

## Senior Steak Dinner Sunday

The 2017 FHS Senior Steak Dinner is 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. At the door, tickets will be \$16. Take-out 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.



**The Burn Ban has been lifted until midnight on Sunday, April 2.**



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High winds with an approaching thunderstorm last Thursday caused an unloaded cattle truck to turn over on US86 approximately three miles east of SH 214 around 7 p.m. The driver was uninjured. The roadway was partially blocked until K-3 Towing could get the truck upright.

## PMC announces scholarships available

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Parmer Medical Center on Monday, March 13, 2017, the decision was made to once again award four \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Parmer County. Recipients will be students with intent to study and enter a career in the health care industry. In addition to satisfying other academic and eligibility criteria, recipients will have demonstrated exemplary leadership in high school and/or civic activities.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who wish to pursue healthcare related professions and to invest in future generations of healthcare providers in Parmer County.

Interested seniors may receive applications from their school guidance counselor's office or from Parmer Medical Center. Application deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, April 21, 2017. For more information, contact Heidi Eichenauer at 250-2754.

## Junior High Open House Apr. 4

Friona Junior High will hold a Spring Open House event on Tuesday, April 4 from 5-5:45 pm. Parents are invited to attend this event and visit with your child's teachers.

## Meet the Candidates forum Apr. 9

Friona High School Government/Economics class and their teacher Coach Darrel Ray are sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. FISD Board of Trustee candidates are Jaime Lewellen, Maria Monreal Garcia, Wade Schueler and Corbin Riethmayer. The audience will hear from each candidate then the moderators will ask them questions. The event will last one hour followed by refreshments where the public can speak to the candidates. The public is invited to attend this informative forum.

## Caregiver Coffee Break April 7

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.

## FISD announces early voting dates

Friona Independent School District will hold an election for two School Board Trustee seats on May 6. Those running for the two seats are Corbin Riethmayer, Maria Monreal Garcia, Wade Schueler and Jamie Lewellen.

Early voting will be conducted April 24-28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 1-2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the FISD Administration Office at 909 East 11th.

The May 6 School Board election will be held at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office at 619 Main Street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail may be mailed or emailed to: Patricia Phipps, 621 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or cityhall@frionatx.us. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

## FISD anuncia fechas de votación adelantada

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Friona tendrá una elección para dos administradores del Consejo Escolar el 6 de Mayo. Los que están corriendo para los dos puestos son Corbin Riethmayer, Maria Monreal Garcia, Wade Schueler y Jamie Lewellen.

La votación adelantada será conducida del 24 de Abril-28 de Abril de las 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m. y del 1 de Mayo-2 de Mayo de las 7 a.m. a las 7 p.m. en la Oficina de la Administración de FISD localizada en el 909 East 11th. La elección del Consejo Escolar del 6 de Mayo será en la oficina de Cámara de Comercio de Friona localizada en el 619 Main Street de las 7 a.m. a las 7 p.m. Las aplicaciones para votar por correo pueden ser mandadas por correo o por correo electrónico a: Patricia Phipps, 621 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 o a cityhall@frionatx.us. Las aplicaciones para votar por correo deberán ser recibidas antes de que cierre el negocio el Martes, 25 de Abril, del 2017.

## FBC Easter musical Apr. 9

First Baptist Church will be presenting the Easter musical "Amazing Love - How Can It Be" on Palm Sunday April 9 at 10:40 a.m. during the morning worship service. The choir invites everyone to come and join us in this special service.

## 3rd Annual Hi-Pro Feeds the Future benefit Saturday

The 3rd Annual Hi-Pro Feeds the Future Benefit and Dinner will kick off Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at The Country Rose, 570 FM 1057, Summerfield. Tickets for the benefit will be available at the door. The proceeds will benefit the Parmer County Snack Pak 4 Kids program. Last year the benefit raised \$74,000 to help feed hungry students in Parmer County.

The silent auction, Lucky Duck drawing and appetizers will be served beginning at 6 p.m.

Attendees will enjoy a live auction featuring a trip for two, guns, electronics, home décor, Montana Silver, Kendra Scott, Sirloin Lipons, car wash tokens, tools, toys, Cake of the Month and much more. Logan Harkey, of Canyon, will serve as the auctioneer for the live auction.

Cabella representatives will be on hand to showcase the guns that will be auctioned off.

According to Hi-Pro representative Varla Wilcox, "The Friona, Farwell and surrounding communities have been very generous in supplying auction items."

Snack Pak 4 Kids is on a mission to end weekend hunger for children living in the Texas Panhandle by providing a backpack filled with kid-friendly snacks each Friday of the school year.

Snack Pak 4 Kids (SP4K) founder, Dyron Howell began tackling child hunger in 2010 by providing ten sacks of food for teacher-selected students at Will Rogers Elementary School in Amarillo. His efforts since then provide 7,000 children with Snack Pak backpacks every weekend.



Howell stands on the principle that 100 percent of all donated money is used to buy food.

Sixty-seven percent of teachers have seen an improvement in academic performance due to SP4K. Ninety-four percent of teachers feel SP4K is a beneficial program. Approximately 27.1 percent of children in Texas are food insecure.

If a child does not get enough food outside of school he/she is considered 'food insecure'. According to the USDA the definition of food insecurity are households that are uncertain of having, or unable to acquire, enough food to meet basic needs of all their members because of insufficient money or other resources.

A chronically hungry child will be anxious for a meal to be served. They may rush the cafeteria line or show up early for breakfast. During the meal they will eat all of their food, not being picky about the food they are served. The hungry child will clean his/her plate and will not throw portions away. They will at times ask for seconds.

By asking a few questions, an assessment can be made as to whether or not this is a case of normal hunger or whether this seems to be a frequent situation that results because of food insecurity.

Physical appearance is also an indicator to a food insecure child. The child may exhibit

extreme thinness or puffy swollen skin, chronically dry, cracked lips or chronically dry, itchy eyes.

School performance or behavior is another indicator. By observing the child some of the following may help identify chronic hunger: excessive absences, hyperactive, aggressive, irritable, anxious, withdrawn, distressed, passive/aggressive, repetition of a grade, difficulty forming friendships and getting along with others, sickness-sore throat, common cold, stomach ache, ear infection or fatigue, short attention span or inability to concentrate.

Many times children will be open about what is going on at home. By listening, their teachers and other school of-



officials can help determine whether or not the child needs to be receiving a backpack weekly.

A sample of what is placed in the backpacks include: juice boxes, shelf stable milk, fruit cups, Pop Tarts or cereal bars, boxes of cereal, peanut butter cracker packs, beef sticks, peanuts, peanut butter and crackers.

