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NEWS BRIEFS

Order your Pink Out shirts by Oct. 2

The Parmer County Cancer Coalitions will be "Pinking Out" Chieftain Field Friday, October 27 as the Chieftains take on the Muleshoe Mules. PCCC is partnering with Friona ISD again this year to fight back against breast cancer and to raise awareness of breast cancer and its impact on our community. If you want to order an official 2017 Pink Out short sleeve or long sleeve shirt, order forms are available at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office, the Friona Public Library or in the Friona Star. Short sleeve



shirts are \$10 with XL sizes priced at \$12. Long sleeve shirts are \$12 with XL sizes priced at \$15. For more information, call (806) 250-3545

Rios, Diaz take top slots in contest

In Week 4 of the Friona Star Football contest the most missed game was the Denver/Buffalo game. It was the only game that Robert Rios missed to nab 1st place with a score of 11. Raymond Diaz snatched up 2nd place with a score of 10 for the week. Diaz also missed the Denver/Buffalo game as well as the USC/California game. He was only 18 points off the Texas A&M/Arkansas tiebreaker game.

Trivia: This week the 1st and 2nd place checks will be mailed to the same address. Congratulations to Robert and Raymond.

Also scoring 10 points this week were Teresa Shelby, Jeremy Dearing, Jack Glover and Mike Field.

Leading the total point winners are Mike Field and Jack Glover with 38 points each. BaiLee Brailiff, Jeremy Dearing and Enrique Rodriguez are hot on their heels with 37 points.

Results from Week 4 are on page 2.

Remember to enter every week for the weekly prizes and to be in the running for the \$100 grand prize.

Cans for Seniors trailer moved

The "Cans for Seniors" trailer that has traditionally been parked behind the Friona Fire Department has been moved to the back of the Fisd administration property at 909 E. 11th Street. The trailer needed to be relocated due to the fire department painting the building.

Fisd Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray explained, "For those that are new to Friona, the cans are collected throughout the school year and the proceeds are donated to the All Night Party for the graduating class. This party is a wonderful way to honor our graduates. The Senior parents host a steak dinner and sell these cans to fund the party and buy gifts for all graduating seniors. Please continue to save your aluminum cans and donate to this celebration. We appreciate every contribution that makes this event possible."

Blackwell-Mullins invests in Friona

Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home has graciously invested back into the community in order to promote the saving of lives. We recognized a very unique opportunity to assist our local first responders through an ingenious marketing initiative that could help save lives.

The funeral home asks that you download the Vital ICE (In Case of Emergency) app, from either the Apple App Store or Google Play, for your smart phone and enter in their code: #2729. Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home is making this potentially life-saving app available for free to download in the community as a way of showing their gratitude for allowing them to serve you.

They ask that you please take just a few minutes to download the Vital ICE app and fill in the information so that you are prepared in case of an emergency. This app is available to the entire community, regardless of age, so do not pass up this great life-saving opportunity. Questions about the app can be answered at www.vitalboards.com/vitalice.

In the event of an emergency, first responders can use the Vital ICE app to retrieve the user's vital information. This information can then be easily taken on the ambulance to the hospital, or sent directly to the hospital from the Vital ICE app, where ER staff can further access this critical information. Remember, time is of the essence when saving lives!

**The United Way will meet
Wednesday, October 11
at 7 a.m. at Headquarters
to discuss this year's drive**



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It was a foggy drive into Friona Wednesday morning. The rainy and cold weather is predicted to be here until the weekend with warmer temperatures on the way.



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The FHS Junior Varsity Squaws were in action at home on Tuesday, September 26 against the River Road Lady Cats. Jodie Denton, #5, center, returns the ball after an intense exchange. Graci Stallings, #1, and Kam-bree Kimbrough, #2, are on the ready to assist.

2017 Sheriff's Night Out unites Parmer County

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office will host the Parmer County Sheriff's National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3 at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center at 300 4th Street in Farwell from 6-8 p.m. County residents are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of camaraderie that promotes police-community partnerships.

The National Night Out has been held annually since 1984 and began simply with neighbors turning on their porch lights and sitting in front of their homes. National Night Out has grown to include more than 38 million residents in 16,000 communities across the United States.

National Night Out is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch and many other anti-crime efforts.

In Parmer County, the Sheriff's Night Out will feature a Salsa Making Contest. Deadline to sign up is October 3 with judging be held at 6:30 p.m. The contest is sponsored by Leal's Mexican Restaurants of Clovis. The rules are as follows:

*Bring a one-quart jar of your favorite salsa recipe made and ready to sample. (Pico de Gallo, Chili Verde, Traditional, Fruit Salsa, etc.)

*Any Parmer County resident is eligible to enter.

*All entries must be registered by noon on Tuesday,

Oct. 3 at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

*Set up begins at 6 p.m. with judging at 6:30 p.m.

*All entries must be made by participant. Recipe must be original with no use of commercially prepared salsa.

*Participants must be able to answer any questions the judges may have.

*Decisions of the judges are final.

*Must be present during judging.

*Chips and other garnishments are allowed for presentation purposes. Leal's will provide chips for the tasting to each contestant.

*Salsa will be judged on appearance, taste and texture. (Appearance scores will be judged on the attractiveness of the entire presentation.)

Winners will receive \$200 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd place. For more information contact Ross Paiz at (806) 481-3303.

Cargill will be cooking burgers while the Friona Noon Lions Club will be dishing up their famous fries for all that attend this event.

The Friona High School Choir will perform the National Anthem and the Hereford JROTC will present the colors.

Throughout the event the Lazbuddie, Friona, Farwell,

and Bovina cheerleaders will be performing and door prizes will be given away.

Wal-Mart will be providing low-cost flu and pneumonia shots during the National Night Out event.

Sponsors and participants for this year's event include the following: AeroCare, Affordable Bail Bonds, American Red Cross-Lubbock, Aaron's Sales & Leasing-Hereford, Ben E. Keith, Bovina Police Department, Bovina Cheerleaders, Bovina EMS, Bovina Fire Department, Cargill, Castro County Sheriff's Office, City of Farwell, Clovis Police Department, Department of State Health Services-Maternal and Child Health, Farwell Cheerleaders, Farwell High School Football team, Farwell Police Department, Farwell EMS, Farwell Fire Department, Friona Boy Scouts #226, Friona Cheerleaders, Friona Chieftain Football Parents, Friona EMS, Friona Fire Department, Friona High School Choir, Friona High School Band, Friona Junior High Student Council, Friona Noon Lions Club, Friona Police Department, Hamlin United Memorial Church, Hereford JROTC, Hereford Regional Medical Center, Homer Haile State Farm, IHOP, Jose Quezada, K3 Towing, Larry Johnston,

Lazbuddie Cheerleaders, Lazbuddie Robotics Team, Leal's, National Weather Service-Lubbock, New Mexico State Police, Parmer County Commissioners, Parmer County Extension Office, Parmer County Historical Commission, PRPC, Serendipity of Clovis, Texico Fire and EMS, Texas Loans of Hereford, Torres Bail Bonds, Wal-Mart-Amarillo, Whiteface Cleaners, and Amarillo Venom. A special thanks goes out to all those that support and attend this community event.

"The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities," praised Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"A chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men and women who protect them. The safety of our communities depend on both law enforcement and the neighbors they serve. National Night Out enhances that cooperation," said former Vice-President Joe Biden concerning the event.

Make plans to unite with your neighbors and show your support for your local, county and state law enforcement agencies.



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Jose Ojeda, right, was the winner of the Massimo 4-wheeler from the Friona Volunteer Fire Department at Maize Days. Jim Taylor, center, congratulates Ojeda and his son, Josue.

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

September 28

- FHS JV/Freshman Football vs. Dalhart 5/6:30 p.m.
- FJHS 7th Football at Abernathy 5 p.m.

September 29

- Friona City Hall will be closed for Year End procedures
- Retirement party for Parmer County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson at Parmer County Courthouse 2-4 p.m.
- Early School Dismissal
- FHS Varsity Football at Dalhart 7 p.m.

September 30

- FJHS 8A & FHS C/JV Volleyball vs Faith Triumphant/Wilderado (Dual) 10 a.m. at FHS gym
- FHS/FJHS Cross Country at Canyon
- Community Bingo at Prairie Acres at 3 p.m.

