feb. 25-Lyn Eldon Randolph, Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, Tommy Villalobos, David Stephens, Amelia Rose Sandoval, Elva Hernandez, Freddy Flores

Feb. 26-Amy Rushing, Jerry London, Trasa Randolph, Deuce Faires, Christopher Cappa, Kevin Taylor, Ulysses Cooper, Sholby Reeve, JoJo Osborn

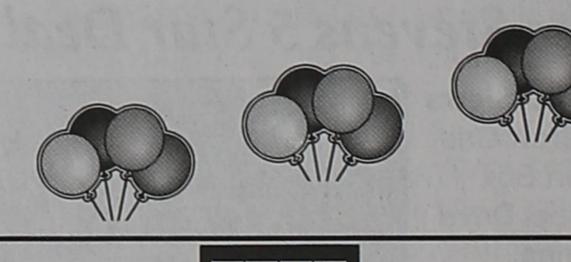
Feb. 27-Raye Jean London, Pat Randolph, Jesse Saiz, Mikaelah Cox

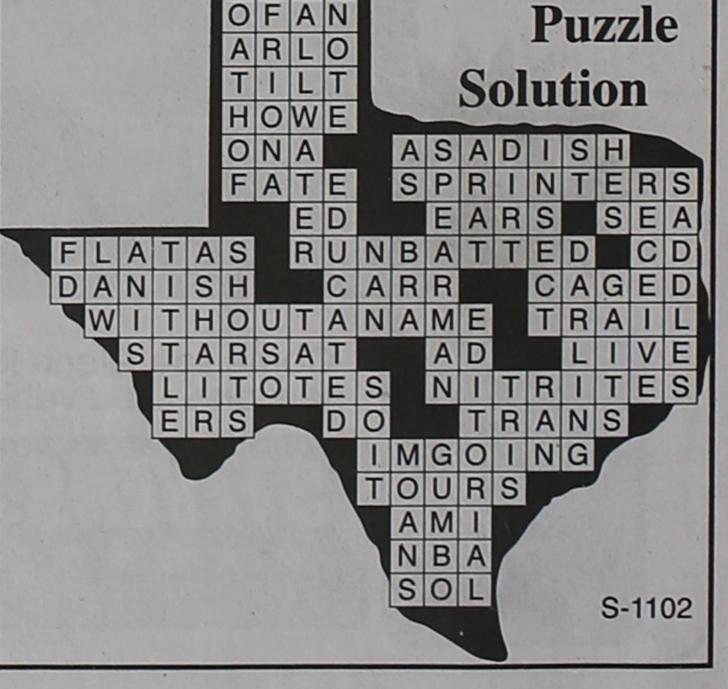
Feb. 28-Kathrina Smith, Cindy Alexander, Corbin Neill, Todd Drake, M'Lissa Hurst, Jim Rapp, Sam Mears, Priscilla Trevino, Catalina Garcia, Ruth Renner, Mildred Howell, Desteni Aragon

Feb. 29-Lonnie Ellis, Doreen Duran Stone, Sergio Soliz, Nicholas Villa

Mar. 1-Clydie Black, Joe Osborn, Jean Terry, Lance Outland, Jesse Mendoza, Jr., Jeff Curtis

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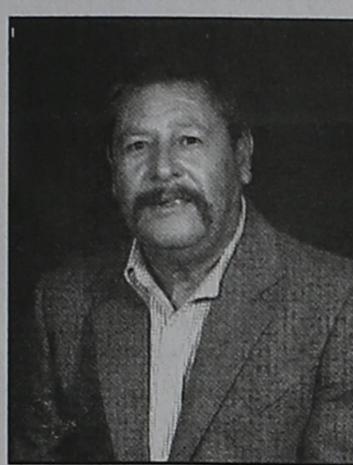
OBITUARIES

Jesus Baldomero Blanco

Jesus "Jessie" Baldomero Blanco, 65, died Monday, February 18, 2013. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 21, 2013 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Panhandle, Texas. Burial followed at Panhandle Cemetery. Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Arrangements by Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger, Texas.

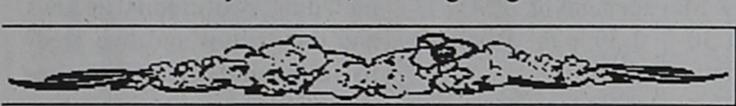
Jessie was born October 11, 1947 in Benavides, Texas to Otila and Gonzolo Blanco, Sr. He worked alongside his son at Blanco Construction. Jessie is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Timothy Blanco; brothers Armando Blanco and Eddie Blanco; and a sister, Martha Maltos.

