

# Friona ★ Star

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## Council meets Monday

The Friona city council meets in regular session Monday January 9, 2017 in council chambers at 619 Main St. All council meetings are open to the public.

The tentative agenda looks brief and is mostly financial stuff. After approving previous meeting minutes the council will hear the monthly Police Department report.

They will consider and take action on approval, to transfer \$339,222.50 from the interest and sinking fund to the pool bank account to make the bond payment, \$125350.00 to First Financial and \$213,872.50 to the Bank of New York due February 15, 2017.

Accounts payable, financial statement for December, and first quarter financial statement for October 2016 through December 2016.

These agenda items are tentative and subject to change. By law the official agenda will be posted on the window at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

## Local stock show Jan. 15

The Friona Local Stock Show will be held on Sunday, January 15 at the Friona Community Center. Animals need to be registered by 1:30 p.m. and the show will begin around 2:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per head that can be paid the day of the show. The FFA will have a concession stand.

"The community is invited to come enjoy the show and support the young folks showing their animals," stated Jeri Lynn White.

## 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that for the 2014-2015 school year, the average cost of tuition, fees, and room/board for a public, 4-year college was \$18,943? For a private, 4-year college that cost was a staggering \$42,419. Did you know that Parmer County 4-H students can apply for 2017 Texas 4-H scholarships to help offset those costs?

Information regarding available scholarships, including guidelines and applications, can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarship/>. All applications/paperwork must be submitted by Monday, January 23, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Case, County Extension Agent, at 806-251-5120.



Friona firefighters responded to a fire call about 8:30 a.m. New Year's Day at a portable classroom building on Euclid across from the primary school. The building housed a computer lab and classroom. Major damage was done to the interior and the building will have to be replaced. Initial reports say it was probably an electrical problem in the AC/heating unit but the official cause has not been determined. Insurance adjusters and fire investigators were expected to be on the scene this week. Students will have class in the Early Childhood building adjacent to the primary school. Classes resume Monday January 9.



### Thank you, School Board Members

## January is School Board Recognition Month

January 2017 is School Board Recognition Month, a time to honor the more than 7,200 locally elected leaders who step forward to serve without pay on local boards to ensure Texas students have the best schools possible. Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages Texans to show appreciation to these men and women for their unfailing commitment to our state's future.

"Please join me in recognizing the service of local board members as they dedicate themselves to providing excellent public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "The long hours and responsibilities of school

board service make it a task that only a few are willing to bear. However, those who serve as local trustees embrace the challenges, demonstrating their desire that every student have the best opportunities to succeed. Trustees work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their districts and set high standards for student success.

"In communities across the state, school board members

volunteer their time and talents to see that Texas schools provide excellent education experiences for all of our children. We urge every community to thank local board members and support them as they tackle this important job. Join us in applauding their service to our students, our communities, and this state," he said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board mem-

bers are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5.3 million public school students.

Friona Independent School District Board of Trustee members are Ricky Barnett, Jose Cigarroa, Andy Montana, Jason Rector, Becky Riethmayer, Antonio Rocha and Wade Schueler.

(Article submitted by the TASB News)



ron carr photo

Paige Upton (12) was fouled on this play as she drove the baseline vs. Littlefield.



ron carr photo

Erica Barrera (4) battles a Littlefield Lady Cat for a rebound in Tuesday night district action at the Friona gym. The Squaws lost to Littlefield. They are now 0-3 in district and will be looking for their first win Friday at Muleshoe.

## Cumulative rainfall information

Local weatherman John Gurley submitted a comparative look at rainfall in the Friona area for the past six years beginning in January 2010. 2015 was the wettest year in six years with a total of

35.76 inches of rain. The driest year was 2011 with 7.21 inches recorded. The wettest month was May 2015 with 7.43 inches of rain. The driest month was in October 2013 with only 0.04 of rain.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	1.42		0.18	0.49		2.06	0.09
February	1.94	0.70	0.32	1.03	0.27	0.80	0.17
March	0.97	0.25	0.36	0.12	0.18	0.56	0.08
April	0.87	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.33	0.82	1.19
May	2.12	0.07	2.22	1.35	3.52	7.43	2.01
June	2.17	0.71	1.88	2.64	2.31	4.03	2.73
July	4.30	0.08	0.46	4.04	4.32	4.30	1.34
August	4.40	0.30	1.19	1.14	1.36	2.73	3.50
September	0.60	2.16	1.44	1.14	3.47	2.85	3.58
October	0.81	1.12	0.54	0.04	0.29	7.15	-
November	0.46	0.17	0.04	0.80		0.89	1.05
December	0.09	1.62	0.67	0.45	0.12	2.14	0.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>7.21</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>13.29</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>35.76</b>	<b>16.00</b>

## IT'S BRAGGING TIME!!

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published February 9

It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, sweethearts and spouses!

Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Monday, February 6

Cost per photo:

1-2 people-\$10

3 or more-\$20

Watch the Star for more information!



# Out Here

By Ron Carr



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

**January 5**  
7th/8th Boys Basketball at home vs. Slaton 5 p.m.  
7th/8th Girls Basketball at Slaton 5 p.m.

**January 6**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Muleshoe 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 7**  
TMEA Area Auditions at Midland Lee High School  
Friona Powerlifting Invitational at FHS gym

**January 9**  
7th/8th Boys Basketball at Idalou 5 p.m.  
Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 in Council meeting room

**January 10**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Dimmitt at Home 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 12-14**  
7th/8th Boys & Girls Basketball Friona Tournament

**January 13**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Slaton 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 15**  
Local Livestock Show at Friona Community Center:  
Animal registration at 1:30 p.m.  
Show begins at 2 p.m.