This yearly benefit is a way for the community to give back and help the food insecure children of Parmer County.

## Commissioners approve purchase of building

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell.

The Commissioners approved the building inspection and the purchase of the building at 301 Gardner in Bovina for the housing of the AgriLife Extension Office, Justice of the Peace and other offices.

In other business the Commissioners approved a 2017 Homestead Exemption on the Farm-to-Market Fund of \$3,000 as well as an additional \$3,000 Homestead Exemption on the General Fund. This is an added tax break. According to Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis, this move will be the same as Oldham and Bailey County already have in place.

The Commissioners approved the 2016 Continuing Education Hours for Parmer County District Clerk Sandra Warren.

The next meeting for the Commissioner's Court will be Monday, April 10, 2017 at 10 a.m. These meetings are open to the public.



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FHS Powerlifters Luis Trejo and Mario Hernandez attended the State Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, March 25 in Abilene. Trejo, left, competed in the 132 lb. weight class and medaled by placing 3rd. His lifts included: Squat-460 lbs., Bench-260 lbs., Deadlift-425 lbs. for a total of 1,145 lbs. Hernandez, right, competed in the 123 lb. weight class and placed 7th. His lifts included: Squat-340lbs., Bench-200 lbs., Deadlift-370 lbs. for a total of 910 lbs. Congratulations Luis, Mario, and Coach Daniel Rosales.

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

**March 30**  
Physician's Day in the Lobby of PMC from 1-2 p.m.  
2nd Grade Music program 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.  
FJHS Track @ Muleshoe Meet  
FHS English II EOC  
Primary Class/Individual Picture Day

**March 31**  
FHS Track @ Lockney Meet  
First Annual Pre-K Transportation Parade 1 p.m. at Primary building

**April 1**  
**APRIL FOOL'S DAY**  
UIL Choir Camp at FHS 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
3rd Annual Hi-Pro Feeds the Future-6 p.m. at Country Rose  
JV/V Baseball @ Childress 12/2  
Deadline for Friends of the Library Founders Memorial Scholarship application forms 4 p.m.

**April 2**  
FHS Senior Steak Dinner 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at FJHS Cafeteria

**April 3**  
**NO SCHOOL**-District-wide Staff Development  
St. Teresa's Senior Banquet 6:30 p.m.  
Chieftain Golf in District Tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Course  
JV Baseball vs. Texico at Home 5 p.m.  
Area OAP-Tulia

**April 4**  
FHS Track @ District Meet in Shallowater  
FJHS Spring Open House 5-5:45 p.m.  
Area OAP-Tulia

**April 5**  
FHS Track @ District Meet in Lubbock Cooper

**April 6**  
2nd grade music program 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
FJHS Track at District Meet in Dimmitt

**April 7**  
Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.  
WT Services Scholarship deadline  
WIRT Scholarship deadline  
Regional OAP in Abilene  
Regional Academics & Speech Meet in Abilene  
Fedora Theatrix play at XIT Building in Bovina 7:30 p.m.

**April 8**  
PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.  
JV/V Baseball vs. River Road at Home 12/2  
Fedora Theatrix play at XIT Building in Bovina 3 p.m.

## Country Thoughts

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### Trouble's Coming

"Nobody gets out of this life alive!" These are pretty prophetic words.

This past weekend I attended a funeral for my great-uncle T.C. Drinnon. He always said T.C. meant "Trouble's Coming". After listening to all the stories, he was anything but Trouble.

The funeral was pretty much a standard funeral except there was laughter sprinkled here and there.

Most funerals are not fun. However, Uncle T.C. apparently made sure he left this world with a smile on his face and put 'fun' into funeral.

He left behind a legacy that few accomplish in their lifetime. He believed in God and preached the word. He prayed often and would share prayer with anyone that wanted to pray.

He also left behind a good memory for everyone he met.

For me, that memory was the first time I met him.

With a very serious look on his face he said, "You spelled that boy's name wrong." He was speaking of my oldest son, Tyler.

I really didn't understand but asked him why he thought that. (I didn't know his name was anything but T.C.)

He quickly explained that it should have been spelled "TYLOR" like him. Then he smiled and let loose with a laugh. Then I understood.

As I was driving home after the burial in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, I had time to think. There are a lot of miles between here and Cheyenne.

Some people work their entire lives to leave behind a legacy so they will be 'remembered'. Some people live their lives without thought to leaving a legacy but in reality they do.

Those that are not worried about their legacy live their lives to the fullest by raising their children, doing their job and just being an all-around good person. They have a ready smile that is genuine. They are there to help without thought to what must be given. They seem to have a never-ending supply of energy.

Oftentimes we don't see the toll this takes on the person because they don't let anyone see their hard times. We only see their smile and outstretched hand to give help.

Uncle T.C. was one of these people.

One of the stories that was told by his old friend went

like this:

Uncle T.C. asked him to help at the service station not too long after they met. When he got there, they went right to work. Part of that work was to detail the cars that came in for service.

The old friend thought he had done a good job but it wasn't up to Uncle T.C.'s standards. T.C. told him what needed to be done and never

mentioned it again. They went through and cleaned the car again. T.C. had made his point and saw no reason to rub it in.

T.C. and his old friend had been friends for over 40 years when T.C. passed away Wednesday, March 22. At the funeral, he and everyone in attendance shared a number of anecdotes that painted a very colorful picture of Uncle

T.C. but the one thing I took away was that he was much more than just Uncle T.C. He left his legacy without making a big deal about it.

I can only hope that when my time comes to leave this earth and I shuffle off this mortal coil there are more laughs than tears and that I leave behind good memories for everyone. We should all strive for that.

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### School Menu April 3-7

- Monday**  
**NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, pancake breakfast sandwich, orange pineapple juice, apples, milk.  
Lunch: Hot dog, Doritos, corn, Ranch Style beans, Mandarin oranges, milk.
- Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburger, broccoli, French oven potato, mixed fruit, milk.
- Thursday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk.  
Lunch: Pizza stick, marinara sauce, carrots, pears, milk.
- Friday**  
Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk.  
Lunch: Burrito, lettuce & tomato salad, mixed California veggy, fruit salad, milk.



