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Burn Ban reinstated

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis announced Wednesday that an Emergency Burn Ban for Parmer County has been reinstated effective immediately. Two commissioners and county fire departments recommended this move due to predicted extremely windy weather for the next few days. The ban will be on the agenda for the County Commissioners regular meeting on Monday.

A burn ban is exactly what the name implies -

no outside burning of any kind until the ban is lifted. Open burning at this time is considered extremely dangerous to people, buildings, trees and grasslands. Violations are serious, punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

WTAMU President to visit Friona

Dr. Walter Wendler, President of West Texas A&M, his wife Mary, and staff will be in Friona Tuesday, February 28 at 6 p.m. at the Friona High School Auditorium. They will here to find out how they might best serve the educational dreams and needs of the Friona community.

Wendler was named president of WTAMU September 1, 2016. He took the place of Dr. J. Patrick O'Brien.

He came to WTAMU from Southern Illinois University Car- the College of Architecture and bondale where he was chancellor from 2001-2007. He returned later to teach architecture and retired as director of the School of Architecture at SIU at the end

Wendler previously served as vice chancellor for Planning and System Integration at the ty and student body are invited to Texas A&M University System. come out and enjoy the refresh-He also served as executive as- ments and find out what makes sistant to the president, dean of West Texas A&M so great.



other administrative and faculty roles at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Wendler and his staff will be here to answer questions and to help you be confident in the decisions you will make about your future education. The communi-

Caregiver Coffee Break

Are you a family caregiver or caregiver? There is a free community service available to you offered on the first Friday of every month. Coffee Break for Caregivers is a good place to learn about potential resources for patients and family. Join them at the First National Bank Community Room in Friona at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts

followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. Coffee Break for Caregivers is sponsored by Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice. For more information call (806) 247-0057 and ask for the social worker.

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.

Senior Steak Dinner April 2

The 2017 FHS Senior Steak Dinner to benefit the alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration will be held Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 pm. At the Friona Junior High Cafeteria. Advance tickets are \$15, at the door tickets are \$16. Mark your calendars to come out and enjoy an 8 oz. ribeye steak with baked potato, green bean, rolls



courtesy photos

Monday EMS Collision in Amarillo

Friona EMS was involved in an accident Monday while transferring a patient to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo. The ambulance was traveling on VFW Road when a car suddenly made a left turn in front of them. EMS director Jeannie Martin who was driving said she thought the car pulled off the road to the right to let them pass but suddenly turned left across the road in front of the. The ambulance ended up in a ditch. They eventually got the patient to the hospital. Mrs. Martin and Paramedic Nik Baucom who was riding in the back, were banged up and sore this week but not seriously injured.





dana jameson photos

College representatives, local community businesses and organizations turned out last Friday morning for Chieftain Choices. They assembled to aid the students of Friona High School in making decisions on their future. Above Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries and his deputies hand out information concerning law enforcement. Below, Mark Osborn and Varla Wilcox talk with Brooklynne Johnston abour careers at Hi-Pro.



Mendez named to AgriLife **Extension Parmer County post**

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has named Sergio Mendez the new agriculture and natural resources

agent in Parmer County. "We are very pleased to have Sergio as an agent in this key agricultural county of our district," said Michael Clawson, AgriLife Extension administrator for the agency's 20-county South Plains District headquartered in Lubbock. "Sergio has a varied production-level and academic background in animal agriculture. He demonstrates a strong willingness to learn all facets of the AgriLife Extension program, both production agriculture and youth development.

"Since he is originally from Parmer County and familiar should be an outstanding fit for this position."

Mendez graduated from Fri-

A&M University at Canyon. His past job experience in- Meats Solutions and Newtex



Sergio Mendez **Parmer County Extension Agent** Ag & Natural Resources

with the local issues, Sergio cludes working as a mill manager trainee for JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding in Ulysses, Kansas, and as a feedlot asona High School and earned sistant/student manager at the a bachelor's degree in ani- West Texas A&M University mal science from West Texas Research Feedlot at Canyon. He has also worked at Cargill

Feed Yard Inc., both in Friona. Mendez is currently completing his first step orientation training in Bailey County and will assume his permanent duties in Parmer County on February 24.

For more information, call Clawson at 806-746-6101.

Community Calendar

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

February 23

FJHS Track @ Olton Meet Harrington Breast Cancer Mobile at PMC 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. City of Friona Employees Dinner 6 p.m. at Senior Citizens

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

February 25

Babe Ruth Baseball

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

March 7

Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet

JV/V Baseball vs WT High at Home 4:30/6:30

March 8

Chieftain Golf at Farwell HS Invitational

March 9 FJHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field

March 10 FHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field

March 11

Boys Powerlifting Regional Meet in Sundown

PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m. JV/V Baseball vs Muleshoe at Home 12/2:30

March 12 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME your taxing officials pay."

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Country Thoughts dana jameson

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Advanced citizenship

Apparently screaming at my television is not doing much good. People are still running out to act stupid in front of the television cameras and forgetting all about common sense.

Monday was President's Day. Some Americans took their government given day off to celebrate "Not My President" day. I think they could have stayed at work and done just as much

Last week there was the protest against immigration laws. People across the country took the day off to show their support against the immigration laws. They claim these laws are all President Trump's idea.

The laws have been on the books for years and not fully carried out. If you want to live here, it takes citizenship. The

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laws are straightforward and there are plentiful opportunities to become an American citizen.

Recently, I took a quiz on Facebook that asked questions about the beginning of America, history most of my life.

The laws are in place to protect everyone but if someone is breaking the law and in America illegally, the laws are not working properly.

Before anyone starts getting as well as other information that the tar and feathers ready for me could be asked of an American let me explain. I believe if you citizen. I passed it. However, want to be a part of this country I also paid attention in history or any other country there are class and have been a student of certain steps to be taken. No one wants to be illegal. Being illegal is hard work. So is citizenship.

One of my go to movies is "The American President" with Michael Douglas and Michael J. Fox. Near the end of the movie, Michael Douglas gives the following speech:

"America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship. You've gotta want it bad, 'cause it's gonna put up a fight. It's gonna say, "You want free speech? Let's see you acknowledge a man whose words make your blood boil, who's standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours." You want to claim this land as the land of the free? Then the symbol of your country cannot just be a flag. The symbol

also has to be one of its citizens exercising his right to burn that flag in protest. Now show me that, defend that, celebrate that in your classrooms. Then you can stand up and sing about the land of the free."

America is all for one and one for all. We, not just individuals, elected President Trump. If we want freedom, we have to work for it. Working for it may mean standing up for your beliefs and/ or taking a citizenship test to become a full-fledged citizen. It means coming out of the shadows and becoming what you so desperately want to be...an American.