He is survived by his wife,



Jesus Baldomero Blanco

Carolyn Blanco; children Carlos Blanco, Jimmie Mitchell and husband Wesley, Johanna Preas and husband Troy; brothers, Joe Blanco and wife Ann, Gonzalo Blanco, Jr.; sisters Teresa Solis, Elma Castillo, Irma Trevino, Gloria Trevino; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



God's cookbook for life

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you like to cook? Or maybe you're like me and you really like to eat. The ingredients that go into a recipe make all the difference for good or bad. When I was little I used to love to help my mom make potato salad, which always turned out great when I followed her instructions. Unfortunately for those eating, I was prone to add random ingredients, such as Pace Picante sauce, and when I would do this it never turned out the way I had imagined.

1 Kings 9:1-9 shows God talking to Solomon about the two recipes for life. First, the recipe for success involves walking before God with integrity of heart and uprightness, keeping God's commands and statutes. Living this way is only possible through a relationship with Jesus Christ, who forgives us of our sin, giving us eternal and abundant life. These ingredients lead to a life blessed and established by God for His glory and our good.

The second recipe God mentions is a recipe for disaster. The ingredients are you or one of your descendents walking away from God, turning aside from Him, worshiping idols and following your own sinful, selfish desires. This recipe yields disaster, in that you reap the horrific consequences of your sin that you have sown.

I'm not sure which recipe you are following, but please take time to seek God in His Word and by His Holy Spirit, asking Him to show you the ingredients you are placing into your life, and make a renewed commitment to love Jesus supremely.

Religious exile to speak in Farwell

Pastor Mujahid el Masih fled Pakistan and journeyed to the USA to save his life after converting from Islam to Christianity. He will share his message in a 3-part series covering "What Islam is", How it affects us," and "How to Love Muslims to Christ."

The series will be held at the Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church, 902 5th St. in Farwell February 24-26. The schedule is Sunday February 24 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday February 25 at 7 p.m.; and Tuesday February 26 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend for understanding, fellowship, and snacks.



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Friona 4th and 5th graders collected \$3169.77 in their jump rope for heart campaign for the American Heart Association. Top collectors were, back row, I-r, Chloe Braillif, Carly Drake, Adaline White, Tiffany Sandoval; front row, l-r, Alex Guerra, Jodie Denton, and Josiah Rejino. Miss Denton won the award for overall top collector. Elementary PE teacher Jackie Martin is the coordinator of the jump rope event.

Panhandle Parables

The Seed

JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th St. Church of Christ

It was early one morning, the sun greeted the new day with a soft pink smile. As morning broke the dew quenched the thirst of the grass and everything began to wake up and recognize the power of the beginning of a new day.

The farmer was already up. He and the dawn were like old friends. Like most farmers this one greeted the sun with a cup of coffee as he headed for his tractor. It was planting season and the obvious task was to get the seed into the ground so that it could grow. Each seed had a purpose, to grow into a plant that would serve a greater purpose, to produce more seeds.

This cycle was designed by God in order to sustain life. The purpose of the seed is in the control of the farmer until it is planted. Then God takes control and through a series of events produces a crop. Seeds can stay seeds for an eternity if they are not planted.

It is the same with God's word. The power of God must be planted. As Christians we are to walk in faith and plant the word of God into the rich soil of a lost soul. Eternal life begins with the planting of the seed. We would think someone might be a little crazy if they filled their planter with seed then just drove up and down their field never setting the planter on the ground. What profit is that? None. It is simply making tracks in the dirt. As you cross the field of your life make sure your planter is full and down in the dirt, because that is when lives are changed.

World Day of Prayer

The community is invited to attend the annual World Day of Prayer luncheon on Friday, March 1, at 12:00 noon at the Union Congregational Church, 1601 North Euclid. The theme this year, "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me", was chosen by the women of France. A Hawaiian pile-on and desserts will be served.



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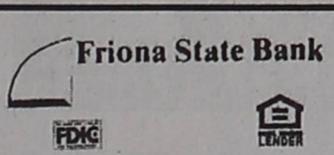
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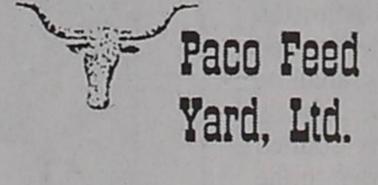
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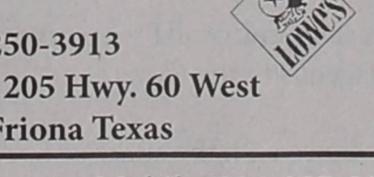
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Cotton Fleming is shown with UNLV academic advisor Antonio Villegas at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas top scholars reception during a recent visit. Cotton wore his boots and cowboy hat so everyone at the top scholars reception would know which recruit was from Texas. He has accepted a scholarship to UNLV.

