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Schueler, Lewellen elected to Trustees

There were 670 votes cast in the recent Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees election. Elected to the board were Wade Schueler with 238 votes and Jamie Lewellen with 209 votes. Corbin Riethmayer received 191 votes and Maria Garcia had 32 votes.

FHS Choir Follies May 16

The FHS Choir Follies will feature "Throwback to the 90's" on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Friona Junior High Auditorium followed by dessert in the junior high cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Free pre-natal classes in May

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County provides free education to expectant mothers in Parmer County. The classes are for not only first time moms, but mothers who already have 1 or more children. Classes are available in both English and Spanish.

To sign-up for classes, please stop by the Parmer Medical Center conference room Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Classes are typically held on Saturday mornings once a month, but times can also be customized to meet special needs.

Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. The "Baby's Bin" has a great selection of items from car seats to diapers. Mothers who have been through the classes have a wide selection of items to choose from.

For more information about the coalition, see a HBC Board member or contact Heidi Eichenauer at 806 250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at 295-8291

Commissioners double subsidies to county EMS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, May 8 in Farwell at the County Courthouse.

The first order of business was to double the subsidies to the county Emergency Medical Services. Currently each month Friona EMS receives \$800, Bovina EMS \$400, Farwell EMS \$400 and Lazbuddie \$400. As of January 2018, these amounts will double pending a budget meeting and any unforeseen circumstanc-

Parmer County received a favorable report on the 2016 audit conducted by Michele Kirkland. The county has increased their operating surplus from five months to seven months. The county has shown a turnaround in the incoming funds being more than the outgoing funds. This is the first time the county has had a balanced budget in 6 years.

The commissioners heard reports from Larry Johnston and Altha Herington and approved to have the Texas Association of Counties to use the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) to run the num-

bers on the effect of Obamacare. The commissioners did not approve a Memorial Day fireworks period. It was determined that this period fell during peak wheat harvest and would pose a fire danger.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that the daily attendance in the jail is running between 27-30 inmates with no outside prisoners being housed in the jail facility.

The commissioners will meet again on May 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the County Courtroom at the courthouse in Farwell. All meeting are open to the public.





dana jameson photos

Luis Trejo and Paige Upton, left, were honored with the 2017 Fighting Heart award at the annual FHS All-Sports Banquet on Tuesday evening. Kim DeWit and Christopher Rodriguez, right, were named Fighting Squaw and Chieftain for 2017.

Stallings, Barnett, Garcia named 2017 top graduates

at the annual Senior Awards. The top graduates were announced, as were the scholarships amounting to approximately \$60,000. Del Lewis was honored as the newest initiate into the Hall of Distinguished Graduates. Lewis left the seniors with these words, "Find your passion and follow it!"

The class of 2017 Valedictorian is Taylor Stallings, Salutatorian is Kendall Barnett and Historian is Alexa Garcia. Rounding out the top ten are Jasmin Salas, Christopher Rodriguez, Briana Alvarado, Kori Caywood, Mason Fleming, Evarista Herrera, and Beatris

Distinguished graduates for 2017 are Briana Alvarado, Sabrina Barraza, Kendall Barnett, Jesse Chavez Evarista Herrera, Beatris Molina Franco, Jasmin Salas, and Taylor Stallings.

Stallings was awarded the 2017 Presidential Honor Scholar award. The criterion for this award is to earn a 4.375 Cum GPA and commended performance on ELA or Algebra State Assessment.

Earning South Plains cords were Sabrina Barraza, Kendall Barnett, Kori Caywood, Mason Fleming, Alexa Garcia, Thomas Hutchins, Beatris Molina Franco and Taylor Stallings.

UIL Scholar awards went to Briana Alvarado, Kendall Barnett, Kori Caywood, Alexa Garcia, Christopher Rodriguez, Jasmin Salas and Taylor Stallings. The criteria for this award were to be part of the top 10 per-

The seniors of 2017 were honored Sunday, May 7 Garcia, Kim DeWit, Mason Fleming, Alexa Garcia, cent of the class and participate in a UIL event in high school.

The following were named to the 2017 National Honor Society: Briana Alvarado, Kendall Barnett, Kori Caywood, Mason Fleming, Alexa Garcia, Jasmin Salas, and Taylor Stallings.

The following were named to the 2017 National English Honor Society: Briana Alvarado, Alexa Garcia, Taylor Stallings, Kendall Barnett, Kori Caywood, Mason Fleming, Evarista Herrera, Rosa Macias, Beatris Molina Franco, and Jasmin Salas.

Alexa Garcia, Beatris Molina Franco, Evarista Herrera, Jesse Chavez, Griselda Karina Santiago, Marilena Viernes and Rosa Macias were named to the 2016-17 National Spanish Honor Society.



2017 FHS Top Ten

Mighty Writers students present program to Trustees

The FISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 8 at the FISD Administration Building will all members in at-

Beverly Ingram and Annette Frye presented their students that are participating in the Reading Recovery Program. The students read to their writing projects to the board. Ingram and Frye went on to explain that the program, Summer Reading program, Mighty Writers and summer school in August. Currently they are conducting the fourth club contest, which awards these young writers. The students are asked to write a fun story that contains the theme of "Writers play with words to make their stories fun!" The deadline for these stories is this Friday, May 12.

Friona Junior High School Principal Mark Sundre presented his last activities report before he retires at the end of the school year. He explained to the board how the Junior High will combine the English Language Arts to use one teacher to instruct both English and Reading to provide more continuity.

"This has been a great Spring! It has gone really well," stated Sundre. "I've really enjoyed my nine years here. This is a comfortable

FHS Principal Erika Montana stated that they are done with STA-AR testing and that attendance for the testing was 100 percent. She Awards held Sunday, May 7 there were \$60,000 in scholarships from the community. Each student that

applied for a scholarship got one. She went on to report that the FCCLA will be conducting a "Dude Be Nice" project and recognizing the FHS Cafeteria Staff this Friday. CASA will honor the senior class with a hot dog dinner at the City Park on Friday, May 2

from noon to 1 p.m. Montana spoke with the board about the Ag Advisory Committee and their efforts to fill positions in the Ag Department at the High School. They look to fill the position by the end of this school year.

Primary Principal Ashley Smith updated the board on the security improvements that are being made at not only her building but also the portable buildings and the ECE building. She stated that the new cameras and locks have been installed and are connected to the computer in her office. The issue with the telephone system is being dealt with. Speakers have been installed to transmit outside the main building, cafeteria, and playgrounds.

FHS Athletic Director Jimmy Arias gave an update on his department and informed the board of upcoming camps for boys and girls basketball and volleyball. He stated at this point his staff is

FISD Superintendent Dr. Pam

went on to state that at the Senior Ray informed the board that enrollment is at 1,132 students

> The board approved the consent agenda and to pay the April bills. Montana addressed the board about amending Honor Graduate criteria. The board tabled the issue

> until a policy could be written. The board addressed the Oneto-One IPad Initiative for 2017-2018 and after a detailed debate decided to table the issue until a survey of teachers could be taken

to determine the usage of IPads in hiring authority of certified teachthe classroom in additional grade levels.

A 3.5 percent raise for custodial, maintenance, secretarial and paraprofessional staff was tabled at this time.

A contract with Lubbock Sports Medicine was discussed and approved for athletic training ser-

vices to continue. The board voted to retain the ers and to align board policy with procedures regarding operating procedures.