October 1

- FHS Band Boosters Brisket Dinner 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at FJHS Cafeteria

October 2

- Parmer County Commissioners Special meeting
- FJHS 7A/7B/8A/8B Volleyball vs Olton at home 5 p.m.
- Pink Out t-shirt orders due
- FJHS Fall fundraiser orders due

October 3

- Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents
- Parmer County Sheriff's Office National Night Out in Farwell from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center
- FHS C/JV/V Volleyball at Dimmitt 5/5/6:30

October 5

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- OPEN DATE

October 6

- No School
- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.
- OPEN DATE

October 7

- FJHS 8A/FHS C Volleyball vs. Faith Triumphant at Portales 2/3

October 9

- COLUMBUS DAY**
- FJHS 7A/7B/8A/8B Volleyball at Dimmitt 5 p.m.
- FHS/FJHS Cross Country at District at Lubbock Mae Simmons
- Teacher In-service
- FISD Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m.
- Parmer Medical Center Hospital Board meeting

October 10

- Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell
- Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents
- FHS C/JV/V Volleyball at Shallowater 5/5/6:30
- Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

October 11

- FISD District Steering Committee meeting 4 p.m. at FISD Administration Building

October 12

- FHS JV/Freshman Football vs. River Road at home 5/6:30
- FJHS 7th/8th Football at River Road 5/6:30

October 13

- FHS Varsity Football at River Road 7:30 p.m.

October 14

- PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.
- FHS C/JV/V Volleyball vs. Littlefield at home 11/11/12
- FHS C/JV Volleyball vs. Idalou at home 11/12
- FHS Band at Sundown Marching Festival

October 16

- NATIONAL BOSSES DAY**
- FJHS 7A/7B/8A/8B at Littlefield 5 p.m.



Here we go AGAIN!

Did you watch football this past weekend? Do you watch the numerous football talk shows? Unfortunately, I did watch a few of the talk shows prior to the NFL games on Sunday. The idea that President Trump has the audacity to have an opinion seems to make the bone of controversy and contention even tastier. That bone was so tasty that the nation has taken to liking it as well.

Every news program began their day this week with a HUGE helping of this controversy.

I did watch the Houston/New England game but only joined prior to halftime. I got to miss whatever protest was done. I am a channel flipper when it comes to commercials or too much of the commentators rhetoric about the protests.

Was President Trump right to voice his opinion and then expand upon it? That raises the question, how far is too far?

President Obama stepped in once or twice, while he was sitting president, to weigh in on an issue in the NFL. He got slammed for having an opinion and voicing it. In fact, Mr. Obama's position is still brought up with diehard NFL fans. That position brings out good, bad and really ugly opinions.

President Trump can have all the opinions he wants but he needs to learn to pick his battles. He needs to learn to quit getting in his own way. His speech this past weekend could have gone so much differently and been much more diplomatic but he chose the controversial path and now look at what we have.

The entire country needs to take a giant step back for a moment and figure out what is most important. We have become a nation of reactionaries that go from situation to situation just

reacting to the situation without thought of a way to make repairs. It will take forethought to make those repairs and I am beginning to doubt that is possible.

Does it bother me that there are people out there that do not respect the values and history of this country? Yes, it does but I prefer to look at the people that do show respect for the history and values that created this country.

President Trump could be described with every hateful description. The fact of the matter is...this country voted him into office by either placing a vote for him or not getting out to vote for the opposition. He has three more years in this office and then the country can voice their opinion by keeping him in office or voting him out.

He will continue to have opinions and that is a fact! Honestly, I think we have more to worry about than how he feels about the NFL.

While we are on the subject of the NFL...How can someone who is paid millions of dollars to play a game one-day a week be oppressed? They are not slaves being made to play football for pennies a day and housed in hovels. They are treated with respect and paid extremely well. They are even lifted to the status of hero.

The owners of these NFL teams provide them with healthcare, food, facilities to workout and play the games with every amenity. Of course, the owners are making BIG bucks from every angle.

I digress...we have more than football, football players, football team owners and their issues to be apprehensive about in this day and age.

There is a ruler across the

ocean that would like nothing more than to wipe us off the face of this earth with a nuclear bomb. There are organized terrorist groups that want to inflict as much pain and destruction on our country. In our own backyard, we have an epidemic of homeless and neglected people. We have children that are abused daily. We have a healthcare system that has broken down. There are so many more important issues. Maybe we need to address some of the serious issues and attempt to find some unity on those fronts. With each news program, we are proving to the world that our country is coming undone at the seams and all they need to do is pull that one string and we will unravel into chaos.

If the President Trump's comments (tweets), kneeling football

players, and all the other issues bother you, I cannot help but think that maybe we need to find a way to fix the problem instead of adding fuel to the fire.

He is our president. He may embarrass us at times but he is our current president. We need to step up and do our part to promote positive change. I do not mean covering up the bad with a pretty blanket...I mean finding a way to find the positives out there. They are there and just need a little help to shine from underneath all the fertilizer that has been piled on them.

Maybe we need to protest the negative with a positive protest that will bring about change. It is just an idea.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." — Mahatma Gandhi



Sharon White received her flu shot at Senior Citizens last Thursday. Parmer Medical Clinic staff administered the shots.

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2017 Friona Star Football Contest Results Week 4

- 38-Mike Field, Jack Glover
- 37-BaiLee Brailiff, Jeremy Dearing, Enrique Rodriguez
- 36-Tim Elmore, Jon Field, Phillip Johnson
- 35-Sandra Berend, Clair Brown, Lance Field, Tyrone Shelby
- 34-Raul Brailiff, Laura Field, Mal Manchee, Rusty McFarland, Teresa Shelby, Christen Stowers
- 33-Scott Brown, Mack McFarland, Robert Rios, Rodney Shelby
- 32-Frank Dominguez, Eddie Gauna, Greg Lewellen, Isabel Rios
- 31-Mark Galan, Zachery McKenzie, Linvell Rose, Quentin Shelby, Kayla Tallant
- 30-Jess Dearing, Brett Field, Dorothy Stowers
- 29-Ambrosio Rios, Jr.
- 28-Raymond Diaz, Wm. Gromowsky, Rosa Mendez, Kathryn 'Beth' Tallant
- 26-Steve Horrell, Harley Merritt, Joy Morton
- 25-James Phipps
- 24-Elizabeth Field
- 19-Yvette Garcia

School Menu- October 2-6

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk
Lunch: Chicken patty, roll, fresh tomatoes, mashed potatoes, pears, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, orange pineapple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers, roll, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, apple Frudel, grape juice, applesauce, milk
Lunch: Ham & cheese sandwich, cheese broccoli, French oven potatoes, mixed fruit, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk
Lunch: Chili meat, Fritos, mixed California veggies, Ranch Style beans, strawberries & bananas, milk
- Friday**
NO SCHOOL

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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1 this bandleader	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
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ACROSS

- 1 this bandleader
- Artie was married to TX Evelyn Keyes
- 5 Port Arthur radio station before it became KDEI
- 6 TX B.J. Thomas hit: "___ Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 7 Cowboy hope (abbr.)
- 8 see ya later
- 9 high school football players wear 'em
- 15 Davy Crockett birth state (abbr.)
- 16 "I guess you had ___"
- 19 pre-owned vehicle (2 wds.)
- 21 you have ___ a gun, or you won't hit nuthin'
- 22 TXism: "hard as putting ___ in a windstorm"
- 27 TX Mildred ___ "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias
- 28 intuitive feeling (2 wds.)
- 29 8-across (2 wds.)
- 30 what TX Howard Hughes became
- 32 a Santa word
- 33 in Grayson County on FM 120
- 36 hot tubs
- 37 this Sam was long-time Speaker of the U.S. House (init.)
- 38 Salinas de ___ was Mexico president during NAFTA

DOWN

- 1 TXns do this on water mostly
- 2 "___ and eggs"
- 3 Van ____, TX in the TX oil boom
- 4 in the TX oil boom this was used for drilling (2 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "___ I ever laid eyes on"
- 9 this is worse than one from a rattlesnake (3 wds.)
- 10 first two initials of 36th U.S. president, from TX
- 11 boot width
- 12 TXism: "coming apart ___" (losing control)
- 13 King James' "you"
- 14 this Elliott's #32 has been retired by the San Antonio Spurs
- 15 metal used to make filaments in lights
- 16 soft mineral found in TX
- 17 this scale quantifies an earthquake size
- 18 "Hook ' ___!"
- 20 actress Moore in "Rio Grande Patrol"
- 22 Mineola is on ___ highways 69 and 80
- 23 TXism: "dull as week-old soda ___"
- 24 an early TXn lived in ___ cabin
- 25 TXism: "from womb ___" (lifetime)
- 26 chicken fried steak, TX
- 28 TXism: "mean ___ old range cow"
- 31 Midland BBQ catering company: "___ Smoke"
- 34 Astro lumber
- 35 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ a holler"
- 37 ooze
- 40 these are boxing knockouts (abbr.)
- 43 TX interscholastic org.
- 44 end a relationship (2 wds.)
- 50 this Bob was longest-serving Fort Worth mayor
- 51 wood chopper

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The FHS Band Boosters will host a brisket dinner this Sunday, October 1 at the Friona Junior High School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Band Booster parent or at the door. For deliveries during the time of the meal, text or call orders and addresses to Jeri Lynn White at (806) 265-7737. They will be serving up delicious brisket and all the fixings.

