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NEWS BRIEFS

BFF Literacy Event August 10

The BFF (Books, Family & Fun) Literacy group will be at the Reeve Lake covered picnic area on Thursday, August 10 from 6-6:45 p.m. to share stories, games and activities with local children, their parents and/or guardians. This is a chance to enjoy literacy and fun with your child.

Annette Frye and Beverly Ingram would like to invite eager readers and their families to come for a fun-filled time.

BFF events are designed for primary and elementary age children. A parent or guardian (13 years of age or older) must accompany each child.

Bovina Church of Christ hosts Fedora Theatrix

In an effort to reach out to the community, Bovina Church of Christ is opening their doors to Fedora Theatrix Productions. Fedora is a theatre group made up of 30-40 local homeschooled teens. Bovina Church of Christ is not only providing the group with their auditorium for play productions but they also are providing snacks, pizza parties, and meals during production rehearsals.

"It's a win win for everyone involved," says Gina Prather, the director of Fedora Theatrix.

Fedora will be presenting "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Drama" Friday, August 11 at 7:30 CST and Saturday, August 12 at 3:00 CST. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. A portion of all proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Bovina Benevolence Fund.

Sales Tax Holiday this weekend

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Most folks won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from ball caps to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased taxfree can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

August PMC pre-natal class



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Friona High School Athletic Director/Head Coach Jimmy Arias, center, gets ready to pass to one of the receivers during morning practice on Tuesday. The Chiefs began practicing for the upcoming season on Monday morning. Tuesday gave them a chance to practice in rainy, cool weather. The Chiefs will scrimmage the Abernathy Antelopes on Friday, August 18 starting at 5 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

Football Contest returns August 31

Year two of the Friona Star Football Contest will begin on Thursday, August 31. The format will be the same as last year with prize money of \$35 for first place and \$25 for second.

Contestants will choose from 12 games each week for 10 weeks. Entry forms will have games including high school, college and pro. There will still be two tie-breakers each week. At the end of 10 weeks the winner will receive a \$100 grand prize.

Contest entry forms will be found in the

Star on Thursday and every Wednesday evening on our website, frionaonline.com.

Entries are due by 4 p.m. each Friday. Entries sent by U.S. mail should be postmarked by 4 p.m. Friday. Drop off entries in the red mailbox at the Star office or Dorothy's Beauty Shop in Bovina before 4 p.m. Friday. Entries can be faxed to (806) 250-5127. No emails accepted. All entries must be on the official entry blank form. Copies of the form are acceptable.

We will compute the winners each week

and keep up with individual scores during the contest to determine the grand prize winner. Winners will be listed in the newspaper each week and posted on our Friona Star Facebook page.

For more information call us at (806) 250-2211 Monday to Wednesday or email us at frionastar@wtrt.net.

We are looking forward to an exciting and highly competitive contest this year. So get your pens and pencils ready and start prognosticating.

Geries appointed to Sheriff's Association

dy Geries was appointed to the showcasing some of the latest 1874, in the courthouse in Cor- and state officers, and major intechnology in law enforcement.

Parmer County Sheriff Ran-visited more than 240 exhibits for the first time on August 14, enforcement officers, federal

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 one 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, August 12, 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.

CASA offering new programs

CASA del Llano, Inc. at 309 East 6th Street in Hereford now offers DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) New/Renewals; Family petitions/ U.S. citizenship/ Permanent residency; Uncontested divorce (with or without child involved); Power of attorney and much more. Immigration Specialist Gina Villarreal is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. For more information call (806) 364-4445. No appointment necessary.

CASA del Llano le da la Bienvenida a nuestra miembro la Srta. Gina Villarreal, Especialista de Inmigracion que estara en CASA del Llano, 309 E. 6th St., Hereford, los martes y miercoles, empezando el 8, de Agosto, 2017 de las 1-4 p.m. Servicios ofrecidos: DACA, (nuevos y renovacion) Peticiones Familiares, Ciudadania, Residencia, Divorcios (no disputado) con y sin hijos/y mucho mas.

Llame nuestra oficina: (806) 364-4445 para mas informacion. No es necesario de hacer sita.

Band booster shirts available

The Friona High School Band Boosters is selling t-shirts for parents and band supporters again this year. The shirts are \$20 each. Orders are due Monday, 21, 2017. To place an order call or text Jeri Lynn White at (806) 265-7737.

Friona Blood Drive August 24

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be conducting the Friona Blood Drive on Thursday, August 24 from noon to 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1500 Cleveland.

Donors will get to vote for their favorite: law enforcement or firefighters.

The Friona Noon Lions will be grilling up hamburgers for all that present to donate.

Donors must provide a photo ID and be at least 17-year-olds, 16-year-olds may donate with signed parental consent. To save time, complete questions online using Donor Express at www.thegiftoflife.org or make an appointment at (806) 331-8833 or visit yourbloodinstitute.org.

Mark your calendar and give the gift of life on Thursday, August 24.

Board of Directors of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at their 139th Annual Training Conference held in Grapevine, July 29-August 1, 2017.

More than 1,500 participants were in attendance at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center where they heard outstanding speakers, had opportunities for significant and timely training sessions, and

Sheriff Geries has been the Sheriff of Parmer County since January 2001. He distinguishes himself in his county and throughout the State as he assumes this leadership role in the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation. The Sheriffs of Texas met

sicana, Navarro County, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Sul Ross, Sheriff of McLennan County, who later became a notable part of Texas history.

The Sheriffs of Texas began annual training conferences in 1878. These training conferences today are the largest composite gathering of law enforcement officers in Texas. Sheriffs and other county and local law

dustry security personnel attend. In addition to the annual training conferences, the Association conducts training throughout the year for law enforcement officers. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas serves as a liaison with federal, state, county and municipal agencies and associations to promote cooperation, training, education, and more efficient services to the citizens of Texas.



dana jameson photo

Prairie Acres residents were enlisted as judges for the Sidewalk Chalk contest held Tuesday, August 8 on the patio. The contestants won special prizes, "Job Well Done" pencils and ice cream sandwiches from Dairy Queen.

Box Tops for Education

Welcome back to school! Again this year, our school will be participating in the Box Tops for Education[™] program. My name is Jenny Riethmayer and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops Coordinator for Friona Primary School. Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. This school year, our school's earnings goal is \$750.00.

To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school or look for drop boxes at each campus, church and around town. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and learn about extra ways for our school to earn. Our school's ID# is 409264.

As always, we encourage parents of our students to participate in saving Box Tops for our school. We would also like to encourage all friends, relatives and community members to also clip and save Box Tops for our school. It is an easy way for our school to earn money for supplies, resources, and prizes for our students without asking our students to go out and sell in the community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jriethma@frionaisd.com.

Thanks for your help!

Jenny Riethmayer/Kindergarten Teacher/ Friona Primary School

Community Calendar

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

<u>August 10</u> -FHS Freshmen Orientation/Open House/ Title 1 Meeting 5:30 p.m. in Auditorium

August 10-12

-FHS JV/V Volleyball at Shallowater Tournament

August 11-12

-FHS C Volleyball at Trinity Tournament in Lubbock -Fedora Theatrix presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Drama" at Bovina Church of Christ (8/11-7:30 p.m., 8/12-3 p.m.)

August 12

-PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m. -First Baptist Clothes Closet 10-11 a.m.

August 14

-Parmer County Commissioner's meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell -Bovina Immunization Clinic at Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd etc. Street 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-'Exercise Your Brain' at PMC 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

-FHS JV/V Volleyball vs Childress/Sanford Fritch (Dual) in Childress

-FJHS orientation 5 p.m. in Auditorium

-Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

-Friona ISD Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m.

