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## Star Thanksgiving schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, the Friona Star's regular news and advertising deadlines have been moved up. News and advertising should be in by Monday, November 20 at 5 p.m. The Star office will be closed next Thursday and Friday.

## St. Teresa's Turkey Dinner Sunday

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will hold a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. They will be serving up turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Adults are \$12 and children 10 and under are \$6.

## "Little Mermaid, Jr." this weekend

The Friona High School Thespians will present Disney's "The Little Mermaid, Jr." on Saturday, November 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and children.

Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home – and her fins – behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church. This is a service hosted by the Friona Christian Ministries, and is always an uplifting time of worshipping the Lord Jesus as a community of believers. A very important offering will be taken that is used to help people throughout the year in our community with basic needs. Everyone is invited to attend this Christian worship service, followed by a time of fellowship. Please bring finger foods for the fellowship, and if you want to sing in the community choir meet at Calvary Baptist at 5:00 p.m.

## Commissioners receive good report from Extension agents

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, November 13 at the County Courtroom in the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell.

Commissioners fielded a request from the Friona Volunteer Fire Department for E-Dispatch funding but postponed a decision until a later date.

County Extension agents Sergio Mendez and Wendy Case reported to the court that they have noted a marked increase in kids joining 4-H. They have well over 110 kids now signed up to participate in planned activities. Adults have also signed up to participate. Mendez and Case also discussed the two Gold Star recipients: Sterling Henderson of Farwell and Avery Timms of Lazbuddie.

Commissioners approved the contract with the Appraisal Assessment and Collection Service. This is a routine agenda item that is discussed every ten years.

The lawn service contract with Aundrea Griswold was approved for the Parmer County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center for another year.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris reported that all is quiet at the Law Enforcement Center and that the department is short one officer. They are accepting applications for the position of Deputy.

The County Commissioner will meet again on Monday, November 27 at 10 a.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse. All meetings are open to the public.



## Christmas in the Park/ Lighted Parade Dec. 4

Santa Claus is coming to town Monday, December 4 and Friona is going to be ready with lights and little children.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is encouraging individuals, church groups, civic groups, and organizations to ADOPT A TREE to help make the City Park shine during the Christmas in the Park on Monday, December 4. Stop by the Chamber Office at 621 Main Street to pick a tree or call (806) 250-3491. Trees must be decorated before Monday, December 4. Prizes will be given for the best decorated tree. Bring canned goods to vote for your favorite tree.

### Santa's arrival

Santa will arrive accompanied by Miss Friona Brooklyne Johnston and Little Miss Friona Abigail Guerra at the City Park at 4:30 p.m. for Christmas in the Park. He will be listening to all the children's Christmas wishes until the Christmas Parade of Lights begins. Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona will be handing out candy canes and helping Santa.

Vendors are encouraged to set up in the park during the event. Contact the Chamber for more vendor information.

### Christmas Parade of Lights

The Christmas Parade of Lights will begin at dusk or 6:30 p.m. with the line-up on Euclid Street between the Elementary and Primary schools at 5:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Friona Chamber and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office. This is a free event.

Deadline for entry is Friday, December 1, 2017. Entry forms are available from the Parmer County Sheriff's Office, 300 4th Street in Farwell or at the Chamber office.

Categories for the parade are commercial float; organizational float; antique auto; antique tractor; horse/pony; walking units; or truck/trailer. All entries must be lighted. No political campaigning will be allowed. Prizes will be given to the winners.

Come out and welcome Santa to Friona and stay for the fun.

## Honoring our Veterans



*dana jameson photo*  
Local veterans were honored Friday, November 10. Veterans were treated to breakfast at the Redeemer Center by the Friends of the Library (right) before attending the the FHS Veterans Day program. Above, among the honored were local veterans Clarence Monre, Dale Houlette, Hollis Horton, and Jim Bob Mann



## Davila named new Friona City Manager

The Friona City Council got a surprise from the Friona Volunteer Fire Department before their regular meeting on Monday, November 13. The Fire Department stopped by with their newest fire truck, a 2004 E-One Pumper, which was recently purchased for \$42,000 from the escrow money that was budgeted by the City of Friona.

Leander Davila was approved as the new Friona City Manager to replace Patricia Phipps when she retires at the end of 2017. Davila is a Friona High School graduate. He is currently employed by the City of Houston, working in the City Manager's office as a Special Projects Manager. His first day as Friona City Manager is January 2, 2018.

The Council convened in the Council Chambers to conduct a 19-item agenda, which included a presentation by Friona Junior High Social Studies teacher, Dave Gonzales. Gonzales spoke to the council concerning ways of getting the public involved with the schools and the children involved with the community. He requested that the city assist his 8th grade students in working to improve the Friona community through civic service.

"This project will get the students to take pride in their community," stated Gonzales. "They need to be the future!"