**January 16**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
FISD Board of Trustees meeting at Administration building at 7 p.m.  
No School

**January 17-21**  
Parmer County Livestock Show at Friona Community Center

**January 17**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Idalou at Home 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 20**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Shallowater 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.

**January 21**  
Abernathy Boys Powerlifting Invitational

**January 24**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Roosevelt at Home 5/5/6:30/8

**January 26**  
Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church Noon to 7 p.m.

**January 27**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Littlefield 5/5/6:30/8

**January 28**  
Bobcat Girls Powerlifting Invitational in Dimmitt

**January 29**  
German Sausage Dinner at St. Ann's in Bovina

**January 31**  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Muleshoe at Home 5/5/6:30/8

**February 2**  
**GROUNDHOG DAY**

## social media is blowing up

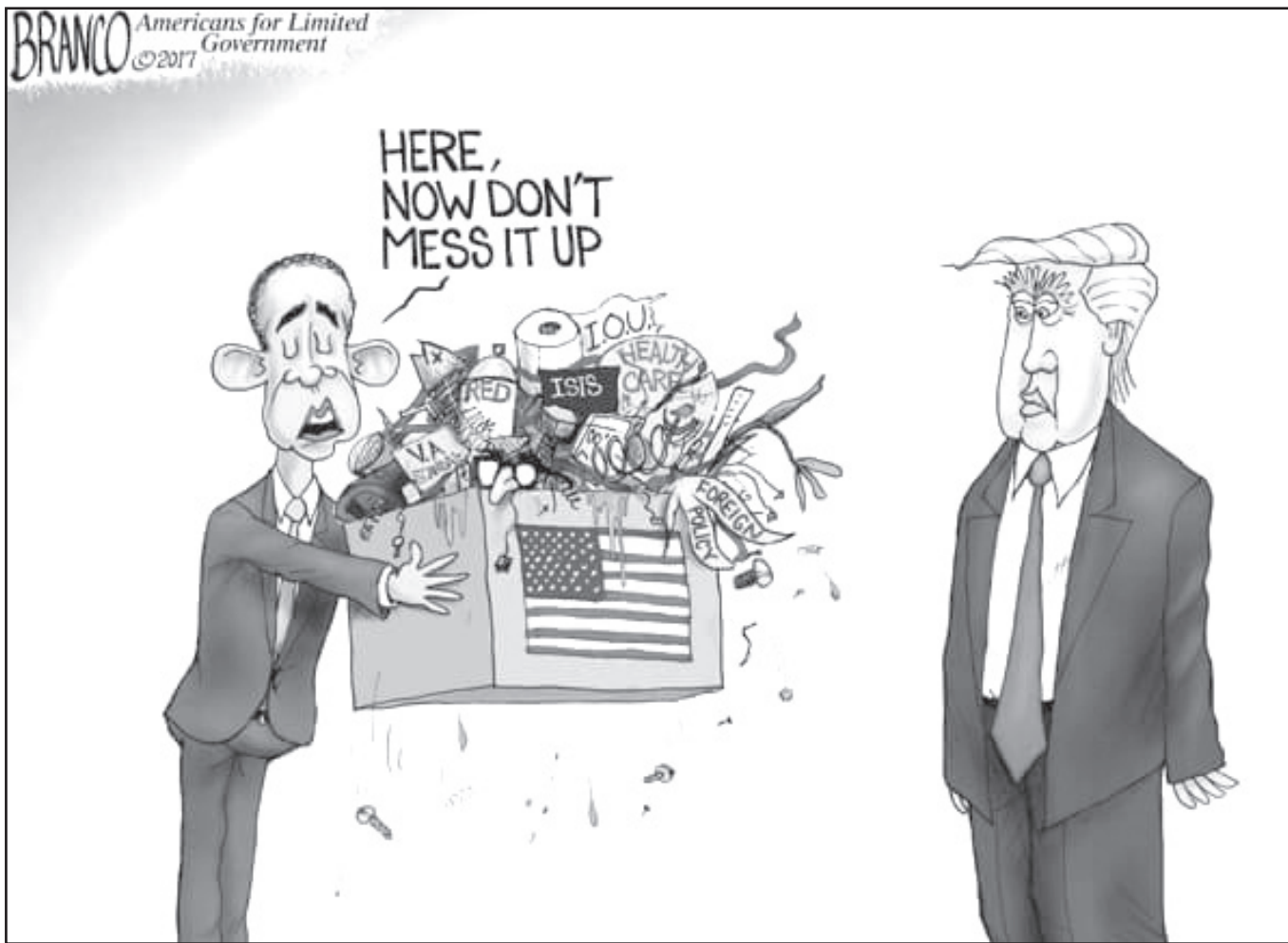
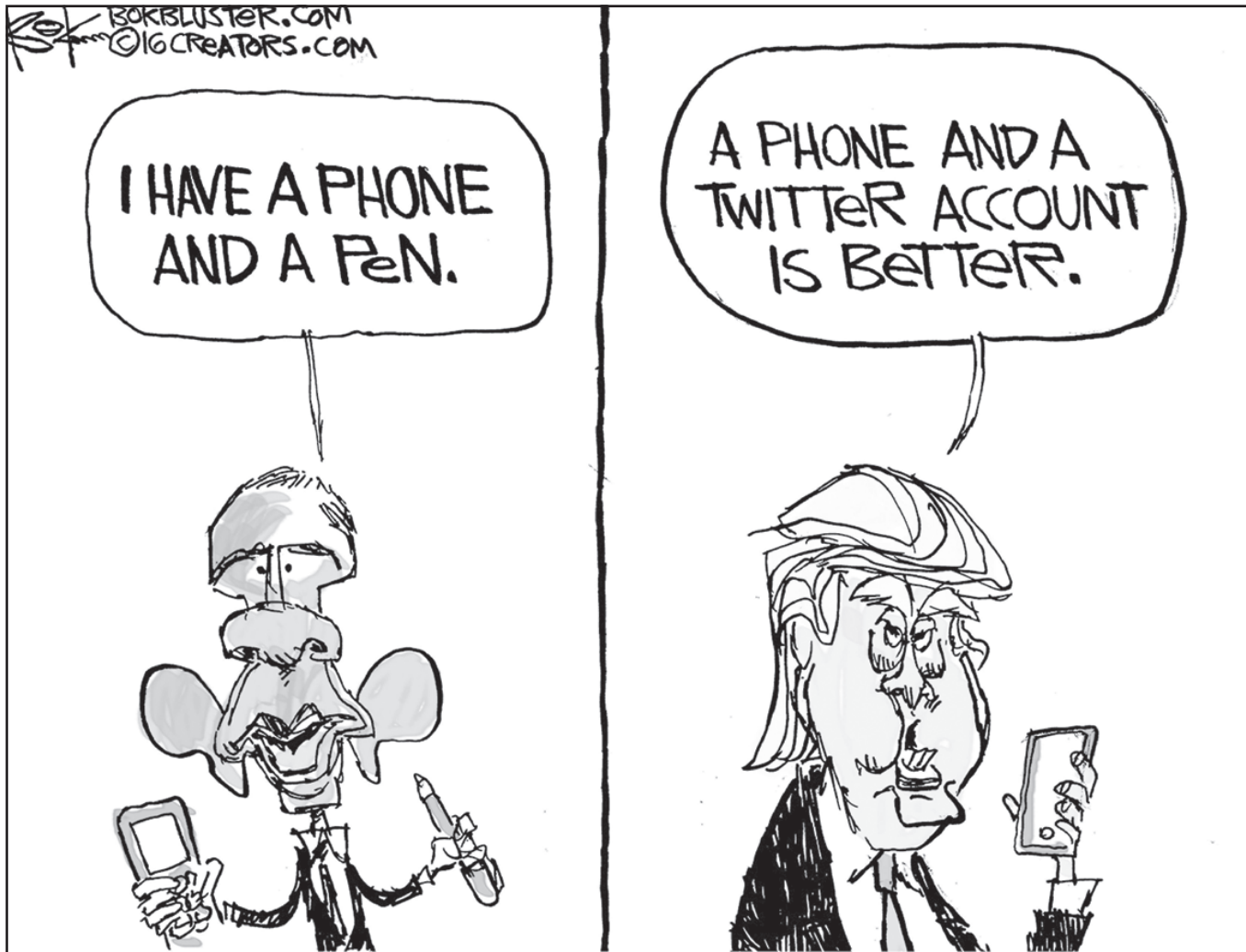
Social media is blowing up. Twitter is exploding. How often do we hear TV news people say those words? I figure we are in for a lot of explosions on Twitter during Trump's presidency. When social media is blowing up that usually means people are angry and mean and like to call other people names. As mentioned before I do not twitter. Nor do I Snapchat or Instagram. There is enough useless crap on Facebook. Two of my daughters, Candee and Megan, set me up on Facebook maybe 7-8 years ago. At the