- ACROSS**
- 1 zoo enclosure
  - 5 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
  - 6 spare \_\_\_
  - 7 Dallas-based "\_\_\_ USA Energy, Inc."
  - 8 A&M Drill Team was in "A Few Good \_\_\_"
  - 9 comedian Costello
  - 12 Abilene was founded 136 \_\_\_ ago
  - 17 TXism: "critters"
  - 19 Spanish meaning of Lampasas
  - 21 stays behind
  - 22 TXism: "weak \_\_\_ - \_\_\_-day-old kitten"
  - 23 Chevy model
  - 28 Grand Ole \_\_\_
  - 29 female sheep
  - 30 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ a mule"
  - 31 in Falls County on FM 434
  - 35 one who gives blood
  - 36 cavern near Boerne: "\_\_\_ a Name"
  - 42 "East TX Yamboree" has a sweet \_\_\_ contest
  - 44 TX chili: "bowl \_\_\_"
  - 46 Waco's "Texas State \_\_\_ College"
  - 48 this is placed on a race at "Lone Star Park" (2 wds.)
  - 49 \_\_\_ Leon, TX
  - 50 Houston space agcy.
  - 51 TX Pete who was 20th Secretary of the Army

- 52 TX Farrah was a guest star on "Mayberry \_\_\_" in October 1969
  - 53 "Houston Museum of Fine \_\_\_"
  - 54 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ with two tails"
  - 56 TX Sam Rayburn was one for years (abbr.)
  - 57 "The eyes of Texas \_\_\_ upon you . . ."
  - 58 nat'l identifier
- DOWN**
- 1 TX "Ruff Rider Regatta" (2 wds.)
  - 2 Taylor County seat
  - 3 noted Apache leader
  - 4 in Concho County on U.S. 83 and 87
  - 9 wild animal shelter
  - 10 TX Charley Pride hit: "My Eyes Can \_\_\_ You" (1976)
  - 11 active nuclear sub: "\_\_\_ Texas"
  - 12 TX Tejano group: "Little Joe \_\_\_ Familia"
  - 13 this "like" was born in Denison, TX
  - 14 TX legislative enactment (2 wds.)
  - 15 TX-based "The Last Picture Show" was a "\_\_\_ of passage" film
  - 16 stitches
  - 18 you can get a free one at a Texas Travel Information Center
  - 20 TX Willie tune: "Ain't Necessarily \_\_\_" (1990)
  - 23 "that is" abbr.
  - 24 TXism: "hopping \_\_\_" (very angry)
  - 25 aircraft propeller, informally
  - 26 TXism: "likely \_\_\_" (probable)
  - 27 plundered

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# Town Talk

Congratulations go out to Mark and Lisa Neill on celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on March 26 and Ricky and Erin Barnett are celebrating 22 years of wedded bliss.

Richard Samarron has been busy lately. He cleaned up the Library Garden and did a great job. The Friends of the Library invite everyone to notice the nice job Richard did with the garden behind the library. Apparently, it was a mess until he and his helper took away all the dead foliage that winter left behind. Thank you Richard!

The 1st Annual Pre-K Transportation Parade will be held Friday, March 31 at 1 p.m. in the gated area in front of the Primary Building. Students and their families have used their creativity to create their own version of transportation.

Friona Junior High will hold their Spring Open House this

coming Tuesday, April 4 from 5-5:45 p.m. This is a good time to talk to your child's teachers.

That was a pretty awful wind that blew through Friona last Thursday. It stirred up everything from dirt to tumbleweeds. The winds were so bad that a cattle truck leased to Bunker Trucking was blown over on its side late Thursday evening. The truck was not loaded down with cattle. Thankfully there were no injuries to the driver or any cattle. Thanks to the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for sharing photos and information.

The Friona Independent School District will be electing two Board of Trustee members on May 6.

Early voting is April 24-28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 1-2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fisd Administration Building, 909 E. 11th.

On May 6, the election will be held at the Friona Chamber of

Commerce at 619 Main Street. Those running are Corbin Rietzmayer, Maria Monreal Garcia, Wade Schueler and Jamie Lewellen.

Make plans to meet the candidates at a forum hosted by the FHS Government/Economics class on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. This hour-long forum will be followed by refreshment and visiting with the candidates.

If you want a 2016-2017 Friona High School yearbook, you will need to hurry. The deadline to order is Friday, March 31. Contact any yearbook staff member or purchase one online at <https://goo.gl/rPvAon>.

This weekend is shaping up to be a busy one filled with fun and food. The 3rd Annual Hi-Pro Feeds the Future will be held at the Country Rose on Saturday at 6 p.m. Come on out and support this fundraiser for Snack Pak 4 Kids and enjoy a delightful evening.

On Sunday, the 2017 Senior Class will host their annual steak dinner at the Friona Junior High cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The money raised from this benefit the 2017 Senior Class alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration.

The 2017 Senior Banquet season kicks off on Monday, April 3 with the St.Teresa's celebration of the Seniors. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Caregivers Coffee Break will be Friday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the First National Bank Community Room. If you are a caregiver or know a caregiver, stop by and enjoy a donut with other caregivers in the community.

ATTENTION: 2017 Seniors if you are looking for scholarships the deadline for the WT Services

and WTRT Scholarships is April 7. Easter is almost here. First Baptist Church will be presenting the musical "Amazing Love-How Can It Be" on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10:40 a.m. during the morning worship service.

Fedora Theatrx Home School Drama group will present "And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the world of Anne Frank" by James Still at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and an encore on Saturday, April 8 at 3 p.m. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

It is spring and time to clean up after a long winter.

The Friona Cemetery Association will meet April 12 to elect board members. Then they will hold their annual cleanup workday on Thursday, May 18 at 5 p.m. at the Friona Cemetery.

The Parmer County Memorial Cemetery Park met last week and elected officers. They will hold their cleanup day on Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m.

The FHS All-Sports Banquet will be Tuesday, May 9. All senior athletes need turn in their favorite photo from one of the sports they were involved in. You need to get them to Jamie Rejino.

A post on Facebook advised that there will be a Chieftain/Squaw Booster Club meeting on Monday, April 17 at 6 p.m. at Friona InterBank to discuss decorations and other ideas.

I saw where the Humane Society of Deaf Smith County will hold a grand opening for their Second Chance Animal Shelter. There will be tours of the facility on Saturday, April 1 from 12-3 p.m. with door prizes, hot dogs and a big raffle. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Hereford Farm Bureau office. Could be a good time to find a forever pet.

In other news from around the area, the 20th Anniversary Ogal-

ala Quilt Festival will be held Friday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School Activity Center. Admission is \$5.

They will have over 200 quilts on display, classes, and vendors. There will be at least seven quilts shown by Friona quilters.

I have been to this event in the

past and there are some beautiful quilts featuring some of the most beautiful artwork to be found. These quilters are very talented and for \$5 you get to walk among these masterpieces.

Well, one more week in the history books. Hope you have a great weekend and we will see you next week!



Monty Schueler, right, received two checks for \$100 each from the Parmer County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau for the Rhea Volunteer Fire Department and their dedication to protecting Parmer County. Presenting the checks was Mitchell Smiley, Parmer County Farm Bureau Agency Manager.



Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department representative Coby Summers, right, received two \$100 checks from Parmer County Farm Bureau Agency Manager Mitchell Smiley, left, for their dedication to the protection of Parmer County. The checks were from Texas Farm Bureau and Parmer County Farm Bureau.



Parmer County Farm Bureau Agency Manager Mitchell Smiley, left, presented two \$100 checks to Bovina Volunteer Fire Department Chief Cesar Marquez, right, from the local agency and the Texas Farm Bureau for their dedication to protecting Parmer County.

## Friona Flashbacks

### News from the week of March 30, 1975

\*A Friona woman, Mrs. Jo Johnson of 1201 Jackson was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday morning, of an estimated \$3,500 in jewelry.

A young white man gained entrance at Mrs. Johnson's residence, posing as a utility man wanting to check for "leaks".

After he gained entrance, he pulled a gun and asked Johnson if she had any money. After she told him she didn't, he said, "Then give me your suitcase full of jewelry."

Mrs. Johnson is a partner in an antique shop in Texico, NM, and had a briefcase full of turquoise jewelry in the trunk of her car.

\*A fire broke out at Crow's Meat Company Tuesday and destroyed the plants smoke room. That portion of the plant was ruined including losing the meat in the room, estimated at around \$1,000 worth. The plant sustained smoke damage to the pro-

cessing room and production has been stalled.

\*Dale Cleveland, a Friona High School senior, has been named to the first annual KVII-TV News Top Prep '75 team.

\*The Friona Squaws track team made a good showing at Panhandle's Girls Invitational meet last Saturday, finishing second among the 13-team meet with 66 points.

Sylvia Malouf was fifth in the long jump with a leap of 12-2. Earlene Graham placed sixth in the shot put with a

throw of 30 3/4.

\*Friona's main street has been suffering from a bad case of front-door-itis this past week. Most merchants have spent the week with a dust rag in their hand trying to keep the merchandise from getting covered up when the front door blows open...which happens on an average of once every five minutes.

"If we had a customer coming in every time the wind blows the door open, we'd really be doing a booming business," one businessman remarked.

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## Library Corner

By Darla Bracken

### Glimpses

Have you ever been feeling kind of 'down' and had something happen to you that made you suddenly and unexpectedly feel so much better about yourself and/or your circumstances? Something so unexpected and fantastic, maybe something very simple that lifted your spirits very dramatically.

Maybe it was a sudden spring shower when the weather has been very dry, even parched. Or, maybe a flower blooming and the beauty and freshness of it is so wonderful you could hardly believe it was real!

Maybe you saw someone to whom you were especially close and maybe had been wondering about or had not seen in

a long time--all make for some very memorable, happy moments. And, as they say, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by moments that take our breath away." As with rainbows, the promise of hope returns as suddenly as it had vanished.

I hope you have had these experiences as they really do lift one's spirits sometimes when we need it the most. Blessings, I believe they are.

I am so thankful and blessed to live and work in our community and to be a part of something very positive. A library serves many people sometimes for many years—even a lifetime. People of all ages, from all walks of life,

all incomes, all nationalities make it very pleasant work. And though, rules and regulations sometimes change the face of 'what we have always done' and take the fun and spontaneity out of living, we should not allow that to crush our spirits, change our outlook on life in general or keep us from feeling blessed.

New-on-the-Bookshelf: Expecting to Die by Lisa Jackson, Humans Bow Down by James Patterson, Defender by Diana Palmer, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman, Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See, Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb, and Mrs. Houdini by Victoria Kelly.

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~Psalm 29~

Shootin' Straight

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Are you a straight shooter with your words? God is, and His Word is on target every time, all the time and packs a powerful punch. Psalm 29 is one such Psalm that packs a truth punch as truth is made clear. It begins with the reality that God is worthy, and we are to ascribe to Him the glory and praise due His holy name. Everyone is worshipping someone or something, but only God is worthy of our worship because He created us and gives salvation to all who turn to Christ Jesus.

The Psalm moves from there to display that God's voice is powerful. At His commands the universe was created, storms are stilled and lives are changed. God's word is powerful, active and living, but the noise of the world seeks to drown His word out and tone Him down.

Finally, this Psalm finishes up by coming back to God's sovereignty, and closes with two of God's most precious gifts to His followers. The Lord's strength and peace are yours in Christ Jesus as you walk with Him and seek His help in times of need. God's power and peace are all that can carry you through some situations, as it is delivered by the Holy Spirit through our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Cemetery Association to meet Apr. 13

The Friona Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting Thursday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at the Friona City Hall Council Chambers. Ballots for the election of Board Members will be tabulated. Ballots were mailed out to members earlier this month. Board members that have expiring tenure are Eugene Bandy, Joe Mejia and Loren Martin. Please return ballots before April 10 along with dues and/or donations.

Dues are \$30 per year. Dues and donations make it possible for the association to maintain and improve the cemetery.

The annual cleanup workday will be Thursday, May 18 at 5 p.m. The public is reminded that if you have flowers or other decorations you want to keep, you need to get them before this time so they won't be thrown away. Faded, old flowers and decorations will be thrown away at this time. This cleanup workday is open to the public and help will be appreciated. The chapel will be open with drinks and cookies.

Jesus is My Joy

By TEENA HUGHES

Do you ever feel like everything in the world is in chaos, and there is absolutely nothing you can do about it? Right now, I feel that way.

It seems there is chaos and unsettledness in our country; it seems people get elected to positions, then they forget what they promised; it seems there are very few in the media you can trust to report the truth; it seems people don't want to stand up for what is right, for God and His Word, and the people who do are treated with total disdain by the media and others; it seems people give in to a small minority because it is the easy or expedient thing to do.

I am choosing to not let these things worry me or steal my joy.

Instead, I am choosing to continue to pray for our country; I am choosing to enjoy the cattle and horses grazing on wheat behind my house; I am choosing to spend time with people and things I enjoy. One of the things I most enjoy is discovering new things about God. This semester, I have been taught how the Old Testament foretells Jesus. It is exciting to learn, and it is exciting to see how God is such an organized, precise, and totally amazing God.

I cannot control anyone or anything anywhere. I have written letters, made phone calls, sent e-mails, and nothing changes. I am one voter out of millions, so do they really care about me? Feller recently contacted a politician; the letter he received wasn't even about the topic Feller spoke to his office about. Makes you feel unimportant and inconsequential doesn't it?

I am important to God though. When I spend time with Him, I change. When I focus on Him, I don't worry about things I have no control over. I have a relationship with Jesus, and the more time I spend with Him, the better our relationship is. He cares about me; He talks to me and listens to me. He cares what I think. Without a doubt, He is my joy, so nothing else matters.