The trustees will meet May 15 at 7 a.m. to canvas the ballots of the recent election and consider

bids. The next regular meeting of the board will be Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the administration building. Meetings are open



dana jameson photo

Mighty Writer Amberly Madrid, right, reads the paper she wrote to the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday evening. Mighty Writers instructors Annette Frye, left, and Beverly Ingram, center, presented a number of their students to the board as examples of their Reading Recovery Program.

Band Spring Concert @ 6 p.m. in FHS Gym

City of Friona dinner for Friona Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. at Senior Citizen House

<u>May 12</u>

Pre-K Mother's Day Tea 11:30 a.m. FJHS Awards Ceremony at 2:15 p.m. in FJHS Auditorium

FHS Awards Assembly @ 10 a.m. Hamburger Cookout at Prairie Acres @ Noon with Noon Lions World Famous Fries

Mother's Day Party at Prairie Acres 3 p.m.

<u>May 13</u>

PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m. FHS Junior/Senior Prom at Her-

eford Country Club Canadian River Music Festival

May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

May 15-21 **POLICE NATIONAL** WEEK

FISD School Board meeting at 7 a.m. at the Administration Building

<u>May 16</u>

Choir Follies @ FHS Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Family Bingo Night at Prairie Acres 7 p.m.

FHS FFA Banquet at Junior High Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

<u>May 17</u>

Senior Hi-Fives Elementary Science Fair

<u>May 18</u>

Elementary Awards: 2nd & 3rd @ 1 p.m.; 4th & 5th @ 2:15 p.m.

Friona Cemetery Association Annual Cleanup Workday at Friona Cemetery at 5 p.m.

<u>May 19</u>

Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m.

FHS Chieftain Challenge at Chieftain Field

<u>May 20</u> ARMED FORCES DAY

Friona athletic physicals at FHS beginning at 8 a.m. \$15 per child. Senior Mass at St. Teresa in Frio-

May 21-27 NATIONAL EMS WEEK

May 21

na at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Fishing Day at Reeve Lake 1-4 p.m.

May 22

Primary Awards Ceremony @ 2 p.m. Parmer County Commissioners meet at the County Courthouse in Farwell at 10 a.m.

Country Thoughts dana jameson

Oops! Pardon Moooo!

I was going through emails last week and ran across the new regulations in California for limits on cow flatulence. As you can imagine, I stopped and read it. Not because I am interested in cow flatulence but because of the absurdity of the regulation.

I wrote a column a few years ago about an old friend, Nanny, that believed that the reason we no longer got rain in this area was because of the cow farts. Sorry, but that is what she called them.

She believed that they created a bubble over this area that could not be penetrated by rain. So, the clouds went around us and dumped much needed rain on other areas.

Now, Nanny, could have been right but I never thought that opinion shared in confidence would ever amount to anything. But now the Cali-

The Ambulance Committee

met on Thursday, May 4 in the

City Council Chambers to dis-

cuss further plans to purchase

a new ambulance. The discus-

sions centered on how the new

ambulance will be purchased

and how we get more people

certified to man the new am-

bulance? Obviously, there are

many details to be worked out.

The Ambulance Coordinator,

Jeannie Martin, is searching for

and pursuing any grant money

that would assist the ambulance

technicians to load and unload

the patient in and out of the am-

bulance. Currently, the ambu-

lance technicians are using a cot

that requires a lot of strength to

load the patient placing a lot of

stress on their backs, legs and

arms. The purchase of the new

powered Stryker Cot would be

ergonomically sound. The cost

of a new Stryker cot is around

\$22,500. Hopefully, we can get

Chief Jimenez and the officers

Please stay tuned.

fornia legislature is rolling out this new regulation.

We all know that when a cow passes gas they don't excuse themselves. They don't even acknowledge the action.

Another name for cow farts is bovine entric fermentation. This sounds like a long term created to make it sound more important by someone with too much time on their hands.

According to the report, one cow can produce 130 gallons of methane a day. This methane is worse than carbon dioxide. Think how many gallons of methane a good-sized feedyard will create.

The law won't stop cows from passing gas. Instead it will make life for California dairy farmers more difficult.

The cure for this issue is for California to spend \$50 million to help offset costs of "dairy digesters" which will capture

month of April. There were 82

stops, 58 warnings, 24 citations

and 3 arrests (1-Driving while

license invalid, 1- warrant arrest

and 1-criminal trespass). The

officers drove a total of 2,252

miles protecting our city. The

plan is to move the Police De-

partment to the old Credit Union

building the week of May 9. The

Sheriff's Department will take

Mayor's Minutes

methane and convert it into to follow. electricity. I don't know about achieve this.

disrespectful issuance of meth- south bound cow. ane gas. They don't even say, "Oops! Pardon me!".

Vegetarian groups Somehow that was expected.

According to the email, Calihouse gas emissions and they are trying to get them down to world. a reasonable level of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The Air Resources Board, now finds itself in the business of to a machine that will catch this regulating what comes out of a bovine buttocks. (Their words, not mine.) They plan to have a proposed model for other states

I want to see a show of hands you but I don't think I want to of people that really want to see the contraption that will change from non-flatulence related occupations to follow-For years, the world has ing cows around gauging what been attacking cows for their comes out the north end of a

Didn't think so. Me either.

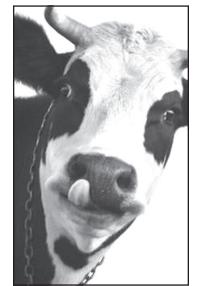
Since we live in cattle counare try, there are plenty of cows to weighing in on the subject create methane gas and plenty and say that we need to reduce of bovine behinds to regulate. the number of cows in Africa. Think of all the electricity we are passing up by allowing them to continue being so fornia has issues with green- rude to pass gas whenever they want. We could light up the

> Now we need to figure out how to get them to say "excuuuuuuuse me!" and back up

noxious gas for electricity. This gives a whole new meaning to "pull my finger."

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Maybe Nanny was on to something!



Council considers diverse agenda

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8 in the Council Chambers at 619 Main to discuss a number of agenda

The council disapproved of the resolution denying the surcharge submitted by Southwestern Public Service Company. They went on to accept the agreement with the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation or Buyboard.

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez presented the monthly police report and stated that they moved into the new police station starting on Tuesday, May 9. Sheriff Randy Geries and the Sheriff's Office received the Friona calls for service during the two day down time while they moved.

The council approved the accounts payable and financial statements for April 2017 before they approved a request from the Chamber of Commerce for three upcoming sidewalk sale days. Those dates are July 4, July 15 during the Cheeseburger Festival and September 16 during Maize Days.

The council went into executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge. They reconvened and approved the continued services of Judge Campbell.

The council will meet again on May 30, 2017 at 8 a.m. to swear in the members. The regular meeting of the council will be June 12, 2017 in the Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public.

School Menu May 15-19

Monday Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk.

Lunch: Chicken patty, roll, mashed potatoes, fresh tomatoes, pears,

Breakfast: Cereal, Eggstravaganza burrito, orange pineapple juice, apples, milk. Lunch: Corn dog, Doritos, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges,

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburger, cheese broccoli, French oven potatoes, mixed

Thursday

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk. Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, carrots, mixed California veggies, straw-■berries & bananas, milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Cereal, pancake sausage stick, fruit punch juice, apple-

Lunch: Cheese enchiladas, lettuce & tomato salad, Ranch-style beans, fruit salad, milk.