Maybe we all need to take a citizenship test and find out what we need to work on. At www.uscitizenshipsupport.com/ you can practice for FREE! This site will do the test in languages from Afrikaans to Zulu. They offer the quizzes read aloud. The quizzes cover vocabulary, writing, civics and government. They also offer practice for speaking and understanding tests.

I know I live in a great country, but it is so sad that so many have forgotten.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"While I'm on the subject on taxes, I have another issue to point out. This year our local tax office raised the appraised value of my home by 131% compared to last year. Yes, you read that correctly, they more than doubled the taxable value. What improvements were made to warrant such an increase? None whatsoever. In fact, the appraiser didn't notice that at least one of the buildings he "appraised" had been completely torn down and was no longer there. What grand expenditure are they planning that they need to increase our taxes so rapaciously? Our county's chief appraiser came to defend their valuation, claiming that last year's appraisal was a mistake. She said it was too low. I presented her with records from the county website showing that the value had remained fairly consistent since 2009. Apparently I am to believe that over the last 7 years and multiple appraisals the value has repeatedly been determined incorrectly, and this single outlier is in fact the correct value. A reasonable person would have to concede that the incredible increase in taxable value must be in error. Why do you suppose they chose this year to raise the value so much? Well, in previous years my home was protected by homestead law. There would have been little benefit to them in raising the appraised value, because the assessed value would have been limited by the homestead cap. (The assessed value of a declared homestead cannot be raised more than 10 percent per year, regardless of the appraised value.) This year the homestead was moved. Suddenly it would be profitable to appraise my home at a higher value, and they did so in grand fashion. Perhaps the timing of the hike was merely coincidence. After all, they do hire an outside contractor to perform the appraisal. Do you think your taxes were raised unfairly? Call the appraisal office, or check on parmercad.org to find out when and how to protest. I'll see you there! If you want more information on your property taxes, such as your appraised values, records are available to the public at no cost. Just go to esearch.parmercad.org and look yourself up. While you're online, check to see how much Jake Hefner

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This is in response to the "Letter to the Editor" in last week's paper concerning the forgivable loans awarded to new or expanding businesses. There were statements made in the letter that warrants clarification. The Friona Economic Development rate of one-half of one percent be Corporation does have the authority to assist a new business or assist an expanding business that they deem beneficial to our community's economy. There are certain requirements that have to be met by the new or expanding business or the loan has to be paid back. If the requirements are met in full, the grant/ loan is not paid back. The FEDC received the authority to award a forgiving grant/loan on May 6, 1995. The voters approved the establishment and funding of the FEDC. There were two propositions on the city election ballot that addresses economic development. (See a sample of the ballot below and a brief description explaining the purpose of each proposition). Proposition 1 addresses the sales tax of one-half of one percent that could be used for promoting or expanding new business enterprises. This proposition was voted on and passed

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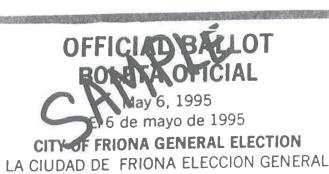
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by the citizens of Friona. Proposition 2 addresses another statement made in last week's letter concerning the tax break that should be given back to the tax payers. Proposition 2 mandates the sales tax within the city at the

used to reduce the property tax rate. This was also voted on and passed by the citizens of Friona. The two passed propositions provide a state approved method for local governments to provide for economic development.

Ricky White-Mayor



PROPOSITION ONE

☐ FOR (en favor de) ☐ AGAINST (contra)

The adoption of sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent as authorized by Section 4B. Article 5190.6, V.T.C.S., as amended, (the Development Corporation Act of 1979), with the proceeds thereof to be used and applied for the purposes authorized by the Act, including but not limited to the promotion and development of new and expanding business enterprises.

(La adopcion de ventas y uso de impuestos dentro de la ciudad en la proporcion de la mitad de un porciento como esta authorizada por la seccion 4B, articulo 5190.6 V.T.C.S., (acto de corporacion del desarrollo de 1979), con la continuacion de ser usado y aplicado por el proposito authorizado por el acta, incluido pero no limitado de la promocion y desarrollo).

PROPOSITION TWO

☐ FOR (en favor de) ☐ AGAINST (contra)

The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate.

(La adopcion de ventas adicionales y el uso de impuestos dentro de la ciudad a la mitad de uno por ciento se usara para reducir el impuesto de la propiedad).

In 1995 The City of Friona had an election on May 6, 1995

Proposition One: The adoption of sales and use tax within the city at the rate of one-half of one percent as authorized by Section 4B, Article 5190.3 V.T.C.S. as amended (the Development Corporation Act of 1979), the promotion and development of new and expanding business

Proposition Two: The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-half of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate

These two proposals were passed and approved by the TAX PAYERS OF FRIONA on May 6, 1995. The approval of this election benefited and encouraged business in the city limits and also reduced the

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I am once again trying my hand at Town Talk. Ron has been a bit under the weather lately and I'm filling in until he feels better. Here I go again... please be patient with me.

Do you have a closet full of shoes that you haven't worn in a while? The Texas Youth Association is now accepting gently worn, used or new shoes to raise funds. Shoes can be dropped off at the Chamber Office or Erika Carrillo and Rocio Carrasco will schedule a pick up. Erika can be reached at (806) 400-6113 and Rocio at (806) 729-7352. This is a good time to

If you are in the mood for a good Mexican dinner and don't want to cook come on out to St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona on Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be dishing up delicious beef enchiladas and tacos with all the fixings for just \$12 for

start your spring cleaning.

adults and \$6 for children under 10-years-old.

The calendar is filling up between now and graduation with senior class activities and sporting events. From March to May the time seems to fly by. Check out the Community Calendar for upcoming events. We try to keep up with all the activities in and around Friona. Call us to add your event to the

It is Chamber Banquet time. Friona will have their awards banquet on March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. This year the theme is Hawaiian. Come dressed for a Hawaiian good time. Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber office for \$25 a person. No tickets will be sold at the door. There will be a Silent and a Live auction this year with entertainment by 2017 Miss Friona Sydney Frye.

The Bovina awards banquet

the XIT Recreational Center.

Talked to the new County Extension agents, Sergio Mendez and Wendy Case, at the Ag in the Classroom last Thursday. They are settling into their jobs. Sergio will officially assume his duties this Friday but he has been busy with stockshows in Fort Worth, San Angelo, and points farther south. If you need to contact Sergio or Wendy their office is in Bovina at 301 Hwy. 60 Ste. B. Give them a call at (806) 251-5121 or (806) 251-5120 if you need their services.