Have you purchased a Pink Out t-shirt? You have until Monday, October 2 to get your order turned in. For more details check out the article on page 1.

World Teachers' Day is Thursday, October 5. Did you know that Texas is 2nd in the U.S. with average starting salary for teacher? Texas is 14th in average annual salary for teachers. We are 34th in quality of school systems, 29th in pupil to teacher ratios, 36th

in public school spending per student, 43rd in teacher income growth potential, 37th in projected competition in 2024, 13th in 10-year change in teacher salaries and 30th in teacher safety. These facts are provided by WalletHub.

Everyone is reminded that the Friona Junior High Fall fundraiser is underway. The students are taking orders for Apple Baking Company frozen cookie dough and cheesecakes. The final day to order is Monday, October 2. All proceeds will go into a student activity fund, which includes student incentives, rewards and field trips. For more information contact Friona Junior High Principal Jesse Galdean at (806) 250-2788.

A retirement party for Parmer County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson will be held at the County Courthouse in Farwell on Friday, September 29 from 2-4 p.m.

If you missed out on Cargill burgers and Friona Noon Lions fries at the Homecoming game you can attend the Par-

mer County Sheriff's Office Night Out on Tuesday, October 3 from 6-8 p.m. in Farwell and enjoy their good cooking. Everyone in the county is invited to come out and support this event. If you have a hot sauce recipe that you consider the best in the county, you can enter it in the Salsa Contest that evening.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 2 to accept Parmer County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson's resignation and to swear in Awyna Sanchez as her replacement. You will be missed Bobbie!

If you complained about it being hot and dry, you got your wish for cooler and rainy weather.

Remember that the FHS Choir Boosters are selling tickets for a chance to win a \$200 cash card. Tickets are \$1 and the drawing will be at the October 24 volleyball game. Call Sharon Rector at (806) 677-4664 for your tickets.

The Harrington Mobile Coach will be in Friona Wednesday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Parmer Medical Center. Call now to make an appointment. 1-800-377-4673.

When autumn darkness falls, what we will remember are the small acts of kindness: a cake, a hug, an invitation to talk, and every single rose. These are all expressions of a nation coming together and caring about its people. ~Jens Stoltenberg



dana jameson photo

The Gary Moore Carnival is in town at the Community Center parking lot. The rainy and cold weather has put a damper on the event and the rides were deserted Tuesday evening waiting for the sun to come out. The carnival is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and will be in town until Saturday, September 30.



courtesy photo

Three FCCLA students competed at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo recently in the Culinary Division. Noor Ali, left, earned 2nd place in Cookies with her chocolate chip cookies and 3rd place in Jam with her peach jam. Dana Romero, center, earned a 1st place in Cookies with her chocolate chip cookies and a 1st place in Jam for her peach jam. Michelle Garcia, right, earned a 1st place in the Recipe Contest for her chocolate chip cookies and a 3rd place in Cookies for her chocolate chip cookies. These students are sponsored by Erin Barnett, FCCLA instructor. "Thank you Jyl Grimsley for the delicious chocolate chip cookie recipe," stated Barnett.

BOOK SHOPPE NEWS

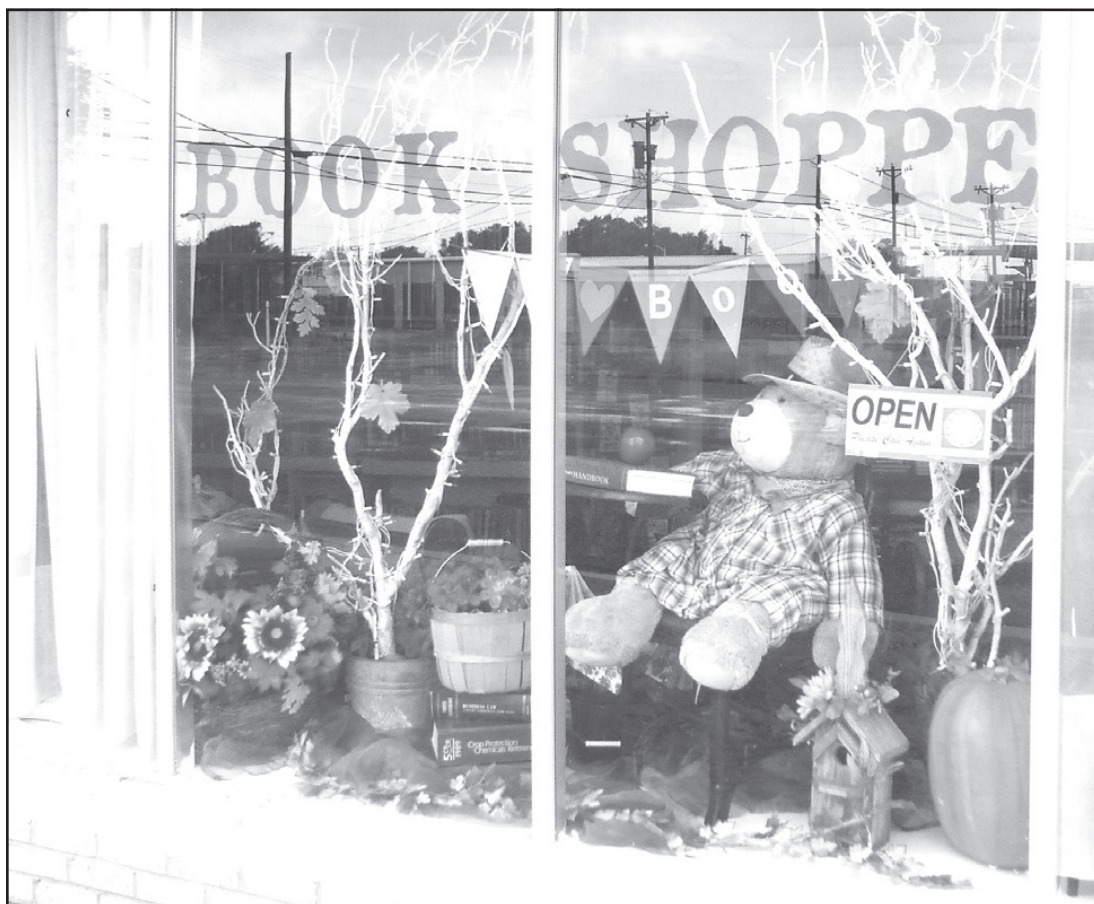
BY CONNIE SLAGLE

It's finally fall at your Friends of the Library Book Shoppe. Fall and winter hours begin on Wednesday, October 4, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. and will be in effect until school is out.

We have received several donations from teachers recently, including several boxes of classic literature. Books in the vintage room date back to the late 1800's, and there are still large numbers of religious fiction paperbacks, free to anyone buying an entire series. Brand new Hallmark Halloween and Thanksgiving cards are also free.

The Book Shoppe has re-donated several boxes of books to the First Baptist Church of Hereford and the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo. Along with help from Friona teachers, we were part of an effort by Region 16 Education Service Center to send books to Hurricane Harvey educators.

Please visit the Book Shoppe and take advantage of some of the nicest used books in the Panhandle at the lowest prices. Books are only one dollar a bag. Thanks to all donors, customers, and volunteers.



ACTION FOR AN AMBULANCE

Ambulance Trivia

UIL rules include the requirement that a designated emergency vehicle be present at athletic contests. If an ambulance is not available, another suitable vehicle should be ready for quick utilization. Friona EMS provides an ambulance for all home High School and Junior High football games. If the ambulance has to leave the game for a transport call from the hospital, the game has to stop until it returns. Transport calls mean that a patient is needing immediate transport to a higher level of care. The 911 ambulance can be used only for 911 calls and cannot go to the game or leave town for a transport call. A third ambulance would certainly alleviate this problem.

Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of September 28, 1967

*The last of the old "Ludlow" fire hydrants, first installed in Friona in 1929-30, was removed at the corner of Sixth and Main this week, where a new three-way fire plug was installed. Eight of the new hydrants have been installed in the past year. The city has a total of 80 fire hydrants.