<u>May 24</u>

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The Ambulance Committee is calls for us while W.T Services discussing these points and will get the phones and radios transbe passing on information to the ferred. Hopefully, this will only community in the near future. occur for a couple of days. The We want to thank the commitnew video cameras have been tee for their desire and dedicainstalled and the DPS will move tion in pursuing the possibility their antenna disk within the of purchasing a new ambulance. next couple of days. Volunteer Fire Department re-

of April. On Tuesday, April 18, there were two trucks and eight available that would assist the firemen that responded to a lo-EMS in purchasing a power cot cation where a car fell on a person. Luckily, the individual was not seriously injured. We are very proud of all of the volunteer firemen for their dedication, commitment and

sponded to one call in the month

passion they show responding to any and all emergency situations. On Thursday, May 11, the City of Friona will serve dinner to all volunteer firemen and their families in recognition of all firemen, past and present. Accounts payable totaled

\$277,836.95. This amount is

the average cost the city spends

per month. The largest check

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good standing. Judge Campbell had a total of 33 cases in April. There were 26 cases tried by judge that pled guilty and five cases dismissed. There were two community service orders. Total fines col-

by Ricky White

written was for \$41,781.52 to

Prosperity Bank, for a bond

payment. All bills were paid,

and the city continues to be in

lected were \$5,295.27 and court cost equaled (\$4,699.17). The city pumped 22,205,000 gallons of water in April and sold 14,850,900 gallons. Payment collected were \$65,646.48

on 1,434 accounts. Emergency Medical Services made a total of 21 runs in April. There were 10 calls for 9-1-1, 8 calls for transfers and 3 calls ended in a "no trans- ■ fer". Payments collected were \$19,565.94 and billing equaled \$21,898.96.

Friona Public Library had 755 patrons visit in the month of April an average of 40 visits per day. There were 898 items circulated and 98 new items added. The Library staff is gearing up for the 2017 Summer Reading Program, "Build a Better World" which begins June 1 and will continue through June 30. Also, there are plans to have four different programs for the kids sponsored by the Friends sauce, milk. of the Library.

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Happy Anniversary to Juan & Alma Rivera and Raul & Terry Braillif. They all celebrated anniversaries on Monday, May 8. The Rivera's are celebrating 18 years and the Braillif's are celebrating 35 years. Congratulations!

First Baptist Church Pastor Brett Hoyle announced that the Children's Choir is searching for a hidden treasure and would like to share that treasure with you. On Sunday, May 21 at 6 p.m., they will be presenting "Treasure Island", a musical that teaches about a treasure that is

greater than gold. Everyone is

The wildlife seems to be invading Friona lately. We received a call from Linda White Redeemer Center. She called came out to help rescue the poor

field. They were eventually herded to a safer location.

a day of fishing. There is no show up with your fishing gear on Monday that she had found or borrow gear from the Texas an abandoned baby hawk at the Junior Anglers representatives. Bait will be provided as well. the police department and they Prizes will be awarded for first and second longest fish in these three age groups: 6 and under, 7 On Tuesday, there were deer to 11, and 12-16. They will also on the Junior High practice hold random drawing through

The City of Friona will honor the Friona Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen House. We are very lucky to have a fire department and these volunteers deserve to be honored for all they give to the

The FHS Junior/Senior Prom is this Saturday at the Hereford Country Club. Expect to see some beautiful dresses, handsome suits and interesting modes of transportation.

The FHS Choir Follies will be held Tuesday, May 16 in the Junior High School Auditorium followed by dessert in the junior high cafeteria. They added something new this year...a silent auction. Come out to hear the beautiful music, which starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The FFA Banquet will be at the Friona High cafeteria on Tuesday, May 16 starting at 7 p.m. They will be honoring the accomplishments of the young men and women who represent the Friona FFA.

The Friona Cemetery Asso-

Youth Fishing Day is com- ciation will be out in full force invited to attend this exciting ing to Friona Sunday, May 21 on Thursday, May 18 at 5 p.m. from 1-4 p.m. Area youth are They will be cleaning up the invited to come out and enjoy cemetery for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Come out pre-registration required. Just and help them. Everyone in the community is invited. They will have refreshments available.

> Bluebonnet Home Health will be conducting an "Aging and Wellness" workshop at Friona Heritage Estate on Friday, May 19 starting at 11 a.m. If you would like to stay for lunch after the workshop, please RSVP by May 18. To RSVP call Heritage Estates at 250-5599.

For all you Marilyn Monroe fans, they announced last week that the movie star's home is up for sale. She paid \$75,000 in the 1960's. It was fully furnished and her mortgage payments were only \$320 a month. If you would like to own a piece of Hollywood history, it can be purchased for a measly \$6.6 million.

This weekend is Mother's Day. The holiday was created in 1914 when President Woodrow

Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as a day to honor the nation's mothers. Mom's come in every shape, size, and color. Love for you mom can come in a card, bouquet of flowers or just a big hug and "I love you!" Celebrate your mom's this

Matt Zahodnik is the new administrator at Prairie Acres.

The FHS Senior Class will be at the Elementary School on Wednesday, May 17. They will be dressed in their graduation gowns and shaking hands with all the students. The seniors are an inspiration to the young students.

Parmer Medical Center will have their monthly free pre-natal classes on Saturday, May 13 from 9-10 a.m. at the hospital.

If you have an athlete, mark your calendar for athletic physicals on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 8 a.m. at the FHS gym. Cost per child is \$15.

Ron sends his thanks for the thoughts, prayers and kindnesses that everyone is sending him. He also thanks everyone that is taking turns driving him to Amarillo for his chemo and radiation. He began his third week of treatment this week.

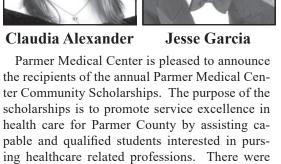
The end of the school year is winding down and summer is just around the corner. Graduation is just 15 days away. The time goes by so fast.

The 9th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 29-30 at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford. This is a two-person scramble and the entry fee is \$250 per team. Sign up early for a Saturday tee-time. Space is limited to 80 teams. To sign up contact the John Pitman Golf Club at (806) 363-7139.

Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love. ~Stevie Wonder

PMC announces Friona scholarship recipients





The selection committee was comprised of school staff, hospital staff and the public at large.

twelve applicants competing for the four scholar-

ships. Applicants were from two Parmer County



Briana Alvarado



Alexa Garcia

They selected four deserving students to each receive a \$2,500 award. This year all recipients were from Friona High School. The scholarship winners all are planning nursing careers. Claudia Alexander and Jesse Garcia will be attending Amarillo College. Briana Alvarado and Alexa Garcia both plan on attending West Texas A&M

The PMC Board of Directors and staff all wish a hearty congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients. Parmer County can be proud of the young people in our area.

Library Corner By Darla Bracken



Friona Junior High Principal Mark Sundre was pre-

sented a rocker by the FISD Board of Trustees Mon-

day night. Sundre is retiring at the end of this school

sad, happy...whatever you re- have them both nearby. member as the tenderest. Think about your most precious moment and share it with your Mother or your children. For me, it was when my mother came to be with me when we brought our first child, a newborn son, home and she came to help me adjust to my life as a new mother. She had been the oldest of nine children and had helped care for her siblings as they grew as well as raising three of her own children. Her own mother passed away at age 46. As she showed me how to bathe my son, so tenderly and gently having to be careful of the umbilical cord, I felt so loved. It was so nice to have experienced hands to guide me. And, at that moment when your heart is already so full with the blessing of your child, it is so nice to be able to share it with your own mother.

year.