Students will be asked to fill out a form stating the civic service they have performed and a city official will sign off on the work. Students will be required to work at least one hour to pass the project. The council considered the project and approved the measure.

A contract renewal with Chris Wyly and Weston Wyly for an agricultural farm lease was approved to be in effect until December 31, 2033.

After a lengthy discussion, the council approved the renewal of an agricultural farm lease with JeDon Gallman that will be in effect until November 2020.

Item 8 of the agenda concerned the approval of an expenditure authorized by the Friona Economic Development Corporation

to John and Melodee Hansard/Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home for a \$15,000 forgivable loan. The council tabled this item until they were able to read the actual contract.

The council approved the contract for appraisal, assessment and collection services between Parmer County Appraisal District and the City of Friona.

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez delivered his monthly report to the council. For the month of October Friona PD had four arrests, which were all misdemeanors. He conducted 73 traffic stops and issued 35 citations and 38 warnings. They had 55 calls

for service and drove 2,404 miles protecting Friona. They received 195 calls for the services of Fire/EMS/Police.

The council approved the transfer of \$42,000 from the Fire Department escrow into the General Fund for the payment for the 2004 E-One Pumper.

Approval was given for City Manager Patricia Phipps to proceed on the Meadow Foundation Grant application for the Ambulance Fund. To date, the Ambulance Fund has collected \$145,000.

Dr. Jack Smith was approved as the medical director for the Friona EMS from November 1, 2017 to

October 31, 2019.

The council approved to take action of hiring Cole Consultants to handle the pending recoupment for the City of Friona, as previous owner of Prairie Acres to resolve the issue with Amerigroup recoupment.

The council tabled agenda item 18, which concerned the Friona Community Center roof and air conditioning system. The work will be postponed until after the stock show season.

The next meeting of the Friona City Council will be Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at 619 Main Street. All meetings are open to the public.

## Shelby, Elmore score perfect entries

Tyrone Shelby, of Friona, joins Sandra Berend as two-time winners this season in the Friona Star Football Contest. Shelby took first place honors in week 9 as well. Shelby and Tim Elmore, of Kemp, TX, turned in perfect ballots this week. Shelby missed the Friona/Slaton tiebreaker by 28 points to edge Elmore who was 42 points off the final total of 91. Elmore holds the honor this year

of sending in the smallest entry. His entry forms were approximately 3 1/5" X 3".

Scoring 10 games this week were Quentin Shelby, Greg Lewellen, Linvell Rose, and Wm. Gromowsky. Following close behind with 9 correct were Ronald Diaz, Jon Field, Mike Field, Yvette Garcia, Eddie Gauna, Steve Horrell, Joy Morton, Rodney Shelby, Christen Stowers,

Dorothy Stowers, Kathryn Tallant, Kayla Tallant, Jimmy R. Walker, and Sue Walker.

Mike Field of Amarillo still holds the top spot with a total of 96 with Elmore and Jon Field close behind at 94.

With one more week until the grand prize of \$100 is awarded, it is anyone's game. Good luck to all the contestants, and thank you for playing.



*dana jameson photo*  
John Gurley was among the donors who gave blood at the Friona Blood Drive last Thursday. Coffee Memorial Blood Services phlebotomist Veronica Rodriguez is shown with Gurley.



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Town Talk

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I had a request this week to find out about having the State of Texas install Duck Crossing signs on north Highway 214.

PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARD will be underway after the Thanksgiving holiday. Boxes will be available for donation at a number of businesses in Frona.

It is election season again, and a number of candidates are announcing their intentions this week.

Jo Beth Gipson announced this week that she plans to run for reelection to the office of Parmer County Justice of the Peace.

Ross R. Paiz has also announced he will be running for this position as a Republican. He has over a decade of public and community service.

Bailey (Warren) Windham, of Farwell, has announced she will be running for the position of Parmer County Treasurer on the Repub-

litan ticket. Windham would be replacing Altha Herington, who has announced her intention to retire. She is the daughter of Sandra Warren, the incumbent District Clerk, and the granddaughter of Bonnie Warren-Howard who served as Parmer County Clerk from 1963-2000.

See their announcement ads on page 8

Cathy Shields has been named the Officer in Charge at the Frona Post Office. She looks very familiar because she grew up here and graduated from Frona High School.

Cathy has been in the postal service for almost 32 years. She started her career on Valentine's Day, February 14. She is a familiar face around the area as well.

Stop by and give her a warm welcome home!

Lucy Hernandez has been named the new Frona Public Library Director. She is replacing retiring longtime director Darla Bracken.

the Assistant Director in 2012.

Darla will be missed, but she is leaving the library in great hands. Congratulations Lucy!

Patricia Phipps, Frona City Manager, announced her retirement recently and the search for a new City Manager was on. At the Monday night City Council meeting it was announced that the search was over. They have hired Leander Davila.