*The board of Advisory Editors of "Outstanding Civic Leaders of America" announced recently that five Friona residents have been chosen for inclusion in the 1967 edition of the national publication.

Those chosen were Mrs. Roy V. Miller, Steve Messinger, Dr.

Lloyd Shackelford, Mrs. V.J. Zeeman, and Andy Hurst.

*Friona Police Chief Bill Morgan warned Friona residents this week that prowlers and housebreakers have been reported and investigated in town, and urged people to lock their doors when they are away, or when they go to bed at night.

*Hart Family Continues to Win Area Fairs...Dale Hart, exhibitor of registered Polled Milking Shorthorns, had winners in two recent shows, and is showing cattle this week at the Panhandle South Plains Fair in Lubbock.

At the Floyd County Fair at

Lockney last week, Hart won six first places out of the ten classes in the show. They had four second places.

Holly Hart showed the grand champion bull, a two year old; and Evelyn Hart exhibited the grand champion female. Holly had two first places, Karene one first and one second; Evelyn a first and Dale had two firsts and three seconds. Karene also receive a first place on her 4-H dress and one in the crafts department.

At the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, Holly received second place on her chocolate chip cookies and this was all the family entered.

At the recent Curry County Fair in Clovis, the Harts had three first place winners, one second and several thirds in what was described as a "real strong show." Karene received two blue ribbons in the sewing division and Holly had two red ribbons.

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JCB North America adds Parmer County Implement to dealer network

Parmer County Implement Company, Inc., an agriculture equipment, parts and service dealership in Friona, Texas, has added JCB's line of agricultural equipment to its operations. The dealership will carry JCB's full line of agricultural machines, including wheel loaders, telehandlers, skid steers

and compact track loaders, and the Fastrac, the world's fastest production tractor enabling road speeds of up to 43mph. "We have long been committed to helping our customers increase yields and reduce costs in their farming operations," said Clint Hurst, president of Parmer County Implement Company.

"Adding JCB's line of agricultural products helps us to continue that commitment. We are excited to add another level of dedicated materials handling and efficiency-driven equipment options for area growers to consider."

Parmer County Implement has been serving the Texas and New Mexico agriculture community for more than 30 years. The new JCB division will complement the dealership's existing product lines and provide current and prospective customers with more solutions for their specific equipment needs.

"We welcome Clint Hurst and his entire team at Parmer County Implement on board our dealer network," said Richard Fox-Marrs, president and CEO of JCB North America.

"This is a business that understands the needs of its customers and works hard to earn their trust. JCB values those attributes in our dealers, and we look forward to a successful relationship for the long term."

Parmer County Implement will have a designated sales representative and service technicians for its JCB agricultural equipment. The location will also provide parts, support and financing options.

For more information about Parmer County Implement, visit www.parmercountyimplement.com. To learn more about JCB and its equipment for the agriculture, construction, industrial, waste/recycling, rental and landscaping industries, visit www.jcb.com.

Comptroller accepting applications

Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminded Texans applications are now being accepted for 2017-18 Texas Match the Promise Foundation awards.

The foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, encourages Texas families to save for college by offering competitive matching scholarships and tuition grants to Texas students who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise FundSM (TTPF) account, the state's prepaid college tuition plan.

"During the 2016-17 school year, the foundation approved Match the Promise scholarships for 65 students," Hegar said. "We're excited about awarding new scholarships to children who represent this state's future."

Fifth- through ninth-graders whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less and who have a TTPF account may apply for the matching scholarships and tuition grants through Dec. 31, 2017. To be considered for a scholarship, students must write a career essay and meet other requirements. Complete details can be found at MatchThePromise.org or by calling 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.

Families also can enroll in TTPF during the scholarship application period if they haven't already done so. TTPF allows families to lock in today's prices for tomorrow's tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Get more information at TuitionPromise.org.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and state employees through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

Texas Comptroller announces unclaimed property returns

The Texas Comptroller's office returned a record \$281 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced.

The total breaks the previous record of \$270 million returned in fiscal 2016 and marks the fifth consecutive record-breaking year.

"Each year we make a commitment to reunite unclaimed property with its rightful owners, and this record underlines that commitment," Hegar said. "I encourage all Texans to visit ClaimItTexas.org to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."

The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$2 billion to its rightful owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962. The state is currently holding more than \$4 billion in cash and other valuables.

The \$281 million in unclaimed property returned in fiscal 2017 includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit box contents. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been considered dormant for one to five years.

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim — they can do so at any time.

For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, ClaimItTexas.org, or call 800-321-CASH (2274).

Commissioners conduct short meeting

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell to discuss a ten item agenda.

The commissioners called a special session of Monday, October 2 to accept the resignation of Parmer County Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson and to appoint Awyna Sanchez to an unexpired term as tax assessor. Sanchez will run for a two-year term in the next primary.

Commissioners approved the administration of flu shots to the courthouse employees on Monday, October 2 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Monday, October 9 regular Commissioner meeting was moved to Tuesday, October 10 due to the Columbus Day holiday. The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell.

The proposed Employee Handbook was approved and will be discussed with employees of Parmer County on October 2.

The commissioners approved all the donations made to the Sheriff's Office National Night Out, which will be held Tuesday, October 3 at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center in Farwell.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at anytime.

Weekly Tax Tip Topic: Identity Theft

Phone and internet scams are in the headlines weekly; hackers are becoming more proficient and productive, seeking bigger targets everyday. The most recent example: Equifax Data Breach exposing 143 million American consumers personal data. Here are 3 tips to help protect yourself after this breach:

1. Check your credit reports. Get a free annual report from TransUnion, Experian and Equifax at annualcreditreport.com
2. Monitor your existing credit card and bank accounts closely. Report any discrepancies immediately.
3. **File your taxes early** to beat the chance of a scammer filing taxes using your social security number. **H&R Block** offers a Tax Identity Shield that protects you from having your identity stolen and taxes filed by a scammer.

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Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: September 18, 2017

Robert Anchondo, 36, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of violation of probation (aggravated assault on a public servant). The case is pending in District Court.

September 20, 2017

Fabian Mondragon, 27, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The case is pending in District Court.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of September 14 through September 20, 2017:

Mona Rene Bermea—Alfredo Bermea, All L20-22 B9 OT Farwell.

Gerardo Rubalcava—Luis Salas, N 45' L1 B40 OT Bovina.

Filiberto Juarez and Carmen Juarez—Jose Luis Salinas and Gualupe Salinas, All L1-4 B77 OT Friona.

Cheryl Renee London—Dennis Carroll London, L9-16 S4 T16S R1E CSS.

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Two Sided Raindrop

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

Wow! Can you believe the moisture we have received? It has been a blessing in many ways, yet the other side of the coin those with crops still trying to finish are hoping for a little sunshine. Of course, I was told the other day standing with a farmer watching in rain and he said, "We will work around the rain, it sure is hard to work around a drought." True enough.

In the current climate of chaos in our country there seem to always be two ways of viewing the same thing. I must admit that is frustrating and things would sure go smoother around here if everyone would just agree with me. (sarcasm) Yet, I must admit that depending upon where I am standing I will view things differently. For example, in Noah's day when it started to rain, it was no big deal from inside the ark. However, rain was viewed quite differently for all those clamoring to higher ground outside the ark. The gospel message to one who believes leads to a knowledge of Jesus and eternal salvation, but to the one who does not put much belief in the same gospel message it seems foolish. Satan viewed the cross as a victorious end to the Son of the Most High God, until an empty tomb proved otherwise.

The reality is chaos is part of our deal, because sin is part of our deal. This world is corrupt and finite. It will end. Paul, describes a day when all will agree. He says, "Every knee will bow and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ is Lord." For some that day will be an affirmation of the faith they have held, for others, sadly it will be the confirmation that they were wrong in their disbelief. What will remain is that there will be no doubt as to Who Jesus is.

It does sadden me to see so much discord in our country. I do pray for wisdom to prevail with cooler heads focused on real problems. My prayer for you who read this is that you think through the case for Christ and choose victory over death while you still have a choice.

***But he gives more grace.
Therefore it says,
"God opposes the proud, but
gives grace to the humble."
James 4:6 ESV***

President Donald J. Trump

By TEENA HUGHES

Romans 13:1b states: "For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."

Have you ever wondered why God places certain people in certain positions of authority? I have wondered why we had to have certain presidents, and why out of 18 people, Donald Trump ended up being the Republican nominee and President.

One thing for sure: Donald Trump knows how to rile up people. He knows how to speak to the so-called silent majority of people and say the things we are saying mostly in our own inner circles and behind closed doors. I am part of this group that isn't afraid to speak up when I am with like-minded people, but I don't go out in public and tell people what I think when I disagree with their opinions. Whether it is out of fear of what people will think, or a fear of not being able to defend my beliefs, or a respect for the other person in not wanting to cause trouble, I usually don't speak up.