Rex's mother was there to help also and she was 'a good baby tender' as she would have

Please try to think of your described herself and I knew of being loved. Your mother: most memorable moment with that she loved our children very your first teacher, your forever your mother. It can be funny, much. How blessed we were to friend, your most faithful fol-

dana jameson photo

Your memory might have been of your mother caring for you when you were very ill... maybe it was the softness of her hands as she caressed your fevered brow. Perhaps it was her hugs and kisses, rocking you, tucking you in, listening to your nightly prayers, drying your tears, taking away your pain or mending your broken heart, but always reassuring and encouraging you...loving you.

She never let an opportunity to teach you go by sometimes with a gentle hand and others with a firm hand, but always loving you. Always putting you first and herself last, she comforted you with freshly baked cookies, reading to you or by making paper dolls or airplanes just for fun. Our children are so precious and time passes so quickly.

At every stage of life, blessed by that feeling of security and comfort, we never outgrow the need for that very special feeling lower, passionate defender and supporter is a very special lifelong relationship.

Recently, I ran into two very special friends Debbie and Lillie Mae Baxter. My friend from school and one of my Girl Scout leaders. We had to have a group hug! Many of the names of the mothers of my friends come to mind as we celebrate this Mother's Day: Madell, Charlcie, Mary, Betty, Lillie Mae, Ruby, Alice, Jean, Esther, Lorna, Movelda, Lois, Irma, Lavon, Frankie, Thelma, Katherine, Edith, Letha. Many of them have passed away, but they all live on in our hearts. All of them such ladies and blessings...Happy Mother's Day All!

Memorial Donations have been made by: Jim Bob Jones and Gary Renners to ILA BUR-CHETT, Amelia Wright to PRISCILLA MALDONADO, and Jim Bob & Teddy Jones to ALICE ANN DEL CASTILLO

Friona Flashbacks



*Friona Industries, Inc., reported a net income of \$59,928. or 5 cents per share, on revenues of \$12.9 million for the third quarter ended march 31, 1975. This compared with net income of \$96,695, or 8 cents per share on revenues of \$14.2 million in the same quarter of the prior

*The Scout Hut for Friona Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will have an open house to show off their new building on Thursday, May 22 at 8 p.m.

The Kwahadi Indians from

Amarillo will be here and pres- Bob Owen, named recently to added attraction.

*Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bracken are FHS. the parents of a baby girl born Community Hospital.

older brother, Cody Rex, is four Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Williams. years old.

At the same time, it was an-

ent Indian folklore dance as an a new administrative post, will continue as athletic director at

*May 13, 1945...Latest busi-Friday, May 2, at Parmer County ness to open in Friona is the Tasty Cream firm across from Named Julie Beth, she is the Friona Consumers on Main second child for the couple. Her Street. Owned and operated by

*May 16, 1930...At about four *Mike Garrison, 31, was o'clock Sunday morning three named head football coach at masked men made their appear-Friona High School this week. ance at the front of the Friona Consumers Oil Company fillnounced that former head coach ing station and with their pistols staring the attendants in the face, bade them stick up their hands and keep them up, while they rifled the cash drawer of its contents to the amount of between forty and fifty dollars. No evidence of the identity of these has yet been found out.

*Announcing...We have just added Martha Upton to our staff of experienced Beauty Operators...Friona Swirl and Curl.

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Aging and Wellness Workshop May 19 at Heritage Estates

By Rhonda K. Sanders, LMSW

Healthy aging doesn't just happen! There are many variables that contribute to one's health including genes, lifestyles, diet, culture, and environment. Socialization is also a variable that contributes to a healthy mind and well-being. As one ages and roles and responsibilities change so does their daily routine and interaction with others.

According to the Office of Disease and Health Promotion staying active and eating well contributes to good health. The opportunity to get out, be active, and participate in a workshop focused on healthy aging can be contributory to healthy aging.

Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice has teamed up with Friona Heritage Estates to offer this aging and wellness workshop at a new time in order to give those who attend the opportunity to have lunch at Friona Heritage Estates.

The workshop will begin at 10:45 a.m. and lunch will follow at noon. If one chooses to have lunch, they are asked to phone the day before and RSVP. The cost for the lunch is \$3.00. To RSVP call Friona Heritage Estates at 250-5599.



courtesy photo

Parmer County Commissioner Kirk Frye, right, was recently named to be a board member of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.



Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of April 28 through May 5, 2017:

Myrna M. Adams-Maximo Hernandez Rodriguez, S 15' L5 All L6 B72 OT Friona.

Caprock Dairy, LLC.-Kelly Kettner and Deborah Kettner, All S/2 S86 Blk. Y WD and FW Johnson.

Estate of Esta Lee Lide and Eddie Don Lide-Donna Beth Lide Strickland and Justin Don Lide, 2.85 Ac. NW/4 S13 T7S R2E, 3.36 Ac. SW/4 S12 T7S R2E, 1 Ac. SE/PT SW/4 S12 T7S R2E, 313 Ac. W/2 S12 T7S R2E.

Michael Faust Branham, John Ross Branham, James B. Glaze, Jr., James B. Glaze Trust and Betty J. Glaze Trust-Jordan James Poole and Ashley Nicole Pool, NE/4 S27 Bl, X WD and FW Johnson, NW/4 S27 X WD and FW Johnson.

Todd D. Ware and Leslie D. Ware-Timothy Lucas Steelman, SW/4 S28 T7S R2E, E/2 S17 Blk. A CSS.

Anita Kay Venable-Bruce Smolky and Cristine Smolky, NW 70' L1-3 All L4-5 B43 OT Bovina.

noble; brave; heroic and spirited

a scolding, nagging woman

capable of being endured

an attack; an extended assau

struggle; distress; suffering from oppression

antiquity (n.) chivalrous (adj.)

conciliate (v.)

4. gallant (adj.)

siege (n.) tolerable (adj.) ancientness; age; something related to time long past

to bring together in goodwill; to negotiate; to restore peace



Kaityn Rose Burke

Kaityn weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 inches long.

She has two very proud big sisters, Norah (2) and Addie (1). Other grandparents include Kenny & Vickie Bryan of Springfield, CO, and Mike Burke of Pueblo, CO. Great-grandparents are George

0.52 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area from 2016 to 2017.

The 10-year district average change (2007-2017) is - 8.84 feet while the five-year district average change (2012-2017) is -3.94 feet.

Water level measurements were made from December 2016 to March 2017 in 1,377 privately-owned water wells completed into the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer. In addition, HPWD personnel made water level measurements in 32 wells in the district's Dockum Aquifer observation well network.

"These current data are now available for viewing on the interactive web map at map.hpwd.org. We encourage area residents to visit the website and view charts of water level changes as well as the saturated thickness for each of the observation wells in the networks. Our online tools can help people understand the variability in saturated thickness and groundwater levels within the district," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

Results of the 2017 HPWD water level measurements are also presented in an 84-page report available for online viewing/downloading at www.hpwd.org/reports. A limited number of print copies are available by contacting the HPWD office at (806) 762-0181.