Fleming accepted at UNLV

FHS senior Cotton Fleming scored in the top three percentile nationally on the college admissions exam (ACT). He was recruited nationwide and accepted an offer from the University of Nevada at Las Vega (UNLV). He has been admitted to the UNLV Casino and Gaming Management Undergraduate Program for the fall of 2013. UNLV is the #1 ranked university in the nation for this degree.

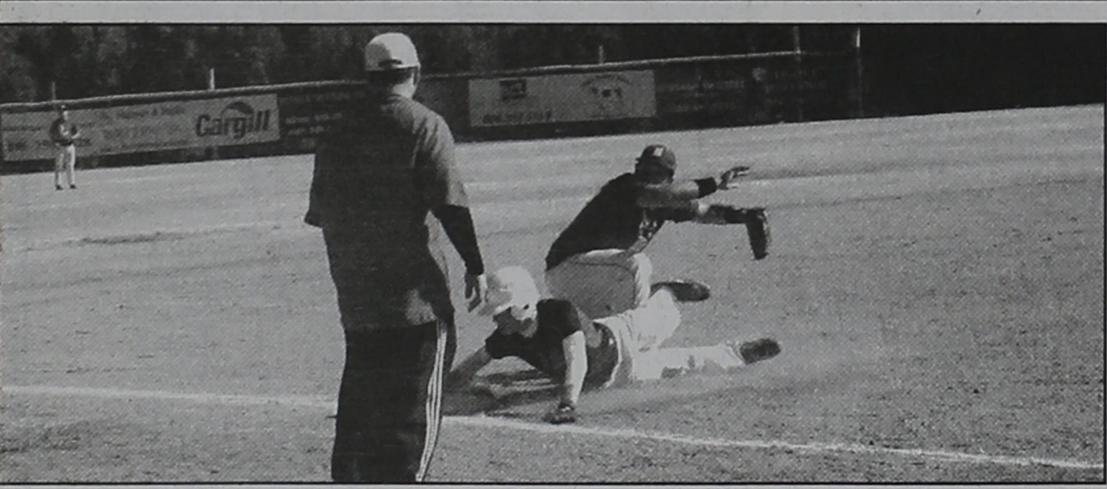
Cotton has been recognized as among the top academic freshmen accepted into UNLV and is a recipient of the UNLV Excellence Scholarship and the UNLV Rebel Challenge Scholarship. He met Dr. Neal Smatresk, the President of UNLV, during a recent visit and attended a Rebels home basketball game as a VIP guest of the university. Cotton will graduate with the Friona High School Class of 2013.



ron carr photo Chieftain pitcher Nathaniel Gonzalez hurls the hide at a Dimmitt Bobcat during Saturday's scrimmage at the Chiefs field. The game was scheduled at Dimmitt but their field was too muddy from a recent snow. That's Brayden Pope at first base. The Chiefs won 9-2. More photos from the scrimmage at frionaonline.com.

ron carr photo Stephen Al-Shortstop barado and second baseman Josh Barnett get the throw too late to tag out the Dimmitt runner during Saturday's scrimmage with the Bobcats. Reprints of game photos available at frionaonline.com.





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Brad Stowers slides safe into third base as the ball gets by the Dimmitt third baseman. Coach Styler Haddock looks on. Stowers went on to score as the Chiefs won 9-2. The Chiefs' district opponents this year are Bushland, Boys Ranch, and Sanford Fritch. They will compete in a four-team district and play their opponents three times each.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Friona, Texas ("City") and the Friona Economic Development Corporation ("FEDC") will receive Proposals for the designation of a Depository Institution for the period beginning May 1, 2013, and ending April 30, 2016. Such Proposals, addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035, shall be received until 10:00 AM, Monday, April 1, 2013, at which time the same shall be publicly opened and examined. Such Proposals may be presented to the Mayor and City Council at the scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM, April 8, 2013, for consideration and awarded to the successful bidder.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all Proposals, waive formalities and accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City.

Proposals shall be made in accordance with the attached Special Conditions and Proposals and any deviations there from shall be clearly identified.

Copies of specification for proposals can be picked up at City Hall, 623 Main, Friona, Texas.