time, it was a place where you could check in with friends and family, exchange messages, and keep up with them regularly. Not so much today. I still see some messages from my kids if I can find them among the recipes, cat and dog pictures, and a video about folding fitted

sheets. This week I did see that a nephew I haven't seen in years got engaged. I probably will not get invited to the wedding. They are all over Donald Trump for his tweets. Senate Democrat minority leader Chuck Schumer, the next Harry Reid, says you cannot set policy

and security in a 140-character tweet. Not sure how much effort Schumer put into that statement. The nice thing is I do not have to be on Twitter to see what Trump tweets. It is instantly on all of the cable news stations. They even put tweets on Facebook. Like me, Senator Schumer does not seem to be dealing with today's modern social media communications very well. He still believes there have to be committees, sub-committees, hearings, and infinite discussion before policy is decided. The old-fashioned political establishment way.

Mr. Trump, like him or not, is likely to disregard how Washington works and that is a good thing in my opinion. You may have a different view and want to call me a scum sucking, slack jawed, moron conservative on your Twitter tweet. Life is all about name-calling intolerance today. Sure would like to go back to the days when my great Granny sent me down to the root cellar to fetch some onions, potatoes, and squash. I put on one of her aprons and she showed me how to gather it in the front to carry the vegetables back to the house. Unfortunately the root cellar days are past. So are politics as usual I think.



## School Menu January 9-13

- Monday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon roll, apple juice, pears, milk  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets roll, fresh tomatoes, mashed potatoes, peaches, milk
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage biscuit with cheese, orange pineapple juice, apples, milk  
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans, corn, Mandarin oranges, milk
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk  
Lunch: Combo sub, broccoli, cheese cauliflower, grapes, milk
- Thursday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk  
Lunch: Spaghetti meatball, pasta, carrots, mixed California veggies, fruit cocktail, milk
- Friday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, fruit punch juice, oranges, milk  
Lunch: Cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit salad, milk