The HPWD Board of Directors and staff thank the many landowners and operators who continue to support the water level observation network by providing access to their wells for water level measurements each year.

that assists the district with its water conservation efforts. We greatly appreciate everyone's assistance," Coleman said.

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Kirk and Annette Frye of Friona are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter Kaityn Rose Burke on February 15, 2017 at BSA in Amarillo. Kaityn is the daughter of Kyle & Kandace Burke

and Aundrea Frye of Friona.

Water level measurements reveal average decrease Annual water level measurements indicate an average decrease of

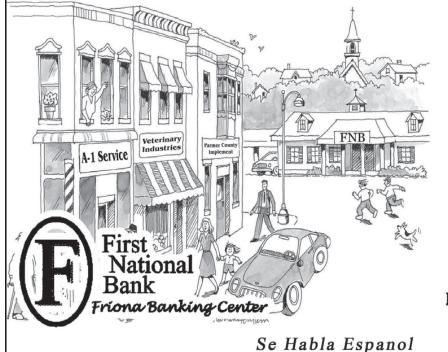
"These measurements provide a wealth of important information

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Xcel Energy annual shareholders meeting planned in Amarillo

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) will hold its annual shareholders meeting for 2017 at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 17 at Xcel Energy's new Texas-New Mexico headquarters building, 790 S. Buchanan Street, Suite 400, Amarillo, Texas.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to highlight our service to our communities and customers in this growing and vibrant region," said Ben Fowke, Xcel Energy chairman, president and CEO. "Our investments of approximately \$1.5 billion over the next three years in Texas and New Mexico will support long-term economic growth and deliver significant customer savings while ensuring reliable, affordable, and cleaner energy."

Xcel Energy provides electricity to more than 380,000 customers in 94 communities in Texas and New Mexico. The company employs more than 1,700 employees in both states.

At the shareholders meeting, Xcel Energy leadership will outline the companywide accomplishments and challenges, conduct company business, announce voting results and answer shareholder ques-

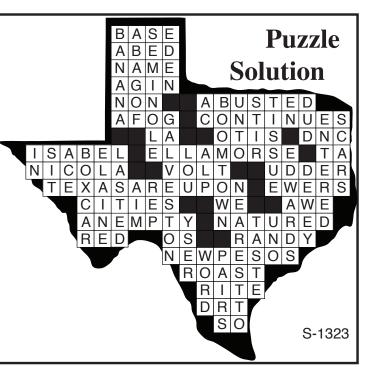
Xcel Energy selects a different city within its eight-state territory each year for the site of the shareholders meeting. The company conducts a variety of community and customer outreach events in conjunction with the annual meeting, which this year will include customer and employee meetings, the ribbon cutting for the new headquarters building, and dialogue with local development authorities and policymakers.

A live webcast of the meeting will be available, and also archived on the Investor Relations page of xcelenergy.com. Please visit xcelenergy.com to view this and other shareholder communication.









~Psalm 32~ Conviction

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What if your anxiety, worry, substance abuse, social anxiety phobia, bipolarity, eating disorder, intermittent explosive disorder, or hoarding disorder weren't rooted in chemical imbalances or other physical causes, but are an attempt to ignore the conviction of Holy Spirit regarding sin in your life. Our world rejects God's standard of sin and we naturally run from the Holy Spirit's conviction, much to our demise.

One of God's most miserable, yet liberating gifts is Holy Spirit conviction. Conviction is the act of the Holy Spirit by which your conscience is stricken with the reality of you sin before God and against others, and calls you to confession, repentance and restoration. In Psalm 32:3-4 David recounts how conviction affects the entire person. Notice that he mentions the physical, emotional, and spiritual drain that resisting the Lord's conviction places upon you. "Misery loves company," and when you resist Holy Spirit conviction you lead yourself down a miserable path of running from God's work in your life.

The purpose of conviction is to bring you to repentance, and verse five depicts this beautifully; "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." When you confess and repent of your sin, the Lord's forgiveness is sure, and His freedom is exhilarating. So why wait another moment hanging on to sin, resisting conviction, and refusing the love and grace of Jesus Christ?

PPHM seeking WW1 artifacts as repository

The Great War or World War 1 had an impact at home, not only during wartime, but for years to come. Given the success and public reaction to its recent exhibitions and programs focused on World War I, as well as its broad-based artifact and archival collections from the Great War, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, in partnership with the West Texas A&M University Department of History, has decided to become the repository in the Panhandle-Plains region for

This means, PPHM will be seeking all artifacts and archival material related to WW1 that relate to Texas Panhandle residents. We are seeking materials that "tell the first hand accounts" of soldiers and those on the home front. There will be a special day on June 24th during the PPHM Letters from Home event, where people are invited to bring their WW1 artifacts for donations or care suggestions. This program will be Saturday, June 24th from 10am to 12pm.

"This is a specific collections effort in relation to the Great War. PPHM naturally collects these objects and archival material but we are making this important concerted effort. The Great War is not largely studied and having this materials and artifacts will make that study available for future generations," said Warren Stricker, PPHM archives director.

A repository consists of a dedicated concentration on the preservation of particular natural or cultural or cultural phenomena through archival materials, artifacts, culturally-associated materiel, and oral or first-person histories. As the truly forgotten war in U.S. history, coupled with the fact that no other cultural institution in our region has the investment in World War I preservation that the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum/West Texas A&M University History department faculty have, it is a natural fit that these repository efforts occur in Canyon/Amarillo, Texas.

"The History Department at WT is excited to join with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum to preserve the history of The Great used throughout the entirety of prehistory and well into historic War (World War I) in the Texas Panhandle. This area has a rich his-times, leaving an archaeological record of occupations and cultural tory that deserves to be celebrated by future generations. We have activities. The Paleoindian occupation of the site is by far the most already worked with PPHM to present several informative panels on extensive with thousands of tools littering the landscape amidst an the Great War. We look forward to doing more of these and to help with the preservation and interpretation of World War I artifacts here in the Panhandle, "said Jean A. Stuntz, JD, PhD, Professor of History

For more information about this event or the artifacts we are seeking, please contact Stephanie Price at sprice@pphm.wtamu.edu or will open for regular summer hours on May 30. 806-651-2235.

OBITUARIES

Georgia Pearl Mount

Georgia Pearl Mount, 104, of Decatur, TX. passed away on April 29, 2017. Memorial service will be held Friday May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alvord, with Rev. Bill Cleveland officiating. Graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Eastview Cemetery in Vernon, TX.

She was the mother of Darlene Case, former resident of Friona. She had resided at Heritage Place Assisted Living for two years.



Jesse Glen Shirley

Jesse Glen Shirley, 69, of Kingston, Oklahoma, formerly of Friona, died Sunday, May 7, 2017 in Kingston. Celebration of Life services will be held 10:00 A.M. Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Friona Cemetery with pastor Bobby Broughton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Jesse was born February 15, 1948 in Dimmitt to Jack Glen Shirley and Christine Lindley Shirley Zorns.

He was a farmer, rancher, cattle buyer, auctioneer and horse whisperer. He loved to dance and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona.

He is preceded in death by his father and one brother, Michael Lewis Shirley.