Leander is currently with the City of Houston in the City Manager's office as a Special Projects Manager.

Congratulations Leander!

There have been a number of questions about the future of the Frona Star. The Frona Star will continue on the way it has been going.

If you have pictures, articles or tidbits for Town Talk, please feel free to send them, drop them by, email them, or even text them.

The Frona Star is a local paper, and we will keep the tradition going!

I had a call from Frona Farmer's Co-op Gin manager Duncan Welch this week. He has received a number of complaints that the Frona Star has not been reporting on the number of bales they are ginning.

Duncan, I apologize for causing an issue, but I used a gin report in Frona Flashbacks and way back when they reported those numbers every week.

Now that the gin is doing so well, here is the report for Wednesday, November 15, 2017:

Frona Farmer's Co-op Gin has ginned 5,760 bales to date. There are 100 modules on the yard and 70 to be picked up.

"This looks like a RECORD-BREAKING season," stated Welch.

"A Harvey Christmas" is coming up on December 3 at 2 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Frona Union Congregational Church and will consist of the music of the season.

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Christmas in Frona is this weekend! Get your Christmas shopping out of the way and shop locally. Stop by Creative Chaos, Bi-Wize, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage, KrafTee Gallery and Milk House Market for that perfect gift.

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Make plans to attend "Simply Christmas Lunch and Learn" on Thursday, November 30 from 12-1 p.m. at the XIT Center in Bovina. There will be holiday crafts, gift ideas, meal ideas and demonstrations of crafts and electric pressure-cooking.

Friends of the Library Book Shoppe will be open on Friday, November 17 from 3-5 p.m. Stop by and check out their selection of Christmas cards, and pick up that special book for a Christmas gift.

The Book Shoppe will also be open on Wednesday, November 22.

Prairie Acres Community Bingo is Saturday, November 18 at 3 p.m. Family Bingo Night at Prairie Acres is Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.

Sunday is a very special day. St. Teresa's Turkey Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The FHS production of "The Little Mermaid, Jr." will be held at 4 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium.

Are you ready for some BASKETBALL? The Varsity and JV Squaws will take on Bushland on Saturday, November 18 at 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the FHS gym.

"You've got to get up every morning with DETERMINATION if you're going to bed with SATISFACTION!" -George Lorimer

Support needed for the United Way

By Rick White

The United Way committee met in early October to set the new budget for 2018. Each organization is asked to fill out an application, which is viewed and approved by the committee.

All of the listed organizations need financial assistance to help support their needs each year. With the assistance of the United Way support, these organizations continue to thrive within our community.

On behalf of the United Way committee and all of the boys and girls, men and women that participate in these listed organizations, we want to say thank you for your support.

United Way Budget 2017-2018

Table listing various organizations and their budget amounts, totaling \$52,500.00.

Retired Teachers Update

By Connie Slagle

The Parmer County unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association met November 6 at Milk House Market in Frona.

Adriana Casas Stowers, owner of Creative Chaos Boutique, located at 603 Main Street, stated that she had always dreamed of having a store.

where she graduated from college. She received an internship with Neiman Marcus and was involved with every aspect of the store.

Before adjourning to enjoy refreshments served by Melissa Randolph and Judy Rhodes, TRTA members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours at the January 2 meeting.

Frona Flashbacks

News from the week of November 18, 1984

\*Dana Berend of Frona showed her 1,230-pound steer, "Porky," to Reserve Grand Champion honors at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri on November 9.

that day when the company received its first load of products from Swift & Company.

State Highway 214 bridge over the Santa Fe Railroad on the south edge of Frona has been completed.

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BOOK SHOPPE NEWS

BY CONNIE SLAGLE

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe will be open on their regular Wednesday hours, and additionally, they will be open Friday, November 17 from 3-5 p.m. for all the Christmas shoppers.

School Menu

November 20-24

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon roll, apple juice, pears, milk

Lunch: Roasted chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, fresh tomatoes, pears, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, orange pineapple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Corn dog, Doritos, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday
NO SCHOOL

Thursday
NO SCHOOL

Friday
NO SCHOOL

Frona Star Football

Contest Results

Week 11

- 96-Mike Field
94-Tim Elmore, Jon Field
92-Sandra Berend, BaiLee Brailif, Claire Brown, Enrique Rodriguez
89-Frank Dominguez, Jr., Wm. Gromowsky, Rusty McFarland, Tyrone Shelby
88-Kayla Tallant
87-Jeremy Dearing, Linvell Rose
86-Mal Manchec
85-Mack McFarland, Quentin Shelby
84-Laura Field, Phillip Johnson, James Phipps, Robert Rios
83-Raul Brailif, Scott Brown
82-Joy Morton
81-Eddie Gauna, Rodney Shelby, Teresa Shelby
80-Christen Stowers
79-Dorothy Stowers, Kathryn Tallant
78-Isabel Rios
76-Raymond Diaz
75-Harley Merritt
74-Lance Field, Ambrosio Rios, Jr.
72-Yvette Garcia
70-Jess Dearing
66-Greg Lewellen
63-Zachery McKenzie
62-Brett Field
61-Ronald Diaz, Steve Horrell
57-Elizabeth Field
36-Jimmy R. Walker
25-Sue Walker