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 with 26-down, another state with a Huntsville
- 5 TXism: "mean \_\_\_ old range cow"
- 6 TX Pulitzer winner: Mrs. \_\_\_ Brown
- 7 Dallas FM
- 8 TXism: "\_\_\_ pack" (leader)
- 17 Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- 18 captivated
- 19 this Ford starred with TX Tommy Lee in "The Fugitive" (init.)
- 20 TXism: "wake \_\_\_ when it's over" (disinterested)
- 21 TX Gene Tierney film: "The Mating \_\_\_"
- 24 in Lubbock County on highway 114
- 29 org. for older persons (abbr.)
- 30 TXism: "got two left \_\_\_" (clumsy)
- 31 "\_\_\_ momma!"
- 32 UT has collection of this writer's work a TX fort or county
- 35 hallucinogenic drug
- 36 rake, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 37 historic TX figure: Judge Roy \_\_\_
- 38 a speck
- 39 silent call to the fire dept. (2 wds.)
- 41 ancient stringed instruments
- 42 TXism: "chews his \_\_\_ cud" (loner)

**DOWN**

- 1 TX Johnny Rodriguez sang "You Always Come \_\_\_ Me"
- 2 TXism: "noisy \_\_\_ \_\_\_ crying for mamma"
- 3 in Burnet County: \_\_\_ Falls
- 4 TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't \_\_\_ well in Texas"
- 9 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John \_\_\_"
- 10 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough"
- 11 where TX teens might shop: "The \_\_\_"
- 12 TX Tubb's "\_\_\_ Walking the Floor Over You"
- 13 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ your face"
- 14 TXism: "trapped like a \_\_\_ possum"
- 15 TX summer certainty
- 16 TX Perot's old co.
- 20 Shirley of Houston-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- 22 Gulf catch
- 23 lymph \_\_\_
- 24 TXism: "keep \_\_\_ under your hat"
- 25 \_\_\_ Rio, TX
- 26 first part of state in 1-across
- 27 old town absorbed into Mesquite
- 28 TXism: "stands on his \_\_\_ feet"
- 29 TXism: "can't teach \_\_\_ dog new tricks"
- 30 TXism: "he's all beer and no \_\_\_"
- 33 Rice Univ.'s 1st pres. Lovett (init.)
- 34 TX Audie Murphy was one in WWII
- 35 actress Sophia demonstration at TX Scottish Festival
- 37 TXism: "you're pulling \_\_\_"
- 40 TXism: "blazes the trail"
- 41 critter den
- 44 favorable factor
- 47 out of the USA
- 49 this "Sweet" puts the "Diet" in TX Dr. Pepper

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## Town Talk II

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The Parmer County Tax Assessor's office at the courthouse in Farwell will close Monday January 9 at 11:30 a.m. for equipment repairs.

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Found this on Facebook. Reminded me that such a prayer might have been uttered at the First Baptist Church in Hillsboro during my youth in the 1950s.

One Sunday morning in a small Southern church the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord I hate Lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix them all together and bake them in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what you are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something better than biscuits."

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Several members of the First Baptist Church are leaving this week on a mission trip to Lesotho, South Africa. To get there I'm told they will have a 15-hour flight from Atlanta then a 10-hour drive to reach their destination. They will return January 17.

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The local livestock show will be held Sunday January 15 with reg-

istration at 1:30 p.m. and the show will start about 2:00 p.m. The FFA will have a concession stand. Everyone is invited to attend. The county show is January 19 and the premium sale is January 21.

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Prairie Acres' newsletter, The Prairie Times, for January says the resident of the month is Joaquin Rueda and the employee of the month is Dawn Campos. Dawn is the assisted living manager of Heritage Estates. There was also some big news mentioned: Marie Saiz 20 years of service, Carol Jackson 21 years of service, and Elizabeth Romero 25 years of service. Thank you ladies for your loyal service to our elderly residents and the community.

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A passing motorist on Euclid saw smoke coming from a portable classroom building and reported it about 8:00 a.m. Sunday, New Year's Day. Friona firefighters responded and extinguished the blaze but the building was a total loss. It contained a computer lab and classroom. Cause was probably electrical. Friona ISD classes resume Monday January 9.

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Some anniversaries to mention that happened during the holidays. Delton and Betty Lewellen observed 63 years. Steve and Tonja Horrell 37 years. Steve is the member services manager at Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op. Kirk and Annette Frye counted 32 years, and Daniel and Darla Hutchins celebrated 23 years. Congratulations to you all.

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Our Friona Mayor Rick White is at home recovering from bypass

surgery in Amarillo last week. He got home Monday and is feeling pretty well. It takes time to recover from bypass surgery Mayor White so take it easy and don't overdo it.

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John Aguirre, FHS Class of 1985, was in town during the holidays and caught me at the office. He purchased four of the Friona on Parade books. He lives in Mansfield. We still have a supply of the Friona on Parade books, researched and written by the late Bill Ellis, Friona Star publisher. We are selling them for \$5.00.

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Have you seen the advertisement for a product called Teloyears. It costs \$89.00 and they will tell you how well you are aging. In the commercial a 42-year-old woman got her results back that she is actually 21. I don't think this is something I will be purchasing. Sounds pretty suspicious to me. You can just send me about \$50.00 and I will tell you how old you look. On second thought, maybe not.

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The Congregational Church has a new permanent pastor. His name is Joe Schulte and his wife is Beth. He preached his first service last Sunday. We welcome the Schultes to Friona.

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The junior high basketball tournament is next weekend, January 12-14. We have included the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade brackets in this Star. Also, this Saturday January 7 is the Friona powerlifting meet. Come out and watch some of the grunt and groan competition. They will have a concession stand too.

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We had our Coffee Memorial Blood Center council meeting this week at Headquarters. The next blood drive is January 26 at Calvary Baptist. Each donor will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt

courtesy of several local sponsors. Plans are to have a Mexican pile-on for donors. More details later in the Star.

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The new year is here so let's

make the best of it. If you have news, announcements, anniversaries, keep sending them to us. Thanks for your support. Until then!