Donald Trump is not afraid to speak up, no matter how much it upsets the media or the left, and that is one of the reasons he got elected. The left and the media are never afraid to speak up, and Donald Trump is our voice.

The latest controversy is the NFL and standing for the singing of National Anthem. How sad it is that people choose to "protest" in such a way. Has it made anyone's life better? Has it changed anything for the good? Has it glorified God in any way? All I can see is that it has divided our nation even more.

I often wonder when things are going to turn around in this country. Maybe God put Donald Trump in authority because He knew He wouldn't be afraid to speak up, to "blow the lid off", get people to thinking, and start realizing that you may be free to protest, but sometimes consequences come with those protests. Many people are in agreement: just look at the stands at NFL games and hear what the viewership of the NFL is these days.

OBITUARY

Jere Jean Buske Hand

Jere Jean Buske Hand, 73, of Ft. Worth, formerly of Friona, passed away peacefully at Brookdale Clare Bridge Memory Care Facility in Ft. Worth on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Celebration of Life services were held Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Jere was born on December 23, 1943 in Abernathy, Texas, to W.F. and Viola Buske. They moved to Friona after her 8th grade year where she graduated from Friona High in 1962. She married her high school sweetheart, Dale Smith who was employed at Friona State Bank, the following June. She then spent the next 20 years as a wonderful mother and very active homemaker after the arrival of Amber in 1964 and Toby in 1967. She was active in her church and the community during this time. After Dale's passing in 1982, she was employed by Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona. She then married Rex Hand in 1986 and earned an associates degree from TSTI Amarillo in interior design. She then moved to Dallas in 1992, earned her real estate license, and was hired as a realtor for Ebby Haliday Realty Co. She worked as a realtor and interior designer for 15 years until her retirement in 2007 when she moved in with her son, daughter in law, and granddaughters southwest of Ft. Worth and has resided since. She was a member of Aledo United Methodist Church and a breast cancer survivor.

She had a smile and a spirit that lit up every room she entered. She appreciated music and shared her own angelic



soprano sound throughout her life. Whether lifting her voice with the Trebelairs as a high school student, participating in Christmas and Easter cantatas at church, or singing along with the radio and her beloved Elvis, her addition to God's heavenly choir is as it should be. She spoke the love language of food...from her brisket to her cinnamon rolls to her El Monterey enchiladas, she loved sharing this gift with family and friends. Her sweet and demure southern LADY personality remained with her always and she was loved by many.

She is preceded in death by her husband Dale Wayne Smith, mother Viola Parker Buske, father William Faniel Buske, and brother William Doris Buske.

Jere is survived by one daughter, Amber Gae Miertschin, son-in-law William Robert Miertschin, of Dallas; one son, Toby Dale Smith, daughter-in-law Sabra Lee Smith of Cresson, Texas, and two granddaughters, Lindsay Nicole Smith and Morgan Lee Smith.

You may send condolences and sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com.



***~Fear thou not;
for I [am] with thee:
be not dismayed;
for I [am] thy God:
I will strengthen thee;
yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right
hand of my righteousness.
Isaiah 41:10***

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**~Psalm 50~
God Speaks**

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

God spoke to me the other day, but He didn't say exactly what I expected Him to. Things started off just fine as He reminded me of how great and glorious He is, especially in light of the vastness of the heavens and His creation. What He said next really caught me off guard. He said He didn't need my religion, rituals or churchy things. In fact, he basically said it is all just a farse, and if we ever think that God needs us, then we are hopelessly delusional. God strongly reminded me that "every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills," which was a clear way of saying He is all sufficient and He can take care of Himself just fine.

Next, God really said what he thought about the wicked and those who forget or forsake Him. His condemnation for such fools is harsh and points toward their impending doom. In fact, He put it this way, "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!" Being torn apart by God definitely sounds unpleasant and intimidating, but this is the fate of the faithless.

Finally, though, God ended His speech with grace and salvation, as He reminded me that "to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" Basically, God said if I trust in Him and live in His ways, He will save me. What an awesome promise this is, because I don't deserve God's greatness and goodness. I am so thankful that God spoke to me the other day, and God wants to speak to you today as well. Will you take time the time to listen, just as I did by opening my Bible to Psalm 50 and reading His truth?

***~Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Matthew 7:7***

**How do you
see the past?**

REV. JOE SCHULTE, Pastor, Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Like many in ministry, I did other things before I became part of the clergy. One of them was being a history teacher. My interest in history has always made me curious about how people view the past. What is it? What purpose, if any, does it hold? Not all of us agree on the answers to these and other related questions.

Some view history with a sentimental eye. Everything in the past was wonderful, it was idyllic. There is a strong desire to return to yesterday and reclaim the way things used to be; it would be a cure to all evils. This is almost always revisionist history because, as Billy Joel sings, "The good old days weren't always good..." Of course there are memories of good times. I will always remember my college days. They were fun. But I am a different person now and there is no way that I want to repeat my late teens and early twenties. I would have to go through all those awkward stages of becoming an adult all over again. No way. Think about it: how many of you would give up the convenience of your microwave oven, your personal computer, or cellphone? My guess is that there are always things from the past that we would not want to relive or reclaim.

Others see history as something to forget. It may be filled with horrible memories or events so painful that we hope by leaving them behind, we will be better. There is a logic to this understanding. There are things that are best to move on from. Reliving the past is not always helpful.

As I reflect on the meaning of the past, I have come to see it as a time of learning. I have learned from my mistakes, learned how to get up when knocked down, and learned what I am gifted to do. I have also learned from the past that God has been part of creation, God has always been faithful and has walked with me whether I am on the top of the mountain or in the deepest valley. Most importantly, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, I have come to experience the grace and life-giving empowerment of God.

I do not need to return to the past or make it something it wasn't. Nor do I need to relive it. I take the lessons learned from the past, live in the present, and move on to the hope of the future.

How do you see the past?

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SPORTS

JV Chiefs tame the Whirlwinds 46-6

The Junior Varsity Chiefs took the wind out of the Floydada Whirlwinds last Thursday, September 21 with a resounding 46-6 win.

"The special teams go the ball back for us four straight times that contributed to the lopsided score," stated Coach Tommy DeLeon.

