

# Friona ★ Star

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## Commissioners: No burn ban at this time

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the County Courtroom in the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell.

The burn ban was lifted at this time but will be reevaluated at a later date or as needed.

The Commissioners approved the payment of accounts payable presented by Larry Johnston. They also approved the housekeeping issues of the 2016 budget transfers and amendments.

Altha Herington presented the Treasurer's Report for the commissioners approval.

They discussed the purchase of property in Bovina but no action was taken due to upcoming inspections. A decision will be made in the not too distant future.

Sheriff Randy Gerries presented a report concerning the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Gerries stated the Sheriff's Office is investigating a number of matters at this time.

Parmer County Commissioners Court is open to the public. The next meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2017.

## Banquet tickets on sale now

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is extending an invitation for the public to attend the 61st Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber Office. Tickets are \$25 in advance only. Tickets will not be sole at the door.

Ticket purchases will include a steak dinner with all the fixings, entertainment and two auctions. For more information contact the Chamber office at (806) 250-3491.

## Chamber accepting auction donations

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is accepting donations for the two auctions to be held during the Chamber Banquet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. If you would like to make a donation for the auctions please contact the Chamber Office at (806) 250-3491. This is a great opportunity for the community to be involved in this tradition of honoring our own.

## St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner Mar. 5

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will host their annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be serving up beef enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, chip, salsa and homemade desserts. Prices will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Make plans and mark your calendars to attend this delicious meal.

## Texas Youth Assoc. Shoe Drive

The Texas Youth Association (TYA) is accepting shoe donations to raise funds for TYA. Donate your gently worn, used or new shoes now through March 1. Call Erika Carrillo (806) 400-6113 or Rocio Carrasco (806) 729-7352 to schedule a pick up. Or drop your shoes off at the Chamber Office at 621 Main Street. Clean out your shoe closet and help the TYA.



## Valentine's Day Royalty

dana jameson photos

Valentine's Day was a special day for a residents at Friona Heritage Estates and Prairie Acres. Miss Friona Sydney Frye was on hand at Prairie Acres to congratulate the 2017 Valentine King Bill Bailey and Queen Dora Parson. The residents were treated to a Valentine party complete with cherry pie and ice cream. Left, Christine Zorns was named 2017 Valentine Sweetheart at Friona Heritage Estates. She received a dozen chocolate roses, one single rose and a teddy bear complete with a big red Valentine balloon. The residents enjoyed a party prior to the Prairie Acres party.

# Council approves joint election with FISSD

The Friona City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 619 Main Street on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 to discuss a number of issues and hear reports from the Fire and Police Departments.

After approving the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting, the council considered and approved an order calling for city officers' election and a joint agreement with Friona Independent School District election to be held on May 6, 2017.

Notices for the upcoming election are posted in English and Spanish on the door of City Hall.

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez presented the 2016 Racial Profiling Report to the Council

for their approval. They approved the document. The document stated the Friona Police Department has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling. The document is available to the public.

According to Jimenez's report, the number of motor vehicle stops included: 1,158-citation only, 4-arrests only, 47-both citation and arrest for a total of 1,209 stops. Broken down in race or ethnicity: 34-African; 5-Asian; 449-Caucasian; 719-Hispanic; 1-Middle Eastern; 1-Native America. Race or ethnicity known prior to stop: 9-yes; 1,200-no. Searches conducted: 3-yes; 1,206-no. Consent to search: 1-yes; 2-no.

Jimenez also reported on the Friona Police Departments activities during the month of January. The Police Department logged in 237 calls including fire, EMS, and police. Officers made nine arrests, issued 33 citations and 49 warnings. They made 79 stops in January. Those arrest offenses were: 2-no driver's license; 1-driving while license invalid; 2-assaults; 2-driving while intoxicated; 1-driving while intoxicated 3rd or more; 1-racing; 1-resisting arrest; 1-sexual assault of a child; and 1-evading arrest.

Friona Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Taylor reported on the departments activities in January. The Fire Department responded to three

calls in January. There was a building fire on January 1 with 18 firefighters responding with six trucks. There were two automobile accidents. The first was on January 8 with 16 firefighters responding with four trucks. The second accident was on January 29 with 15 firefighters responding with four trucks.

The Council approved January 2017 accounts payable and financial statements.

Council member approved the awarding of the 2017 Sealcoat Project to Freeman Paving.

All Friona City Council meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2017.



## Cold, rainy Monday accident

dana jameson photos

First responders were called out to a one-vehicle accident Monday afternoon two miles south on Highway 214. The driver of a 2013 Dodge Ram lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a telephone pole while on his way to work. DPS, Parmer County Sheriff's Office, Friona Police, EMS, and Fire responded to the scene. The driver of the vehicle was taken to Parmer Medical Center as a precaution.



## Award nominations being accepted

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture announced recently that they have nomination forms available at the Chamber Office at 621 Main Street. The deadline for submitting a nomination is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Most Courteous Employee, Girl Student of the Year, Boy Student of the Year, and Educator of the Year. Nomination forms must include a letter of nomination.

Forms and letters can be submitted in person; faxed (806) 250-2348; mailed to 621 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035; or email to fedc@wtrt.net.



dana jameson photo

FHS students showed their appreciation for the FISSD School Board Trustees on Tuesday. Pictured are Kendall Barnett, her father/board President Ricky Barnett and board member Becky Riethmayer.

# Community Calendar

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

## February 16

1st Grade Music program 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## February 17

Chieftain Choices at FHS 8:25 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

FHS JV/V Baseball Scrimmage vs. Boys Ranch 4 p.m.

Deadline for signing up for the Parmer County Hospital District election

## February 18

UIL Choir Solo and Ensemble at Canyon High School  
Seagraves Girl Powerlifting Meet

## February 20

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
No School

## February 21

FHS Varsity Baseball at San Jacinto 4 p.m.