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~Psalm 56~

Intentional Trust

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you ever get tired of the vague verbiage of christianese? In fact, if you are a regular reader of the religious articles in the newspaper, there is a pretty good chance you are guilty of using christianese from time to time? Phrases like "gettin saved, trust God, washed in the blood" and many others have a ring of truth and meaning for mature Christians, but for immature Christians and lost people these phrases' vagueness is not very helpful in knowing what it means to follow Christ.

Psalm 56 lays claim to trusting God in the midst of trials, but its' depth displays the intentional ways that we put out trust in God. First, one trusts God by intentionally crying out for God's help and grace in the midst of relentless enemies. Don't wish upon the stars, pray to the saints or superstitiously repeat incantations, but intentionally cry out to God for help. Next, understand that fear, anxiety and worry will take the wind out of your spiritual sails, but taking those fears to the Lord in praise and trust in His promises will keep your sails filled with all you need. Further, trust God by being honest about your circumstances. No christianese here, just clear talk about the dire situation you are in. Trusting God does not call for obliviousness regarding life around you, but honest assessment of circumstances and your own heart.

Finally, intentionally trusting God focuses your mind's attention and heart's affection on God's ability to carry you through to the end. The final six verses of Psalm 56 resonate God's care for you, His plans for you, the promises and power in His word and the ultimate power He wields. In light of those truths, intentionally trust Him by setting your mind on the truth of who He is, even when you feelings work against you, and proceed in trust that He will guide and provide for you all the way through.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Panhandle Parables

Troubled Water

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

Authors note: I wrote this just about two years ago. We have had a crazy week and as I was thinking of what I wanted to share, this song came to mind and so I took it as a prompting to share again. God bless.

Like millions of others I have found a connection to the song "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon and Garfunkel. Although, my connection was not so much with the powerful lyrics, at least initially. You see, this song was released just 4 days after my arrival on the planet. It became #1 in February of 1970 and remained so for 6 weeks. It had international appeal and was awarded by Billboard as the #1 song of 1970.\*

Our world in 1970 had many troubled waters. Our country was deeply divided over the Vietnam War. Generations were colliding and an abandonment of moral ideals gave way to a blossoming culture of sex, drugs and Rock n Roll. Everywhere you looked there were deep divides and out of the turmoil came a song of sacrifice and love. A song that for a moment made sense and still resonates to the hurting soul looking for peace.

One thing has always been true in this life: there is trouble. It is not a respecter of persons, no one is immune, yet it is not necessarily evenly shared. Trouble for one, may not be trouble for another, but still trouble surrounds, attacks, abandons and darkness is its friend.

So how is one to be thankful in those times? The text from 1 Thess. 5 says, "in everything give thanks." Give thanks for trouble? We often can give thanks for the "whats" in our lives. The health, the homes, the country, the many blessings, as we should, but sometimes we forget to give thanks for the Who. The Giver of Life, the Savior of the soul, the Everlasting Light... Yes, Jesus is the bridge back to God, and I do not know if that was on Simons mind as he penned the words, but it is on mine. Living a life of thankfulness does not mean there will be no trouble, just that trouble does not dictate my response. Jesus said it this way, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 ESV) So this Thanksgiving give thanks for the Who. The God who pursued, loved and died that you might have eternity with Him.

\*from Wikipedia

Starter, Grower, or Finisher?

By TEENA HUGHES

Last week, I was once again reminded by Priscilla Shirer in her book of devotions, Awaken, that God often calls us to do certain things, like ministries or projects, but He doesn't always call us to finish them.

I have a friend, Pam, who is a starter. She is good at starting whatever project God calls her to start. She will work at something for five or six years, and when she feels God telling her to bow out, she does so. She knows she has done what God has asked her to do, and at that point, it is time for someone else to grow or finish the project.

Pam is totally satisfied with her role in God's Kingdom. It doesn't bother her to bow out when guided by the Holy Spirit.

Some of us aren't quite as gracious. We like to finish what we start; we like to be in charge until the project is completed because we think we know what needs to happen, and we get our egos bruised when we aren't allowed to do what we think needs to be done. Some of us worry about what it looks like to others when we don't finish a project; we think it looks like we are quitting or maybe we have gotten in over our heads and can't finish. It doesn't matter what others think, it only matters what God thinks.