August 15

-Harrington Breast Center Mammography Coach at Parmer Medical Center 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

-Prairie Acres Family Bingo night at 7 p.m.

August 17

-FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL -Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

August 18

-Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m. -FHS V/JV/Freshmen Football vs. Abernathy-SCRIMMAGE-5/5/6:30

August 18-19

-FHS Varsity Volleyball at Levelland Tournament 5/6:30

August 19

Parmer County Extension Office in Bovina Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 21

Meet the Chiefs and Squaws night at Chieftain Field 7 p.m.

August 22

4/5:15/6:30

August 24

-Friona Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church from noon until 7 p.m.

August 25

-FHS V/JV/Freshmen Football vs. Sundown-SCRIMMAGE-5/7 -Deadline to enter Miss & Little Miss Friona Pageants -FHS Cross Country at Clovis

August 25-26 -FHS C/V Volleyball at Denver City Tournament

August 26

Country Thoughts dana jameson

Coulda, Shoulda, Woulda!

What do you do when you realize you can't fix something? Call professional help? Ask your brother-in-law for help? Buy a do-it-yourself manual for dummies?

There is no do-it-yourself manual for some things. We have to figure them out on our own and sometimes that is the hardest chore ever invented.

We can fix the plumbing, cars,

We can't always fix personal or physical situations.

I know that we are supposed to turn those situations over to God and He will lift those burdens from us. We just have to let go and not go back to "fix" them ourselves.

However, what if God has a plan that doesn't fix the problem the way we want it fixed? Where do we go from there?

I also know that once we turn it over, we should walk away and hope for the best. But, what if the best is not the best? What if the best is death?

I have been trying to help others and 'fix' whatever was wrong. end in sight. However, as I grow older I am finding that I can't fix anything.

It hurts to have that realization hit you between the eyes so and dizzy. It leaves you with the might be a deeper problem. feeling of wondering if you ever prolonged the end.

The "what ifs" will eat you alive if you let them. They creep coulda, shoulda, woulda's in life. up on you at your weakest mo-

From the time I was a little girl ment and spin through your mind like a whirling dervish with no

I read a report recently that said that people who talk to themselves are saner than those that don't. They went on to add that hard it makes you lightheaded if you argue with yourself there

If we listen to the voices in fixed anything at all or you just our head, does that make us nuts, psychotic, or just plain crazy?

My voices are plentiful with

I beat myself up after my grandparents and mother passed away. I coulda been there more. I should said this or that. If I woulda done things differently would they still be here?

The paths we are given are not easy or for the feint of heart. These paths are sometime level with no problems on the horizon. Other times these paths are filled with potholes, overgrown vegetation and storm clouds overhead filled with lightning. When we come to the second path, it is tempting to turn around and retreat. We forget sometimes how easy the first path was to travel. At other times, we long for that first path and just a few moments of peace.

Some would see this column as a loss of faith. Other would see it as a cry for help. I prefer to think of it as a way to work out some of the kinks that have been put in my path at this time of my life.

Everyone's path is different. Some people are on the 'happy' path and motoring along enjoying the scenery. Some people are on the rockiest road every constructed, just trying to manueaver around the boulders raining down.

I am reminded of the children's story, Chicken Little. She was so sure the sky was falling that she convinced all her friends that things were going to get really bad, really quick. In the end, she found out that she had courage and the backing of her friends. (In some versions, Foxy Loxy eats all the birds. I prefer the cou-

Prairie Acres Sidewalk Chalk contest winners

dana jameson photos

-FHS C/JV/V Volleyball vs LCHS/Brownfield (Dual) at home Prairie Acres Administrator Matt Zahodnik posed with winners at the Sidewalk Chalk contest on Tuesday afternoon. Above, 4-6 year old 1st place winner Audrey Rushing (left) and 2nd place winner Daniel Degollado (right). Below, 7 and up 1st place winner Ethan Rushing (left) and 2nd place winner Angel Degollado (right).



Thursday, August 10, 2017



-Prairie Acres Community Bingo at 3 p.m.

August 27

-Miss Friona Photo Shoot

August 28

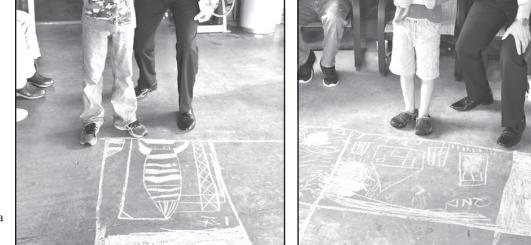
-Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell

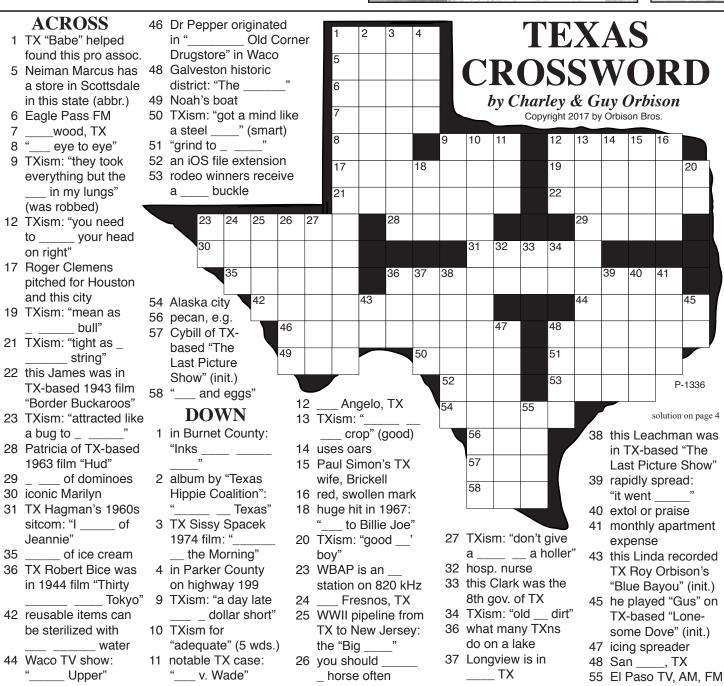
August 29

-Prairie Acres Summer Roundup Ice Cream Social 2-3 p.m. -FHS C/JV/V Volleyball vs. Olton at home 5/5/6

August 31/September 2

-Volleyball JH/JV/C-BORDER BASH TOURNAMENT in Friona





rageous version.)

My mother said to take your problems to God and leave them. Don't go back to pick them up and try to 'help'. The hardest thing you will do is to leave them and don't try to 'fix' them.

I still have some growing up to do...maybe I will learn. Who knows?

--"If something is wrong, fixt it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything."

--Ernest Hemingway

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Stop by and check out the new

office while enjoying hot dogs

served up by the County Com-

The Harrington Breast Cancer

The Parmer County Extension

gust 17 at Headquarters.

Weatherman John Gurley reported that for the month of August Friona has received 2.83 inches of rain and at press time more rain was expected. On Wednesday, August 9, the area had received .79 in precipitation.

The area is showing the effects of all the rain with everything greening up and Reeve Lake is full on both sides of the dam.

One resident described the current weather like being in the tropics.

Imogene Smith will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Saturday, August 12 from 5-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Friona. Her children Juanean, Clint and Fontella will be hosting the party. All her friends and family are invited to celebrate with Imogene. Happy Birthday, Imogene!

Students will be returning to classes on Thursday, August 17. Remember to be watchful when traveling around the different campuses in Friona.