West Texas A&M President Dr. Walter Wendler will be in Friona next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at FHS. His wife and staff will be with him to answer any questions and how they might best serve this area. Students, parents and the community is invited to come out and meet Dr. Wendler and find out how

will be March 21 at 7 p.m. at WTAMU could be the way to

We got a press release from State Senator Kel Seliger last week announcing his role of Governor for a Day. Apparently, it is a tradition honoring the President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate. He will be celebrating throughout Senate District 31 on Friday, February

All Governor for a Day events are come and go, free, and open to the public. He will begin his day with breakfast in Big Spring. Lunch will be held in Midland and an Ice Cream Social will be held in Odessa. Dinner is scheduled from 5:30-8 p.m. in Amarillo at Youngblood's Café, 620 SW 16th Avenue. Sounds like a busy man and lots of food opportunities.

Speaking of food. Noticed on Facebook that Dr. and Mrs. Cash made a trip to New Mexico and enjoyed a delicious meal at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen in Albuquerque. Looks like they had a good time enjoying the food and scenery.

Saw this while cruising through Facebook: Learn fly tying techniques for beginners and experienced anglers! This class meets for eight sessions on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 21 through Apr. 18. Learn more and register at http://www.clovis.edu/continuededucation/ flytying.aspx

Never really thought about it but this could be fun if you are a fisherman or have a fisherman in you life.

James and Sue Procter celebrated 72 years of wedded bliss on Monday, February 20. The were wed on February 20, 1945. Congratulations James

Also celebrating are Jessie and Alice Stone. They are celebrating 48 years together. Congratulations Jessie and Alice!

I went to Chieftain Choices last Friday and learned a lot about our community. We are a community that is proud of our professions and willing to help the young people who are looking at their future plans. My advice to most of the students I talked to was, "Find your passion! If you find that, your profession will not be just a job but something you love!"

Great job Mrs. Hochstein and Mrs. Johnston. Because of you, the students now have an idea of what they want to be when they grow up. I hope this grows into a yearly event with all the gyms filled to capacity

with presenters.

EXALT Student Ministries-First Baptist Church Friona is getting ready for their "Winter" Retreat which is coming up quickly! March 10-12! Cost is \$40. Don't miss out on this great weekend.

Talked to Jeannie Martin on Tuesday after hearing about her accident on Monday. Friona EMS was transporting a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. As they were headed down VFW road in Canyon, a car pulled out in front of them. Martin said she believes Jesus literally took the wheel after the impact before landing in a deep culvert. A doctor at NWTH said they were the luckiest people he had ever met. We need to remember when we see flashing lights and hear sirens to pull over and allow them to pass. EMS, police and fire departments are doing their jobs to save lives. Let us save their lives by respecting them when there are flashing lights and sirens. Remember, you could be the one they are transporting. By the way, Jeannie and Nik are doing fine, just a lot banged up and

Until next week! Dana

sore for now.





By Darla Bracken

100 years ago...

This week we had a person to donate a very interesting piece of Americana to the Pioneer Heritage Museum: a vintage cookbook, but not just any cookbook. It is a "Wartime Conservation: Recipes and Notes" c. February 1, 1918 published and distributed by the Exchange National Bank in Spokane, Washington.

Things they were conserving included wheat, beef, fat, eggs, sugar and fuel mostly coal by wood and 'the ideal cooking fuel'--electricity. We are somewhat familiar with WWII ration books because our parents dealt with rationing of sugar, rubber and coffee and we have probably seen ration books with the

stamps. Among the notes are sample menus, daily calorie requirements for adult men 3,000 and women 2,400, substitutes for wheat, ideas for substitute ingredients in recipes such as soybeans for wheat, reducing the use of sugar by using honey, syrup or jellies and using oleomargarine for butter to conserve fat.

The book is in good condition for something almost 100 years old. The most unusual conservation method was the storing of fresh eggs in something called water glass, a compound added to water, as many as 30 eggs at a time for extended periods of using kerosene, cordwood, mill time. Conservation was only for the freshest eggs, unwashed. but clean and only infertile eggs. My mother sometimes saved a yolk for later by adding it to a glass of water after having used the egg white, but nothing like

> Listed are menus for wheatless dinners, the use of puddings including rice, tapioca, or cornmeal and quick breads using potatoes corn, rice, oats or barley. There is also a newspaper clip

ping from a January 19, 1917 Kansas City newspaper for Date Loaf Candy. That has to be a good recipe because I have seen and heard of it in multiple vintage recipes and/or cookbooks. Interesting....

The dates for WWI are July 18, 1914 – November 11, 1918 and and what followed it? The 1918 Flu Epidemic after all the American soldiers came home from Europe having been exposed to the Spanish Influenza--another story entirely, 500 million exposed worldwide and 50 to 100 million deaths. A soldier in Fort Riley Kansas reported to the infirmary with what later became known as the Spanish Flu.

From a period children's song: "There was a little girl, and she had a little bird, and she called it by the pretty name of Enza; but one day it flew away, but it didn't go to stay, for when she raised the window, in-flu-Enza."

Sue and James Procter celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on Monday, February 20. They are longtime residents of Friona. James and Sue were united in marriage on February 20, 1945. Congratulations!

Friona Flashbacks



dana jameson photo

News from the week of February 21, 1982

*Friona's Jeff Lundy exhibited the Grand Champion steer made in Diet Center of Friona and his sister Corrie claimed the personnel. The new assistant Grand Champion heifer trophy at manager, Mary Joyce Barnett, is the 35th annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show Friday.

*Veronica Lafuente, 21-yearold daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Lafuente of Friona has been crowned "Miss Sweetheart ing a hobby with a job. of the U.M.A.S. (United Mexican American Students) of Texas

*Remember When? Friona's fleet of school buses were shown in front of the old red brick school building in the early 1920s. The late F. W. Reeve originated the bus system, buying the vehicles and leasing them to the school to begin with. Friona is reputed to have had the first school buses of any school in the state of Texas. The lettering on the buses read "Friona Consolidated School."

*Some changes have been now in charge of one of the most colorful offices in town. Helping others has long been a hobby of Mary Joyce's, so she will probably to a fantastic job of combin-

*Several members of local Girl Scout troops are planning trips to the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee this summer. Troop 383, whose sponsors are Betty Burnett, Carolyn Carson, Debbie Shirley, and Cherry Wells, is planning a cake auction at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Saturday.

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Texas Cares

Texas A&M co-develops new online resource for dementia caregivers

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be a lonely role, but a new online resource may help. The new program, known as Texas Cares, aims to provide wellness programs, transportation planning and engagement in activities for dementia patients and education, support and assistance for family caregivers. Marcia Ory, PhD, regents and distinguished professor at the Texas A&M School of Public Health and Alan Stevens, PhD, director of the Center for Applied Health Research at Baylor Scott & White Health jointly developed and will run this project, which has received \$400,000 in funding.