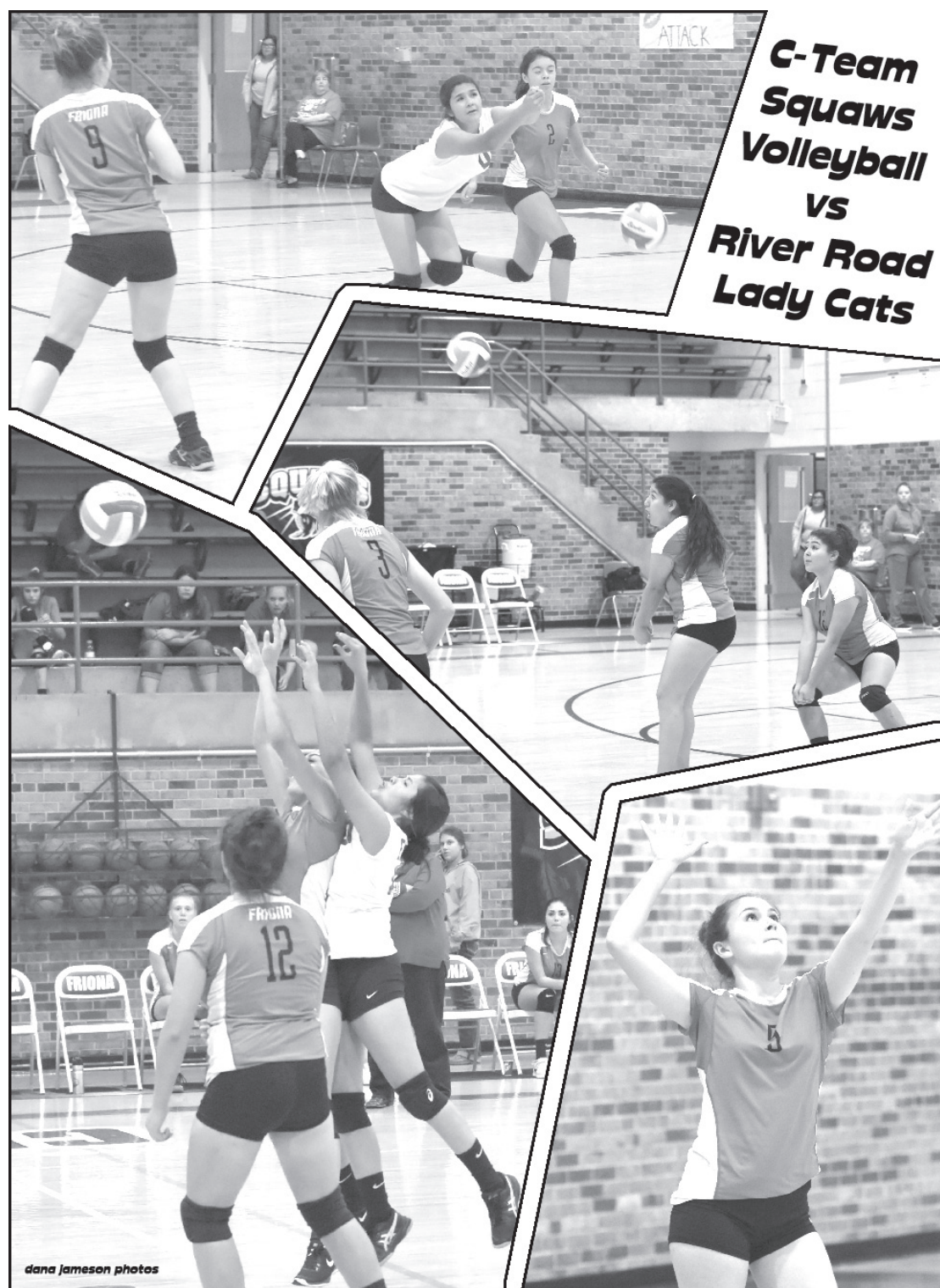
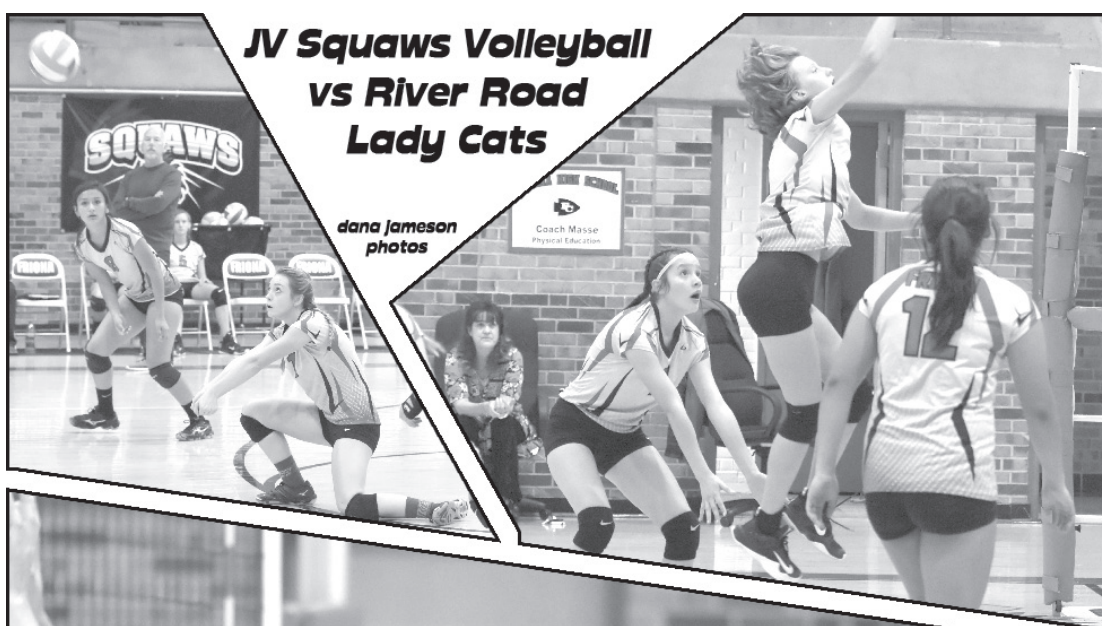
In the first quarter Jose Grado threw an 18-yard pass to Jonathan Barrios for a touchdown with Jeremiah Rando running in the two-point conversion.

The Chiefs had a busy second quarter scoring four more touchdowns. Grado had a five-yard run for a TD. The two-point conversion failed. Grado

ran in a 15-yard TD and then completed a two-point conversion which was followed by another five-yard run and another two-point conversion. Grado passed for 30 yards to Elian Mendoza for a TD with Roger Palacios running in the two-point conversion.

In the third quarter Grado had a 10-yard touchdown with Barrios completing the two-point conversion.

The JV Chiefs will host the Dalhart Wolves at Chieftain Field this Thursday, September 28 at 5 p.m.



NOTICE FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

DIRECTOR ELECTION AND NOTICE.

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District Number 140 Board of Directors hereby orders and gives notice of an election for the purpose of electing one director for subdivision 5.

In accordance with provisions of V.T.C.A. Agriculture Code, Section 201.073, qualified voters of the above named district will assemble October 11, at 9:00am at 109 Third Street, Farwell, Texas 79325 (the USDA Building) to conduct the election.

Early Voting by personal appearance for eligible voters will begin on Monday, September 25th, 2017 and continue each weekday through Friday, October 6th, 2017, from 8:00am to 4:00pm at 109 Third Street, Farwell, Texas 79325 (the USDA Building).

Early voting shall also be conducted on Saturday, September 30th, 2017, from 8:00am to 12:00am at 109 Third Street, Farwell, Texas 79325 (the USDA Building).

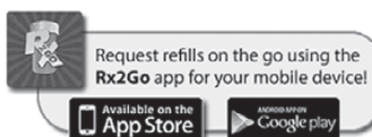
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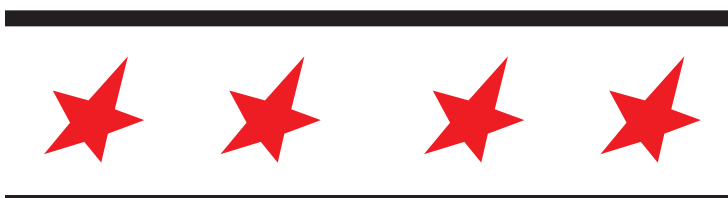
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Texas Land Trends report shows changes in rural lands, operators

By Paul Schattenberg

Fragmentation of rural working lands, an increasing population and changes in landowner age, residency, land-use preferences and other factors are addressed in the new Texas Landowner Changes and Trends report.

"The goal of this report is to describe the state's growing population and the data relating to rural lands," said Dr. Roel Lopez, director of the Natural Resources Institute, part of the Texas A&M University System. "Using several datasets, we have also evaluated a number of demographics among landowners of privately owned rural working lands."

The report addressed landowner age, intergenerational land transfer, operator gender, landowner residency and more from 1997 to 2012. It can be found on the Texas Land Trends website, <http://txlandtrends.org>, an interactive website and database detailing current land use trends within the state. It can also be found on the institute's website at <http://bit.ly/2xb3s3q>.

Lopez said the state's dramatic loss and fragmentation of privately owned farms, ranches and forests, known as working lands, affects the state's rural economies and can have a serious impact on natural resources and food security.

He noted benefits derived from Texas' working lands, such as clean air and water, natural habitat, a functioning ecosystem and recreational opportunities, are affected by a shrinking open-space landmass.

"Understanding the state's changing population and land management needs can help toward making important planning and development decisions as well as in determining those policies that will affect these working lands and natural resources for generations to come," he said.

He said privately owned farms, ranches and forests in Texas are increasingly threatened by suburbanization, rural development and land fragmentation driven by rapid population growth.

"Demographic projections show most of the increase in population growth will be in the central, southern and eastern part of the state, and the state's population will likely double by 2050," Lopez said. "This will put serious stress on our working lands and natural resources."

Lopez said another problematic trend is the aging of the average rural landowner. From 1997 to 2012, the average landowner age has increased from 56 to 60.

"In 2012, the average age of women landowner/operators was 63," he said. "And while men still constituted 85 percent of operators in 2012, the number of women since 1997 has been steadily increasing."

Lopez said the report also shows from 1997 to 2012 the number of absentee landowners remained consistent while there was a gain of about 40,000 new resident landowners – those who own and reside on the land – during the same period.

"Land transfers from one generation to the next, rising land values and expanding urban centers have all contributed to an overall increase in the number of operators, especially the number of new operators near urban centers," he said.

Other data from the report shows as of 2012 there were 65,547 Texas operators who had less than 10 years experience in their current operation, with 42 percent of all rural landowners depending on their operation as their primary occupation. The top three reasons identified for owning land were family recreation, hunting and wildlife enjoyment.