FISD released the following schedule for each campus:

Pre-K: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kindergarten and 1st grade:

7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Elementary: 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Junior High: 8 a.m. to 3:40

p.m.

High School: 8:05 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Prairie Acres is starting something new...Community Bingo on Saturday, August 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. The community is invited to come and play. ****

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez announced this week that the Department of Public Service Driver License Division is now open at their new location at 521 Euclid Avenue in Friona.

To contact the office call (806) 247-0077. The Friona PD is no longer able to transfer calls to the Drivers License office.

Prairie Acres will host an End of Summer Ice Cream Roundup to celebrate the end of summer on Tuesday, August 29 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Friona Heritage Estates invites the community to stop by on Tuesday's at 2:30 p.m. for community game day.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Dr. and Mrs. Cash. They are celebrating 51 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations!

Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates residents and staff celebrating birthdays in August are: Diana Aguilera (8/3), Margaret Parsons (8/6), Alma Norwood (8/7), Dickey Garner (8/10), Mary Johnston (8/12), Rosa Pineda (8/15), Marta Reyes (8/16), Dugan Butler (8/17), Lilandra Herrera (8/17), Anahis Marinelarena (8/18), Lucinda Davila (8/21), Earl Murphy (8/25), and Lacy Hall (8/27).

The Chamber has raised \$4,190 for the Action for an Ambulance Fund. *****

Senator Cornyn has been a very busy man lately. Last week alone he had three of his bills pass the Senate.

Kari's Law, which requires multiline telephone systems to have the ability to directly dial 911 without locating an outside line first. The bill is named after Kari Hunt, who was tragically killed in her East Texas hotel room in 2013 after her daughter was unable to reach emergency personnel because she couldn't locate an outside line on the multiline phone.

Checkpoint after Javier Vega, Jr. On Thursday, August 3, 2017, the Senate passed his bill to honor fallen U.S. Border Patrol Agent Javier Vega, Jr. for his service by renaming the Border Patrol checkpoint where he was assigned, along U.S. Highway 77 North in Sarita, after him.

Resolution on the Dallas Police Shooting. On Wednesday, August 2, 2017, the Senate passed his resolution to honor the first anniversary of the tragic attack on Dallas law enforcement on July 7, 2016. ****

PMC Physical Therapist Tabitha Carthel was raised in small towns around the area due to the fact that her father, Coach Mitch Lee, was six-man football coach. Coach Lee was recently inducted into the six-man Hall of Fame. He is the third leading winningest coach with over 800 wins. Congratulations to Coach Lee and thank you for sharing your daughter with Friona. We are blessed to have her here.

I would like to take a moment to thank KNNK and Keeling Cattle Feeders for selecting me as Person of the Day recently. I appreciate the recognition and the coupon for dinner at Leal's and to sign up to be in the parade. Restaurants.

Happy 13th anniversary wishes go out to Tyson and Kiri Neill. ****

Meet the 2017-18 Chiefs and Squaws Night is set for Monday, August 21 at Chieftain Field starting at 7 p.m. *****

Mary Ford's 11-year-old grandson was involved in a 4-wheeler accident recently and luckily did not have a concussion but he did sustain injuries to his head. At press time, he was in Dallas undergoing plastic sur-

Friona Flashbacks

News from the week of August 7, 1969

*Friona voters gave the pro- *August 11, 1939...Some 17 Pete Braxton, manager. posed water amendment a fantas- residents of Parmer County at-*David Hutson, who played tic 94.5 percent approval in what tended a Highway 86 banquet second base for Friona State given by the people of Silverton Bank, won the batting title in the Intermediate League, with a last Tuesday. The route for the *Parmer County's newest highway has been established, healthy .520 batter percentage. and the county commissioners' Phillip Hand, who played for Parmer County Implement tle Town, Inc., located between court is securing right of way. It is the purpose of the association Company, won the batting title to push the paving of the road in the Pee Wee League with a .444 average. throughout its entire length at Sunday, between the hours of 2 the earliest date possible. Three other players in the older league batted .400 or more, *August 5, 1954...The Tri-The new facility has pen space County Elevator at Black is and all played for third place Reeve Chevrolet.

thoughts and prayers are with the edition of the Star. Ford family.

Mark your calendar to attend the Parmer County Sheriff's Office National Night Out 2017 on Tuesday, October 3 from 6-8 p.m. in Farwell. Come out and enjoy games and good food with your neighbors from Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Rhea, Muleshoe, and Clovis.

of the festivities contact Tanya Hunn, Parmer County Sheriff's Office National Night Out Coor- urday, August 12 at 3 p.m. dinator, at (806) 481-3303. *****

a Petting Zoo at the Maize Days celebration Saturday, September 16. If you have any gentle animals you would like to show (806) 265-5344. *****

Maize Days is fast approaching and building floats for the parade is encouraged from the community. This year's theme is Healthy Harvest for Friona. Suggestions for floats are Healthy food, Healthy Community, Healthy Churches, Businesses and Education. Contact the Chamber for more information

The Dixon 6 & 2 Mile Run/ Walk will now be called the "Dixon Memorial Run" in honor of it's founder Jim Dixon.

The Miss Friona and Little Miss pageants will be held on Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the FHS Auditorium. Little Miss contestants are needed. Contestants parents are reminded to turn in photos at the same time as they turn in entry forms. This will cut down on confusion. *****

Friona Junior High students and parents are reminded that an open house and 6th, 7th & 8th grade orientation will be held Monday, August 14 at 5 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium. At that time they will meet the new principal, Jesse Galdean, and the staff. The dress code and discipline code will be extheir teachers in their classroom. in-law Jody. Dr. Bob is shown above with his catch. For more information go to He caught a sailfish that measured approximately 104 jh.frionaisd.com to learn more about the dress code and for school supply lists.

Renaming of Border Patrol gery to repair the damage. Our schedules were in the August 3

Junior Varsity and C-team volleyball girls will compete in the Shallowater Tournament this weekend.

Varsity volleyball girls will be competing in the Trinity Tournament in Lubbock this weekend. ****

Fedora Theatrix will be presenting "It's a Wonderful Life: If you would like to be a part A Live Radio Drama" at the Bovina Church of Christ on Friday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sat-****

Monday is meeting day for The Chamber is planning for the Parmer County Commissioner's Court (10 a.m. in Farwell), Friona City Council (6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers), and Friona Independent School Displease call Sergio Mendez at trict Board of Trustees (7 p.m. at FISD Administration building). All meetings are open to the public.

The Friona Noon Lions will

Mammography Coach will be at Parmer Medical Center on Tuesday, August 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ***** "Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another." Ernest Hemingway

Dr. Bob Alexander, right, went fishing off the Pacific blained before the students meet coast of Mexico recently with Blanca and his brother

inches. According to reports both Jody and Blanca

also caught sailfish but Blanca's was slightly longer

than the others that were caught so she claimed brag-



was considered a good turnout here Tuesday.

cattle-feeding installation, Cat-Black and Summerfield off Highway 60, will hold open house for the public to see it facilities on and 5 p.m.

for 20,000 cattle, and already had 6,000 cattle on feed.

The new lot gives Parmer County pen space for approximately 170,000 cattle and an estimated 137,000 cattle on feed at the present time.

*August 10, 1934...It appears that no one knows for a certainty whether or not Federal Highway 60 will be hard surfaced across Parmer County or even any part of it. There is speculation that something is about to happen on the project.

starting construction of a new addition. The blueprint shows that it will house new offices and provide an additional 500,000 bushel capacity, according to

Randall Snyder was the league runner-up with a .478 average. Trip Horton batted .414 and Clay Bandy hit an even .400.