Take care and have a great week!!!!

Workday set for Memorial Cemetery Park

The Parmer County Memorial Cemetery Park met Thursday, March 23 at the Friona InterBank Community Room to reorganize and elect officers. John Taylor was named President with Dave Bentley voted as Vice President. Other officers are Mary Joyce Barnett, Secretary and Randie Hamilton, Treasurer.

A workday is planned for Saturday, April 22 at 9 a.m. until the work is finished. Anyone who can help clean up is asked to bring weedeaters, hoes, rakes, etc. For more information, contact Randie Hamilton at First Baptist Church (806) 250-3933 or Mary Joyce Barnett at (806) 265-3583.

Panhandle Parables

What Are The Odds?

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

When I was in college I had the opportunity to go to Italy for eight weeks to teach English using the Bible. Ok I know what you are thinking especially some of you who were my English teachers, thankfully I didn't have to conjugate a sentence or all would have been lost. While there the missionary said, that a family had moved to the little town I was staying in to work for Texas Instruments. He said, they were missing home and thought a good Texas accent might help. That I could do. Texan I am fluent in. So, I found their home knocked on the door and said, "Howdy, my name is Jeff Procter and I am here for a few weeks with a church from Lubbock, TX." They both just stared at me. I thought for a moment I was at the wrong door. The husband then spoke up and said, "Do you know a Ted Procter?" What are the odds I go half way around the world to meet someone who knows my uncle?

We had a great visit with a lot of "y'all's" in for good measure. If we are open sometimes God will put us in places to serve not as we expected. I did not know when I boarded the plane to go to Italy, that I would meet someone who I already had a connection. I have found that if I can just get out of the way with my ideas, preconceived expectations or judgements God will do wonderful things.

The key for me at least is to not be too smart. I wish I did this all the time, but sometimes I overthink a situation and that tends to muddy the water a bit. You need to remember that in Christ you have a purpose, right here in Friona. You are here for a reason don't overthink it, but live in faith that God can use you here. Open your eyes to what God sees, open your heart to what God feels and give Him room to work. You will never know what little thing that you do, just may be the big thing someone else needed.

*For this reason I kneel before the Father... I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

—Ephesians 3:16-17

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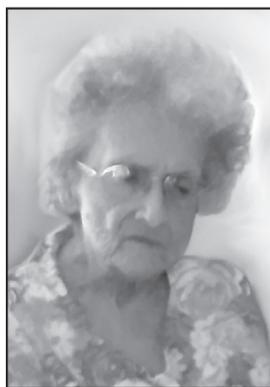
Doris Jamison

Doris Jamison, 81, of Friona, died Thursday, March 23, 2017 in Friona. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Lazbuddie Cemetery in Lazbuddie with Jeff Procter, minister of the 6th St. Church of Christ of Friona, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Doris was born July 5, 1935 in Crown Point, Indiana to Harry and Bertha Kulms Marrett. She was a security guard for Cargill Meat Solutions. She loved bingo, crossword puzzles, coffee and TV crime shows.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a son, Clifton Eric Brown.

She is survived by six daughters, Kathleen Jones and Elizabeth Winters of Chicago, Cindy Miller of Dallas, Nancy Pierce of Clovis, Sandra Gomez of Indiana, and Tammi Brito of Friona; three sons, James Barnes of Missouri, Phillip Barnes of Ropes-



ville, and Toby Brito of Friona; two brothers, Victor Marrett and Vernon Marrett of Ropesville; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

You may sign the online register book at [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com).



Sharla Ruth Cruz

Sharla Ruth Cruz, 50, of Bovina, died Saturday, March 25, 2017. Celebration of Life services were held Wednesday, March 29, 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.

Sharla was born in Friona to David Dean Wines and Pauline Taylor Dutton. She married David Cruz, May 11, 1985 in Friona.

Sharla loved living life on the edge and was a thrill seeker that loved 4-wheeling and jet skiing, and being outdoors. But, her greatest love was for her family. She also was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, David; two daughters, Destiny Cruz and D'Laney Cruz, all of Bovina; one son, Joseph Cruz and Debra Heins of Canyon; one



sister, Stephanie Marshall and Adrian Marquez of Clovis; two nephews, Sean Lindley and wife Sierra, and Chance Marshall; and a great-niece, Sienna Lindley.

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David Morales

David Morales went to be with his Maker, March 19, 2017. David was born December 21, 1959 to Jessie and Janie Morales. David was a 1978 graduate of Friona High School. He attended TSTI in Amarillo for 18 months majoring in mechanics and graduated as a member of the president's honor roll. PFC Morales served in the Army at Fort Jackson, SC and was Honorably Discharged after a year of service. David worked several years for a furniture liquidation company along with his wife, MaryAnn, and resided in Tarpon Springs, FL.

David is preceded in death by his grandparents Concho and Rosalia Morales of Roscoe, TX, Adilon and Rosa Ramirez of Friona, TX, and Fred Garza, Sr. of Alice, TX.

David is survived by his parents, Jessie and Janie Morales of Friona, TX; wife, MaryAnn Lanni Morales of Tarpon Springs, FL; daughters, D'Wann Robinson and husband Bennie



of Garland, TX, Natasha Morales of Mansfield, TX, Lacie Johnson and husband Joe of Arlington, TX; and 10 grandkids. He is also survived by his siblings a sister, Terry Morales of Friona, TX, sister Rachel Martinez and husband Phil Martinez of Friona, TX, and a brother, Jessie Morales, Jr. of Amarillo, TX. David is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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## High Plains Underground Water District News

### HPWD seeks area irrigation assessment program participants

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) reinstated its Irrigation Assessment Program to better understand the volume of pumping and its effect on aquifers within its 16-county service area.

During the past four years, participating producers volunteered to have their center pivot or subsurface drip irrigation system evaluated by HPWD staff. Water levels are measured at the beginning and the end of the growing season. In addition, flow rates of the wells/irrigation system are checked with an ultrasonic flow meter. The program is a service provided to willing participants.

The pumping hours, total gallons of water per minute, and number of irrigated acres are calculated to determine the

total acre-inches of groundwater applied during the growing season.

Water samples are also collected as an extra service to those participating in the program. HPWD is able to check Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), chloride, and pH levels. It is important to understand water chemistry since it impacts the efficient use of supplemental nutrients applied to crops.

Rainfall totals are determined through use of satellite data from April to September. This gives an estimate of the total inches of water available for crop use.

All information gathered by HPWD staff is entered into a database. Total usage may be calculated using pumping hours during the season. This is used with other data to bet-

ter understand the water level changes in aquifers within the district.