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## Grain elevator workshop scheduled in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be held February 2 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the program will end by 4 p.m. The program is jointly sponsored by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

Registration is \$40 and an RSVP is requested by January 27 to Ronda Fisher at 806-677-5600 or rkfisher@ag.tamu.edu for planning purposes. Payment will be due on the day of the event.

Program topics and speakers include: —Aeration Basics and Beyond, Dr. Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University agricultural engineer,

Stillwater, Oklahoma.

—General Fumigation, Mike Morgan, M&M Specialty Services, Leavenworth, Kansas.

—Integrated Pest Management Advantages, Jones. —Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Labels But Were Afraid to Ask, Levon Harman, Texas Department of Agriculture retired inspector, Tulia.

—Rodent Control, Morgan.

—Grain Elevator OSHA Regulations, William Canada, Triangle Insurance Co., Canyon.

Continuing education units by the Texas Department of Agriculture for commercial, non-commercial and private applicators are pending.

For more information, contact Fisher or David Hoffman, president of the Tri-State Chapter, 806-676-3418.

## In Memoriam 2016

### January

Charley A. Morrison  
Lois C. Weis  
Ida G. Carrasco  
Cecil F. Bunch  
John William Renner  
Dorothy Blankenship  
Ehvin Wilson  
Lela Mae George

### February

Bettye Jarboe  
Emma Wynell Houston  
Johnnie Muriel Walters  
Janie Gonzales  
Joe McWhorter  
Samuel Mendez Ruiz  
Patsy Ruth Nichols  
Claire Blanco  
Abel Portillo Portillo  
Billy Dean Baxter

### March

Juanita Wright  
Pat Fleming  
Rosa Maria Chavez  
Billy Wayne Sivick  
Ronnie Stevick  
Wilford J. Hensley  
Melquiades (Mike) C. Albardo, Jr.  
Rosemary Phillips Melton

### April

Urshcel Perkins  
Avis Pearl Carpenter  
E.G. (Eulynn Gilbert) Phipps  
Jeanette Thurman  
Thomas E. Jones  
Patsy Wynona Riley

### May

Arthur Cabrera  
C.B. Eddins  
Celestine Wilson  
Frances Jesko Larson  
Esta Lee Lide  
William "Bill" F. Bandy  
Sayge Caroline Massie  
Kenneth S. Moore  
Billy Don Read  
Lois C. Weis  
Karolyn Kay (Woods) Hinton

### June

Ova Outland Borel  
William Richard (Ricky) Ellis  
Royce "Gene" Welch

### July

Roy Dwayne O'Brian  
Betty Jo Sandlin Talley  
Baltazar R. Bautista, Sr.  
Christine Write Johnson  
Maria Duran  
Pamela D. Hill  
Antonio Deras Rocha  
Donald Leroy Burnett  
Jose Angel "Bebe" Guerra

### August

Neitha Kautz Slagle  
Anthony Ray Brady  
Bill Glyn Loafman  
D.O. Robason  
Mildred Cooper  
Ludene Terry Davis  
Albert Charles Stengel, Jr.

### September

Johnnie Jones, Jr.  
Richard 'Dick' Steelman  
Mariano G. Rodriguez  
Virgie Mae Wickle-Hukill

### October

Ruby Fletcher Hassenpflug  
Abe Welton Lane  
Ramona Mendoza  
Lois Agnes Smith Miller

### November

Velma Schlenker  
Triva Norman  
Francisco Z. Estrada  
Morris Deaton  
Carmel Robason

### December

Thomas Granville Gibson  
Antonio "Tony" Cruz  
John Lawrence Victoria  
Wanda Ruth Rogers  
Daniel "Danny" Olivias  
June Jester Ellison

Country Thoughts  
dana jameson



## Help those that need help

Christmas 2016 is in the history books. New Year's Day 2017 has joined it. However, some are still reliving the horror of tragedy that began the day before Christmas.

I have a cousin Roy that has not had the easiest of lives but he very nearly lost his and his families lives the day before Christmas when his home went up in flames.

He showed the world that below his rough exterior he was a hero. Without thought to his own safety, he got nine people including his wife, children and invalid, wheel chair bound father out of the house before they were injured. He sustained burns that required him to be hospitalized for a short time.

Everything they owned including their Christmas gifts went up in flames but Roy knew what was more important. It was not the "stuff" in the house but his family that were his first responsibility.

Roy and I have not always been on good terms. I did not grow up around him and his brothers. My parents divorced when I was less than a year old and I was whisked away to Muleshoe, Texas while they stayed in Altus, Oklahoma.

His dad, my Uncle Kenneth, worked hard for many, many years as a truck driver for a moving company. Uncle Kenneth's wife, Barbara, passed away a few years ago from cancer. By the time she died, Uncle Kenneth was not in the best of health and had quit truck driving. He had stayed with Roy in Lawton, Oklahoma while Aunt Barbara was in the hospital and just stayed on after she passed.

Roy turned out to be a good son that loved his

parents and would do anything for them. He married a couple of times before settling down to raise his family.

Now they are struggling to rebuild their lives. Uncle Kenneth still had a few pieces of furniture in his home in Altus but they need so much more.

Roy's children range in age from 2-years-old to older and probably do not understand what happened to their happy lives. I cannot imagine what they thinking and feeling.

I do know that the fear of the unknown is pretty dark and gloomy.

I am going to go through my closet and spare room to see what I can take to them that might help ease their suffering. I do not really need all the extra shoes, clothes and household stuff. Maybe it will help.

It is always easy to bad-mouth and judge those that are less fortunate than we are. It is also easy to kick ourselves for our shortcomings.

The hard part is looking in the mirror and admitting that things are not as bad as we think they are. It is also hard to admit that there are those out there that have so much less than we have.

I think I will give until it hurts and then a few steps further. I do not need everything I have and maybe it will help someone else.