If God calls us to do something, not only will He equip us, He will let us know when we have accomplished what He needs us to do.

It is Thanksgiving, and we should be thankful God uses us in whatever way He chooses. We just need to be obedient in answering His call and do whatever He asks, whether it be start, grow, or finish. And, so that His will can be accomplished, we need to bow out when He asks us to do so.

Take care and happy Thanksgiving!!!

"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3



OBITUARIES



Eldon Ray Reeb

Eldon Ray Reeb, 73, of Friona, died November 8, 2017 in Friona. Mass of Christian Burial services were held Saturday, November 11, 2017 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford with Father Jim Schmitmyer of Amarillo, and Father Anthony Neusch, pastor, as Celebrants. Burial followed in the Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Hereford by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Eldon was born July 28, 1944 in Blum, Texas to Glendel "Pete" and Bertha Fay Crow Rape. He worked in the animal health industry for 50 years. Eldon loved his county, community and helping others. He spent 25 years helping cook for the Friona Senior class, and helping cook for the Parmer County Livestock Show. He also was an action photography artist that loved playing golf, hunting and fishing and watching football. But, spending time with his children and grandchildren was his joy.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Rape.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Yosten of Hereford, and Keri Backus and husband Russell of Lubbock; one son, Wade Reeb and wife Sheridan of Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren.

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



Ernesteen Marshall

Ernesteen Marshall, 89, longtime Bovina resident, died November 9, 2017 in Bovina. Celebration of Life services were held Monday, November 13, 2017 at the Bovina Church of Christ in Bovina with Mike Prather, pastor, and Jeff Procter of the 6th St. Church of Christ in Friona, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Ernesteen was born September 9, 1928 in Lamesa to Elvie Leslie and Margie Louise Kinder Emfinger. She married B.L. Marshall January 18, 1945 and has living life together in the Bovina Community since 1952. She is a member of the Bovina Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Leslie Emfinger; and one sister, Modean Boardman.

Survivors include her husband, B.L. Marshall of Bovina; one son, Billy Lynn Marshall and wife Linda of Bovina; two

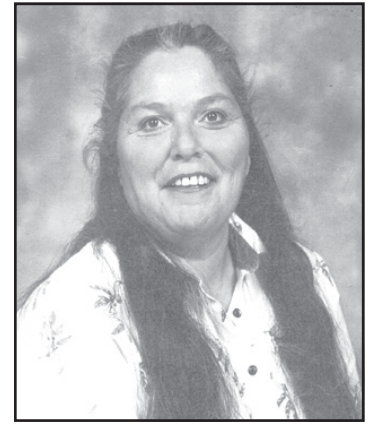
daughters, Meloney Kay Early of Katy, TX and Zelda Joyce Watts of Spring, TX; one sister, Elvene Holland and husband Haskell of Big Springs, TX; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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



Isabel Rios

Isabel Rios, 61, of Friona, died Tuesday, November 14, 2017 in Friona. Rosary services will be held 7:00 P.M. Friday, November 17, 2017 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Mass of Christian Burial services scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, November 18, 2017 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with Father Henry Wilson Echavarría Rodríguez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Isabel was born July 1, 1956 in Raymondville, Texas to Ambrosio and Leonor Silva Rios. She loved taking care of her family, bingo, coloring, and crossword puzzles.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Adermina Tamez and Olivia Sosa.

Survivors include six sons, Raymond Diaz, Ronald Diaz, Robert Rios and Rosendo Tena of Friona, Ruben Diaz and Raul Rios of Lubbock; one daughter, Rosa Cigarroa of Friona; seven

brothers, Pablo Rios of El Campo, Guadalupe Rios and Antonio Rios of Raymondville, Ambrosio Rios Jr. Juan Jorge Rios and Rudolfo Rios of Friona and Jose Luis Rios of Canyon; three sisters, Marcella Rodriguez of Lasara, Ofelia Diaz of Levelland and Juanita Jimenez of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

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



Friona

Area Church Directory

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# Tigers slip by Chieftains 49-42

The Friona Chieftains hosted the Slaton Tigers at Chieftain Field on Friday, November 10 for the final game of the regular season. The Chieftains came out to play but ran up against a tough streak of Tigers. The Tigers slipped by the Chiefs with a one touchdown lead, 49-42.

Leading the Chiefs in rushing was Marco Monreal with 134 yards in 14 carries and three touchdowns. Sergio Flores had 15 carries for 65 yards and one touchdown. Julius Orozco scored a touchdown and had 11 carries for 92 yards. Marco Maldonado had five carries for 28 yards.

Rocky Barrios scored a touchdown and had three receptions for 38 yards. Jonathon Hernandez had three receptions for 18 yards. Maldonado had one reception for 55 yards. Damar Sermenio had one reception for 26 yards, and Orozco had one reception for 35 yards.