Deadline for Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet Nominations

## February 23

FJHS Track @ Olton Meet  
Harrington Breast Cancer Mobile at PMC 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## February 23-25

FHS Baseball at Roosevelt Tournament

## February 24

**FLAG DAY**  
FHS Track at Olton Meet  
Deadline for signing up for 2017 Friona Kids Inc. & Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball

## February 25

Bovina Boys Powerlifting Meet

## February 27

2nd Grade Parent Conferences

## February 28

WTAMU President's Office Presentation-FHS Auditorium-6 p.m.  
3rd Grade Parent Conferences  
FHS JV/V Baseball @ Muleshoe 4:30/6:30

## March 1

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Chieftain Golf at Clarendon HS Invitational

## March 2

FJHS Track @ Kress Meet

## March 3

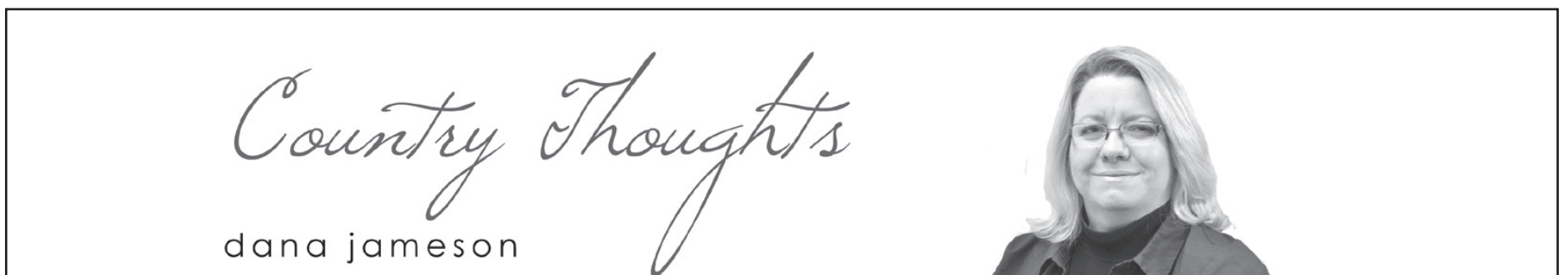
Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.

Girls Powerlifting Regional Meet in Mertzon

FHS Track at Fritch Meet

## March 5

Annual Mexican Dinner @ St. Teresa of Jesus Church in Friona



## Where is that darn jersey?

It has been a week or so since Super Bowl 50 and the pressing question is, "What happened to Tom Brady's jersey?"

Does anyone remember the score of the game? Does anyone care that Atlanta nearly pulled off the biggest upset against New England? Does anyone know exactly why Atlanta fell so hard and so fast?

Probably not because the media is ready to call in the FBI and CIA to 'help out' the Texas Rangers to find that blasted jersey.

I am sure the Patriots were exulted after the game but that turned to impending doom when Brady

couldn't find his jersey. A mysterious jersey thief took it while he was showering or maybe it was packed up while he wasn't looking.

I am not a big Tom Brady fan but I can see how important that jersey could be. Oh wait, there were four other jerseys from four other New England Super Bowl wins. (Before anyone comes unglued, I know that the jersey will make its way into the Hall of Fame eventually)

Jerseygate will be the crisis of 2017 that will take the place of 2016's Deflategate drama-fest. Oh wait, Tom Brady was part of that as well.

Mr. Brady seems to be the kin-

dling that starts a new fire each year so that he stays on the precipice of publicity.

Tom seems to forget that he has so much more going for him: His beautiful, gaunt, model wife and children.

When he was younger he aspired to become a household name, and he did it. When he is old and his infirmities are creeping up on him, he will be warmed by the recompense of his career to keep him warm.

His vagary extends to not only his life on the field but beyond. His latest chapter just proves that even those that seem to have it all are susceptible to life and the low

times.

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I had some fun with the first part of my column this week. I tried to use the ten words from the Friona Literacy Project Lesson 22. Thank you Cindy Alexander for providing the words.

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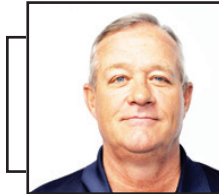
I do not have anything against Tom Brady and wish him well. Although I really was pulling for Atlanta since Green Bay didn't make it. I am a firm believer that everyone should have a shot at the big golden football and matching team rings.

What I really want to know...

how could anyone complain about Lady Gaga's 'flapping' belly fat during her Super Bowl appearance? What belly fat? She is the definition of gaunt and her picture should be in the dictionary next to the word.

I know what belly fat is and that girl needs to be fed a chicken leg OFTEN.

Well, at least the latest jersey flap has taken the media's attention and given us something new to think and talk about. I wonder what the next attention-grabbing stunt will be...oh wait, Mr. Trump fired his Security Advisor for not advising him. Here we go again!



# Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Greetings!

It was great to see Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in Friona last month cleaning the excess dirt and grass from the curbs and the gutters. It looks great and we appreciate the work performed.

The Panhandle region electronics-recycling event collected 34,858 tons and the City of Friona collected 4,445 tons. Thanks to everyone that participated. The electronic devices are recycled which helps our environment by keeping them out of the landfills. We want to thank Cargill for donating the cardboard combos, which made for easy storing and hauling.

Several months back, the City of Friona and Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) began filling out a Texas Community Development Block application for funds to assist extending the city's

main water line from Maple Street to the water tower beside the Senior Citizen House. The application will be completed this month and will be reviewed in March. The scoring will take place in June or July. The funding amount is approximately \$300,000 and if Friona receives the funding, we would have a main water line that circles Friona.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 237 calls in January. There were 79 stops, 49 warnings, 33 citations and 9 arrests. (2-no drivers license, 1-driving while license invalid, 2-assault, 3-driving while intoxicated, 1-racing, 1-resisting arrest, 1-sexual assault of child, and 1-evading arrest). The officers drove a total of 4109 miles patrolling and protecting our city.

Accounts Payable equaled \$331,713.63 for January. This amount was considerably higher

than previous month due to a payment to Ray Electric Company, Amarillo, TX for \$158,995.80. There were two generators that were purchased and installed for our water wells. All bills were paid and the city continues to be in good standing.

Judge Campbell had 36 new cases in January. There were 22 trials by judge cases that pled guilty and 5 cases were dismissed. Total fines collected were \$4,591.97.

EMS had 30 runs in January. There were 12 calls for 9-1-1, 14 calls for transfers and 4 calls resulted in "no transport". Payments collected equaled \$17,211.34 and billing totaled \$42,580.76.

The city pumped 11,252,600 gallons of water in January, sold 10,198,000 gallons, and collected \$58,820.03 on 1430 accounts billed.

The public works employees continue to fill potholes and lots of work is being done in alleys and grading streets. The city hired two employees that will work in the public works department, Skyler Harris and Jonathan Salsman. We want to welcome these two gentlemen to the city and know they will do well.

The library had 772 patrons visit in January an average of 39 per day. There were 795 items circulated and 67 new items added to the inventory. As always, the library staff does a great job assisting our community.