Maybe that is my New Year's resolution...Help those that need help.

Roy is home from his brief stay in the hospital. He is back at work and doing his best to rebuild and stabilize his family's life.

If you have someone that needs your help, do not be afraid to help. Stuff can be replaced...people cannot.

## Frona Flashbacks



### News from the week of January 5, 1961

\*Coach Baker Duggins, and Squaw captains Tommy Lewellen and Eleanor Dodson were all smiles after the Squaws were awarded the first place trophy for defeating Claude in the finals.

\*Is He Planning Matrimony?...The Parmer County Sheriff's Department this week is looking for a burglar who has

been following definite a pattern while twice breaking into a farm home near Hub.

It all started on November 21 when someone entered the home of Ralph Robinson and made off with a wedding ring, a woman's watch, cuff links and several small items.

The break-in occurred while the Robinsons were away from

home.

Again over the New Years weekend, while the Robinsons were away visiting relatives for a few days, their home was entered a second time.

Missing when the Robinsons returned Sunday night were two forks, two knives, two spoons from a set of silverware, two cups, two drinking glasses, two saucers, four plates, a skillet and a radio.

"I've never seen anything like it," stated Sheriff Chas. Lovelace.

Considering what the items were that have been stolen both times, the sheriff says "apparently it's someone who's planning on getting married."

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## Psalm 20—Faith Fuel

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What fuels faith in Jesus Christ? Is it money, miracles, mystic rituals or a host of other religious things? No it is not, but Psalm 20 depicts a fueling of your faith tank to full as you focus on God's abilities, not your inabilities or trials at hand. Cultivating great faith is not a result of mindless meditation, casting out so called demons of unbelief, or psyching yourself up to believe more. Developing great faith happens as you see how amazing, gracious, huge and capable God is in every aspect of the universe and your life in particular.

Psalm 20 lays out a short psalm which focuses the first half on God being able to come through in any situation, which inspires the psalmist in the second half of the psalm to praise the Lord for who He is and what He does. As you see the greatness and glory of God in creation, in Scripture, and in your life as you walk by faith, it results in greater and deeper faith. Often times, people may ask the Lord for "great faith" but if they refuse to live by faith, then they are spiritually disobedient and lazy. As you seek greater faith, may your gaze be set on the Savior, whose love ran red on the cross, and whose victory left a tomb empty so that you might be saved and sanctified by His amazing grace.

*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.*  
Philippians 2:14-16

## The Power of Fear

By TEENA HUGHES

It is amazing how quickly fear can totally consume me.

Before I went to bed last night (after midnight), I checked Facebook. Two friends posted a story from the Rocksprings newspaper that the Border Patrol was looking for some very bad illegal aliens. One talked to a friend on a ranch at Barksdale and supposedly the Border Patrol had stopped by their house and warned them. Since my 84 year-old mother lives by herself on a ranch at Barksdale, I panicked.

I remembered Mickey Harrelson recently posted on our church marquee: "Fear is an insult to God." I tried to calm down and think rationally.

I am eight hours away so there wasn't much I could do except wake people up and upset them. I knew God could/would take care of it all, so I started praying everyone would be safe, and the Border Patrol would catch the "bad guys." The Border Patrol knows Mother lives by herself, and they would contact her and/or my brother if a real problem existed. By now, I was starting to calm down, but I was still wide awake.

I remembered a minister friend was going to marry another minister. He was at her house when a riot broke out in the prison where she was ministering, and the prison was on lock-down. He knew she was safe; he was at peace, so he went to sleep on her couch. What faith and trust and God!!!

Just like my minister friend, all I could do was put my faith and trust in God.

This morning, Mother is fine; my brother thinks Facebook should be banned because of the panic this story caused; apparently there was nothing to it. I am just glad that for once I turned it over to God before creating even more fear for everyone. None of us would have gotten any sleep if it weren't for God taking care of us!!!

*If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."*  
1 John 4:20-21



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Friona Primary School Pre-kindergartner Jose Vera-stegui, left, won the boys bike donated by Friona InterBank during a perfect attendance drawing held for the first semester. Also pictured with Jose are Primary Principal Ashley Smith, center, and InterBank representative Justin Jeter.

## Panhandle Parables

### Happy New Year!

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

Thank you, Friona Star, and readers for my little break. I appreciate your willingness to read a few of my favorite little stories over the last month. I am not exactly sure how it happened, (well ok I do know...) but wow 2017.

I remember doing math in Mrs. Duggins' class and we were determining how old we would be in the year 2000. I won't hold you in suspense, but realizing that I would be 30 in the year 2000 made me think I was going to be ancient.

Fast forward to now as I distantly look back at 2000, I wonder how did we get here so fast?

Time marches on and the good thing about time is whether it is a bad day or a good day it is still only 24 hours, and that is how we got here, one second at a time. As is the case with this time of year there is a bit of reflection on the previous, a renewed enthusiasm of what is yet to be, and the reality of living not in the past or the future but in the present. This can be challenge.

It is easy to allow our past to consume us. Past failures create hesitation to risk. The fear that hides in the dark calls out to us and we freeze unable to move because what if...

It is also easy to ignore the past and the present and focus solely on the future not realizing the future is made up of a bunch of todays turned yesterday. This too is crippling. But if we can focus just now long enough to see Christ today it gives hope for the future and heals the past.

The Hebrew writer says it simply this way, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8 There is my answer for living, Jesus Christ! He is the One who casts out fear, by dispelling the darkness and purchasing my past. He is the One who holds my future inheritance with the promise of glory. He is the One who gives me today and that is enough.