Ory also serves as director of the Center for Population Health and Aging at Texas A&M. Texas Cares aligns with the center's mission, which is to improve the health of Texas' aging population through applied and basic research, wellness promotion and disease prevention and development of evidence-based programs and technologies.

"This is indeed a unique partnership involving Texas A&M, Baylor Scott & White Health and the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, all working together to make a difference in Alzheimer's care," Ory said. "Our goal is to reduce the burdens of care that are anticipated to only increase with the rapid aging of the Texas population, but the impact of this effort can be much larger with Texas Cares serving as a model for the nation."

Family caregivers of dementia patients often work outside of the home, which can make caring for a family member with Alzheimer's and other related conditions challenging. The Texas Care project aims to help those caregivers and the patients who rely on them through two new online resources that build on a wealth of information and resources from the Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC).

"All Texans should have access to educational information on Alzheimer's disease and dementia,

including specific information on how to locate local services and supports," Stevens said. "Although printed literature is widely available, new efforts are needed to provide online information and access to individualized support due to the growing demographic of internet-literate family caregivers."

The first of these resources is a story-driven website that provides targeted health literacy information and resources on Alzheimer's disease. Printed literature containing medical facts and information on how to find local services exists, but putting these resources in one place online makes the information more accessible and convenient for family caregivers with limited time.

The second resource is an online version of Resources of Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health (REACH II), which is a leading evidence-based family caregiver support approach. This will give wider access to many of the tools that REACH II provides, such as individualized caregiver assessments and feedback and exercises to help build the skills needed to care for people with dementia.

"These resources will first undergo a pilot study, after which they will be made available to employees at Texas state-supported universities, with a future planned expansion to other state agencies and private employers," said Ory. "Providing employed family caregivers with these resources will benefit those workers and their employers as the additional responsibilities of dementia care affect employee well being and lead many to retire early, impacting the workforce."

Through Texas Cares, the Texas A&M School of Public Health and Baylor Scott & White Health will promote new effective ways to support people with dementia and family caregivers. This project will apply and add to the research efforts of the TARCC, which is funded by the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and part of the Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative.

Retired Teachers Update

By Connie Slagle

Retired Teachers alert

for active educators



courtesy photo

FHS Head Baseball Coach Jesus Quiroz, right, spoke to the Friona Noon Lions Thursday, February 16. Also pictured are Friona Noon Lion Andy Montana and Club Sweetheart Kendall Barnett.

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 sold at the dear

Representatives of Parmer County Retired Teachers and Service Personnel braved a cold and rainy morning to meet with Hereford Retired Educators on Monday, February 13. TRTA retirement education committee member Treasure Brasher discussed the difference in Defined Contribution and Defined Benefit retirement plans.

In the Defined Contribution plan, the employee contributes a set amount of money each pay period. The amount contributed and any profits made on those contributions will become available upon retirement. The financial risk is placed on the employee and his ability to make good investment decisions. If the return on retirement savings is weak or the employee lives longer than planned, he risks not having enough income to survive through retirement.

In the Defined Benefit plan, an employee is guaranteed a pre-determined payment at the time of retirement based upon the amount of time he works for an employer prior to retirement. He cannot outlive his benefits, and he can choose options in which his benefits transfer to survivors upon his death. Funds are managed by TRS investment professionals, and the employee does not pay for every transaction. This is the retirement plan in effect for current retirees.

It is especially important that active teachers investigate the differences in these two plans, and they, along with retirees, contact legislators stating their preference.

The next meeting of PCRTSP will be on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friona Interbank community room. Tabitha Carthel will present the program. All retirees and guests are invited to attend.

Local tax receipts take a downward turn

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced recently he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by

quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Round Rock, Frisco and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations."

Bovina will receive a payment of \$14,685.40, which is an increase

of 4.05 percent as compared to the 2016 payment \$14,133.17. To-date Bovina has received \$28,491.65, which is an increase of 15.83 percent from the 2016 payments of \$24,597.50.

Farwell will receive a payment of \$12,542.14, which is an increase of 4.36 percent as compared to the 2016 payment of \$12,018.03. To-date Farwell has received

\$21,851.20, which is an increase of 1.04 percent over the 2016 payments of \$21,625.55.

Friona will receive a payment of \$37,094.73, which is a decrease of -6.69 percent as compared to the 2016 payment of \$41,901.62. To-date Friona has received \$69,051.02, which is a decrease of -2.08 percent over the 2016 payments of \$70,519.99.

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Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: February 14, 2017

Nubia Rascon, 22, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (failure to identify). The case is pending in County Court.

Jeramia Velasquez, 18, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in County Court.

Stephanie Mendoza, 38, of Farwell, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (possession of marijuana less than two ounces). The case is pending in County Court

February 15, 2017

Draven Lafuente, 19, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Castro County warrant. Lafuente posted bond and was released.

February 18, 2017

Judy Cumpian, 28, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

February 19, 2017

Elizar Delacruz, Jr., 34, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid. The case is pending in County Court.

Jesus Valadez, 24, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

Francisco Borga, 50, of Farwell, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of criminal trespass. The case is pending in County Court.

February 20, 2017

Christopher Burrus, 46, of Canyon, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a Deaf Smith County warrant. Burrus is pending transport.



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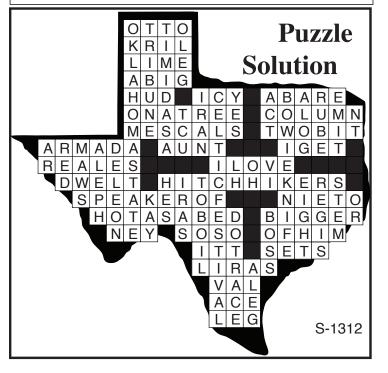
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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you worship the King? Psalm 24 resonates with the fact that Seminole, passed away Tuesday, God is worthy of our worship. Verses 1-2 opens by proclaiming God as CEO (creator, establisher, owner) of everything and everyone. Funeral services were conducted You don't get a say in that, but that is simply the way it is, which is amazing when you consider this majestic world we live in.

Worshipping the King, though, is not just acknowledging Him as the creator and owner, but drawing near to Him. In fact, v3 asks, "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?" The answer is "He who has clean hands and a pure Memorial Park in Lamesa with heart," (v4). This may not sound like a big deal, but it really is, because none of us are pure before the Lord due to the reality of our sin. Thankfully though, God has even made a way for us to conquer our sin, and be forgiven of it, receiving "clean hands and a pure heart" through Jesus Christ. You see, all this talk about worshipping Jesus 27, 1922 in Mt. Vernon, Texas Christ, probably doesn't make sense if you are lost, but for those who are saved, your entire being ought to resonate with the desire to worship the Lord. Just as a thirsty deer pants for water, or a newborn baby craves its mother's milk, so too should the believer's heartbeat be to worship our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner March 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

Make plans and mark your calendars to attend this delicious meal.