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to three emergency calls in January: 1/11/17-Building fire, 18 firefighters responded with six trucks. This fire was located at the Elementary School. 1/8/17- Automobile accident (Cargill), 16 fire-

fighters responded with four trucks. 1/29/17-Automobile accident east on highway 60, 15 firefighters responded with four trucks. There are 26 volunteers that proudly serve our community. One of our biggest assets in this community is our Volunteer Fire Department and the great service they do. We have the best Volunteer Fire Department in this area, probably the region.

Your Mayor

## School Menu February 20-24

### Monday

No School

### Tuesday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage biscuits 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, strawberries & bananas, milk

### Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk  
Lunch: Spaghetti meatball, pasta, carrots, mixed California veggies, mixed fruit, 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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Did you know that our local government grants "forgivable loans" to local businesses to help them get started? That means that if the business meets certain requirements, then they are not required to repay the "loan." Where does the city get this money if "loans?" It takes it from you in the form of taxes. In other words, your taxes do not only support necessary government functions, but are also charitably given to local entrepreneurs. Now I have nothing against entrepreneurs or local businesses; I myself fall into that category. But I do believe it is wrong to force people to support a business against their will. If a business is to succeed, people must voluntarily support it. If they do not voluntarily support it, then that business should close. Nobody should be forced against their will to support a business. That's un-American. Taking taxpayer's money and giving it to another person is forcing one man to work to serve the purposes of another. We have a word for that;

its slavery. By giving tax dollars to a particular business, the city has made every taxpayer a slave for that business. If you are the owner of a business that has accepted a "forgivable loan," I urge you to consider where that money actually came from. The government does not have money of its own to loan you, it only has what it has taken from taxpayers who worked hard to earn it. If you do not pay back the loan, then you have built your business on the backs of other businessmen who were made slaves to you without their approval. Please succeed in your business, as I honestly hope you do, and pay your loan back anyway. Now some may argue that the city does have money of its own to give away, such as income from the city-owned RV park. I say if the city does generate income, they should put it in the budget and lower your taxes accordingly. As long as they continue to collect taxes, expenditures should be limited to necessary governmental func-

tions. A person cannot claim to need charity because they spent all their income on non-essentials, and neither can the city claim it needs your tax dollars when it willingly gives its own income away. As citizens we must hold our government accountable for how it spends our money. Some might argue that the loan is seed money to encourage economic growth. That shows a misunderstanding of basic economic principles. If the goal is economic growth, it would be better to reduce taxes for all citizens rather than reward one at the expense of the rest. Finally, to those of you on the city council that voted away your constituents' money, next time you feel charitable towards a business remember whose money you're giving away. Perhaps you should be charitable with your own money if you are so inclined. I support local businesses by my own choice, and I don't appreciate you forcing me to."

Jake Hefner

- ACROSS**
- 1 diamond \_\_\_ rattler
  - 5 TX Collin Raye's 1st album: " \_\_\_ Can Be"
  - 6 \_\_\_ Dr. Pepper (low cal)
  - 7 Groveton h.s. class captive TX woman: Cynthia \_\_\_ Parker
  - 9 Lost \_\_\_ State Natural Area
  - 15 Cowboys radio announcer, Sham
  - 16 ruler who detained TX Ross Perot employees in Iran
  - 19 TX "Spanky" comedy: "Little \_\_\_"
  - 21 TX poet: \_\_\_ Shihab Nye
  - 22 TXism: " \_\_\_ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
  - 27 town in northwest Tarrant County
  - 28 TX Tommy Tune's character Ambrose in "Hello Dolly"
  - 29 TX Larry Hagman film: "Getting Away \_\_\_ All" (1971)
  - 30 Skip who wrote Cowboys "Untold Story"
  - 32 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille \_\_\_ Sœur
  - 33 TXism: "it's \_\_\_ \_\_\_ die"
  - 36 TXism: "no brag, just \_\_\_"
  - 37 prior spelling of TX Cyd Charisse's nickname
  - 38 TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_" (jukebox)

- 39 Kris Kringle, St. Nick, \_\_\_ Claus
- 41 Astro pitcher's stat a creek will do this in a drought (2 wds.)
- 42 TX festival: Shrimpo \_\_\_
- 45 "Roger the Dodger" (init.)
- 47 spoils of war
- 48 TX George W.'s party early TX immigrants
- 52 TXism: " \_\_\_ a squirrel up a tree"
- 53 go in
- 54 former league of the Fort Worth Fire and Dallas Freeze (abbr.)
- 55 TXism: " \_\_\_ all beer and no foam"
- DOWN**
- 1 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big \_\_\_ John"
- 2 TX Foreman lost title to him in 1974
- 3 TXism: " \_\_\_ a hound's tooth"
- 4 TXism: "the whole \_\_\_"
- 8 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ up a rafter"
- 9 "Turning the Thing Around: Pulling America's Team Out of the Dumps - and \_\_\_ Doghouse"
- 10 Ozona h.s. class
- 11 JFK's " \_\_\_ 109"
- 12 former TX fuel company
- 13 actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"
- 14 TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_"
- 15 Texas Crossword creators, Orbisons
- 16 meaning of "tejas"
- 17 aviator Earhart
- 18 TX Clay Allison was a \_\_\_ gun
- 20 1st female mayor of El Paso Suzy
- 22 Houston boxer Foreman (init.)

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**Representatives of Parmer County Retired Teachers and Service Personnel recently met with Hereford retired teachers and speaker Treasure Brasher (center) to learn more about two opposing retirement plans. This should be of special interest to active teachers. All school employees, active and retired, are encouraged to contact legislators regarding their preference.**

# Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



## Can you name this person?

He was described by a friend 'as straight as an Indian'...at 6 ft.2 in his stockings and weighing 175 lbs. He was tall, strong, and broad-shouldered. His nose was large and straight and he had blue-gray penetrating eyes with clear colorless pale skin and dark brown hair." He was born in Virginia, Westmoreland County. He grew up on a farm and learned to grow wheat, instead of tobacco, as it suited his land better. In school, his best subject was arithmetic.

Apprenticed at 16, and considered a professional at 17, he was never afraid of hard work. He owned 2,300 acres by the time he was 20. He was 22 when he rendered his first military service and he became a spy. He never had any children of his own, but some consider him the father of many, as his name is very famous. He married at 26. We see his likeness many places every

day. Later in life, he served as a county court judge, businessman, as well as a farmer. Every year, for many years, he celebrated with a huge dance held on his birthday. He died at age 67 of strep throat.