Producers receive a report of all information gathered from their site, including irrigation amounts and pumping data. Several participants have noted that the data has helped them better understand their system performance. The published information is compiled and averaged by county and crop type.

“HPWD encourages interested agricultural producers to participate in the Irrigation Assessment Program. There are two major benefits. It helps farmers understand how much water is used per year for crop production. It also helps with future water planning efforts where accurate irrigation pumping information must be considered,” said Whitworth.

### HPWD accepting rfps for water conservation research

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is now accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) for water conservation research, demonstrations, and educational efforts for Fiscal Year 2017.

Proposals are due May 1, 2017. Instructions for submitting proposals are available at [www.hpwd.org/research/](http://www.hpwd.org/research/). Just follow the link -- “HPWD Research and Demonstration Policy.”

“Highest priority is placed on proposals relating to groundwater recharge, rainwater harvesting, and practices to conserve irrigation water in agricultural or urban use. The HPWD Board of Directors look forward to receiving proposals that will help conserve water and benefit district residents,” said Manager Jason Coleman.

Earlier this month, a research and demonstration funding committee was appointed by HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

The Committee members are:  
Mike Beauchamp, Chairman (HPWD Precinct Three Director).  
Ronnie Hopper (HPWD Precinct Five Director).

Jason Coleman (HPWD General Manager).  
Kelly Kettner (HPWD County Advisory Committee member).

Kevin Riley (HPWD County Advisory Committee member).  
Todd Pope, Wellington State Bank (At-Large Member).

Aubrey Spear, P.E, Director of Utilities, City of Lubbock (At-Large Member).

In accordance with current policy, the committee will evaluate each project for possible funding. A final recommendation will be presented to the HPWD Board of Directors in a few months.

Projects funded in Fiscal Year 2016 include: Alternate Crop Systems for Limited Groundwater; Dockum Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring; Evaluation of The Dockum Aquifer in Southwest Potter County; Rainwater Harvesting Economic Analysis; Soil Endoscope for Subsurface Drip Irrigation; Water Treatment Using Plant-Based Polymers; and installation of a xeric landscape demonstration garden at Bushland Elementary School.

### Friona Independent School District Calendar of Events April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -UIL Choir Camp @10am @FHS -Area OAP @Tulia -Baseball @Childress (JV@2:30/V@12)
2 -Senior Steak Dinner -Area OAP @Tulia	3 -Area OAP @Tulia -Baseball vs Texico, NM (JV@5) -District Golf Tournament @Meadowbrook Golf Course	4 -Area OAP @Tulia -Spring Open House @FJH @5pm-5:45pm -District Track Meet@Shallowater	5 -District Track Meet @Lubbock Cooper	6 -Regional OAP @Abilene -JH District Track Meet @Dimmitt	7 -Regional OAP @Abilene -Regional Academics & Speech Meet @Abilene -5 <sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Ends	8 -Baseball vs River Road (JV@2:30/V@12)
9	10 -6 <sup>th</sup> 6wks Starts	11 -1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip -Baseball @Tulia (JV@6/V@4)	12 -Kindergarten Pictures -	13 -Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt -Area Track Meet @Tulia	14 -Good Friday (No School) -Baseball @Dimmitt (JV@2:30/V@12)	15
16 -Choir Follies @FHS Cafeteria @7pm	17 -Pre-K Registration	18 -Pre-K Registration -Kindergarten Fieldtrip -Baseball vs Childress (JV@6:30/V@4)	19 -Pre-K Registration	20 -Pre-K Registration -State Academic Meet @Austin -State OAP @Austin	21 -Pre-K Registration -State Academic Meet @Austin -State OAP @Austin -Baseball @Texico, NM (JV@1:30 MT)	22 -State Academic Meet @Austin -State OAP @Austin
23	24	25 -Baseball @River Road (JV@6:30/V@4)	26	27	28 -Regional Track Meet @Abilene	29 -Regional Track Meet @Abilene -Baseball vs Tulia (JV@2:30/V@12)
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Mitchell Smiley, Parmer County Farm Bureau Agency Manager, left, presented a \$100 check from the local office and a \$100 check from Texas Farm Bureau to Friona Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Taylor. The checks were for their dedication to the community and protecting Parmer County.



Farwell Volunteer Fire Department Chief Daniel Kaltwasser, right, received two checks for \$100 each from Texas Farm Bureau and Parmer County Farm Bureau for their dedication to protecting Parmer County. Presenting the checks was Mitchell Smiley, Parmer County Farm Bureau Agency Manager.

# WTRT rolling out changes in May

Amy Linzey, chief executive officer of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, told members during the 63rd annual meeting of WTRT March 28 that bringing fiber optic cable and its associated high speed Internet and Internet Protocol TV (IPTV) to all WTRT members is progressing.

A contractor has already installed 78 miles of duct in the Oklahoma Lane, Parmer, Tharp and Hub rural exchanges of Parmer County and fiber will follow.

“Our Construction Team will inject fiber optic cable into the 78 miles of duct and install the drops from our equipment to the homes we have passed. Our Splicing Team will splice the fiber, and our Installation and Repair Team will install service to rural homes and businesses in Parmer County. Many members in Oklahoma Lane have already been converted to fiber. If you are close to a Fiber Fed Node or we have passed your home with fiber, you will be able to have high speed internet and receive our video from the state-of-the-art IPTV system in Hereford. As fiber is deployed in the WTRT service area the IPTV feed from Hereford can be sent to members.” said Ms. Linzey.

Additionally, WTRT subsid-



ary WT Services, is upgrading facilities in Friona and Bovina to very high bit rate digital subscriber line (VDSL) that will eventually allow sending an IPTV feed from Hereford to Friona and Bovina, providing those communities a better video product.

“I have spoken in the past about the importance of the Universal Service Fund to WTRT and companies like us. The Obama Administration attempted to revamp the Fund and promote fiber deployment in rural America by developing a new fund that would have allotted our company about \$2 million in additional funding annually for the deployment of fiber over a 10-year period.

“Unexpectedly, too many companies opted into the new fund, cutting the amount we will receive in half—not enough to build fiber to everyone in our service area with approximately 700 route miles to install. The funding shortfall means WTRT’s initially targeted 140 miles of fiber installation in 2017 is scaled back to 78 miles,” she said.

To deploy fiber as efficiently and cost effectively as possible, WTRT enlisted a contractor to

install the duct that houses fiber in the ground.

Ms. Linzey explained that the struggle for rural communications infrastructure funding continues.