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The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week! 2016

Jeep Patriot 1,142 miles

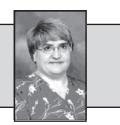






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Library Corner By Darla Bracken



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Just an oversight?

As most of you know from reading the Friona Star, the Parmer County Courthouse is celebrating its 100th anniversary year in 2017. I hope you were able to take advantage of the tours offered by the Parmer County Historical Commission. Following this celebration, someone pointed out that, although our courthouse is a long celebrated architectural structure in our county, the said courthouse is missing a very important detail: its name on the building.

Could this be just an oversight by the Architects C. Risser & Company of Amarillo due to the death of Mr. C. Risser during its construction, "A History of Parmer County" by Nelson Lewis c. 1974? Did they not request it in the plans, which alone cost \$1,320 or mention it in the required \$15,000 bond also issued by the Risser Company?

County officials set aside a budget of \$50,000 in a bond election in 1913 for the construction of a courthouse (without furnishings) to be completed in 1916. Did no one mention it when the county paid the bill for the Courthouse construction for \$43,243.64 to Wm. Rice Construction upon completion in 1917?

County Clerk B. N. Graham stated for the record that the county moved into the courthouse in 1917. Perhaps they were to add the name later and never finished. Did no one notice?

In fact, there are no directional signs either, an oversight perhaps now more easily remedied; but which again, seem to have escaped our notice until now... Even when the site markers for the county seat noted 200 acres at Parmerton Hill and a temporary courthouse on May 8, 1907 and later in Farwell, did no one notice?

An election held Dec. 10, 1907, to move the courthouse records from Parmerton to the Hamlin Block in Farwell (later destroyed by fire): Farwell 99, Parmerton 26 and Friona 1. First records recorded in Farwell May 9, 1908. The temporary Parmerton Courthouse building ended up in Friona [Most of you may have seen the model of this

building in the museum].

In addition, have we just assumed it was marked? At the time of the courthouse construction, county officials also set aside \$3,000 for a county jail, would they not have planned for the name on the courthouse?

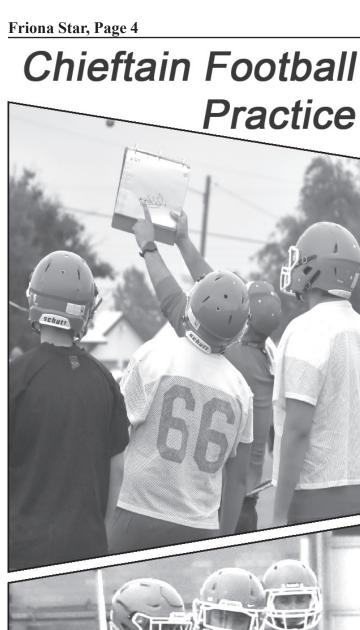
Moreover, they did not spend all the money in the original budget! Maybe some of it was for the name.

Of the 254 county courthouses in Texas, most of them are marked in one way or another: by engraving with the familiar 'COVNTY COVRTHOVSE' or by attaching three-dimensional letters or by other signage. According to "Historic Texas Courthouses" by Michael Andrews, c. 2006 the golden age [of courthouses] was 1881-1902, a new century 1900-1929 and Texas Moderne 1928-1941. Not all 254 made the list including our own Parmer County Courthouse 1917 in fact, only about half of the total number are in this book. Not all of them are marked, while others have engraving with not only the name and date but some also include famous quotes (lots of engraving).

Personally, I think the courthouse should be marked in some permanent way. I have noticed that the Cruce building in Texico is marked with engraving done in 1910. I think the lack of a name on our courthouse might have been an oversight. I am not sure what such engraving would cost in today's dollars, but think it is long overdue. I would really love to be able to ask Hugh Moseley about this...DB

New-on-the-bookshelf: Duchess by Danielle Steele, Fallen by Lauren Kate; Louise Penny, Trick of the Light by Louise Penny, Two Nights by Kathy Reichs, Non-fiction: Shoe Dog: a memoir by the creator of Nike by Phil Knight, Hue 1968 by Mark Bowden, Beyond Suffering Bible; The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz.

Memorial donations have been received by Connie and Bob Johnson in memory of HUGH MOSELEY and to AVANELLE SHERRILL.





Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of July 27 through August 2, 2017:

Doyle Ford-Kristopher Schwertner and Tonya Kay Schwertner, Garden L9-10 L15-16 SE/S S8 T16S R1E, Garden L1-2 L7-8 NE/4 S8 T16S R1E, Garden L9-10 L15-16 SE/4 S5 T16S R1E.

Nancy Hernandez-Victory Family Worship Center, L407 B21 OT Friona.

Raoul Fossi and Maegan Fossi-NEI Global Relocation Company, 149 B2 Western.

NEI Global Relocation Company-Anotion Gaytan Avila and Maria Erika Avila, L49 B2 Western.

Clays Corner Gin, Inc.-Apolonio Sanchez and Awyna Sanchez, Garton Lots 39-40 S31 T9S R1E CSS.

Toribio Monarrez and Maria Monarrez-Ricardo Rodriguez Cardenas and Jaqueline Estefany Lopez, All L13 B2 Welch Acres Friona.

Toribio Monarrez and Maria Monarrez-Erisaldo Ramirez Hernandez and Yuliana Alvarez, L16 W10' L15 B2 Ridgeview Addition Friona V143 Pg36.



Austin Voyles correctly chose the right square in Cow Patty Bingo during the Cheeseburger Festival. He was awarded \$400 for his choice. The game benefitted the Action for an Ambulance Fund.

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Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: July 31, 2017

Karen Sullivan, 37, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (possession of marijuana less than two ounces). The case is pending in County Court.

August 1, 2017

Sanara Delgado, 41, of Farwell, was arrested by Farwell Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

August 2, 2017

John Rook, 30, of Texico, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of deadly conduct. The case is pending in County Court.

August 6, 2017

Omar Hernandez, 27, of Farwell, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance PG1 more than one gram and less than four grams. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