3,929,214 that was the number of Americans counted during the first census in 1790. If you thought George Washington, you are correct! Other firsts in George's lifetime besides the first census: the White House built in 1792, his home as first president to live there. At 16, he was a land surveyor; one of the few professions paid in cash, and considered a professional where he earned enough to purchase many acres of land. He also worked as a tinker making pots and pans, because his mother did not want him to join the Royal Navy. He had smallpox before the first vaccine invented in 1796. His bride Martha Cus-

tis, a widow, had her own house also called 'the White House.' The Bill of Rights became law in 1791. The New York Stock Exchange began in 1792. The cotton gin, invented in 1794, revolutionized the economy of the South with the mass production of cotton and increased the demand for slave labor.

His birthday on the old Julian calendar was February 11, 1732, but became February 22 in the new Gregorian calendar. President's Day honors George Washington, our first president and the father of our country. He is honored on the one-dollar bill and on our quarter plus our nation's capital having been named after him as is the Washington Monument. Washington is the only state named after a president.

Memorial donations have been received by Tommie Mercer in memory of JOE McLELLAN.

# Friona Flashbacks



## News from the week of February 16, 1967

\*W.L. (Preach) Edelman and Mrs. Frank Spring were honored at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday as Friona's "Man and Woman of the Year."

Also honored were Mal Manchec, "Teacher of the Year" and Mrs. Jack (Iola) Nelson, "Most Courteous Employee."

\*The Friona City Council postponed until its next meeting a request of the city library committee for the city to assume responsibility for operations, maintenance and future expansion of the Friona Public Library.

\*Closing out their regular season play, the Friona High School Squaws edged old rival Dimmitt's Bobbies, 73-67 here last Friday night.

The Chiefs, playing without the services of their leading scorer for the season, Bobby Jordan, took a 90-54 shellacking from the district champion

Bobcats, who were winning their 19th straight game of the season.

\*The Friona High School FFA Judging team brought back second place from Judging contests in El Paso last week. Their teachers are Ben-ny Pryor and Larry Howe. Members of the team are Jay Potts, Mike Riethmayer, James Schlenker and Tommy Jarecki.

\*Friona High School's debate teams placed first in both boys and girls division here Saturday. Winners were Susie Carmichael, Ann Ayers, Jim Bob Jones, and Mac Hancock.

\*Gary Phipps had the reserve champion steer at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show this year, after winning history making grand and reserve champion honors last year.

Past issues of the Friona Star are archived at Texas Tech University [www.swco.ttu.edu](http://www.swco.ttu.edu)

# Town Talk II

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



Happy 47th Anniversary to Rex and Darla Bracken, center. The were married on Valentine's Day. Congratulations Rex and Darla. Also celebrating an anniversary on Tuesday were Ruben and Imelda Saucedo. They have been married for 17 years.

## Friona Community Heritage Society holds annual meeting

The Friona Community Heritage Society held their annual meeting on Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Depot at the Friona City Park.

After a delicious lunch of cowboy stew, the assembled members approved the minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting.

Bill White, president, stated that Nancy Edelman had resigned from the group due to health issues. Her name will be added to the presidential plaque for her service as president from 2006-2013.

In other business, White stated that they will be talking to the City of Friona about painting the trim of the depot. Kim Caffey donated a desk to the group which can be

seen at the Depot.

The pressing issue was membership. To become a member, yearly dues are \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family and can be sent to Sarah Geris at 1614 W. 10th Street, Friona, TX 79035. There is one meeting a year.

"The depot is used more than we think," stated member Dave Thompson. "We are protecting the heritage of the depot."

The depot is normally used during Maize Days, Cheeseburger Festival and Christmas in the Park.

For more information contact Bill or Jeri Lynn White at (806) 265-7031.

# The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!

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## Notice to Bidders

The City of Bovina, Texas is seeking sealed bids for:

- Hustler Fast Back 36" Deck
- John Deere F525 38" Deck
- Maintainer Drag Type

The City of Bovina will begin accepting sealed bids Starting Friday January 27, 2017. Deadline for submitting bids will be Monday February 20, at 5pm. Bids should be sent to Bovina City Hall, Attn: Lesley Gama, P.O. Box 720, Bovina, Texas 79009 or dropped off at City Hall, 205 North St., Bovina, Texas.

All Equipment is will be sold as is

The City of Bovina reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



## Notice of Property for Sealed Bid Sale

### City of Bovina

Bovina Fire Department Training Hall located at 804 Boyce Street, Bovina Texas

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SAID TRACTS BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT TWO

BEGINNING AT A SET REBAR FOR THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID SURVEY TRACT AND SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 88 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO BOVINA THENCE N38°41'58" ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 88.0 FEET TO A SET REBAR FOR THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE N51°21" E PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1. A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET TO A SET REBAR FOR THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID SURVEY TRACT; THENCE S38°41'58E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 88.0 FEET TO A SET REBAR FOR THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID SURVEY TRACT AND SAID LOT 1; THENCE S51°21'W ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING. SAID SURVEY TRACT CONTAINS 13,200.00 SQUARE FEET OF LAND

Property Building Is: Approximately 1,400 Sq. Ft. Has kitchen, Bathroom, and large office space, Brand New Central heating and air unit, and new plumbing.

The City of Bovina Will Begin Accepting sealed bids Starting Monday, February 6, 2017. Deadline for submitting bids will be Monday, March 20, at 5 pm. Bids should be sent to Bovina City Hall Attn. Lesley Gama, P.O. Box 720, Bovina, Texas or, dropped off at City Hall, 205 North St., Bovina, Texas.

The Property is sold as is. The City of Bovina Reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids

## Lions Club News

The Friona Evening Lions Club met Thursday, February 9 with speaker Sylvia Mosquera, a foreign exchange student from Vigo, Spain. Terry and Mindy Neal Widner and their daughter, Hunter, are Mosquera's host family.

Mosquera speaks five languages. She told the group she "loves Bovina, her friends, running track, learning about football, the Dallas Cowboys, having a pig to show in the Parmer County Stock Show, being a Texan wearing boots and loving her Texas family."

She will return to Spain in June to begin her senior year. She is the third foreign student the Widners have sponsored.



courtesy photo

Sylvia Mosquera, left, spoke to the Friona Evening Lions on Thursday, February 9. She is a foreign exchange student from Spain. Her sponsors are Terry and Mindy Neal of Bovina.