~We are called to be Holy~ By TEENA HUGHS

Studying Leviticus and Numbers in Community Bible Study has been a tremendous journey. Each week I am more amazed by God as the Israelites journey to the Promised Land.

In Leviticus 11:45, God told the Israelites, "For I, the LORD am in 1945 they moved to Martin the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. Therefore, you must be holy because I am holy." In Leviticus 20:7-8, He instructs Moses to tell the Israelites, "So, set yourselves apart to be holy, for I am the LORD your God. Keep all my decrees by putting them into practice, for I am the LORD who makes you holy."

Whenever I hear the word holy, I usually think of purity, and one of the definitions I found was "spiritually pure: Godly." However, the first definition I found said holy is being "set apart to the service of God." CBS ladies define holy with the word distinct.

There is only one God, and He is set apart and distinct because there is none other like Him. Yet, He wants each of us to be set apart from the world like He is. He wants us to be different, to stand out, to be known and recognized as a believer. That requires a lot on our part. It means what the Scripture says: practice doing what God says to do.

In today's world, with bullying and making fun of people in social media, the news media, and any other way someone can imagine, it is easier to "fit in" with everyone than to stand up and stand out for God. However, the world is in desperate need of people who are willing to be set apart for God; to be His light in a dark world; to teach others how to be holy and hold them accountable. Holy people cannot let the world's opinions of them deter them from what God requires; they must depend on God for the strength, wisdom, knowledge, and words to be distinctive and set apart in the world.

How many of us are willing to be holy; to take a risk and live our lives set apart for God; to do what God says? It is our choice, but we all know what God wants us to do. Are we going to be obedient?

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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Valrie Holcomb Coon

Valrie Holcomb Coon, of February 14, 2017 in Lubbock. Saturday, February 18 in the First Baptist Church in Seminole with Sean Decker officiating and assisted by Rev. Joe Stewart. Interment followed in the Lamesa services under the direction Ratliff Funeral Home of Semi-

Valrie was born December in Franklin County to Clarence and Exa Laws Holcomb. They moved to Martin County in 1927 where they farmed. Valrie attended many schools and graduated from Klondike High School in 1939. She also received her Cosmetology license from Harris Beauty College in Lubbock in 1941.

Valrie married Nelson Coon on December 18, 1941 in Dawson County, where they farmed with his dad for one year before Nelson joined the Army Air Force. He was stationed in Big Springs at Webb Air Force Base, with schooling in Midland. Valrie worked in the Blackstone Hotel Beauty Shop in Big Springs and the Scharbauer Hotel Beauty Shop in Midland, to be with Nel-

After Nelson got his discharge County where they farmed until



County where Nelson farmed and Valrie operated her own Beauty Shop until 1962. In 1962, they moved to Gaines County and farmed for three years before moving into Seminole. Valrie again had a Beauty Shop in their home until 1978 when she became a Cosmetology Instructor and taught Cosmetology at Seminole High School for thirteen years. Valrie was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Ofelia of Bovina; four brothers, Martha Sunday School Class and Kenneth Estes Jr. and wife Judy the Llano Estacado Porcelain Arts Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a baby sister, Lonnie Durene.

Valrie is survived by two sons, Craig Coon and his wife Mary Ann of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Rickey Coon and his wife Ruth of Seminole; 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 1955, before moving to Parmer 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27 NIV

Women in the Great War at PPHM

Coinciding with Women's History Month and "The Great War" exhibitions at PPHM that commemorate the centennial anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, PPHM will be hosting 'Women in the Great War." Women in the Great War is co-presented by the West Texas A&M University History and Gender Studies De-

Join us as we explore the lesser told story of The Great War and discuss the female influence on World War I, Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. The panelists for this event include: Dr. Kristin Kuhlmann, associate professor of nursing, Dr. Jean Stuntz, professor of history, Becky Livingston, PPHM curator of history, Melissa Griswold, World War I Researcher. Each panelist will bring a unique perspective including a nurse's view on World War I and how women's

This program is part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Jimmy Lance Estes

Jimmy Lance Estes, 52, of Bovina, died Thursday, February 16, 2017 in Bovina. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Lance was born March 23, 1964 in Torrance, California to Kenneth Wayne and Selma Ruth Groveunder Estes. Lance was an educator with a Masters Degree in Education Administration. He loved all kinds of music of Hornbeck, California, Chris and loved to sing, he was an artist and loved to draw, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Bovina.

He is preceded in death by his

Survivors include three sons, Ashton Estes and wife Kara, and Alec Estes, all of Lubbock, and ister at www.blackwellmullins. Nathan Estes of Amarillo; his father, Kenneth Estes and wife of Midland, Matthew Estes Craig



Estes and wife Heather of Sugarland, Texas and Aaron Estes and wife Brandi of Benbrook, Texas; two sisters, Krysta Sanchez and husband Mario of Amarillo and Teri Serenbetz and husband Scott of Auburn, Calif.

You may sign the online reg-





Panhandle Parables Mountain Tops and Valleys

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

I was 21 years old and wet behind the ears in many ways. I was a counselor at a Christian summer camp for eight weeks. During one of those weeks, I had a young man in my cabin that was a bit of a loner. On the second night during a thunderstorm, he ran out of the cabin and headed up the side of the mountain next to our cabin yelling something about Satan. I got him back to the cabin where the rest of my guys were wide eyed.

Some of the adults wanted to send him home. I dismissed that notion and just told them he would stay with me. On our walk, we found a rock and sat down and he began to talk. His head hung low and he began to break apart a large leaf and drop the pieces on the ground. A little mouse came up and started eating the pieces and we both watched, but he continued to share struggle and darkness, I could hardly comprehend. The longer we talked the more the little mouse just sat there eating. After about an hour we had a prayer and went back to camp.

He felt better and I let him rejoin the group. I had to run to town and when I got back I was met by several adults telling me how he had got up during chapel and apologized for scaring everyone. They asked me what I said to him. I smiled and said, "Nothing, I just listened and he fed a mouse."

I think we all have mountain tops that inspire us and valleys that grip us with fear. What I continue to learn as that I don't listen enough. God taught me that with a little mouse who said nothing because its mouth was full and a boy struggling to find his way.

I wish I could tell you the rest of that story, but after that week I never saw that young man again. Maybe someday, I trust that to God. Here is the short of it for me. We all have ups and downs that is how life goes. Most of the time, I need to put something in my mouth and open my ears. So, take some time and listen to those in the valley. It may be a friend or your own child, but listen that they may find their way.

societal roles changed during this war.

For more information about this event visit panhandleplains.org.