Survivors include his mother Christine Zorns of Friona: one son, Glen Shirley and wife Eve of Kingston, Ok.; two daughters, Shay Shirley and Jimmy Coombs of Temple, Ok., and



Jacque Shirley of Fayetteville, Arkansas: one sister, Judy Potts and husband Larry of Friona; six grandchildren, Aaron Shirley, Morgan Shirley, Macy Shirley, Keevin Smith, Katrina Smith and Cason Smith: five step-children and six step-grandchildren, whom he helped raise.

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmul-



New location for ENMU Blackwater Draw Museum

The Blackwater Draw Museum at Eastern New Mexico University has re-opened at its new location in Lea Hall on the Portales campus. The new gallery is a dynamic work-in-progress featuring scientific research that has occurred at the Clovis site over the past

The museum features artifacts from The Blackwater Draw National Landmark, a 640-acre landscape of human activity areas in an upland containing a spring-fed Pleistocene Lake. Not only is there a panoply of stone tools and projectile points, but outstanding bone preservation--including of wooly mammoths--which gives a glimpse of the more perishable possessions of the inhabitants.

Many species of extinct fauna are found in cultural levels, as are implements made from stone, bone and ivory by the region's first inhabitants. As a major water source in the area, this locality was enormous number of megafauna and smaller animal kills.

Summer hours at the museum will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon till 5 p.m. on Sundays. The National Historic Landmark, located one mile north of Oasis State Park Road on NM 467, is currently open weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

For more information, call 575-562-2103. Area Church Directory

Panhandle Parables

A Mother's Love

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

A Mother's love is patient. Moms have a way of waiting. They wait for kids to get on their PJs. They wait for the last load of laundry to finish before going to bed. They wait in line at the grocery story with little hands grabbing at everything within eyesight. Yes, moms are patient.

A Mother's love is kind. Moms show kindness in many ways, from the encouraging words, to the acts that show their children how to be kind, whether it be helping a child to learn to share or helping an elderly person across the street. Yes, moms are kind.

A Mother's love does not envy. Any mom might want a moment of peace, but they would not trade their time or their lives to be without their children. Yes, moms do not envy.

A Mother's love does not boast and is not proud. Moms treasure things in their hearts, first steps and teeth, dandelions in a jar for Mother's Day. There is no arrogance or pride in a Mother's love just humble service. This does not mean she is not proud of her kids. Yes, moms do not boast and are not proud.

A Mother's love is not rude of self-seeking. Moms know the harshness of words and selfish actions and so carefully choose their words with care and are not harsh. They seek the interests of their children and help them grow. Yes, moms are not rude or self-seeking. A Mother's love is not easily angered or recorder of wrongs. Anger

is not the first reaction of a mother, nor does she remind her children of their many failures. Yes, she can discipline with the best of them, but for the intent of helping a child make better decisions, not to destroy their confidence. Yes, moms are not easily angered or recorder of wrongs. A Mother's love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Evil is the enemy of her children it lurks everywhere looking to pull her children into darkness. She is her children's champion against evil and will fight it whenever it shows up. Teaching them Truth wins the day. Yes, moms do not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth.

A Mother's love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. A Mother's love does not fail. Yes, moms are all these things too!

God gave us moms that love and for that we are truly blessed and thankful.

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it. ~ Proverbs 22:6

God is Amazing!

By TEENA HUGHS

We all know God is amazing, but last Friday night, He showed me again how unexplainably awesome He really is.

Feller and I attended the 8th annual fundraiser for the Texas Tech Equestrian Center. The center is home to five programs, most importantly to me the equestrian therapy program.

While looking at the silent auction items, a woman and her little boy came up and started talking to us. It was Kendra Gallman Rhoads. Fortunately, she recognized us; unfortunately, I didn't recognize her.

Kendra is one of those people who defines beauty on the inside and out. She was telling us her little boy had been in the equestrian riding program since mid-December. He had just finished a 14-week program, and they were awaiting test results to see how much he had improved.

Last night, I got home from a church meeting, and Kendra had posted the results on Facebook. In mid-December, her son was 2 1/2 years old; developmentally, he was at 13 months. Six months later, just a week before he turns 3, he is at 32 months developmentally. In six months, he has almost caught up to his age!!!

I don't know how God can use a horse to help a little boy start talking and walking, but He does. I don't know how someone figured out that riding horses is "therapy" for people with all sorts of challenges, but He put the idea in someone's head, and only He knows how many people have been helped from that one idea. He is an amazing God, One who loves us, One who wants nothing but the best for us, One who is fighting for each and every one of us. How can we not love Him and share what He does for us?

If you want to see Kendra sharing the results, go to Kendra Rhoads posts on Facebook. Get a Kleenex before you click on!

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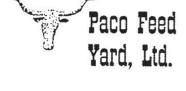
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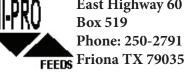
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\$1,000 scholarship recipients...front row, left to right: Landry Little (Armstrong County 4-H), Leslie Batenhorst (Dalhart FFA), Meredith Ratke (Farwell FFA), Kenlea Barnes (Farwell FFA). Back row, left to right: Raymond McGregor (Panhandle FFA), Rachel Hromas, (Lazbuddie FFA), Jayden Shearer (Farwell FFA), Russell Spurlock (Sherman County 4-H).

AgTexas Farm Credit recognizes AgYouth honorees

Outstanding 4-H and FFA high school students received prominent recognition for their dedication to agriculture through AgTexas Farm Credit Services' AgYouth of the Month during the program's annual banquet at the Amarillo Country Club on Wednesday evening, May 3.

Eight students were selected among the 36 to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from AgTexas Farm Credit, which created the program. Those students are Kenlea Barnes, Meredith Ratke and Jayden Shearer (all from Farwell FFA); Landry Little (Armstrong County 4-H); Leslie Batenhurst (Dalhart FFA); Rachel Hromas (Lazbuddie FFA); Raymond McGregor (Panhandle FFA); and Russell Spurlock (Sherman County 4-H.

Honorees from the Friona area were Treylin Griswold, Kenlea Barnes and Jayden Shearer (all from Farwell FFA); Chelsie Gomez and Tristan Castillo (both from Friona FFA); and Rachel Hromas (Lazbuddie FFA).

Of these, Kenlea Barnes, Jayden Shearer and Rachel Hromas each received a \$1,000 AgYouth Scholarship through a random drawing.

"Wednesday evening, we honored some of the

best and brightest young minds in Texas with this program," said AgTexas Farm Credit CEO Tim McDonald. He adds, "These students represent the next generation of agriculture in Texas and the United States. It's our privilege to pay tribute to their achievements thus far and encourage them for the future."

According to McDonald, the 4-H and FFA programs help introduce many of their participants to agriculture, allowing students to learn and apply science and technology to make farming and ranching more productive and offer promising futures.

"We are very pleased to have created the AgYouth of the Month program because it brings positive attention to young people who are investing in our state and nation as well as their own futures," added McDonald. He adds, "We have doubled last year's number of scholarships to benefit more of these deserving students."

Featured speakers were Hall-of-Fame Rodeo Announcer and AgTexas spokesman Bob Tallman, and John Smithwick, Texas State FFA Vice President and 2015-16 AgTexas AgYouth of the Month and scholarship recipient.





dana jameson photos

The newly remodeled Becky's Burritos held their Grand Opening Friday, May 5. They now offer dine-in, carry-out and drive-up services. The new dining room





Farm Credit reports net income of \$46.8 Million in first quarter

Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a wholesale bank that funds 14 rural lending cooperatives in five states, reported strong earnings and loan volume in the first quarter of 2017.