Patricia Phipps, City Manager

PPHM: Own some museum art

chanted Mesa, from cowboys to mountain men, from Crow to Kiowa, from bluebonnets to yellow columbine, from buffalo to big horn sheep, the Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show & sale at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum depicts the American seum quality art but can't make West in all its glory.

Works from established and prise the exhibition that opens in the Foran Gallery with an invitation-only viewing and artists' reception on Saturday March 2, 2103 at 5:30 p.m. The fixed-price sale follows at 6:30

From the Black Hills to En- p.m. Art not purchased that night will be for sale through the remainder of the exhibition which ends March 30.

Now in its 14th year, the Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show & Sale boasts an online catalog available for those who want muit to the show and sale in person. Last year's catalog can be recognized artists will com- seen at panhandleplains.org. The 2013 catalog will be on the museum's website two weeks prior to the event.

The art is selected by Michael R. Grauer, PPHM Associate Director for Curatorial

Affairs & Curator of Art, from a list of artists known for their portrayal of life west of the Mississippi River.

Artists showing in the event include Daryl Howard of Austin; David Loren Bass of Santa Fe; Roylynn Evans of Amarillo; Albino Hinojosa of Ruston, Louisiana; Nancy Silva of Santa Fe; and Don Parks of Midland and many others.

The museum's own art collection contains works in need of conservation, so proceeds from the show and sale are used to restore such pieces and acquire art for the museum collection.

Last Chance pesticide applicator course

Applicator CEU Course" will be offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The event will be held February 27 at the Bailey County Extension office, 118 West Avenue C in Muleshoe.

The pesticide applicator training will be delivered in two-hour blocks; pesticide applicators will be able to attend any or all blocks in order to earn continuing education units (CEU) they may need to

A "Last Chance Pesticide renew their pesticide applicator license. The blocks will be arranged as follows:

> 8 - 10 a.m. Laws and regulations (1.5 L&R, .5 general) 10 a.m. - 12 noon Integrated

> Pest Management (2 IPM) 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Pesticide Safety (2 general)

> This is truly a last chance option to earn CEUs. The courses will be delivered via video. Participants will need to attend the entire block(s) they need and complete a survey in order

to earn their CEUs. There will be a \$10 registration fee.

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management (IPM) prior to expiration of the license.

For more information contact Monti Vandiver, Extension Agent-IPM at 806-272-

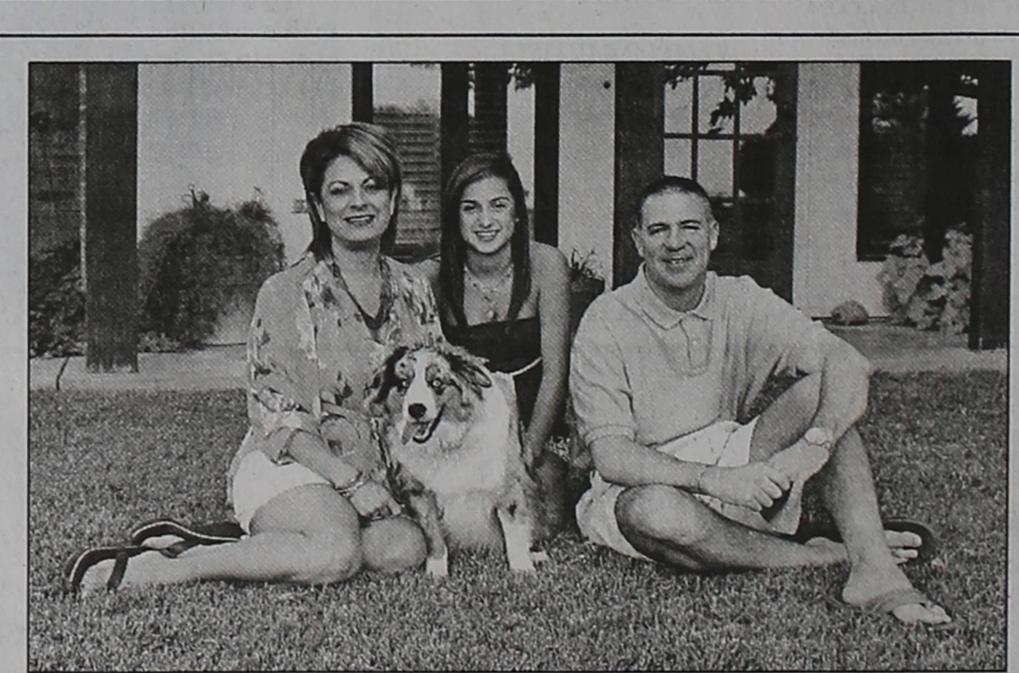


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Work continues on the playground/pavilion park area at Reeve Lake. Workers were seen pouring more concrete. In the foreground but hard to see is a form for a giant concrete star. The work is being done by employees of Hamilton Steel & Concrete.