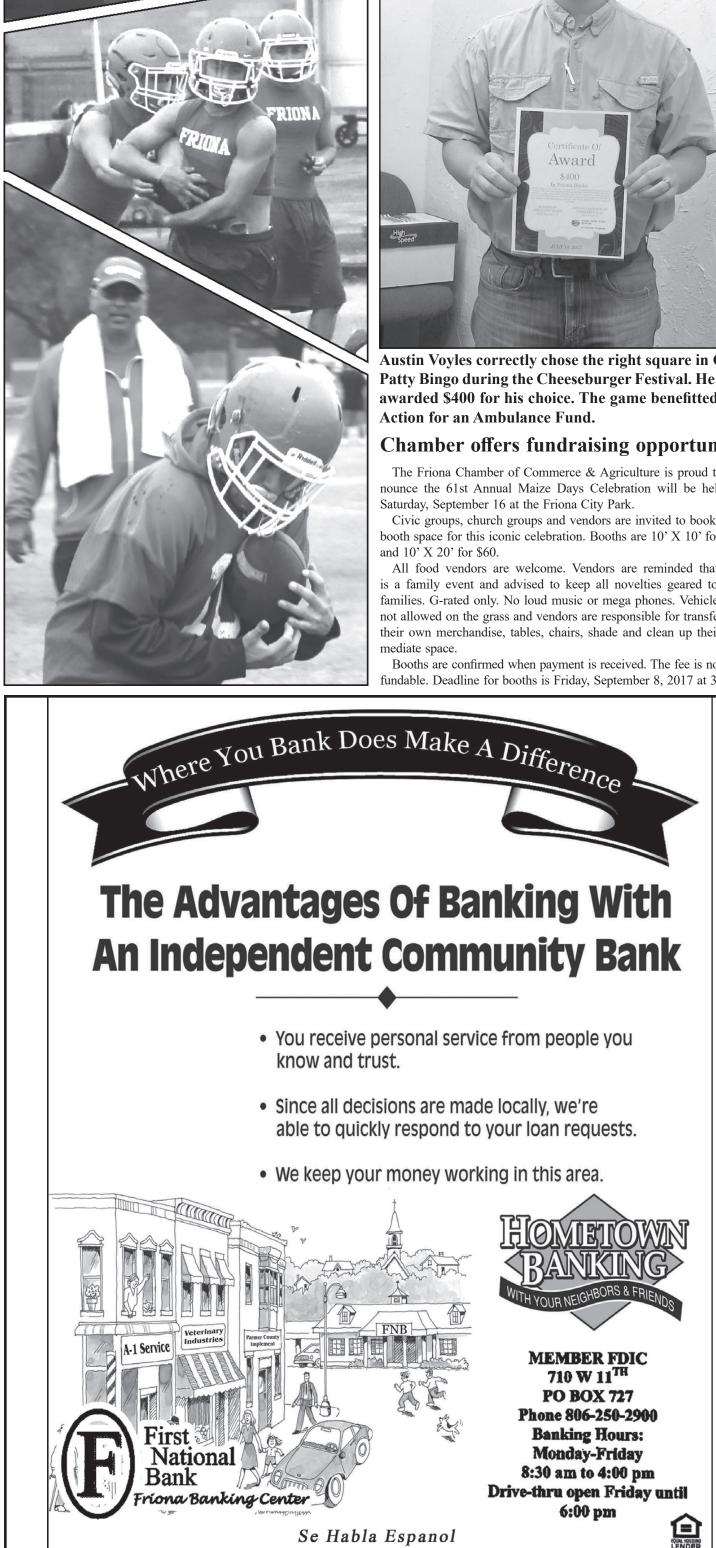
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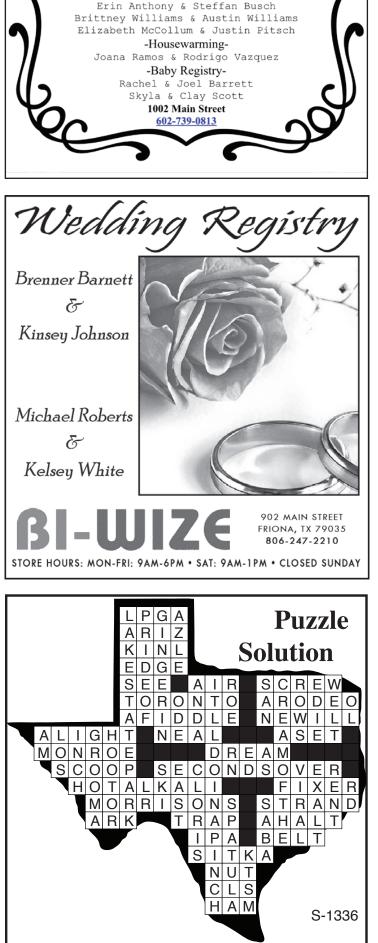
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~Psalm 45~ A Love Song

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Romance is not typically something one associates with the Holy Bible, but there is quite a bit of romance in its pages. The entire books of Ruth and the Song of Songs are filled with romance, and so is Psalm 45. I was shocked to find such a Psalm, because the book of Psalms is a book of worship to the Lord, but in reality, when two people who are in love with God, choose to give their love to one another, this honors God tremendously. In fact, this Psalm seems to depict a wedding between the king and his bride. His glory and her beauty are wonderfully celebrated in a God glorifying way. In fact, this brings back memories of my radiant bride on our wedding day!

Romantic love, as this Psalm reminds us, is one of God's good gifts to us and should be celebrated. In fact, the love that Christian spouses share for one another is a significant part of their gospel witness. That is why in Ephesians 5 the standard for a ber 24, 1922 in Pleasant Hill, husband's love is Jesus Christ's love for the church, not simply an arbitrary feeling he gets from his woman. In fact, what your spouse and children need is not your love, but for the Lord to love them through you, which is only possible if you know God's love personally through Jesus Christ.

Panhandle Parables They Knew His Voice

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

Back in the mid 90's, I lived moment to take out your Bible, in Nebraska and worked for an read John 10:1-10. If Jesus has animal health company for a come to "give life to the full" while. One of the families that is this true of you? Regardless I met at church had a cow/calf of circumstance, life is full operation of about 200 pairs. when life is following Christ. About mid-summer we round- So back to the original quesed up the cattle to give them tion, who are you following? wormer.

in one direction on horseback. even a cow can do that be-After going up and down the cause, they knew his voice! rolling hills, I eased in on them and we were off. The only problem was I had circled several times, and couldn't have told you which hill I had gone up or which I had come down.

Drew thought it was taking me a long time, so he came looking for me and found me on the fifth hill herdin' them doggies in the opposite direction of the pens. I heard, "Bossssssooooo" don't have any idea how it is spelled but it ended up sounding like "Boss So." The cattle stopped in their tracks looked at me and turned and in an organized stampede headed to the voice. Sheepishly, I followed all the way back to Drew's pickup where he was standing in the back surround by thirty head Elaina Procter compet-

When the owner of your soul The pasture was roughly calls, will you immediately 1,200 acres and Drew sent me turn and follow? Remember,



courtesy photo in Houston, a Bible-based organization for women that focuses its ministry on aiding women desiring to model their lives on of cattle that knew his voice. ed in the XIT Fiddlin' Around contest in Dalhart 1st in the youth division. She was accompanied during the competition by Mike Prather playing three songs with her.



Russell Atwell

Russell Atwell, 94, of Friona, formerly of Clovis, died Wednesday, August 2, 2017 in Friona. Celebration of Life services will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2017 at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona with Bobby Atwell, minister of Arlington, and Jeff Procter, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Atwell was born Novem-New Mexico to Oda L. and Helen Inez Russell Atwell. Mr. Atwell was active military in the United States Navy and National Guard. He was an automobile mechanic, cattleman, farmer, loved to fish, play golf and ride motorcycles.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Atwell and wife Sherry of Friona and Bobby Nolan Atwell and wife Linda of Arlington; two daughters, Patricia Ann Hitchcock and husband John of Medford, Oregon, and Linda Ruth



McFarland and husband Mickey of Fort Smith, Arkansas; 12 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great grandchildren.

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Beth Moore is the founder of Living Proof Ministries, based

Tony Nunley, 54, of Friona, died Thursday, August 3, 2017 in Friona. Graveside services were held Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Pastor Tyler Cockrell of Clovis, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Tony was born November 23, 1962 in Athens, Tennessee to Clifford Lee and Annie Laura McKelvey Nunley. He was a truck driver that loved his dogs, fishing, walking around Reeve Lake in Friona and adored spending time with his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include two sons, Nathan and Anthony Nunley of Friona; one sister, Teresa Burkart of Friona; two grandchildren, Kaleb Nunley and Synphny Nunley; two nephews, Charlie



Burkart and Dusty Stowers. You may sign the online register book at WWW. blackwellmullins.com



Whatever It Takes

By TEENA HUGHS

Last week, I had lunch with a cousin in Lubbock. Every time we are together, we talk about God. My cousin said she knew a doctor who counseled parents about their children. He would ask them, "Are you willing to pray, 'whatever it takes'"? In other words, are you willing to let God do whatever He needs to fix a problem, get a child back to God, get a child to straighten up their life, etc. The doctor said not too many people are willing to pray that prayer.