## Senior Steak Dinner April 2

The 2017 FHS Senior Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria, 1001 Euclid. They will be serving up 8 oz. ribeye steaks accompanied by baked potatoes, green beans and rolls. Advance tickets are \$15. At the door tickets will be \$16. Takeout will be available.

The dinner will benefit the 2017 Senior Class alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration. So mark your calendar and come out for a delicious meal while helping this year's Senior Class.

## Senior can recycling trailer available

The 2017 FHS Senior Class is asking the community to come together and recycle their empty cans for a good cause. The trailer is located at 102 E. 8th Street next to the Police/Fire Station. The proceeds from the recycling trailer will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Senior All-Night Party after graduation. The Class of 2017 wish to thank the community for their support.

## Meet a Naturalist event

### Open House planned by Panhandle TMN Chapter

Would you like to learn more about critters, wildflowers, native plants including those used historically as food sources, and natural features of the region? Have an interest in helping out at natural areas like Palo Duro Canyon, Caprock Canyons, Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, or boosting nature education in local schools?

You could be a candidate to become a Texas Master Naturalist. The Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists is hosting two upcoming events to introduce interested persons to local Master Naturalists and illustrate what they do.

Meet a Naturalist Day will be held in the new Tasajillo Pavilion at the Juniper/Wolfberry Area in Palo Duro Canyon State Park Saturday, March 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. Panhandle Chapter members will be on hand to explain exhibits and share information about the Panhandle TMN Chapter's upcoming training program and activities. Light refreshments will be provided and regular park admission fees will apply.

On Tuesday, March 7, the Panhandle TMN Chapter will host an Open House from 6 to 9 p.m. at Amarillo's Southwest Branch Library at 6801 SW 45th. A meet and greet session from 6-7 will allow visitors to get acquainted with TMN members. Afterward, a program will be presented by Bernice Blasingame, retired Palo Duro Canyon State Park Interpreter on the Native American uses of the bison. Light refreshments will be provided.

Both activities will also allow visitors to learn about the Panhandle Chapter's upcoming training program for prospective Master Naturalists. This year's training begins March 25 and continues at regular intervals through October 14. Enrollment deadline is March 20 and the application fee is \$95.

For more information on class enrollment visit the Panhandle Chapter website at [www.pctmn.org](http://www.pctmn.org) or contact Joanne at (806) 220-9005.

The Texas Master Naturalist program is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Its mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

### FLiP Lesson 22

**Across**

- odd or eccentric action
- soon to occur; approaching
- feebleness; illness; weakness; shortcoming
- to feel overjoyed; to be in high spirits

**Down**

- especially sensitive; easily affected by something
- to seek a higher goal
- thin and bony; lean
- igniting; lighting
- face of a cliff; steep place
- payment; compensation

## Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of February 1 through February 8, 2017:

Don Randal Terry and Lonnie Mitchell Terry-Ruben Homero Chico and Delia Chico, S/2 L6 All L7 B6 Lakeside Friona.

BCD Farms LLC-Elteje Frans Brand, SW/4 S27 Blk Y WD and FW Johnson 160 Ac.

Bruce Pemberton and Janna Pemberton-Tyler Myers and Austin Pemberton, L23-26 B30 OT Farwell.

Kheav Sarin-Kim Bunneary, L7-10 B14 McMillen and Fergus Addition.

Joyce Ann Marshall-Bryan E. Harris and Cristy L. Harris, L3 B2 Staley Addition Friona.

Jennifer Macias-Martin Ibarra and Guadalupe Ibarra, L3-4 B15 OT Friona.

Isidro Galvan and Maria T. Galvan Estate-Javier Galvan and Tonie Galvan, L9-12 B18 OT Farwell.

Kelly Mimms and Judy Mimms-Stephen R. Perry II, L1-6 B8 L10-16 All Closed Hall Street Robinson.

Ronald Kirk Wright and Leslie C. Wright-David Salinas and Elvira Salinas, L5-6 B9 McMillan and Fergus.

Joyce Wells-Rex Wells and Sue Wells, 28.44 Ac. N/PT S34 T1N R4E CSS.

## Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

**February 6, 2017**

Manuel Zapata, 42, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Curry County warrant. Zapata was released to Curry County.

Manuel Padilla, 27, of Andrews, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a violation of probation (aggravated assault with a deadly weapon). The case is pending in District Court.

**February 8, 2017**

Ramon Jimenez, 30, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Deaf Smith County warrant. Jimenez posted bond and was released.

**February 9, 2017**

Irma Flores, 29, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

Juan Lopez, 35, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in County Court. Lopez was also charged with tampering with a government record. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

Manuel Perez, 24, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on charges of failure to identify and displaying false registration. The cases are pending in County Court.

**February 10, 2017**

Manuel Perez-Cruz, 42, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

**February 11, 2017**

Joe Torres, Sr., 56, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

Joshua Metz, 28, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

**February 13, 2017**

Aaron Ramon, 26, of Bovina, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd. The case is pending in County Court.

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## Lessons from Africa

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

When myself and four others from FBC Friona went to Lesotho, Africa, in January we were reminded that heaven is going to be wonderful. Revelation 5:9-10 says, "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you [Jesus] to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.'" Heaven will be a multitude of those who have repented of sin and turned to Jesus Christ in saving faith from all walks of life, every nation and all languages. At times this is hard to imagine, and sadly we get 'American tunnel vision' but while in Africa I was able to experience a taste of heaven.

This taste of heaven came as a result of being able to worship with, and preach at the Matsoku Valley Baptist Church in the beautiful mountains of Lesotho. Their singing was inspiring, their joy was radiant, and their intent listening to the Word of God was astounding. Although these dear saints do not speak the same language as I do, their inspiring worship set my thoughts to heaven. Often we can't imagine what it will be like when we will gather around the throne, with saints from all ages, every tribe, tongue and nation, but with my African brothers and sisters my heart was stirred to look with great anticipation when we will gather in heaven and proclaim loudly that "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!", Revelation 5:12.

## Annual Czech Sausage Dinner March 5

St. Ann's Parish Community, 604 38th Street in Canyon will host the 26th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dinner will consist of Czech sausage, creamy parsley potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, bread and homemade cobbler.

Adult tickets are \$10, children 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under eat free. Drive-thru and walk-up take-out orders will also be available.