So start out the New Year, thankful for His redemption, hopeful for tomorrow, and humbled by the fact that He is with you today. Pick up your Bible more this year and feed the soul. Stretch your faith this year, by doing what He asks and wait patiently for tomorrow. Today is enough.

*Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:31-32

## Annual ornamental, turf conference set Feb. 10

By Kay Ledbetter

The annual Ornamental and Turf Conference, or OAT, will be held February 10 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Boulevard in Amarillo.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and a welcome at 8:30 a.m. The conference will conclude by 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$15 per person. An RSVP is needed by January 27 at 806-373-0713.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general – will be offered.

Lunch is not offered, but the program will break from noon to 1:30 p.m., said Austin Voyles, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources

agent for Potter County.

Topics of discussion and speakers will be:

–Disease Management in Landscape, Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo.

–Management of Trees in An Urban Landscape, Brian Scott, Texas A&M Forest Service, Canyon.

–Turfgrass Management Methods, Dr. Joey Young, Texas Tech University assistant professor of turfgrass, Lubbock.

–Insect Management in Landscape, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

–TDA Laws and Regulations Update, Cheryl Goswick, Texas Department of Agriculture, Amarillo.

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# Feed grains marketing workshop set for Jan. 25-26

By Kay Ledbetter

"We can grow it, but can we make a profit doing it?" That may be what feed grain producers are asking themselves as 2017 rolls around.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Amarillo, said that question and others will be answered during AgriLife Extension's "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Feed Grains" workshop January 25-26 in Amarillo.

"Another large feed grains crop along with adequate-to-surplus supplies of all crops in the U.S. and world markets,

and a strong dollar are going to make 2017 a challenging year for producers," Amosson said.

"It will be critical for producers to manage costs and take advantage of marketing opportunities as they occur in order to have a successful year."

The feed grains workshop, co-sponsored by the Plains Land Bank and Capital Farm Credit, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. The registration fee is \$125, which cov-

ers the cost associated with instruction, breaks, meals and materials, Amosson said.

The course is limited to 50 participants. To register and pay for this course, go to: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/Grain> or call 979-845-2604. While this is the preferred method of registration and payment, payments will be accepted at the door. However, all registrations must be completed by January 23, either online or by phone.

For the registration brochure or more information, contact Kim Garcia at 806-677-5626 or [kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kim.garcia@ag.tamu.edu).

Amosson and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing specialist in College Station, will be the primary instructors during the workshop, which will dissect the feed-grain market and analyze each of its components.

Special guest speakers will be Alan Brugler, Brugler Marketing and Management, Omaha, Nebraska; Darrell Holaday, a private marketing/management consultant, Frankfort, Kansas; Dr. Daniel O'Brien, Kansas State University; and Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension, Texas

A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center, College Station.

Others speakers include Mike Gittinger, National Weather Service, Amarillo; Rachel Myers, Myers Crop Insurance, Claude; Donna Hughes, Daniels Trading, Amarillo; Matt Gruhlkey, Attebury Grain, Amarillo; Steve Donnell, Plains Land Bank, Amarillo; and Casey Cook, Capital Farm Credit, Amarillo.

Segments will cover developing a marketing plan, marketing tools and strategies, cost of production, basis

and technical analysis, crop insurance alternatives, seasonal weather forecast and marketing, as well as supply, demand and technical factors that influence the feed grains market, Amosson said. Additionally, an industry panel will provide their insights.

"Our objective is simple – to arm participants with the knowledge to make informed marketing decisions," he said. "The ultimate goal of this workshop is for the producer to be able to develop a successful marketing plan for the 2017 crop."

## Texas A&M professor predicts decrease in world food supply

The increase of mega-cities in certain regions of the world is almost certain to eliminate huge areas of farmland that are critical for food production by 2030 and could have severe implications across the world, according to a study by an international team of researchers that includes a Texas A&M University professor.

Burak Güneralp, research assistant professor in the Department of Geography, and colleagues from Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, Austria, the University of Maryland and Yale University have had their work published in the current issue of the PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences).

The study shows that some urban areas that are located near key farmland producing regions will triple in size, resulting in huge implications on agricultural systems already affected by rising populations. Africa and parts of Asia are most likely to feel the major impacts of declining farmlands, but other regions of the world could also be affected, the study shows.

One major worry: about 60 percent of the world's irrigated cropland areas are very close to major cities, and these farmlands tend to be twice as productive as other areas, the study shows. It means a loss of 3 to 4 percent in global agricultural production by 2030, the study shows, which could affect hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The study says the key crops most likely to be affected will be rice, maize, soy beans and wheat – all of them key food sources for billions of people.

Egypt could lose as much as 60 percent of

its maize and Nigeria as much as 17 percent of its rice. Overall, rice production could fall as much as 9 percent worldwide, the study shows.

"There is no doubt that urban expansion is already having a big impact on declining farmland in some areas of the world, and this problem may get much worse in the next few decades," Güneralp confirms.

The study shows that key land losses will likely occur in Africa and Asia, especially in countries such as Egypt, Nigeria and eastern China, where some parts of China might experience as much as one-fourth of the worldwide cropland loss.

"These very fertile lands tend to be on the outskirts of major cities, and as cities expand, more land is lost," Güneralp adds. "These are high-quality tracts of land that have been owned by small farmers who depend on access to urban food markets for their livelihoods."

He says that as cities take over these lands, it results in lost food production that these areas depend on. One solution for countries such as Egypt is trade to compensate for cropland loss; however, this could make them more susceptible to food supply shocks.

"Another potential solution for many sub-Saharan countries is opening new farmlands but that would typically result in conversion of habitats that are critical for conservation of biodiversity," Güneralp notes.

"The loss of these critical farmlands puts even more pressure on food producing systems and shows that we must produce strategies to cope with this global problem."