It is tough to tell God "whatever it takes," because you never know what God is going to have to do, or how long it will take. My cousin was willing to pray "whatever it takes" for her son, and the road back to God was not what she expected. Her son went through a divorce and cancer, and he had two stemcell transplants, a child born with hydrocephalus, and a bad car wreck. I don't believe God gave these bad things to my cousin's son, but I do believe He used them to bring him back to Him.

I know someone who needs to straighten up their life and come back to God. I don't want anything bad to happen to anyone, even though I know it sometimes takes a something tough to make people "right." God knows what needs to happen, but are we willing to let it happen?

I didn't know if I could pray "whatever it takes" for this person, so I talked to God. After a while, He asked me, "Am I not important enough?" I was humbled because I say God is the most important thing in my life. God did the ultimate "whatever it takes" when He gave up His one and only Son to pay for our sins; YES He is important enough!!!

I prayed the prayer, and the more I pray it, the easier it gets. Now, I am waiting to see what God has to do to bring this person back to Him. It may not be anything bad at all; it may be someone loving him back to Jesus. As far as my cousin goes, her son and precious grandson are great. Most importantly, they both know Jesus

We laughed about me pushing them in the wrong direction and how at the sound of his voice they dropped me like a hot potato and headed home.

They knew his voice, and followed immediately.

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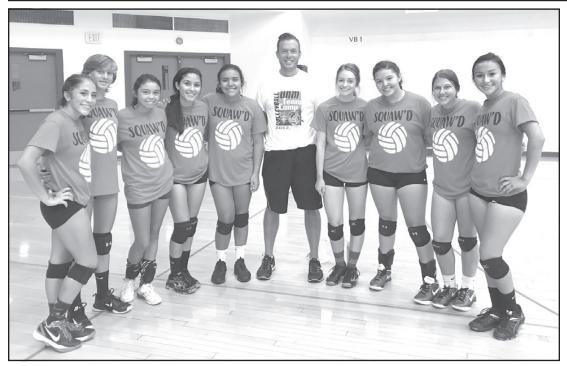
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The FHS Junior Varsity Squaws went attended the UNM Volleyball Camp in Albuquerque July 21-23. They played against JV and Varsity teams mainly from New Mexico. They were coached by Coach Troy Haught, Head Women's Volleyball Coach at Notre Dame College in South Euclid Ohio. They were also coached by Pauline Manser, UNM Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach. Pictured are, l-r, Ricky Castillo, Jodi Denton, Alysia Albarado, Karina Gomez, Jaci Trevino, Coach Haught, Graci Stallings, Amelia Sandoval, Maddie Sharrock and Lizbeth Rojas.





Friona Basketball Camp was held July 24-26 at the FHS gym. Attending were, front row, I-r, Molly Rector, Lexi Saldana, Anneliese Rocha, Avery Kendrick, Kyleigh Cavett, Aubrey Schueler, Aaliyah Padilla, Ella McFarland, and Aubree Bunker; middle row, l-r, Chloe Whitten, Saraya SanMiguel, Preslie Cavett, Audrey Trevino, Breanna Rivera, Reyna Arias, Janessa Garcia, Nadia Saldana, Haylee Moreno, and Mercedes Espinoza; back row, l-r, Coach Olivas, Emma Schueler, AJ London, Breanna Godinez, Kamryn Reithmayer, Coach Dunnam.

Alumni vs FHS Squaws Volleyball Game



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Ambulance Trivia

Only Friona EMS transports patients from Parmer Medical Center to higher levels of care unless airlift is required. Ambulances belonging to Farwell, Bovina, and Lazbuddie are manned by volunteers who must return to their communities once they deliver a patient to Friona. Volunteers often do not have the training that is required of EMS personnel.



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Beware of internet scammers

By Jim Steiert

Internet scams are so common these days it seems as though there's a "scam of the month."

Yet another deception has been reported in the local area recently.

Computer owners or FaceBook users may receive a call out of the blue claiming they have a virus in their machine, and that the caller can remotely connect to their computer for only \$300 the caller will remotely connect to their computer to fix it.

Should the computer owner make the mistake of permitting the caller access to their computer, the scammer installs trojan horse sofware that lets them record the computer owner's keystrokes and remotely access their PC at any time.

One tactic of scammers is to install a virus that locks up the computer and requires a password. A phone number to call is displayed, but the computer owner can only obtain the password by paying money.

Scammers offer to rid the computer of malware for fees ranging from \$130 to \$330--all for completely unnecessary repairs and warranty programs, and for software programs that are available free.

Computer owners should heed the warning not to allow anyone to access their computer remotely, and not to trust any pop-ups proclaiming their PC has a virus.

The Federal Trade Commission has cracked down on a massive international scam that tricked tens of thousands of PC users into believing their computers were riddled with malware, and convinced them to pay scammers large sums to "fix" the problem.

Some scammers claim to be affiliated with legitimate companies such as Dell, Microsoft, McAfee, and Norton, and play on people's fear of computer infections and hackers.

Law enforcement has difficulty going after scammers working outside of the U.S.

At the request of the FTC a U.S. District Court judge has frozen the assets of six scamming operations named in FTC complaints.

Details on this scam and more information are available at https:// www.consumer.ftcgov/blog/ftccombats-tech-support-scams.

Xcel Energy warns customers of scams from callers claiming to be customer agents threatening to disconnect service if a "past due balance"isn't paid over the phone. Xcel reminds customers that disconnect notices come by mail with options for multiple ways to make payments.

Xcel says if you receive a call demanding payment and haven't received a disconnect notice by mail, hang up and call 800-895-4999 or 800-481-4700 for businesses.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports loan growth

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

The bank has a diversified loan portfolio consisting largely of direct notes to Farm Credit cooperatives that lend 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.

Loan demand in the rural communities in the bank's territory contributed to a record \$16.5 billion in total loan volume and \$22.1 billion in total assets at June 30, 2017, increases of 3.9 percent and 4.0 percent since year-end. Credit quality remained very strong, with 99.8 percent of the bank's overall portfolio considered acceptable or special mention.

"Our year-to-date earnings exceeded our projections due to asset growth," said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. "The continued demand for loans reflects the economic stability in our five-state territory, which is home to a vibrant and diverse agriculture industry."

Net interest income was \$62.7

million and \$124.4 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2017, increases of 7.7 percent and 8.1 percent compared with the same periods in 2016. The bank reported net income of \$45.6 million for the quarter, a 1.2 percent decrease year over year due largely to an increase in operating expenses and a nonrecurring gain on the sale of an asset in 2016. Earnings for the six months ended June 30, 2017, totaled \$92.3 million, a 4.7 percent increase year over year.

Capital and liquidity continue to exceed the regulatory requirements set by the bank's federal regulator, the Farm Credit Administration. At June 30, 2017, the bank had a permanent capital ratio of 16.05 percent, tier 1 capital ratio of 16.04 percent and shareholders' equity of \$1.7 billion. Cash and investments totaled \$5.3 billion, providing 208 days of liquidity.

"As a financial institution and cooperative owned by the customers we serve, the bank has a duty to manage capital responsibly," said FCBT Board Chairman Jimmy Dodson. "Our careful approach to risk helps us carry out Farm Credit's mission to ensure that agriculture and rural communities have access to a stable, reliable source of funding."