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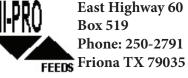
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toes, peaches, milk

Breakfast: Cereal, pancakes, orange pineapple juice, apples,

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, roll, corn, green beans, mixed fruit, milk **Wednesday**

Breakfast: Cereal, English muffin, grape juice, banana, milk Lunch: Fish, cheese broccoli, cole slaw, oranges, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk

Lunch: Taco salad, Ranch style beans, mixed California veggies, fruit salad, milk

Friday

Breakfast: Cereal, apple Frudel, fruit punch juice, applesauce, milk

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Xcel Energy and FAA partner on safety

Xcel Energy announced this week a first-of-itskind partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to research the safe operation of drone technology to inspect critical infrastructure. The agreement involves using unmanned aircraft systems to inspect more than 20,000 miles of Xcel Energy transmission lines in 10 states. The data collected from diverse climates, conditions and geographies will be used by the federal agency to secure the nation's airspace now and in the future.

"We're proud to partner with the FAA to explore ways unmanned aircraft systems can enhance public safety while protecting the national grid and gas pipelines," said Kent Larson, Xcel Energy's executive vice president and group president of operations. "Drone technology is already giving us better inspection data to efficiently and effectively monitor our systems, ensuring employee safety and improving reliability to better serve customers."

Among the goals of the "Partnership for Safety

Plan," is to shape future FAA policies for safe and routine beyond visual-line-of-sight operations to inspect the electrical grid. In 2017, Xcel Energy plans at least one beyond visual-line-of-sight mission using drone technology along transmission lines in a rural area. The FAA and Xcel Energy will plan and develop safety measures and evaluate outcomes.

Xcel Energy has previously worked with the FAA to advance UAS guidelines for the energy sector. During the past three years, Xcel Energy has conducted more than a dozen outdoor missions using drone technology including a beyond visual-line-of-sight flight in 2016.

Last year, Xcel Energy began a year-long research project in partnership with the state of North Dakota, the University of North Dakota and other partners to use drone technology to assess damage after severe weather events. The company is sharing its operational and safety data with the FAA and the Edison Electric Institute, an association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies.

Buying a property?

HPWD can help with groundwater questions

By Keith Whitworth, Field Technician Supervisor

Friona Literacy Project Lesson 23

4. courageous; brave; fearless

8. to outline; to explain or describe

10. state of confusion or disorientation

9. to separate from; to remove

1. rhythmic throbbing; vibration

3. astonishment; amazement

2. trembling motion

6. to move in a heaving fashion, like a wave

7. capable of being heard; detectable by ear

5. pale or sickly; pallid

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Observation wells are spaced approximately three miles apart—so there is a good likelihood that there will not be one on the property of interest. However, you can estimate the depth to water by looking at data from several nearby observation wells.

The interactive maps have a tab which allows access to water well drillers' logs. Accessing this will allow the public to view the depth to water and determine the depth of the formation. This process should help estimate the saturated thickness of the aquifer in most

If there are still questions concerning the depth to water and there are existing water wells on the property, HPWD staff can measure the depth to water in the wells, if the current landowner grants permission to do so.

HPWD staff are always ready to help you evaluate the water under the property or properties you are interested in purchasing. Feel free to stop by the HPWD office at 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock or call us at (806) 762-0181 for assistance/ information.

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AgriLife Extension offers advice for first-time growers

By Kay Ledbetter

With many producers in the northern High Plains considering planting cotton this year, some for the first time, one Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist is advising that optimizing irrigation and fertility will be important to their bottom

Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, recently spoke at the High Plains Irrigation Conference, and will repeat her Cotton Production 101 presentation twice this week – at 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, state Highway 305 in Lipscomb, and 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at Ag Producers Agronomy Barn, 919 Liberal St. in Dalhart.

AgriLife Extension entomologist Dr. Ed Bynum, Amarillo, will also be on hand to discuss cotton insects, scouting and management at the various growth

"The price of cotton right now is pretty good and that is stimulating this increased interest," Bell said. "Also, we had record yields this past year, with most averaging 3.5 bales to the acre, while others harvested up to 4 or 5 bales to the acre, which is also intensifying interest."

But growing cotton is a lot different than growing corn, she warned. A lot of management considerations were needed to make those yields.

"Cotton is a different ball of wax. The irrigation management

and fertility issues are different," Bell said, half-jokingly adding, "If you are planning to grow cotton for the first time, don't plan on an extended summer vacation, because it requires your attention all the time."

While cotton acreage has fluctuated with prices, there were 850,000 acres of cotton grown in the northern High Plains in 2016, and Bell expects acreage to reach that or higher this year.

"That's more in this region than many other southern cotton production states," she said.

Bell said one of the concerns raised at the gins is quality.

"New producers need to know they can and will be docked for the quality," she said. "Micronaire, leaf and color grade in addition to high moisture at harvest all need to be managed to enhance high lint vields."

Some of the increased interest is due to producers finding cotton fits well in their operations if water is limited, Bell said. It provides the ability to plant half the circle to corn that is irrigated at a higher rate and the other half to cotton which can be irrigated at a reduced rate.

This strategy provides many producers an ability to manage lower well capacities and continue to keep corn in their rotation,

But producers still have the question, "We can make the pounds, but how can we maximize the quality?" Bell said they recognize that additional profitability comes with the quality.

Both lint and quality are needed to maximize production. Quality factors include fiber length and strength; the micronaire, or thickness; uniformity and leaf grades, all of which are considered for the fiber to make a premium grade.

"I have had a few producers comment that they can manage quality through variety selection, but that is only part of the story," Bell said. "The length and strength of the fiber is strongly controlled by variety, but adverse conditions can still impact development. Micronaire is only about 50 percent genetics, the rest is management."

So, what affects micronaire development?

The fiber thickness actually begins to develop at flowering. Epidermal cells begin to elongate for the first two to three weeks of growth and then the next two to three weeks is all about thickness. Low micronaire means the fiber is thin and won't absorb the dye as well and easily forms small knots, while high "mic" fiber is coarse and won't spin well because it is too thick, Bell said.

"That four- to six-week window is critical and there are several management factors that can impact the development during this period," she said.

"Excessive nitrogen and irrigation can be an issue. Sometimes newer cotton farmers want to manage the cotton crop like their periods because it can result in corn crop, but there are times they need to pull that irrigation back as well as closely monitor residual soil nitrogen, especially behind corn."

fertility, cotton can get too tall and overgrown, Bell said.

"High-mic cotton can occur the boll load, resulting in carbohydrates going to fewer bolls and said. "It is important for farmregulator program in a high input system."

range of moisture levels.

"However, excessive water or drought can cause problems. While it requires relatively little water until we get to the first white bloom period, it is very critical we don't stress the cotton at that stage.

"We want moisture for germination and establishment and to activate our preplant herbicides, so supply at least enough water to get the plants established and activate herbicides," she said.