Monreal completed 9 of 23 passes for 172 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Hernandez punted three times for 104 yards. Maldonado completed 4 of 5 extra points.

The Chieftains end the regular season with a 7-3 record going into Bi-District playoffs. They will meet the Wall Hawks in Sweetwater Friday night, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

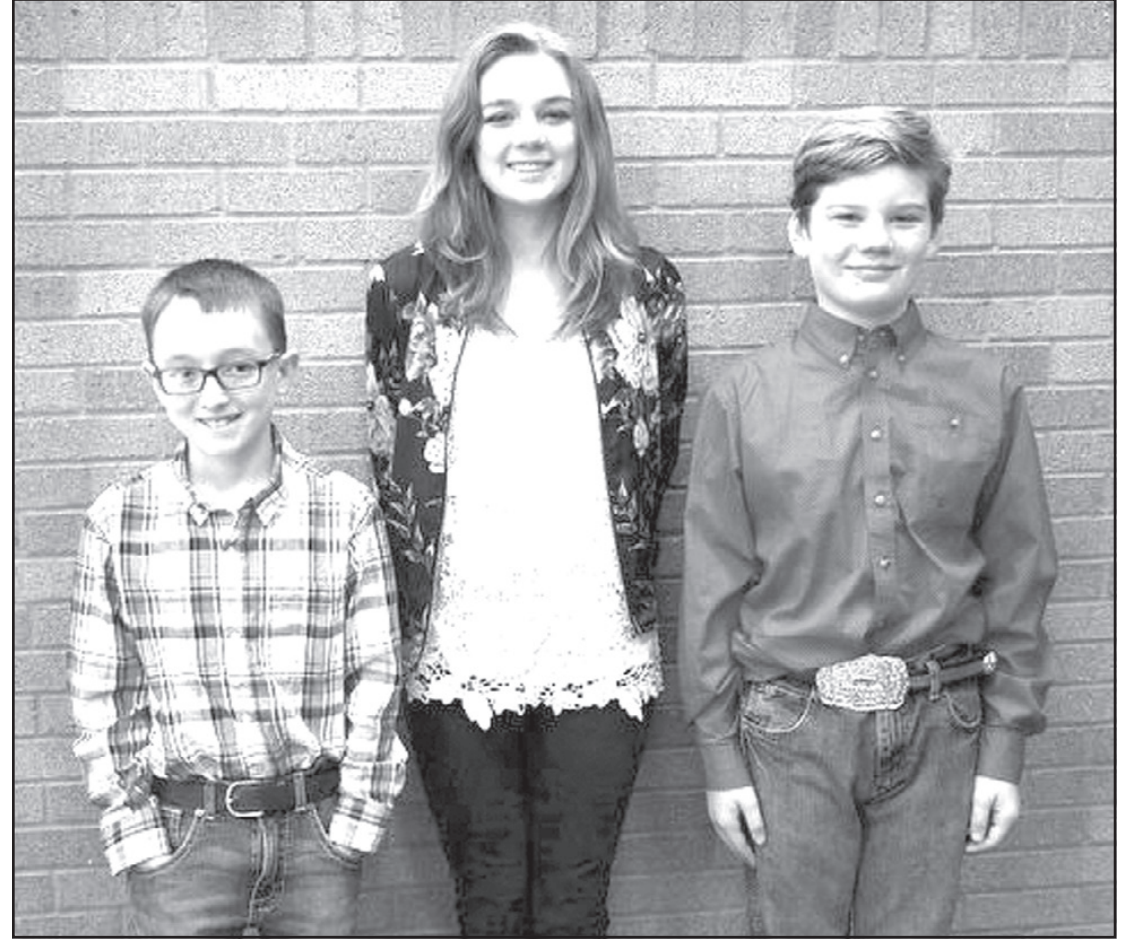


**FHS Senior Night**



## Chieftain Statistics for 2017 Regular Season

Rushing Statistics	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg.	
#2 Marco Monreal	139	635	15	4.6	
#44 Sergio Flores	222	1,335	17	6.0	
#24 Julius Orozco	56	448	6	8.0	
#28 Rodrigo Munoz	16	199	1	12.4	
#10 Marco Maldonado	31	267	2	8.6	
#22 Eduardo Chavez	1	2	0	0.0	
#34 Gerardo Trejo	2	5	0	0.0	
<b>Rushing Totals</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6.2</b>	
Receiving Statistics	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg.	
#13 Jonathon Hernandez	31	511	3	16.5	
#20 Rocky Barrios	25	325	2	13.0	
#10 Marco Maldonado	25	404	3	16.2	
#14 Damar Sermenio	5	73	1	14.6	
#24 Julius Orozco	13	231	1	17.8	
#28 Angel Hernandez	6	107	0	17.8	
#1 Rodrigo Munoz	2	25	0	12.5	
#11 Mario Hernandez	1	6	0	6.0	
#44 Sergio Flores	4	80	1	0.0	
#3 Jose Rodriguez	4	26	1	6.5	
<b>Receiving Totals</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15.4</b>	
Passing Statistics	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TDs	INT
#2 Marco Monreal	116	208	1,788	12	8
<b>Passing Totals</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>
Offensive Totals					
Plays	696	Yards	4,660	Avg. per game	466.0
Penalties					
				First Downs-184	
# 61	Yards	467	Avg.		7.7
Punter					
	Punts	Yards	Average		
#13 Jonathon Hernandez	25	857	34.28		
Kicker					
	Extra Points	Attempts			
#44 Sergio Flores	22	29			
#10 Marco Maldonado	13	16			