“My friend, Shirley Bloomfield, CEO of NTCA, the Rural Broadband Association, testified in early March before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The Committee will recommend how the Trillion Dollar Infrastructure bill should be spent. Ms. Bloomfield testified why broadband is vital in rural America and that companies like WTRT still need the funding to completely build out our networks with fiber. Because of her testimony, we are hopeful additional funding will allow us to bring fiber to all of our members.”

She emphasized much work remains to be done.

While fiber optic cable is the backbone of the WTRT network it won’t work without electronics to light the fiber. Data and voice traffic won’t flow over the network without a switch. Video won’t transmit without systems that send the video signals.

“During the past year, we

upgraded our main switch, and video systems. Our engineering consultant is making the network more stable and reliable. They are installing a new firewall and a Denial of Service Server that will identify DOS attacks, capture them and deny service to the individual that participated in the DOS attack.”

Ms. Linzey stressed that all businesses must be alert to prevent Cybersecurity attacks. “Folks, they’ve attacked the Pentagon and shut down another agency for weeks. We have asked our engineering consulting firm to conduct a Cybersecurity audit and perform ongoing analyses to protect our

network and customers.”

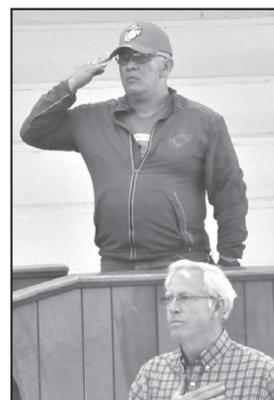
WTRT is rolling out billing and payment changes in May. The new SmartHub billing system will allow efficiencies between various departments in service order processing, trouble reporting, accounting and billing.

“I am proud to announce that customers will soon be able to utilize online bill payment. While expensive, these investments keep our network updated, and provide the best possible service to our members,” said Ms. Linzey.

She explained WTRT’s network connects with neighboring communications providers and directly to major Internet service providers in Seattle and Dallas, with a connection to Denver coming soon. The connections allow for redundancy and a better customer experience.

She highlighted activities of WTRT, and the teamwork required for accomplishments.

“We recently upgraded our transport network and we continue to monitor the usage on our network to ensure we have the appropriate bandwidth to serve customers. We look for new services while continuing to improve our existing services. We provide voice telephone service, long distance and international service just like the big commercial providers. We are working consistently and



diligently to provide broadband internet at speeds that meet the needs of our customers now and far into the future. We provide Enhanced 911 service where in an emergency, your address identifies to the 911 representative. We offer Two-way Radio sales and service and telephone systems. We are working on offering security cameras, sensors, and other monitoring devices. We have recently added cameras to our own buildings and we now have our security license.

“I use the word, ‘we’, a lot. I don’t do this alone and appreciate the team members of WTRT and its subsidiary, WT Services,” Ms. Linzey said.

WTRT and WT Services recognized a cumulative 125 years of service by seven employees.

WTRT employees honored and their service time were LaNell Kendrick, Special Projects, 35 years; Rich Kendrick, Manager-Finance/Accounting/Radio Systems, 25 years, and Mendy Bevers, Operation Center/Customer Care Team, 15 years.

WT Services employees recognized included Ruby Castillo, Customer Care Manager-Hereford/Bushland, 20 years; Teresa Serna, Customer Care Team-Friona, 15 years; Anita Miramontes, Customer Care Supervisor, 10 years; and Matt Davis, Amarillo radio shop installation and repair, 5 years.



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El Condado de Parmer, con Servicios Compartidos sirviendo los Distritos Independientes de las Escuelas de Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, y Farwell, están ofreciendo una **CLINICA DIAGNÓSTICO GRATIS** para niños de 3, 4 y 5 años que parecen tener un problema de aprendizaje o en el desarrollo. Especialistas Certificados van a estar trabajando con niños en esta clínica que va a ser localizada en los siguientes lugares, Viernes 7 de Abril, del 2017.

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**10:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

**ESCUELA DE LAZBUDDIE – BIBLIOTECA**

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Si usted está interesado sobre el desarrollo de su niño, tráigalo a esta clínica. Si usted necesita más información, llame a Jo Ann Belcher, Directora de Educación Especial al: (806) 250-3315. SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

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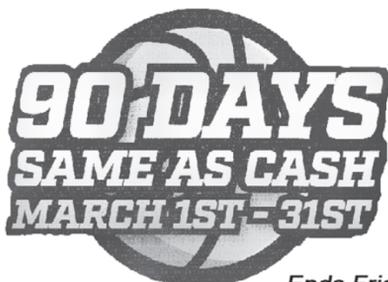
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## New cotton technologies add to grower responsibilities

By Steve Byrns

From a cotton farming standpoint, it may be more important now than ever to know your surroundings, said a pair of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists at Lubbock.

In the past, farmers used to plant brown bag seed and had few post-emergence herbicide options, said Dr. Seth Byrd, AgriLife Extension agronomist. But with today's genetic weed-fighting seed technologies and new formulations of old active ingredients, there's an almost bewildering array of parameters growers must follow to abide by label requirements and minimize risk of damaging their crops or those of others.

Byrd and Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, said problems could occur if growers do not carefully apply these new auxin herbicide formulations in the new cotton varieties. Growers must be aware of susceptible crops and sensitive habitats nearby.

"Many cotton producers will be planting different types of the new herbicide-resistant cotton varieties this spring that carry auxin or other broadleaf weed herbicide-resistant traits," Dotray said. "But they and/or their neighbors may well be planting or have other crops that are highly sensitive to auxin herbicides including grapes."

"Application stewardship... think 'responsibility,' has become a constant mantra at all our single and multi-county AgriLife Extension meetings this winter. But it's an extremely important message, so it's our hope everyone by now is well-aware of the need to properly utilize these new technologies to avoid any unpleasant issues with off-target herbicide drift to protect their neighbors' crops...as well as their own."

"This has been and will continue to be a unified message delivered by AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Research and allied industry statewide."

From the cotton variety perspective, Byrd said it's important to understand the differences between the new technologies.

The 2,4-D resistant cotton from Dow AgroSciences is called Enlist and includes the W3FE genetic trait package. It's included in several varieties in the PhytoGen Cottonseed company brand.

Byrd said the dicamba herbicide-resistant cotton from Monsanto is

called XtendFlex and includes the XF and B2XF genetic trait packages. These trait packages will be included in several varieties from Deltapine, Americot/NexGen, All-Tex/Dyna-Gro and CROPLAN Genetics brands.

Byrd and Dotray said farmers should take copious notes in order to keep everything straight as to who planted what, where. And that's in addition to their constant admonishment to always read and follow any and all accompanying label directions when dealing with any type of pesticide.