Early bloom is the high water requirement period, Bell said. If water availability is short, water stress can gradually be imposed in the late bloom, cutout and boll opening periods.

"We tell producers to be cautious with irrigation during these

"But if Bt varieties are in your

future this coming season, know

what particular traits in terms of

protection you'll most likely need

on your farm and which varietal

generation best offers those pro-

tections," Vyavhare said. That

way you'll not be paying for traits

you may not need, because in to-

day's tight cotton market, every

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excessive vegetation," she said. "Typically, you don't have sufficient growing degree days, so we may run out of time to mature the top bolls. The top bolls generally Under excessive irrigation and haven't matured at the end of the season, and this can affect uniformity at harvest.

"As we move north into the when there is too much plant for Panhandle, there is the chance of an early freeze, which limits maturity and yield potential," Bell making the fiber too thick," she said. "Oct. 15 is the average first freeze date in the northern High ers to have a good plant-growth Plains, so you have to plan accordingly.

"If the season is cut short, you Bell said cotton is an excellent might have a good mic on the botfit for this region, as it is drought tom bolls, the middle bolls may tolerant and responds well to a be average and the top bolls are immature, resulting in an overall lower quality mic and penalties,"

> A fertility season-long program is also important, Bell said. Often producers apply all their fertilizer up front, "but you don't want to put all your fertilizer on at one ly/215oloq.

time. We do want to get our phosphorus out at planting, especially since it is very important for root

But side-dressing nitrogen fertilizer after evaluating the stand establishment is a good option, she said, especially on dryland acres. Put it on at the correct time to encourage just enough vegetative growth for a good boll set.

"Soil testing always recommended," Bell said. "Manage the residual soil nitrogen to optimize quality. Don't apply it all upfront; you might not think you have time for a split application, but there is a tradeoff if you don't. Excessive vegetative growth requires an intensive plant-growth regulator program."

Bell advised cotton producers to look for varieties that are stable, have performed well across different environments and have a realistic maturity date for this region. Cotton variety trial results can be found at http://bit.

Pollinators are essential for crops By Becky Keim, beckyk@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

The majority of Americans pay little attention to pollinators – bees,

butterflies, wasps, moths and other insects. However, without pollinators, many crops would not grow. A large

variety of fruits and vegetables would become scarce or incredibly expensive, and the cost of other products, including clothing (as cotton is bee-pollinated), would be impacted. Over 70 percent of the world's crop plants depend on pollination.

In addition, many fruit and vegetable crops require pollination to produce. Wildlife like deer, quail, pheasants and other animals depend on the production of berries and fruits for food. Many human actions, such as pollution and conversion of natural

habitat, have impacted pollinators and their ability to provide ecosystem services. In our modern agricultural world, drift (or unintentional off-tar-

get contamination) from aerial spraying of pesticides has become a major threat to our pollinators. Most insecticides (and a handful of fungicides and herbicides) can kill bees directly or have sublethal effects that can, among other things, negatively impact bees' ability to reproduce and forage.

The best thing we can do for pollinator conservation is to avoid using pesticides. Unfortunately, avoiding pesticide use, particularly in today's precision farming world, is not an option for most farmers.

A solution presented by DriftWatch and Xerces Society is to take steps in reducing drift and maintaining buffer zones between sprayed areas and pollinator habitat areas.

Check out driftwatch.org and xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/ for more on pollinator conservation.

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Cotton variety selection time is here

By Steve Byrns

When it comes to making a cotton crop, selecting the right planting variety is the most important decision a cotton farmer will make all year, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton entomologist.

"Let's face it, technology seeds are expensive, but knowing what protections your particular crop might need will go a long way toward getting the most return for your invested seed dollars," said Dr. Suhas Vyavhare of Lubbock.

"Selecting Bt versus non-Bt or the kind of insect protection trait package you need is an important consideration in selecting cotton varieties."

"Over the years, Bt technologies have been fairly effective in controlling worms in cotton," Vyavhare said. The second generation Bt was more effective than the first one, and the third generation technology is more effective than the second generation due to the addition of toxins. But as might be expected, newer protective traits usually come with additional costs. So if a producer doesn't need these added protective traits, Bt varieties with older trait packages are still competitive in terms of yield and quality."

Bt technology has transformed from a single-gene trait to multigene trait packages since the technology was first introduced into U.S. agriculture in 1996, Vyavhare said. While the first generation Bt cotton had only a single Bt gene, the second generation Bt technologies such as Bollgard 2, TwinLink and WideStrike produce two Bt toxins.

Now, he said, the most recent third generation Bt varieties have a three-gene trait.

"Phytogen brand varieties with WideStrike 3 have already been on the market for the last couple of seasons," he said. "Recently, Monsanto (Deltapine brand) and Bayer CropScience (Fiber-Max and Stoneville brands), announced the availability of some of their varieties with Bollgard 3 and TwinLink Plus technologies, respectively."

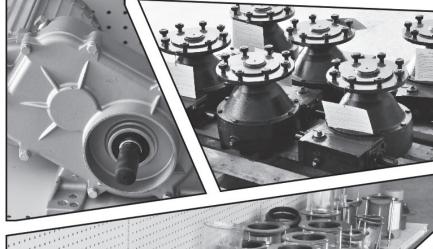
Vyavhare said some farmers opt to go with non-Bt cotton to avoid paying the expensive technology fees, which drive the cost of the seed up. Since the protections from insect pests are not present, he said field scouting for pest problems becomes paramount to stay on top of the game.

"In 2016, worm pressure on the Texas High Plains was so low that many of our non-Bt cotton fields got away without spraying for worms," he said. "This doesn't mean we will have a similar situation in 2017, as we could well face higher worm pressure, so there is a higher risk associated with the non-Bt crop compared to cotton protected by Bt. However, with a good scouting program in place coupled with timely insecticide applications, non-Bt cotton can perform well.

"While insect protection traits are an important consideration when selecting varieties, they should not take priority over agronomic characteristics such as yield, maturity and fiber quality. I have seen some of the non-Bt cotton varieties performing as well as the Bt cotton and sometimes even better, especially on the Texas High Plains where worm pressure is usually light. So it's not the transgenic insect trait that should come first, but rather it's the inherent yield potential of a variety that should govern the final decision of what

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Cotton variety trial results available for High Plains **By Kay Ledbetter**

With variety selection the most important decision made during the year by cotton farmers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomists in the High Plains and Rolling Plains have variety trial results to share from 2016.

Dr. Jourdan Bell in Amarillo and Dr. Emi Kimura in Vernon recently released the results of their large plot, on-farm, replicated cotton variety trials, which are conducted annually to assist Texas cotton producers in remaining competitive in these regions.

"This approach provides a good foundation of information that can be utilized to assist farmers with the variety selection process," Kimura said.