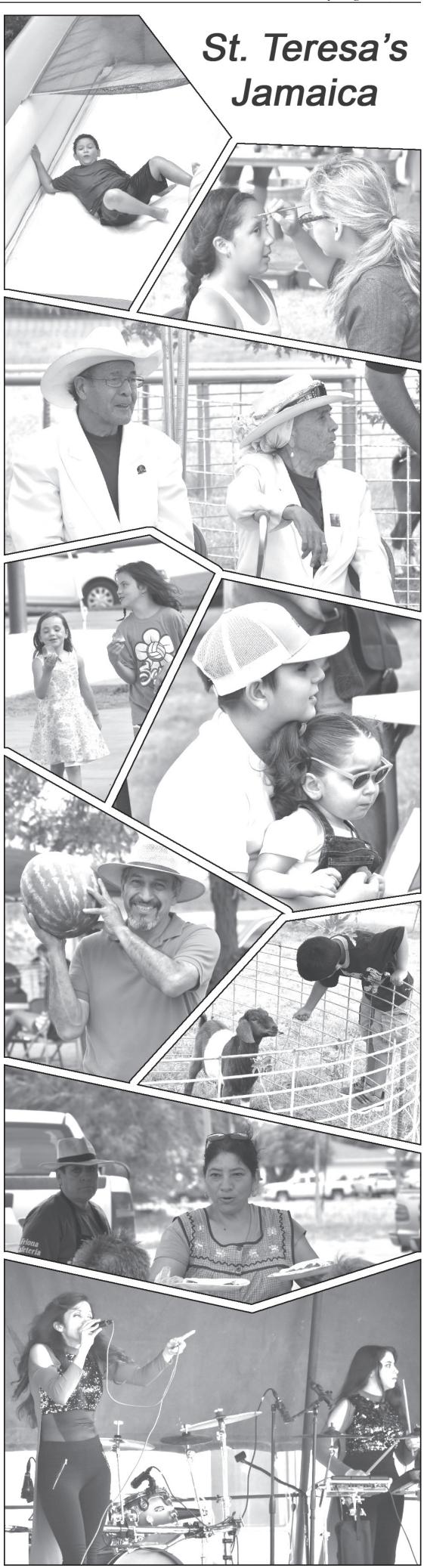
The bank and its affiliated lending

cooperatives across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas constitute the Texas Farm Credit District. Collectively, the district institutions reported \$23.1 billion in loans and \$28.8 billion in total assets at June 30, 2017, increases of 2.9 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively, since the end of 2016. Credit quality remained strong, with 98.4 percent of district loans classified as acceptable or special mention.

The district reported combined net income of \$99.4 million and \$211.1 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2017, increases of 10.8 percent and 0.5 percent compared with the same periods in 2016.

The district is part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of lending cooperatives established in July 1916. Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$1.24 billion and \$2.48 billion for the three-month and sixmonth periods ended June 30, 2017, compared with \$1.18 billion and \$2.34 billion for the same periods in 2016.

The financial results discussed herein are preliminary and unaudited. Complete bank and district results will be posted online at www. FarmCreditBank.com/news-andfinancials.



The City Council of the City of Friona will meet Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main to consider and take action on these two ordinances.

> **ORDINANCE NO.2017.08.14 A** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS: AMENDING THE FRIONA MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3.900, TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 3.940 TO 3.964 REGULATING USERS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING PENALTY UP TO \$500; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

WHEREAS, The City Council of Friona finds that it is imperative to the best interests of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and good order that all persons and companies working within or using the public right(s)-of-way within the City must do so in an orderly and prescribed manner, so as to avoid damage to public infrastructure and other private infrastructure in the public right-of-way;

> ORDINANCE NO. 2017.08.14 B AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS: ADOPTING A DESIGN MANUAL FOR INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS NODES AND SIMILAR FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ON CITY INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY UP TO \$500; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Texas Legislature enacted chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code (hereafter chapter 284) mandating that cities allow wireless service providers to use the public right-of-way and municipally-owned infrastructure for the installation of nodes and other wireless facilities described in chapter 284, and prescribing certain other terms, conditions, restrictions, fees, and duties as to cities and service providers; and,



The pile of pallets from the Kidz Building Camp will be used for the Homecoming Bonfire but right now they are being inundated by rainwater as the area continues to receive much needed rain.

Zebra mussels could invade High Plains reservoirs **By Jim Steiert**

Zebra mussels that have invaded reservoirs in North and East Texas, and the pristine Guadalupe River Basin, have fisheries managers in the High Plains concerned. An official with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's inland fisheries division told members of the Panhandle Texas Master Naturalist chapter that zebra mussels could impact rocky canyon lakes that are prime sport fisheries in the High Plains.

"The inland fisheries division is spending nearly all of its budget fighting invasive species," said John Clayton, assistant district supervisor for the Amarillo District Inland Fisheries office of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Canyon. " Lake Alan Henry, near Justiceburg, is second only to Lake Fork as a premiere bass fishery in Texas This outstanding sport fishery, and Lake Meredith, north of Amarillo at Fritch, are prime candidates for invasion by zebra mussels. They are rocky canyon

lakes favored by zebra mussels." Rapidly reproducing zebra mussels, originally from Eurasia, can have serious economic, environmental and recreational impacts on Texas reservoirs and rivers.

"Zebra mussels cover shoreline rocks and litter beaches with treacherously sharp shells, clog public-water supply intakes, such as those at both Lake Alan Henry and Lake Meredith, and damage boats and motors left in infested waters," said Brian Van Zee Inland Fisheries West Texas regional director for TPWD. Van Zee worked in the Canyon office for several years before moving to his present post in Waco, and knows High Plains lakes intimately. He's responsible for coordinating the Texas statewide fish-stocking plan and fisheries management and research in the central and western portions of Texas. Named Fisheries Biologist of the Year in 2015 by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Van

Zee has been at the forefront of efforts to contain zebra mussels in Texas.

Since zebra mussels were first found in Texas in 2009, 10 lakes in four river basins are now classified as infested with an established, reproducing population - Belton, Bridgeport, Dean Gilbert at Sherman, Eagle Mountain, Lewisville, Randell, Ray Roberts, Stillhouse Hollow, Texoma and the prime fishery at Canyon Lake at Austin. The Canyon Lake discovery in June was quickly followed with positively identified zebra mussels for the first time in Lake Travis in the Colorado River Basin in Central Texas.

The Guadalupe River and reservoirs downstream of Canyon Lake are now at risk of invasion as zebra mussel larvae disperse downstream, including Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Meadow Lake, Lake Gonzales, and Lake Wood, Van Zee laments.

"Three state-listed threatened

freshwater mussels found in the Guadalupe River basin could now be negatively impacted, including the Texas Pimpleback, the Golden Orb and the Texas Fatmucket. Zebra mussels can colonize on the shells of native mussels, and reach a density that essentially smothers the native mussels," Van Zee said.

Once zebra mussels reach a reproducing population level in reservoirs there's little to be done. For TPWD fisheries folks, it's mostly a vigilance game.

Van Zee said educating the public and local marinas to prevent zebra mussels from spreading further to nearby lakes is vital.

"Public awareness helps the effort to prevent zebra mussels from spreading," Van Zee said. "This is a battle we cannot give up on - the cost of these infestations is large and affects so many people. We have to keep up the fight and try to inform the public as much as possible about how they can protect their lakes from invasive species."

In Texas, it is unlawful to possess or transport zebra mussels, dead or alive. Boaters are required to drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water in order to prevent the transfer of zebra mussels. The requirement to drain applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes or any other vessel used on public waters.