There will be a raffle drawing for a \$1,000 Visa gift card; a signed and framed Jack Sorenson print; a Kindle Fire HDX 9 with case; a \$300 Visa gift card; and four tickets to the performance of TEXAS. There will also be a country store where pies, cakes, frozen dinner sausage and other homemade items may be purchased.

For more information contact the parish office at (806) 655-3302 or the dinner chairpeople Nathan & Sarah Dawes at (806) 676-7839.

## Hospice of Lubbock to host annual luncheon

The 28th Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon, the largest fundraiser of the year for Hospice of Lubbock, will take place from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. March 3 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The luncheon is hosted by mayors from all over the region. Hospice of Lubbock serves 19 surrounding counties, including Parmer, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Gaines, Dawson and Borden.

Beans, cornbread, dessert and drinks, catered by River Smith's, will be served at the luncheon. Patrons may add a Klemke's sausage link for \$2. Live music will be provided by the stars of the Cactus Theater and its house band, The Rhythm Machine.

A "Tip Your Waiter Contest" will also take place during the luncheon, with proceeds also going to Hospice of Lubbock. Local celebrities and community leaders comprise the wait staff. The waiter

with the most tips wins a traveling "Golden Apron" trophy at a special presentation after the luncheon.

Luncheon tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling either Hospice of Lubbock, (806) 795-2751 or the Covenant Foundation at (806) 725-6020. Sponsorships of the event are still available as well, by contacting the foundation.

This fundraising event raises money for Hospice of Lubbock's non-funded and under-funded hospice patients and families, Grief Recovery Center and Children's Grief Camp each summer. Hospice of Lubbock is the region's only nonprofit adult and pediatric hospice since 1987.

Find Covenant Health news and story ideas on the Covenant HealthCalling blog, on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

CONTACT: Cheryl Presley, volunteer program coordinator, Hospice of Lubbock, (806) 795-2751 or cpresley@covhs.org; or, Heather McVay, Covenant Foundation, (806) 725-6089.

## God's Word Doesn't Evolve

By TEENA HUGHES

Last week, I heard a discussion about the Supreme Court. Someone said the Court is divided because at least four of the justices believe the Constitution is an "evolving" document; meaning that as times change and people think differently, the Constitution doesn't mean what it says. In other words, the justices are doing what they want, ruling based on their own opinions and what they believe is morally acceptable according to the world's standards rather than interpreting the Constitution, which is their job.

The same thing is said of the Bible. As times change, God's Word doesn't mean exactly what it says. When the Word isn't believed based on what it says, I don't know who gets to say what is right or wrong; maybe Supreme Court justices???

For me, the Constitution and the Bible were both created by God, and neither one evolves. We should be the ones evolving more into the likeness of Jesus as we study, better understand and believe His Word.

I admit I do not come close to understanding every word in the Bible. I have said before it took me forever to understand the story of the prodigal son because I always identified with the son who stayed home and did what was expected of him. I had a mental block when it came to understanding the father and identifying with him. However, after much study, I "evolved" into understanding the father's point of view. God's Word did not change; I did.

We have to have a desire and be willing to let God teach us and mold us with His Word. Sometimes it simply means reading and studying His Word; sometimes it means allowing God to change something we have thought or believed for a long time; sometimes it means consciously opening our hearts and minds so God can reveal what He wants us to learn.

God's Word is truth; it is holy; it is honest; it is our foundation. Read it; study it; and let it evolve you into the person God desires you to be.

## Xcel partners with FS-ISAC to expand security protections

Xcel Energy announced today it is partnering with Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) to create a new threat information sharing community. The new community will enhance the energy sector's access to cyber and physical security intelligence.

"Ensuring the integrity of critical infrastructure demands constant vigilance and it is a responsibility we take seriously," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO, Xcel Energy. "We're proud to take the lead in the creation of a new community that will provide additional tools to address potential cyber and physical risks to our business."

The new electric grid-centered intelligence community is called the Energy Analytic Security Exchange (EASE) and will be coordinated by the FS-ISAC Sector Services team on behalf of energy sector members. For 18 years, FS-ISAC has been a trusted organization that provides cyber and physical risk intelligence to the worldwide financial services industry. FS-ISAC will share its expertise, technology and its access to intelligence partnerships with the new community.

"We're excited to welcome Xcel Energy as the initial member of the Energy Analytic Security Exchange and look forward to quickly adding more members to this community. Xcel Energy has an impressive understanding of the threats faced by the energy industry and it is committed to protecting itself and its customers. FS-ISAC Sector Services looks forward to helping the EASE sharing community enhance the security and resilience of the sector," said Cindy Donaldson, COO, FS-ISAC Sector Services.

Utilities have experience sharing security information within their sector. For example, the Electricity ISAC is a highly valuable security resource and it is managed by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC). By supplementing its sharing network to include the resources of FS-ISAC Sector Services, the energy sector will have access to additional timely and relevant information, research and analysis, and threat intelligence from other industries and sources.

"We're always working to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective energy to customers. Having additional security systems at our disposal helps to ensure the reliability of the system and protects customers," said Fowke.

## Panhandle Parables

### The Channel Flipper

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

I remember the days when I was the remote control. Thankfully, we only had NBC, ABC, CBS and PBS. So, I didn't have to stand there very long to see what was on. Once something was determined we would watch it. A commitment of sorts, because you sure didn't want to get up and go turn that knob unless the show was over. Fast forward a few years we now have 952 channels or so says my bill, although if we took out the 948 music channels that rarely get touched except at Christmas and we still probably only have four channels. The thing is, I now have a remote so I can flip at will without burning a calorie. Like many, at least I pretend not to be the only one, who find themselves constantly flipping channels because there just might be something good on the next channel, keep pushing that little button. When I do find something good on, I watch until commercial break then off to the races until I find something else to watch now I hope the two shows are on different commercial breaks so I can watch both. Rarely does that happen, I end up missing enough of both that I do not really get what is happening in either story.

Here is the reality, much of life today seems to be that way. Constantly bouncing to the next thing never sticking with anything thinking that multitasking is somehow superior to having a singular focus. Take Bible reading as an example. Every year I can find 952 different "read the Bible in a year" reading plans. Some cater to the read a little of this book and a little of that, others encourage reading so many minutes a day, etc... The problem is we rarely get past Genesis or Matthew before we go back to flipping channels. Thus, it leaves us missing enough that we really can't see how all that stuff in Leviticus matters anyway.