courtesy photo

Parmer County 4-H members competed in the Food Show at Levelland High School last weekend. Carter Gilley, left, entered a Caprese Salad in the Intermediate Fruits and Vegetables category. Adaline White, center, entered Zucchini Spaghetti in the Senior Fruits and Vegetables category. Jarrett White, right, entered Chicken Zucchini Spaghetti in the Intermediate Protein category.

## 2017 4-H Teen Leadership Retreat slated for Jan. 5-7

4-H members in grades 8-11 and adult leaders will have an opportunity to hone their leadership skills through program and activities at the Teen Leadership Retreat from January 5-7 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center near Brownwood.

"The teen retreat at the Texas 4-H Conference Center provides a state level leadership experience for senior age 4-H youth," said Cari Snider, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service youth programs coordinator, Brownwood. "Participants learn leadership skills through workshops and hands-on learning experiences."

Snider said the retreat allows participating youth to explore new or revised projects and curricula they can implement in their respective counties. 4-H specialists, volunteers and summer staff will lead program sessions.

"This year we will divide participants into teams of yellow, red, blue and green and these teams will participate in concurrent sessions relating to team-building, leader-

ship in the community, business and what we call the survival guide to turning 18," she said.

The program begins with registration from 7-9 p.m. January 5, followed by a general welcome and orientation, adult chaperone meeting, ice-breakers, games and more.

January 6 activities start at 7:30 a.m. and include a flag ceremony, breakfast and opening assembly.

Much of the day will be devoted to the concurrent sessions, followed by outdoor activities, a Laugh Challenge, free time, a flag lowering, a team challenge and dance, ceremony and lights out. The theme for his year's dance is Hawaiian Luau.

January 7 activities begin at 7:30 a.m. with a flag ceremony and breakfast, followed by cleaning the dorms and departure around 9 a.m.

Early bird registration will be from November 1-December 22 and is \$120 for youth and \$90 for adults, which includes two nights lodging, four meals, snacks and all program supplies. Each county

is requested to provide adult chaperones for the weekend. If there is no chaperone, one will be provided for an additional \$90 fee.

"Any adult attending must be registered on 4-H Connect, complete the online Child Protection Training and submit a background check through 4-H connect," Snider said.

Register online through the center's website, <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.

Snider noted the 78-acre Texas 4-H Conference Center is geographically located in the center of Texas on the western side of Lake Brownwood.

"Its location and the environment in and around the center, as well as its variety of indoor and outdoor facilities, make this a perfect venue in which to meet other 4-H'ers from around the state, develop new friendships and learn skills that will serve for a lifetime," Snider said. "And while this is a learning retreat, the main objective for the weekend will be to have fun."