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayors and elected representatives of the Cities of Bovina and Friona for the sealcoating of approximately 72,750 square yards of single course penetration of streets and driveways entitled:

SEALCOAT – 2017

will be received at the office of the City Manager of Friona at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 until:

11:00 A.M.  
January 19, 2017

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owners in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owners and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Bovina, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, phone (806) 251-1116, the City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone (806) 250-2761, and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owners reserve the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the bid opening date.

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# FJHS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Friona Junior High Basketball Tournament  
January 12-13-14, 2017*

**7th Girls**

Information  
The team listed on the TOP is HOME and will wear light color  
Games will be 6 minute quarters with 6 Minute half-times  
Warm-up periods will be adjusted to keep games on schedule  
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER A DRESSING ROOM UNTIL AFTER HALF OF THE GAME BEFORE YOU  
Please DO NOT leave anything in dressing room during your game  
Supply your own warm up balls.

Main - HS Main Gym  
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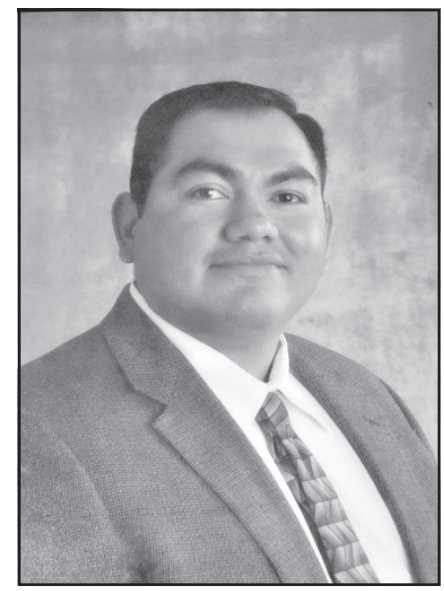
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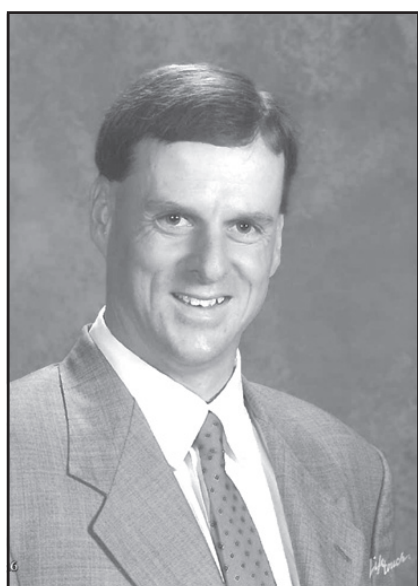
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The Friona Independent School District teachers, staff, and students salute the district's Board of Trustees for their loyal service to the district and the community.



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Junior firefighter Tommy Hutchins, left, surveys the damage with firefighter Stephen Campbell, to the portable classroom building that burned New Year's day morning. Four high school students, including Hutchins, are junior firefighters that answer fire calls and help the firemen. The other students are Hadley White, Mason Fleming, and Jonathan Lucatero. Will Cooper, a former junior firefighter, is now employed by the Canyon fire department/EMS. Thanks to our junior firemen and our volunteer firefighters for their service to the community. Even on New Year's Day.

## Cow herd expansion will keep market prices lower

Cattle inventory across the U.S. will continue to expand and that will likely keep prices in moderation through 2017, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist in Stephenville, discussed cattle market trends during the recent Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco.

"There's more cattle and cheaper prices," Johnson said.

Cattle prices began a rapid downward spiral leading into the fall.

"It seems like we fell off a cliff fast," he said. "We started building back the cow herd at about a 3 percent clip and then prices fell nearly 40 percent this year."

Johnson said during 2015 when cattle prices hit historic highs, feedlot operators were bidding up on feeder cattle to keep pens full and operations going. Feedlots operate much like hotels, attempting to keep occupancy rates high.

"When they closed the books on those pens of cattle, they were losing \$300 to \$400 a head," he said. "They started getting more judicious on what they paid for them in 2016. Overall, I think the bubble has been burst. We are now back down to more historic spread levels. I don't think we will see another drop quite so dramatic as inventory and price expectations have returned to levels that should permit some participants at all levels of the supply chain to be profitable."

Johnson said there will be buildups in cattle inventory over the next two to three years.

"That doesn't mean that prices will continue to decline," he said. "That dislocation of what feed-

lots were losing has gone away."

Feedlot placements for 2016 have been on the increase, he said.

"You've got a pen of calves ready to market, do you take them to sell right now? I can tell you a lot of folks are holding back a little bit. But that can't go on forever. There could be some spillage in the first quarter of 2017 and we could see some (more) downward prices."

Other protein meats such as broilers and pork have increased production.

"Broiler production is at all-time highs. There's a lot of protein on the market right now, as much as there has ever been. We also have a lot of beef."

Johnson said there are export trade opportunities that will help market the excess beef. Japan, Canada, Mexico and South Korea are the current top U.S. export markets. With a new presidential administration, there could be further trade opportunities for beef.

Overall, steer prices in 2017 for 500- to 600-pound feeders will be \$127-\$132 per hundredweight in the first quarter, \$131-\$138 per hundredweight for the second quarter, \$127-\$132 per hundredweight for the third quarter, and \$122-\$132 per hundredweight for the fourth quarter, AgriLife Extension livestock economists project.

"We're seeing slow and steady work down as prices slide," Johnson said. "That's attributed to the inventory build we expect to continue to see in 2017 and beyond. With lower prices, the impetus will be on the cow-calf producer to continue exploring ways to become more efficient in their operations."

## Frona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture January 2017 Member of the Month



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