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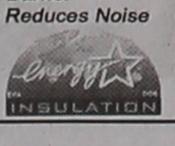
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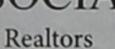
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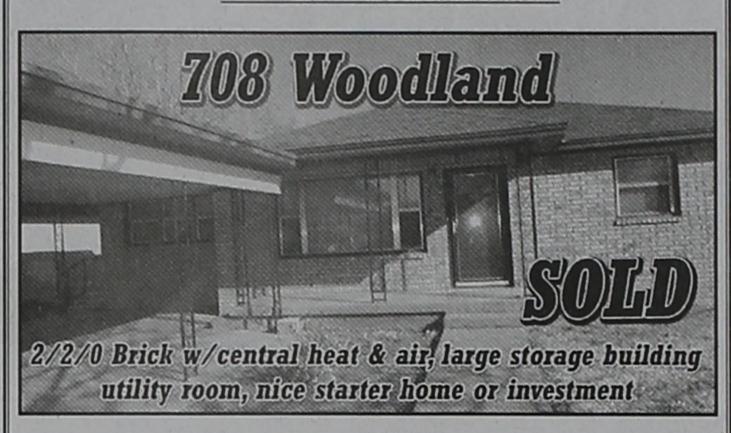
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Framing and construction is proceeding on the FHS activity center building. Workers are also remodeling classrooms two at a time in the high school. We will be following and recording the construction in photos until the project is completed.



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Prairie Acres auxiliary volunteers, l-r, Keri Jack, Martha Hamilton, and Linda White (hidden behind the balloons) served cookies, cake, ice cream and punch to residents at the nursing home's Valentine's Day party last Thursday.

New DPS Webpage Highlights Unsolved Murders

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today unveiled a new section of its website dedicated to solving cold case murder investigations across the state of Texas. The Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides webpage is aimed at renewing the public's interest in these cases, including the Rangers Top 12 Unsolved Cold Case Investigations, which features two cases from each of the state's six DPS regions. The cases that are featured in the Top 12 will be changed periodically.

"Cold cases are typically challenging to solve for a variety of reasons, but we want to send a clear message that we are not giving up on these murder victims," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Our goal for this webpage - and the investigative efforts supporting it - is to shine a new light on these crimes, so they are not forgotten. We are committed to bringing these ruthless criminals to justice and to bringing some amount of closure to the families involved."

Texas Rangers, along with local police agencies, will reassess – and in some case reanalyze – evidence, and take another look at persons of interest or attempt to develop new persons of interest. Many of these cases involve smaller or rural police agencies, which the Texas Rangers routinely assist in working murder investigations. Currently, the website features a total of 68 cases dat-

ing back to 1978.

By putting the cases back in the public eye, it increases the possibility that people will come forward with new information or leads that can be investigated. The public will as Ran have the opportunity to submit information online through the new webpage or by calling a Rang toll free number, 1-800-346-3243. Callers may remain anonymous. (Some of the cases have rewards associated with topCarter as the cases have rewards associated with topCarter as the cases as Rang top Carter as the cases have rewards associated with topCarter as the cases as Rang top Carter as the cases as the case a

them, which are noted on the website.)

To view the information on the Unsolved Homicides site,

http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/ Index.htm.

To specifically view the Texas Rangers Top 12 Cold Case Investigations visit:

http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/ topCases.aspx.





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The 2013 Valentine's Day King and Queen at Prairie Acres are Leroy Widner and Dixie White. They were crowned during the Prairie Acres Valentine's Day party.



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Friona Heritage Estates was decorated in red for their Valentine party last Thursday. Resident Margaret Parsons and administrator Billy Ray Johnston had fun after declaring themselves Valentine King and Queen.

Friona Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month



The Friona Inn was built in 1980 and has been owned by the Patel family since 1997. They have upgraded the property over the years with flat screen TVs, Wi-Fi Internet, and queen and king size beds to keep up with hotel/motel trends and technology. Owners Jay & Julie Patel have three children, Sajal 17, Trushar 13, and Rhea 9.

Your family, friends, and out-of-town guests are welcome and invited to stay at the Friona Inn. The phone number is 250-2784.