"Data from this report and from Texas Land Trends provides public and private decision-makers with information needed to plan for the conservation of Texas farms, ranches and forests," Lopez said. "They are a critically important data source for policy makers, conservation organizations, and state and federal agencies for understanding the changing landscape of our working lands and the people who own them."

Sorghum silage field day adds nutritional education

By Kay Ledbetter

When producers showed up to the annual Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service forage sorghum silage tour near Bushland, little did they know they would be getting a muffin and a nutrition education.

Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, added Lizabeth Gresham, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County, to her annual tour lineup this year in an effort to link agriculture and human health and diet.

The 2017 AgriLife Bushland Forage Sorghum Silage trial includes 78 forage sorghums, sorghum-sudangrasses and grain sorghum hybrids grown for livestock production. However, Bell said, it also provided the opportunity to discuss the value of food-grade sorghum hybrids in the human diet.

"We wanted to look at sorghum use from both sides; while this field trial is targeting the livestock industry and silage production for both beef cattle and dairies, we also recognize there is a human component," she said.

"We need to look at sorghum for the human diet as well as the animal diet. And, if farmers know there are additional marketing opportunities, maybe they can tap into something that offers a premium."

With many producers and seed industry representatives present, Bell said the tour was an opportunity to address the human aspect, provide education and emphasize that AgriLife Extension realizes sorghum is a part of a healthy diet and there is an opportunity to direct it into alternative markets.

"This is part of the Path to the Plate program, which is a new statewide research-based educational program to improve agriculture literacy with consumers," she said. "It is important for consumers to understand how food is produced as well as how to prepare healthy foods in order to lead healthier lives."

Select AgriLife Extension county agents across the state were trained as Path to the Plate Champions, and will be training other county agents.

"Lizabeth is one of the Champions," Bell said. "When you look at how important nutrition is to health and minimizing chronic diseases, it is important for us to educate consumers about healthy food choices. Lizabeth is focusing on sorghum in the diet, and promoting it as a healthy grain to consumers."

"It was wonderful for Lizabeth to participate in our plot tour. While the program objective is not to target producers, we recognize agricultural producers are also consumers," Bell said. "At the tour, it was interesting to see how many people directly involved in agriculture and grain sorghum production had not even tasted sorghum."

Gresham said she wants to emphasize the importance of nutrition and whole grains in the diet, including sorghum. She developed a sorghum banana muffin recipe for the producers to taste. As producers of sorghum, she said, it's important for them to not only know how to grow it but also how it tastes as well as about its nutritional benefits.

"It only makes sense for us to work as a team and be educated on the nutritional benefits and taste of sorghum," she said. "I am able to offer cooking and tasting opportunities and emphasize sorghum's exceptional whole grain nutrition. Sorghum is an excellent choice in whole grains because it is packed full of healthy nutrients. It's extremely high in protein and fiber."

"Sorghum is a naturally gluten-free whole grain, which is important right now in the food industry," she said. "It is a great product for those with celiac disease or gluten sensitivity."

Gresham said the availability of

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Wind could supply 40 percent of region's energy needs

Xcel Energy's plans to add more wind power in its Texas-New Mexico service area would boost wind to about 40 percent of the region's electricity supply by 2021 and immediately begin reducing fuel costs on customer bills.

In March, Xcel Energy asked regulators to approve two new company-owned wind farms – one in New Mexico and the other in Texas – that would provide enough energy to power 440,000 typical homes. The company already purchases enough wind energy to account for 20 percent of the annual energy use in the region, and the new wind farms, along with additional proposed contract purchases, would double that.

Other companies across the nation are following Xcel Energy's lead because falling capital costs and favorable tax policies have made renewables – especially wind energy – among the most economical types of electricity production. This week, renewable energy advocates across the U.S. are marking "National Clean Energy Week" to step up awareness of the strides electricity providers are making to add new renewable generation facilities that reduce the impact on the environment and, most importantly for regional customers, the impact on monthly bills.

This focus falls in line with Xcel Energy's strategy of transforming how it produces, distributes and encourages the efficient use of energy within the context of delivering the reliable and affordable energy that regional customers and communities need, said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy – New Mexico, Texas.

"The new wind projects we are proposing will generate electricity as cheaply as our coal-fueled power plants without using precious groundwater or producing air emissions," Hudson said. "Because of these and other factors, we will save \$2.8 billion on energy production costs over 30 years, and those savings will flow directly back to our customers through lower fuel costs."

The ability to add more wind is now possible in large part because of investments the company has made to strengthen the region's high-voltage transmission network. Dozens of new transmission projects in

Texas and New Mexico have improved the ability to move power throughout the region and connect with outside marketplaces, both of which are vital to the development of new wind farms. The cost of improving this infrastructure has led to higher monthly bills in recent years, but the investments will deliver savings in the long run as more low-cost wind energy is connected to the system, Hudson said.

"We have to invest wisely in our energy future, which means we may have to bear higher upfront costs to achieve long-term savings," Hudson said. "Our wind energy expansion will pay for itself and return nearly 40 percent in savings over time, and that's not something we'd want to pass up," Hudson said.

The wind projects are being reviewed by utility regulators in both Texas and New Mexico, with anticipated approvals coming in 2018. Once the necessary approvals are obtained, construction on the 478-megawatt Hale Wind Project in Hale County, Texas, would start immediately with a planned completion in 2019. The other facility – the 522-megawatt Sagamore Wind Project in Roosevelt County, N.M., would be in service by 2020. Xcel Energy is also seeking approval of a contract to purchase an additional 230 megawatts of wind energy – enough to power more than 80,000 typical homes – from two facilities being developed in Texas by NextEra Energy Resources – one in Cochran County and the other in Crosby County.

In addition to Xcel Energy's growing wind energy portfolio, the company also has brought on large amounts of solar energy in recent years. Two photovoltaic solar facilities built by NextEra Energy Resources outside of Roswell, N.M., began selling energy to Xcel Energy in late 2016. With 140 total megawatts of capacity, the solar facilities produce enough electricity to power 40,000 typical homes.

Renewable development also provides a needed financial boost to area towns and cities. The NextEra projects created 300 jobs during construction and five full-time positions for ongoing operations. They also return \$660,000 per year in payments to local taxing entities, including the Roswell Independent School District. Xcel Energy's proposed wind farms in Texas and New Mexico will create 600 construction jobs and between 40 to 50 full-time operational positions.

More information about Xcel Energy's plans for the region's energy future can be found at www.xcelenergy.com/ourenergyfuturesw.

Pecan weevils' range growing warns AgriLife Extension expert

By Steve Byrns

Homeowners and pecan orchard operators are urged to watch for pecan weevils that can decimate a crop right up to harvest, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service integrated pest management specialist at College Station.

"This is not a new pest, but what is new is that it's being sighted in areas where it's never been found," said Bill Ree. "It's a serious pest, ranking right up there with the ubiquitous casebearer that hits developing pecans early in the season practically statewide. Pecan weevils hit late in the season when the nuts are ready to be harvested."

What's troubling is we are seeing a considerable geographic movement in a pest that was once fairly isolated. We are confident this migration is human-assisted."

Pecan weevil, *Curculio caryae*, is a native to North America, and has been collected from all the native hickory species, though detailed knowledge of its distribution is only known within pecan populations, Ree said.

"Individual producers must manage this pest if they find it in their orchards as I have seen an instance where no management was applied for several years and upwards of 95 percent of the pecans had pecan weevil damage," Ree said. "Unfortunately, management of pecan weevil requires at least two late-season insecticide applications, which also kill beneficial insects, thus indirectly causing problems with secondary pests."

In pecan producing states, Ree said, there is a potential for spreading the pest from infested to uninfested regions. In Texas, 130 of the state's 254 counties have recorded outbreaks. The most recent being in Hays and Comal counties with a suspected case in Lynn County.

"It is unclear if these new detections were the result of man-assisted movement or not," Ree said. "But the verified infestations should be a wake-up call for the Texas pecan industry because the detections show for the first time that the Guadalupe River Watershed is now at risk from being slowly but surely contiguously infested."

"If one looks at a topographical map of the area it's apparent there are no natural barriers to prevent further spread because these newly infested areas are adjacent to streams lined with wild, native and improved pecans that flow all the way to the Gulf of Mexico."

"I hear all too often of new detections in New Mexico and fear for its potential spread even farther west. That potential westward movement into the states of New Mexico, Arizona and California would be a very large industry problem."