We are down to ten and a half months left in 2017, how much time outside of a worship setting have we given to just finding out about God's story we call the Bible. I suspect He might have much more to offer than flipping channels, but that would require us to focus. The very thing Satan doesn't want us to do.

Well this was just a thought. I need to finish this article I hear Candy Crush calling and I just might make it to the next level this time.



## OBITUARY

### Roger Mac Fields

Roger Mac Fields, 66, of Canyon, formerly of Borger, died Friday February 10 in Amarillo. Arrangements are by Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. A memorial service is pending.

Roger M. Fields was born September 29, 1950 in Friona to Ira Clyde and Georgia Mae (Kothe) Fields. Roger committed his life to public service. He joined the United States Navy in 1970 and served on the USS Forestall during the Vietnam War. He then worked for the City of Friona as the Director of EMS and Fire Marshal, then in code enforcement. Roger also served as the head instructor of Rescue 2 for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Annual Fire Training School and as a state certifier for the State Fireman's & Fire Marshals' Association. Roger served as president of the Texas State Association of Plumbing Inspectors, partnering with the state certification board.



In his free time Roger enjoyed golfing, playing poker and attending high school and college sporting events.

Roger is survived by sons Mac Fields and wife, Tracey of Borger and Trevor Fields and wife Lacie of Fritch; and grandchildren, Macey, Kacey, Hazel, Moxon and one on the way, Sutton.

Roger requested that instead of flowers donations be made to: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 1890 Amarillo, TX 79174.

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dana jameson photo

Daniel 'Jet' Pena, 13, got caught up in the long grasp of a Shallowater Mustang Tuesday night during the final game of the season.



**FHS shows their appreciation to the FISD School Board**

Friona High School students treated the Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees to lunch on Valentine's Day in appreciation for all they do for the district.

dana jameson photos



**2017 Friona Kids Inc & Parmer Co Babe Ruth Baseball**

**Registration Form**

*Games will start April 24, 2017*

**Player Information**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of May 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniform Size (Players need to provide own baseball pants)**

SHIRT: Youth: S\_M\_L\_XL \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT: S\_M\_L\_XL\_2XL \_\_\_\_\_

**We need parent participation to help with coaching. (Coaches Meeting-Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>)**

\_\_\_\_\_, I will help coach. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline Fri, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. No late forms after 2/24 will be accepted.**

**Registration Fee (Make checks payable to Friona Kids Inc.)**

League	Age	Uniform Included	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> T-Ball	4, 5 & 6 years old	Shirt & Cap	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Coach Pitch	7 & 8 years old	Shirt & Cap	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor	9 & 10 years old	Shirt & Cap	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Major (Babe Ruth League)	11 & 12 years old*	Shirt & Cap	\$55

*\*(as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, copy of birth certificate required)*

The deadline to return completed form with registration fee is **by Friday, February 24th AT 3:00 PM** to the Friona Primary Office or the Friona Elementary Office. For any questions, contact:

Tonia Abarca @ (806)240-2943 or Jamie Lewellen @ (806)206-0743.

Major (Babe Ruth League) Contact Eric Geske (830) 370-2469

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@ Kress	Thursday	Mar 2
@ Friona	Thursday	Mar 9
@ Dimmitt	Thursday	Mar 23
@ Lockney	Thursday	Mar 30
@ Dimmitt (JH district)	Thursday	April 6

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@ Olton	Friday	Feb. 24
@ Fritch	Friday	March 3
Friona	Friday	March 10
@ Tucumcari	Saturday	March 18 (Spring Break)
@ Dimmitt	Friday	March 24
@ Lockney	Friday	March 31
@ District	Tuesday	April 4 (Shallowater)
@ District	Wednesday	April 5 (Lubbock Cooper)
@ Area	Thursday	April 13 (Tulia)
@ Qualifiers	Friday	April 21 (TBD)
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### FlIP Lesson 22 - Word List

1. aspire (v.)	to seek a higher goal
2. exult (v.)	to feel overjoyed; to be in high spirits
3. gaunt (adj.)	thin and bony; lean
4. impending (adj.)	soon to occur; approaching
5. infirmity (n.)	feebleness; illness; weakness; shortcoming
6. kindling (v.)	igniting; lighting
7. precipice (n.)	face of a cliff; steep place
8. recompense (n.)	payment; compensation
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# FISD Board approves 2017-18 calendar

The Friona Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the FISD Administration Building, 909 E. 11th with all members in attendance.

Monty Humble, Managing Director with Brightman Energy, updated the board on activities at the Mariah North, South and East projects. Mariah North has 96 turbines came online December 31, 2016 and produce 230 megawatts of electricity with their 2.4 megawatt turbines.

"The recent election caused some concerns with one of the investors considering the tax benefits," stated Humble. "We are committed to building the Mariah East. We are determined to get it built."

When asked by FISD Board President Ricky Barnett about wind technology, Humble replied, "We are seeing continuous improvement of the wind technology. The price per kilowatt has come down by 40 percent. The power generated from this area is sent to the ERCOT grid and covers 75 percent of Texas"

This area is served by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and Golden Spread Electric.

Angela Hochstein addressed the board concerning the 2016-17 Dual Credit program. Hochstein stated that Fall participation had 31 students taking 61 courses from South Plains College at a cost of \$15,074.65 and 8 students taking College Engineering Algebra from Amarillo College at a cost of \$2,400.

The Spring participation numbers had 38 students taking 69 courses from South Plains College at cost of \$16,452.40 and 11 students taking College Trigonometry and Algebra at a total cost of \$2,750.

The program is limiting students to 9 hours per semester and allowing dual credit courses in the summer terms beginning with the summer terms after the



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**Friona Junior High School Principal Mark Sundre, right, addressed the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday evening. He informed them of the Junior High School safety plan and other activities. He has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. He thanked the board for 9 great years.**

freshman year.

She proudly announced that a student at FHS will graduate from South Plains College with an Associates of Arts degree before he will graduate from high school. He will start college in the fall at Sul Ross as a junior.

FHS Principal Erika Montana addressed the board about the current safety plan that has not changed in four years. She stated that real world experience has proven good practice with fire drills and lockdowns. They have a tornado drill planned before the season begins.

Montana announced that Daniel Pineda was named as a UIL Semi-finalist with his film entry.

FJHS Principal Mark Sundre spoke to the board about the

PEG (Public Education Grant) letters being sent out to parents. He stated that FJHS met standards in all areas but still had lower scores in Science and Social Studies on the STAAR Test.