Loan volume increased 2.7 percent from year-end 2016 to \$16.3 billion at March 31, 2017. Total assets increased 2.6 percent to \$21.8 billion. Credit quality remained very strong, with 99.8 percent of the bank's overall loan portfolio classified as acceptable or special mention.

"Credit quality is among the best I've seen in my career," said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer and a Farm Credit veteran. "With highly diversified loans and strong capital, the bank remains well-positioned to provide the steady funding that is so essential for agriculture and rural America."

The bank funds locally owned Farm Credit lending cooperatives that provide financing and related services to farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers. It also participates with other lenders in loans to businesses that ag producers and rural communities rely on, such as food processors, agribusinesses and rural infrastructure companies.

Growth in earning assets contributed to the bank's \$46.8 million in net income and \$61.7 million in net interest income for the first quarter of 2017, increases of 11.1 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively, compared with the same period of 2016. The quarter's earnings also benefited from a \$1.6 million decrease in provision for loan losses

Capital and liquidity levels continue to exceed the regulatory requirements set by the bank's federal regulator, the Farm Credit Administration. Cash and investments totaled \$5.2 billion, providing 207 days of liquidity.

"The bank focuses on staying strong and agile so we can meet the needs of people in agriculture and rural communities," said FCBT Board Chairman Jimmy

Dodson. "Farm Credit's mission is what sets us apart from other financial institutions."

The bank and its affiliated cooperatives across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas constitute the Texas Farm Credit District, which reported combined loan volume of \$22.9 billion in the first quarter of 2017, an increase of 2.0 percent from year-end. District total assets were a record \$28.5 billion. At the end of the first quarter, 98.4 percent of district loans were classified as acceptable or special mention, compared with 98.5 percent at year-end.

Together, the district institutions reported \$111.7 million in net income for the first quarter of 2017, an increase of 13.3 percent from the same period in 2016.

The district is part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperatives established in 1916. Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$1.24 billion for the first quarter of 2017, compared with \$1.16 billion a year earlier.



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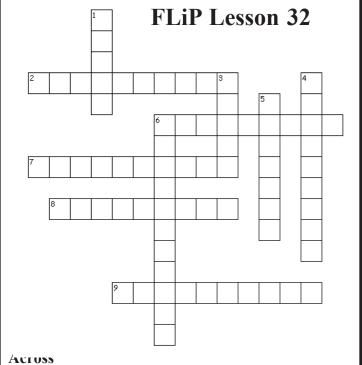


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Parmer County named outstanding Conservation District

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District (Parmer SWCD) was established in 1949 with the goal of better assisting the farmers and ranchers of Parmer County in the conservation of its natural resources. In this past year the directors of Parmer SWCD have been motivated to make a difference in their community and to demonstrate that water conservation is attainable.

In the spring, they noticed a long-term problem of water run-off at the Farwell post office and decided to remedy it. They donated material and labor to install a drip irrigation system that minimized runoff and allowed the ground to soak in water. The result was a lush, tall garden, mostly made up of flower seeds that had overwintered in the soil from the previous year.

Parmer SWCD was active in seed sales last year, helping to save producers money. They have a plotter printer available to print large scale maps of farms and counties for their producers. Parmer County is also one of the few districts that offer a college scholarship every year to help

Districts.

offset the cost of college to first Plainview. She earned second year students pursuing agricultural studies.

Last year was a great year for Parmer SWCD in windbreak tree sales. They sold 967 trees and made a total profit of \$5,500. They also helped other nearby SWCD districts by offering to arrange shipping for their trees in order to cut costs.

Every year Parmer SWCD participates in the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board poster and essay contest. In 2016, they distributed 450 coloring pages with the theme of soil conservation for Kindergarten to 1st grade classes. Each entry was declared a winner and received a prize. They also supplied schools with 325 blank poster boards for the poster contest. The theme was "Local Heroes-Your Hardworking Pollinators" Each winner of the poster contest on the local level received a kit to grow their own Venus Fly Trap plant, and was entered in the Area Poster Con-

Kiya Eddins, of Friona, was recognized at the annual banquet held Tuesday, May 2 in place with her entry in the junior category.

The Conservation Activity Program is one way that the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board can monitor the involvement of districts in the community and with other each other. Parmer SWCD was able to claim 9 out of 10 of their activities last year. They participated by implementing a local awards program for their first place poster winner, NRCS award winner and scholarship winner. Additionally they attended the Area Awards Program with their Wildlife Conservationist Award nominee, who won runner up. They helped to co-host a field day for producers, and sponsored an educational field day for high school students. The board members decided to send their clerk to Leadership Development training in Temple and were also able to get their county to officially declare April 24 to May 1, 2016, Soil Stewardship

This year the Zone 1 Association meeting was held in Parmer County and the district did a fine



The Parmer County Soil and Water District members were named the Outstanding Conservation District and given the award by Chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Scott Buckles. Accepting the award were Mike Miller, Garrett Clark, Kevin Welch, Dennis Anthony, and Todd Christian.

job of securing a venue, informative speakers, decorating and hosting the other Soil and Water Conservation District directors and clerks from their zone. They obtained a sponsor and were able to supply an excellent barbeque lunch. At the meeting, Parmer SWCD's chairman was nominated and accepted as a member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Because of the district's financial prosperity, in spring 2016 the board members began looking into ways that they could use their money to educate producers and preserve the local water supply. As farmers themselves, they were interested in the idea of drag line irrigation and the actual results and yields that it could bring with minimal water usage. So they began an experiup drag line at different lengths Parmer County. and intervals on a sprinkler to followed the progress of the experiment from the beginning of a corn crop through to the end. conservation.

The board members of Parmer SWCD are committed to making a personal and positive change in the way people consider confinancial support, community involvement and demonstration

mental program where they set they have been active throughout

The members of the Parmer find out which way was the Soil and Water Conservation easiest and the most productive. District are dedicated to making They began keeping records and a personal and positive change in the way people consider conser-

At this year's Conservation Then they documented the dif- Awards Banquet on Tuesday, ferent yields in each different May 2, 2017 Parmer County span. Because of this project Soil and Water District was recthey are more able to recom- ognized as the winner for Outmend and advise farmers on the standing Conservation District. viability, adaptations and limita- While they were very active in tions of this new means of water the community this past year, the one project that pushed them over the edge for the award was their Highly Efficient Drag Line demonstration project.

They have set up a farm in Parservation. Through education, mer County with drag line to test out the feasibility of using this particular water saving option in this climate. They will be testing the system out in many different situations and settings in a three year time frame and reporting on the results, yields, and water usage. This year starts the second season. Accepting the award were Mike Miller, Garrett Clark, Kevin Welch, Dennis Anthony and Todd Christian.