Ree suggests one method to help prevent the westward spread is through an expanded multi-state quarantine. He said Texas has a pecan weevil quarantine for all counties except the five most western. The Texas quarantine includes all in-shell pecans as well as cracked pecans and any pecan shipment containing shell pieces. Anyone in Texas in the quarantined area selling or shipping pecans to New Mexico, Arizona or California must meet the quarantine treatment requirements.


Ree said quarantines are effective on the commercial side, because most growers are aware of the problem and its potential consequences to the industry, but most homeowners are not. He recalled a pecan weevil outbreak in the early 1970s in Otero County, New Mexico, which took several years to control.

"Although the infestation was eventually eradicated, the source of this infestation was unclear, however, one of the residents in the infested area recalled having a grocery sack of 'bad pecans' that were collected from the native range of the pecan weevil and were later disposed of in his backyard."

Ree said eastern New Mexico and West Texas infestations most likely are the result of human-assisted movement. He said these pop-up infestations are costly for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to try to eradicate, which often takes years, and are a problem for the industry as a whole.

"I don't have a solution to this problem, but one way I try to address this issue is that I talk about the pecan weevil at all the AgriLife Extension meetings I'm a part of, regardless of whether the county has weevils or not," he said. "I really feel communication with not only producers, but also with the general public, is important in getting the word out of the seriousness of this growing problem."

"Better communication about this important issue from all those involved with the pecan industry to the general public will be a step in the right direction."



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Friona Junior High Cross Country stopped for a quick picture recently. Pictured, l-r, Allen Martinez, Jared Rejino, Tim Ally, Isaias Olmos, Stef Ally and Eduardo Jimenez.

Great Scott murder mystery dinner at PPHM

Panhandle Plains Historical Museum (PPHM) invites you to come to a "who done it" like no other. On Friday November 2 and Saturday November 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (guests can choose either date to attend), PPHM will host Great Scott! Murder Mystery Dinner performed by the West Texas A&M University Theatre Dept.

A beer and wine bar will be available throughout the evening, a catered dinner will be served starting at 6 PM, and the show will begin around 6:30 PM.

Great Scott! A Murder Mystery Mayhem tells the story of Doc and Marty and their crash landing at PPHM. On their way back from a heroic escapade in the past, Doc and Marty are forced to make a crash landing at PPHM as it bears a striking resemblance to the Hill Valley Clock

Tower. After quick repairs, they round up the Mystery Inc. gang as well as a handful of lost pop culture icons to return them to their proper timelines. Before they can, foul play is discovered as one of their own has been found dead. Will justice be served? Maybe. Will the truth be discovered? Most likely. Will there be a celebrity sing off? Most definitely.

"Brought back by popular demand and with a popular culture twist this event was a big hit last year and we are excited to show off the West Texas A&M University students' creative new script," Samantha Biffle, PPHM's Program Coordinator said.

Tickets are on sale now for \$75 per person or \$140 for a pair. Only 130 seats are available per night. To make reservations visit panhandle-plains.org or call Samantha at 806-651-2242.

An Evening of Conversation with Lyle Lovett

In a unique program presented by the Texas Tech Presidential Lecture & Performance Series, singer, songwriter, composer and actor, Lyle Lovett will be in conversation with Paul Allen Hunton, general manager of Texas Tech Public Media, to offer insights about his creative process and stories from a recording and performing life spanning thirty years.

Four-time Grammy winner and Texas-based musician, Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that includes 14 memorable albums fusing elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. This program of conversation will offer his fans and followers an intimate look at one of America's musical treasures.

Whether touring as a 'Duo' or with his 'Acoustic Group' or his 'Large Band', Lovett's live performances show not only the breadth of this Texas legend's deep talents, but also the diversity of his influences, making him one of the most compelling and captivating musicians in popular music.

Since his self-titled debut in 1986, Lyle Lovett

has evolved into one of music's most vibrant and iconic performers. Among his many accolades, besides the four Grammy Awards, he was given the Americana Music Association's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and was named Texas State Musician.

His works, rich and eclectic, are some of the most beloved of any artist working today.

Important information:

*Thursday, October 12, 2017

*All events will begin at 7:00 PM in the TTU Allen Theatre

*\$18.00 General Admission & \$75.00 General Admission Season Tickets

*Tickets are available by calling Select-A Seat at (806) 770-2000 or by visiting www.select-seat-lubbock.com

*TTU students receive one free ticket with valid TTU ID at the Student Union Building ticket booth

For more information, please contact Jo Moore at (806)-834-5261, by e-mail at jo.moore@ttu.edu or visit www.presidentialseries.ttu.edu and www.facebook.com/presidential.series

Martha's Home to host brunch event celebrating women

Martha's Home is excited to announce a new event coming this fall that will continue to push forward our mission and raise much needed funds for the homeless women and children that take shelter in our homes.

On Saturday September 30, Martha's Home will host the Wonderful Women Brunch and Fashion Show at the newly opened & remodeled 'The Venue' located at 7200 Canyon Drive from 10:00 am until Noon. The ladies in the Amarillo community are invited to join us in a celebration that when we come together, we are all wonderful, mighty, and strong! Guests will be directly supporting the ladies of Martha's Home with a unique experience that can be shared with their favorite girls. Bring your daughter, mom, grandma, sister or friends for a wonderful morning filled with a delectable brunch catered by celebrity chef Bud Andersen, a fashion show, beauty (inside & out) vendors, and more!

Starting at 10 o'clock in the morning, guests will be welcomed with a specialty morning cocktail, a fully catered brunch, and a chance to win a coveted

raffle prize. First the ladies will munch on a delectable brunch by Chef Bud featuring fresh fruit, mini muffins, bacon and sausage, Eggs Florentine, garlic potatoes, chicken in a parmesan cream sauce, and French toast with berries. Juice, water and coffee will be available as well as a couple of specialty brunch cocktails courtesy of Budweiser Amarillo.

The fashion show will begin shortly after brunch is served featuring styles from area fashion boutiques and clothiers- Small Town Gypsy, CB Boutique, Kudos Clothing Company, and Makie Black. Host of KAMR Local 4's 'Studio 4' and Anchor for FOX 14's 'News at 9', Meaghan Collier, will be the Fashion Show Emcee. Beauty vendors will be on-hand for guests to sample their products and services.

You'll also have the opportunity to walk away with a fabulous souvenir photograph courtesy of Shutter Up Photography, and a raffle basket filled to the brim with beauty products (valued at over \$500) that will make any woman feel wonderful. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

The Wonderful Women Brunch and Fashion Show has been generously sponsored by Panhandle POS Systems, C.S. Wilson & Associates Financial Advisors, Education Credit Union, Street Auto Group, Brumley Insurance Agency, Glass Doctor and Window Genie, Norris Audio Visual, KAMR Local 4, FOX 14, Wellborn Sign Company, Anderson Modeling, KC Cosmetics, Fishlady's Fashion Bowtique, Plains Dairy, Scentsy by Sara Britten, and Gina Doss.

Individual tickets are on sale now for \$30 each, and are available for purchase at marthashome.org.

A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door on the morning of the event. All proceeds will benefit Martha's Home who provides shelter, support, assistance, and second chances to homeless women and mothers with children. Questions regarding the Wonderful Women Brunch and Fashion Show can be directed to Sarah Silva, Director of Development & Public Relations at Martha's Home, at 806-443-5577 or by emailing Sarah@MarthasHome.org.

Keep up the good work!



Verenice Mendoza



Sandra Gonzales



Vivianna Rivera

FRIONA FANS UNITE FOR A CAUSE

OCTOBER 27TH PINK OUT GAME

The Parmer County Cancer Coalition is proud to partner with Friona ISD again this year to fight back against breast cancer! To raise awareness of breast cancer and its impact on our community, join us on October 27th when the Friona Chieftains play the Muleshoe Mules, 7:30 at Chieftain Field. T-shirts may be ordered at the Friona Library, Friona Chamber of Commerce, or through a Friona Elementary and Primary students' order form.

PARMER COUNTY CANCER COALITION

T-Shirts Orders Due Oct 2nd!

Short Sleeve \$10
Long Sleeve \$12
Plus Sizes Extra

Order Forms Available at the Chamber Office & Library

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Friona on Parade

A history of Friona sports, academics, and FISD history with 1,000 photos written and produced by former Friona Star publisher Bill Ellis.

Copies of Friona on Parade available at the Star office for \$5.00 each. We are open Mon-Tue-Wed. 9:00 - 5:00

2017 Friona Pink Out Game October 27th (Orders due by Monday, October 2nd)

Sponsored by the Parmer County Cancer Coalition
Make checks payable to PCCC. You may also pay by credit card (see bottom of form.)

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Short Sleeve \$10	Long Sleeve \$12
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