The nightmare scenario for fisheries managers in the High Plains is zebra mussels being transported here from an infested area of the state, or elsewhere.

An alarming possibility is that anglers could travel to Lake Alan Henry's trophy bass waters with zebra mussels attached to their craft and introduce them to one of the High Plains region's rare angling jewels.

to prevent zebra mussels from spreading to any new river basins," said Van Zee.

"Cleaning, draining and drying are simple steps boaters can take to prevent infestations," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Aquatic Invasive Species team lead. "With more than 1,500 boat ramps in Texas we can't be everywhere, so we have to rely on boaters, marinas and concerned citizens to help in this fight. A boat can take a readymade colony of zebra mussels to another lake at any time - so preventing the spread within these newly infested basins is still really important. If a boat has been on a lake that is infested with zebra mussels, or if it has been in another state that has quagga mussels, that are literally knocking on our door, it can spread the infestation."

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"Boaters' actions are vital

Potentially deadly amoeba lurks in summer recreational water **By Jim Steiert**

A lot of us went through growing-up years playing in local waterholes during the summertime when they were available. There were adventures splashing amidst

the washed sands of old slush pits before irrigation spillways where water cascaded off concrete motor stands supporting roaring engines that drew forth the under-

ground rain of the Ogallala adventurous. Read about a waiting irrigation ditches. The ditches themselves offered inviting, bracing cool wading or dips for the more

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aquifer and channeled it to fellow recently who water skied on irrigation ditches years ago. Those were cold, clear water adventures that took the blaze out of July and August days.

Playas proffered tepid, turbid water fun-sometimes you even brushed up against a catfish wriggling its way past. Steel stock tanks provided pools of sorts. Kids of all ages from throughout the Panhandle and beyond waded amidst the red sands and chased after minnows at the water crossings of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Palo Duro Canyon State Park-again, in a time when the stream flow was natural and not primarily composed of treated effluent from a nearby metropolis. Back when, Buffalo Lake at Umbarger was a playground in a different time when it was still spring fed and before pollution from upstream rendered it a nitrate nightmare that remains closed to water contact activities to this day-were there any water.

water enters the nose, and the amoeba travels to the brain. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the amoeba can be present in freshwater areas like rivers or lakes, but there are very rare instances of the organism surviving in inadequately chlorinated swimming pools or contaminated

ton who died after a swimming trip with his family to the Brazos River basin that included time in Glen Rose as well as Lake Granbury. Lewis' family has founded the Kyle Cares Amoeba Awareness charity to help people be alert to the dangers of PAM.

Fortunately, there are precautions that can be taken to

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Can also well recall ear aches and sore throats from playing in the water in some of these locales-we lived to tell about it, but suspect it was tough on parents.

Perhaps elders and kids were blissfully unaware in those days, or it is something that developed over the span of years, but these days, we are warned that water in lakes, streams, rivers and ponds, particularly in hotter parts of Texas harbors an amoeba - Naegleria fowleri - that can cause a rare illness that stunningly, proves fatal. It's called Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis - or PAM, and it is not the friendly stuff that you spray on cake pans and roaster ovens to prevent food from sticking. August, with its high water temperatures, is the prime month in Texas for PAM infections.

It is a stroke of good fortune that confirmed reports of this infection are uncommon. Lending credence to the practice of many a kid of holding their nose before plunging into the water, it occurs when

water. The CDC notes tap that people can't be infected from swallowing water, and the disease cannot be spread from person to person. The infection only occurs when water enters the nose and the amoeba is present.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TD-SHS) reports that the majority of PAM infections nationwide take place in July, August, or September, when the temperature is often hottest and water levels are lower. While the amoeba is found around the world, it thrives in warm water with a temperature of at least 80 degrees. However, it is not found in salt water. It can also be found in sediment near the water. The CDC reports that from 2006-2015, there were 37 PAM infections reported in the United States, with 33 of those resulting from contaminated recreational water, and four cases attributed to contaminated tap water. The TDSHS says that while the amoeba is a concern, the risk of drowning is far greater than of being affected by PAM.

According to the CDC, initial symptoms begin about five days after infection, but can start as early as one day and as late as nine days after infection. These symptoms may include headache, fever, and nausea at first. Later symptoms can include a stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, seizures and hallucinations. The disease progresses rapidly and usually results in death within one to five days. The fatality rate is 97 percent, based on statistics from the CDC for 1962-2016. Four people known to have this infection (out of 143 total) in the U.S. have survived.

One of the victims of PAM in Texas was Kyle Lewis, a 7-year-old boy from Arlingstay safe and still enjoy the water.

Several drugs have proven to be effective against the amoeba in laboratory tests. The CDC notes that in recent years, two people survived the infection after being treated with miltefosine in combination with other drugs and efforts to reduce brain swelling. Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth has miltefosine on site to treat patients diagnosed with PAM. Most importantly, a fast and accurate diagnosis of the infection is extremely important. Those experiencing symptoms should see a physician or visit an emergency room immediately. The physician should be alerted to the potential of a PAM infection so that testing may begin as quickly as possible.

One way to greatly reduce the risk of being infected is to avoid submerging your head when swimming in fresh water. Nose plugs can also offer an effective safeguard. The only way to completely reduce the risk is to avoid all freshwater activities. But using nose clips or a swimming mask, holding your nose while going underwater or simply not going underwater offers a way to greatly decrease the chance of infection while still allowing you to enjoy water activities. Also, avoid digging or stirring up sediment in the water.

From 1972 to 2016, 34 cases of PAM were reported in Texas with the median age of those infected 9.5 years, and reports infections in people ranging in age from 3 to 37 years.

Be careful on and in the water out there.

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3rd Annual Friona Youth Dayz inspirational

By Teena Hughs

Friona Youth Dayz was held August 4-6 with a wide variety of activities to help the community and encourage the students in attendance.

Junior high school and high school students began the weekend with a swimming and pizza party at the city pool on Friday evening.

Later, everyone moved to the first tee of the golf course, and Daniel Hutchins led the group in praise and worship.

Shelby Hutson Mata spoke to the students about her experiences with cancer and how a wonderful support group of family and friends and God has seen her through this experience. She told everyone that she just returned from Houston, and she has been cancer free for two years.

Activities on Saturday started at 4 p.m. with service projects all over Friona. This year, approximately 15 projects were called in, and all of the projects were completed. The students and their adult supervisors did a great job of helping people who needed something hauled off or cleaned.

At 7 p.m., Circle of Love served hamburgers, and the Lion's Club dished up their famous fries to everyone at the FJHS auditorium. At 8 p.m., the Christian rock band, Lifeless 2 Life treated the students to a two-hour concert with the lead singer talking to the students and giving part of his testimony. These hard rockers did a fabulous job of interacting with the students and entertaining them.

On Sunday, activities kicked off at 6 p.m. with iced cold watermelon for everyone. At 7 p.m., the Victory Church Worship Band led everyone in praise and worship at the FJHS auditorium.

Jeremy "Turok" Tarango gave a great talk on loving oneself. He focused on Jesus saying in Luke 10: 27 that we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind; and, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. He encouraged the students to love themselves, because you can't love someone else like you are supposed to unless you love yourself like you are supposed to.

The Friona Youth Days committee would like to thank everyone who helped put on FYD. It takes many people to put something like this on, and without your help, it wouldn't have happened.

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The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will raffle this Mossimo ATV with the trailer. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 16 during the Maize Days celebration at the City Park. Tickets are \$10 and available from any fireman or come by their booth at Maize Days. Proceeds from the raffle will go to purchase equipment, training and the purchase of another firetruck.