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Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture May 2017 Member of the Month

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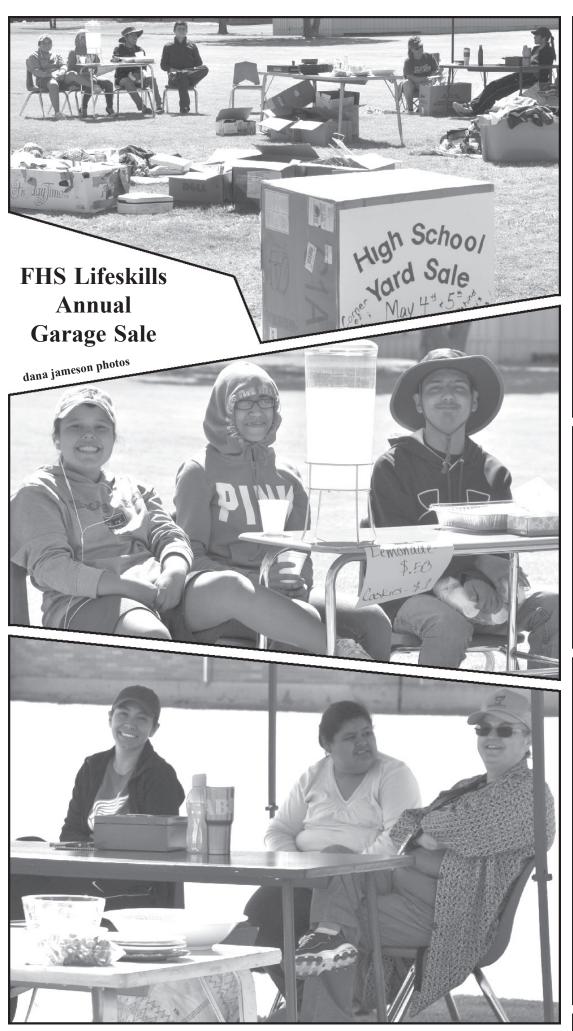


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The City of Bovina will begin accepting sealed bids, Starting Friday, May 12, 2017. Deadline for submitting bids will be Monday, June 19, at 5 pm. Bids should be sent to Bovina City Hall Attn. Lesley Gama, P.O. Box 720, Bovina Texas or dropped off at City Hall, 205 North St., Bovina, Texas.

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Friona BIGS finish strong

May 3 marked the end of BIGS in Schools at school and worked on grade level math, at Friona Elementary for this school year. Nineteen students and their BIGS celebrated with treats and games. Every student received books from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hereford and nine 5th graders were presented certificates.

During the school year on Wednesday of each week, the students and their adult mentors, called BIGS, ate lunch together reading or homework. They also participated in Hi-Pro's project sending gifts to soldiers and had two science days.

"The Friona BIGS program thanks the Friona Elementary staff for their help this year," stated Connie Slagle. "A special thanks goes to Executive Director Sara Pesina, who acted as Friona's match specialist as well as mentoring one child."

Pesina was named 2011 Texas Counselor of the Year before retiring from the Hereford school system.

BIGS will start back up in mid-September. If you are interested in being a BIG, contact Sara Pesina or Connie Slagle. If you would like to nominate your child for this program, visit with his/her teacher or Friona Elementary Principal Travis Victory.





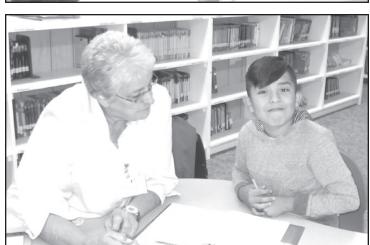










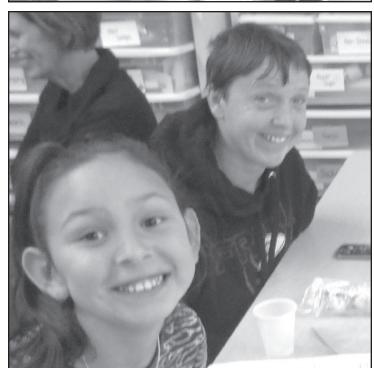






















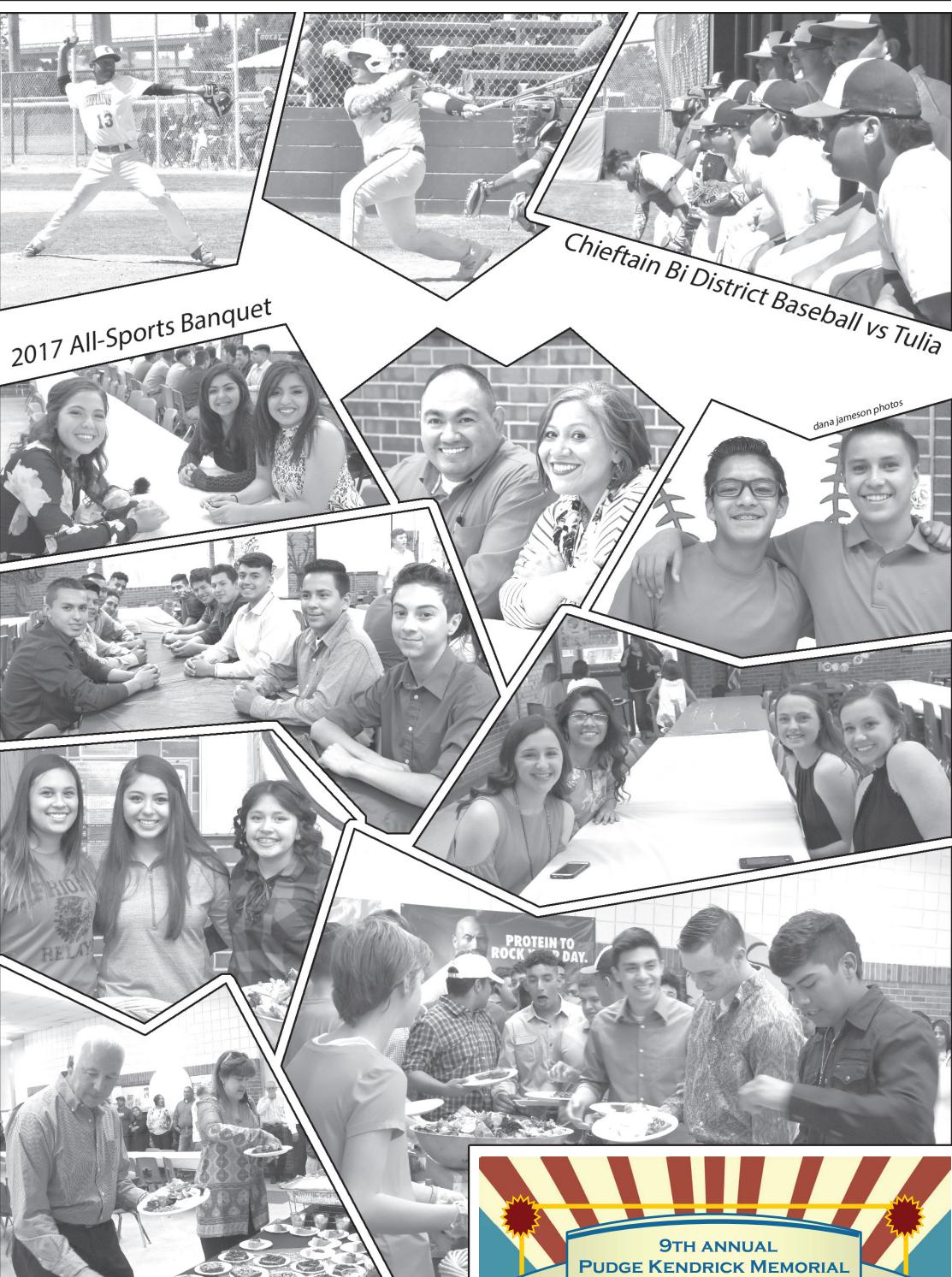














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