Sundre stated that the school safety plan was in practice with all classroom doors locked during the day and the front door being the only unlocked door. He has implemented a silent safety plan that has a new exit plan for fire and tornado drills. There are call buttons in every room and the camera system is in good shape.

When asked about students movements outside the main building, Sundre stated, "We are pretty naked when kids are going to the gym, cafeteria and

football field as well as being right next to the highway."

During a recent lockdown practice, that luckily occurred during lunch, they were able to have all three grades (6-8) and faculty enclosed with available food, water and restrooms in the cafeteria.

Sundre who has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the school year said, "Thank you for 9 great years. I have enjoyed working for you. This is a great campus and easy to run and a good place for kids!"

FHS Athletic Director Jimmy Arias gave an overview of upcoming events and sports scheduled. He stated that 86% of the male athletic students are participating in three sports and 80% of the female athletic

students are participating in three sports. He explained that the pre-athletics program in 5th and 6th grade will be a big help in building for the future.

At this time there are 28 girls and approximately 20 boys out for track. Baseball has 20 team members, golf has 5-7 participants, tennis is very popular with 30 students turning out.

"UIL has not done us any favors," stated Arias. "We need not only the school but parents and the community to help these students succeed academically as well as in athletics."

The Board approved the consent agenda and paying December bills. The board discussed the route busses and repairs to the pizza ovens at the high school.

Kim Smiley, G/T coordinator, addressed the board concerning the Gifted & Talented program and tightening procedures before the state begins auditing the program. The board unanimously agreed to the proposed changes.

The Board unanimously approved the general election of two at-large School Board Trustee positions on May 6, 2017, the notice and order of the general election for early voting and election day, and the Joint Election Agreement with the City of Friona.

Cody Kimbrough spoke to the board about improvement to the Ag farm. The proposal included relocating the farm and building a new facility that is more secure for both students and animals. The proposal included asking the community and local businesses for donations to fund the project.

"This is not for us. It is for the kids," stated Kimbrough. "This is a way of uniting the FFA and 4-H."

Kimbrough and FISD Board member Wade Schueler will return to the board with more information in the upcoming months.

The 2017-18 calendar was unanimously approved after a brief discussion. Students will be starting school on August 17, 2017 and attend a total of 77,875 minutes in the school year. There will be 175 student days and 12 Teacher Service days.

Ricky Barnett and Jose Cigarroa were designated as the 2016 Graduation officials. They will be passing out diplomas at the event.

The board discussed and approved unanimously Policy Update 107. Minor changes were made to the policy.

Before going into Closed Session they announced the next school board meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

## New Year! New Opportunity!

Our culture and habits of life often include planning ahead. We plan birthday parties, vacations, weddings, reunions, and the list could go on and on. However, we are not a culture that plans ahead for aging and the possibility of needing extra help.

Statistics reflect that by the year 2050 that 20% of all adults are expected to be age 65 or older.

With an increased aging population there is an increase in people needing a caregiver. Caregivers can be private paid caregivers, family caregivers, or a volunteer. This responsibility can be short term or long term depending on the person's health and needs that you are caring for.

A worthy note to acknowledge is that caregivers become so taxed mentally and physically that 1 out every 10 caregivers die before the person they are caring for. This is why it is important to have sup-

port for caregivers.

A new group meeting will be held monthly at Happy State Bank. This meeting will be facilitated by two social workers with extra training from the Alzheimer's Association. The facilitators will be providing an education component, links to potential resources, and a group narrative to enhance the attendee's knowledge and support network.

Feel free to drop in the last Friday of the month at 9 a.m. and see what resources are available to help you as a caregiver. Remember, if you don't ask you won't know.

For more information call Esmerelda Flores, LMSW at Hereford Regional Medical Center (806) 364-2141 or Rhonda K. Sanders, LMSW at Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice (806) 247-0057.

## High yielding crops to offset low prices

By Blair Fannin

With record corn production and higher yields in other major commodities, a low-price environment is here to stay with little catalyst to spark a rally, according to projections by agricultural economists.

Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University in College Station, and Dr. Pat Westhoff, director of the Food and Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri, recently gave farm and agricultural economic forecasts at the Southwest Ag Issues Summit in Fort Worth.

Forecasts for major crops this next growing season indicate another year of low prices as farmers must hope for above-average yields that give them a chance to break even. For example, in 2016 West Texas cotton growers benefited from a high-yielding cotton crop that reduced their cost per pound down to where cotton prices were allowing them to break even, Outlaw said.

"For those in West Texas, the good fortune was having a big cotton crop that muted the low prices," Outlaw said. "Nobody saw this large and sustained drop in commodity prices coming (when the current farm program was written in 2014)."

Outlaw said if there had not been high yields in cotton, particularly for West Texas farmers, the overall financial situation for those farmers would be much worse because most cotton farmers had incurred losses each of the previous two years. Overall, there's little hope for a rally in commodity prices, he said.

"It would take something big to sustain higher prices," Outlaw said.

Without a yield loss, Agricultural Risk Coverage payments will not provide much assistance.

"Price Loss Coverage is providing a safety net and, based on current price forecasts, that's not going to stop for most crops," he said.

Outlaw also urged caution with regard to trade.

"If trade issues become a major concern, commodity prices could get even worse," he said.

Westhoff said gross domestic product in the U.S. has been 2 percent since the recession. China's growth rate has been 6 percent each year, but is slowing. And interest rate projections for the U.S. are 3 percent by 2020.

Looking back, Westhoff said there has been a 48 percent increase in global corn, wheat, rice and soybean production since

2002. These increases can be attributed to good weather and improved technology.

For the 2017-2018 crop year, economists provided prices and planted acre projections from his December 2016 Food and Policy Research Institute Baseline. Corn prices are predicted to be at marketing year average price of \$3.62 a bushel for 2017-2018 with 15.58 million bushels harvested compared to \$3.61 a bushel and 13.6 million bushels during the 2015-2016 crop year.

Planted wheat acres are projected at 48.6 million acres, down from 50.2 million during 2015-2016, with a projected marketing year average price of \$4.47 a bushel. Upland cotton planted acres are projected at 10.21 million acres and a marketing year average price of \$62.80 cents a pound.

Cattle prices are projected to remain level through 2020 with more beef supplies in the U.S.

Both Westhoff and Outlaw told summit attendees they did not like painting a dim picture on the farm economy, but most farmer's costs of production are above current prices and the farm program safety nets will provide some assistance but not make up for the large decline in market receipts.

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