The two agronomists said unlike herbicide or insecticide decisions that can be changed during the season to address specific conditions and pests, variety selection is made only once and dictates the management of a field for the entire season.

Across the state, AgriLife Extension agronomists are advising that variety decisions be based on genetics first and transgenic technology second, focusing attention on agronomic characteristics such as yield, maturity and fiber quality when selecting varieties.

In the High Plains, cool temperatures and late spring precipitation prevailed through the 2016 cotton planting season, Bell said. As a result, most locations were planted with good soil moisture.

While soil temperatures at all locations were above 60 degrees at planting, cool, wet conditions slowed germination at all locations except in Hartley County where the sandier soil likely resulted in warmer soil temperatures and more uniform emergence, she said.

"Cool, wet conditions coupled with low nighttime temperatures resulted in delayed early sea-

son development as reflected in the growing degree days accumulated at all locations," Bell said. "Late July and early August were marked by several weeks with daily highs that reached or exceeded 100 degrees, causing some stress during the peak bloom period."

She said September brought much-needed precipitation and cooler temperatures; however, this also resulted in secondary regrowth at several locations requiring aggressive plant growth regulator management.

Lint production was greatest at the Deaf Smith, Hartley and Sherman county locations for all varieties. Production at Parmer County was affected by verticillium wilt that resulted in premature defoliation especially for non-tolerant varieties. At the Parmer County trial, all plots were rated for defoliation damage, and the greatest yields were achieved with tolerant varieties such as Phytogen 243 and Stoneville 4747GLB2.

Verticillium was also found at the Sherman County trial, but not at yield-limiting levels that warranted ratings, Bell said. Lint production at the Swisher County trial was affected by a late planting.

Detailed yield and quality results are presented for all High Plains locations at http://bit. ly/215oloq.

There was no specific variety that topped yields at all locations, however, Deltapine 1612B2XF, Fibermax 1320GL, NexGen 3405B2XF and Nex-Gen 3406B2XF all yielded above 1,600 pounds per acre lint at the Deaf Smith, Sherman and Hartley county locations where yield was not limited by disease or late planting.

For more information, contact Bell at jourdan. bell@ag.tamu.edu or 806-677-5600, or Kimura at emi.kimura@ag.tamu.edu or 940-552-9941.

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Seventeen Friona High School Choir students competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble in Canyon Saturday, February 18. According to FHS Choir instruction John Bonner, of the sixteen solos, twelve students received a superior rating and will advance to State Solo and Ensemble contest in Austin during the Memorial Day weekend. Soloists advancing to the state competition are: Lydia Alexander, Natalie Avilez, Eva Herrera, Brooklynne Johnston, Andrea Salas, Alex Cigarroa, Julian Cruz, Eduardo Guaderrama, Alex Licerio, Junior Reyes, Damiean Rodriguez, and Edvin Tzunuz. Lydia Alexander, Eva Herrera and Brooklynne Johnston advanced with their ensemble. Many thanks to Allison Johnston and Kim Smiley for accompanying these students. Pictured are, back row, l-r, Eduardo Guaderrama, Damian Rodriguez, Alex Licerio, Junior Reyes, Angel Valencia, Fabian Ledezma; middle row, l-r, Alex Cigarroa, Natalie Avilez, Lydia Alexander, Lupe Macias, Edevin Tzunuz, and Julian Cruz; front row, l-r, Faith Fothergill, Brooklynne Johnston, Andrea Salas, Gabby Rodriguez, and Eva Herrera.

'Right-of-Way' meeting in Amarillo

By Kay Ledbetter

The annual "ROW" Conference for right-of-way management, conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is set for Feb. 28 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

The program will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m., with lunch on your own, said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Deaf Smith County.

There is a \$10 registration fee. No credit cards accepted; make checks payable to the wick, Texas Department of Ag-Leadership Advisory Board.

Participants can earn five Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator continuing education units - one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general.

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- General Vegetation Management in Right-of-Way Area, Myron Rabalais, Bayer Chemical, Houston.

- Prairie Dog Biology and Control, Jim Knuth, Liphatech Inc., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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GPS Duals 20.8R42 6210 Hrs. S.N. 40974 (Nice) -1996 J.D. 8970 Dsl. 4 WD Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., 3 Hyd. Remotes Duals, 20.8R42 Q.R. w/14' Dozer Blade 9952 Hrs. S.N. 6010

—1992 CIH Magnum 7150 Dsl. M.F.W.D. Trac-tor Cab, A/C, Htr., 3 Hyd. Remotes 3pt., PTO, Q.H. P.S. Duals 480/80R46 8789 Hrs. S.N.

I—1991 Deutz Aliss 9170 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor

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-1990 J.D. 8760 Dsl. 4 WD Tractor Cab A/C, Htr. Q/R, 3pt., 4 Hyd. Remotes Duals 18.4R42 8602 Hrs. S.N. 2640 –1990 J.D. 4755 Dsl. M.F.W.D. Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., 3pt. PTO Q.H. P.S. 4 Hyd. Remotes

Duals 18.4R42 5199 Hrs. S.N. 5026 -1988 Cat Challenger 65 Dsl. Track Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., 3pt. Q.H. 4 Hyd. Remotes 4017 Hrs. S.N. 00517

-1984 Case 2394 2 WD Dsl. Tractor, Cab, A/C, Htr., 2 Hyd. Remotes PTO, 3pt. Q.H. Duals 20.8-38 7174 Hrs. S.N. 9934812 -1979 International 1586 2 WD Dsl. Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., 2 Hyd. Remotes, 20.8-38 Tires w/235 International Front End Loader 7946 Hrs. S.N. 17544

1973 J.D. 4630 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor Cab, A/C, Htr., 3pt., PTO 2 Hyd. Remotes 7976 Hrs. S.N. 1408 -1973 J.D. 4430 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor Cab. A/C.

Htr., Q.R. 3pt. PTO, 2 Hyd. Remotes Duals 18.4-38 New Paint 1—Kubota LA302 Dsl. M.F.W.D. Tractor 16 HP w/Loader, Shredder, Log Splitter S.N. 59184 -1973 International 1466 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor Cab, 2 Hyd. Remotes, 3pt. PTO 18.4-38

w/GB Front End Loader Hay Forks S.N. 17400 -1972 J.D. 4320 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor, Cab, 2 Hyd. Remotes 3pt. 18.4-38 8486 Hrs. S.N

1—1960 Farmall 560 Dsl. 2 WD Tractor 1 Hyd. Remote w/3pt. Shredder S.N. 35199 1—2007 J.D. 544 J Wheel Loader Cab A/C, Htr., 19919 Hrs. S.N. JZ61406

1—2002 J.D. 444 Hi Lift Loader 3YD Bucket

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