"Both the Enlist cotton and XtendFlex cotton will be resistant to three different herbicides," Dotray said. "They both will be resistant to glyphosate (Roundup) and glufosinate (Liberty); however, the third piece, which is either 2,4-D choline resistance or dicamba resistance, will be unique to one, but not both technologies. In other words, there are no 2,4-D choline and dicamba cross-resistant cotton varieties."

"Bottom line, and this is important, you can't spray Enlist Duo, a new herbicide premix formulation containing 2,4-D choline plus glyphosate on XtendFlex cotton and you can't spray any dicamba formulation, including the new dicamba-resistant formulations of XtendiMax with VaporGrip from Monsanto or Engenia from BASF, on Enlist cotton. If you do, you'll kill your cotton and possibly your neighbors' as well as other susceptible crops."

Dotray said a "systems" approach will be critical for season-long control of troublesome weeds.

"Our research shows that XtendiMax or Engenia herbicides in XtendFlex cotton and Enlist Duo in Enlist cotton will help manage hard-to-control weeds including glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth."

Dotray said the first principle for effective weed management is to start with a clean field. He said tillage, preplant burndown herbicides and preplant incorporated dinitroaniline herbicides such as Trellan and Prowl will play a critical role in starting clean.

"Preemergence and early post-emergence herbicides will also play an important role in a dicamba-based or 2,4-D-based cotton weed control systems," Dotray said. "Mid- and late-postemergence applications may be needed to effectively manage weeds until the end

of the season.

"Any missed weeds should be removed, even if you have to pull them individually, because as an example, just one resistant Palmer amaranth plant can yield 600,000 seeds or more, greatly adding to your future weed infestation frustrations."

When applying these new XtendiMax, Engenia and Enlist Duo herbicide formulations, Dotray said growers must be aware of not only the chemicals' properties, but also the application requirements.

These include preplant and in-season herbicide-use rates per application per season, targeted weed size, nozzle selection, ground speed, boom height, wind speed and direction, the buffer requirements needed around the field to protect sensitive areas and susceptible crops and approved tank mix additives such as other herbicides and adjuvants, which are used to help stick the herbicide to the plant.

Websites Dotray recommends for help with application requirements are: XtendiMax, [www.xtendimax-applicationrequirements.com](http://www.xtendimax-applicationrequirements.com); Engenia, [www.EngeniaTankMix.com](http://www.EngeniaTankMix.com); and Enlist Duo, [www.EnlistTankMix.com](http://www.EnlistTankMix.com).

"Of the new traits and technologies, we're likely to see more West Texas acres planted to varieties with the XtendFlex trait than Enlist, mostly due to seed availability and because producers have more experience with the XtendFlex cotton varieties," Byrd said.

"We had several of these in our on-farm variety RACE Trials last year that did well in irrigated and dryland tests. However, we also had varieties without the XtendFlex trait that did well. Cost is another consideration, because seed with the new traits is expensive, so unless it is really needed, I expect many of the dryland acres will continue to be planted using older RF or GT varieties or conventional varieties to keep costs down."

Byrd and Dotray recommend that the total package, both of the variety and issues in the field that a variety or trait package can address, should be considered when making decisions on the value of the new technologies.

"If there is comfort with being able to stick to the label requirements then these technologies provide an excellent tool for weed management and cotton production," Byrd said.

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## FHS journalism team earn 1st place

Friona High School proudly announced last week that the Journalism team brought home 1st place at a recent UIL competition.

The results of for each team member are as follows:

Chris Rodriguez, 6th place in Accounting; Kessly Salinas, 4th place in Ready Writing; Lydia Alexander, 4th place in News Writing and 5th in Feature Writing; Angel Mills, 2nd

place in News Writing; and Kendall Barnett, 1st in Headline Writing and 4th in Editorial Writing.

Taylor Stallings, 2nd place in Editorial Writing and 5th place in Headline Writing; Graci Stallings, 1st place in Feature Writing and 2nd place in Headline Writing; and Brooklynn Johnston, 1st place in Poetry, 1st place in News Writing and 3rd place in Feature Writing.



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The FHS Journalism team earned 1st place at a recent UIL competition. Team members are, back, l-r, Chris Rodriguez, Kendall Barnett, Taylor Stallings, and Angel Mills; front, l-r, Kessly Salinas, Lydia Alexander, Brooklynn Johnston, and Graci Stallings.

## Cotton marketing workshop set for April 5

By Steve Byrns

Is now the time to price your 2017 cotton crop? That question and many more will be addressed by experts during the cotton marketing workshop held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Lubbock.

The free Bayer-sponsored workshop will run from 1-4 p.m. in Room 107-108 of the Lubbock Civic Center April 5, which is the afternoon prior to the opening of the ginners' trade show.

Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist at Lubbock, said the primary topics to be discussed will be the cotton and grain market outlook and pricing strategies.

"We'll also be looking at possible opportunities for producers found in the farm bill to improve their bottom line by planting program crops on cotton generic acres to qualify for program payments," Smith said. "But the main item of workshop business will be helping producers through the dilemma surrounding current cotton prices, which are at a level now that have many trying to decide if they should forward price some or all of their expected production."

Along with Smith, who has served Lubbock area farmers for over 30 years, speakers will include Dr. John Robinson and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension cotton marketing specialist and economist, respectively, from College Station. Also scheduled

to speak is Kelli Merritt, president of CropMark Select.

Smith maintains the profitability website <http://southplainsprofit.tamu.edu/> where the budget spreadsheet to be discussed during the workshop can be found.

Robinson has been the state cotton marketing specialist for more than 12 years and his Cotton Market Outlook is available at <http://cottonmarketing.tamu.edu/>. He also provides daily crop market news on Twitter @

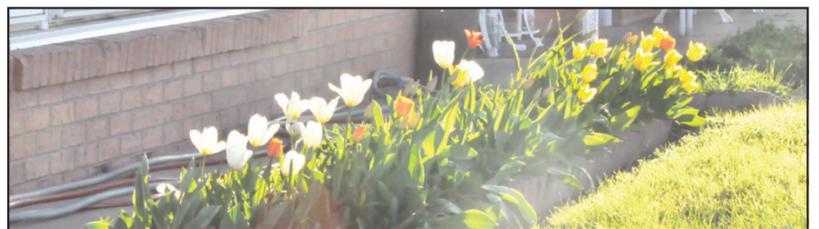
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Merritt, a licensed commodity broker and cotton grower in Dawson County who serves as a liaison between farmers and spinning mills, will speak on the various marketing tools that can be used to forward price cotton to take advantage of favorable prices, Smith said.

More information on the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show is available at: <http://www.tcg.org/>.

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