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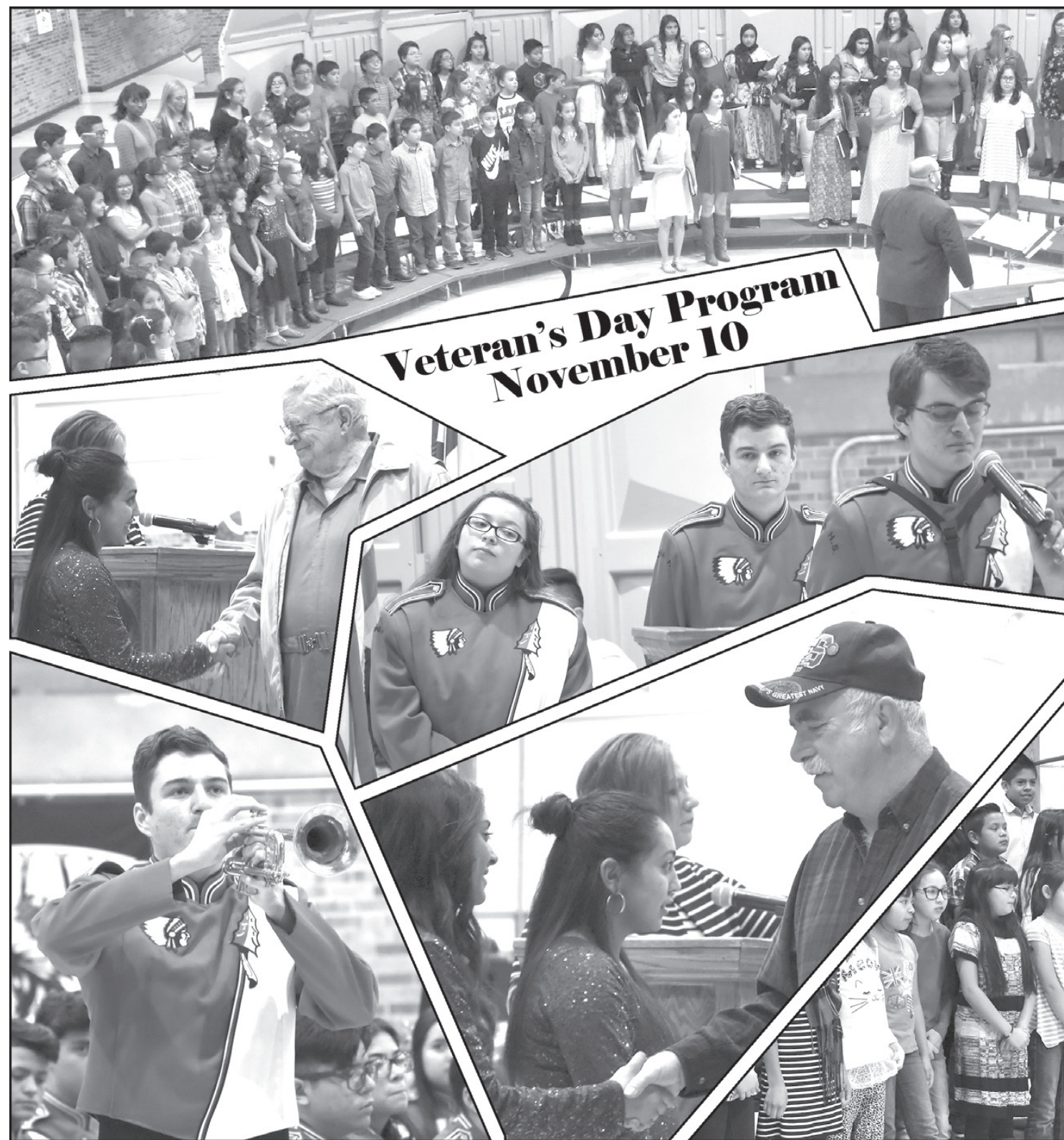
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**Veteran's Day Program  
November 10**

**Veterans Day in Bovina**

Flags were placed on veterans' graves at the Bovina Cemetery on Friday, November 10 by Richard Villarreal, Billy Smith and Gina Hoppinggardner.



The flags were removed from veterans' graves on Sunday, November 12, by Richard Villarreal, Billy Smith, Rick Villarreal and little helper, Anthony Gonzales.

**Interbank group discovers Scotland in October**

By Marca Herring

Friends and Customers of Friona Interbank and Vega Interbank "Discovered Scotland" October 15-24, 2017. There were 19 in our group, and after joining others from across the country, we made 41 passengers total.

We began our tour in Glasgow, the capital of Scotland. We took a city tour and then listened to and tried our hand at playing the bag pipes at the National Piping Centre. Did you know that when playing the pipes, the low note "B" continues throughout the song? It was very interesting to see and learn. Of course the pipers had on their kilts, another interesting thing to see!

We cruised on famed Loch Lomond, the largest lake in the United Kingdom, then drove along the Road to the Isles and over Skye Bridge to the Isle of Skye, where we visited the 20,000 acre Highland Estate of Armadale Castle and Gardens. (2/3 of Scotland is in the Highlands.) Armadale Castle has a long historical association with Clan Donald. If you are a McDonald, we were at your "spiritual" home. Our local friend and passenger Donnie McDonald had found his ancestors' gathering place. We stopped at a whiskey distillery near Glengoyne, where we learned about the making of the famous Scotch Whiskey. We also had a "wee dram"!

Other facts we learned: There are 30,000 lochs (lakes) in Scotland; 790 offshore islands; 300 Castles; and 89 main clans still in Scotland. Two days of the



**Donnie & Joann McDonald in the Highlands**

year, there is continuous sunlight. Most Scottish towns, large and small, have a main street called High Street, and 74% of the economy is agriculture: barley, potatoes, corn, turnips and cattle, including the shaggy highland "coos".

On our return to Ballachulish, where we overnighed, we drove through the hamlet of Glenfinnan, where in 1745 the Jacobite Rising began. Prince Charles Edward Stuart raised his standard on the shores of Loch Shiel and thus began that awful war with England. (The Scots lost and have been a part of Great Britain since. They have had elections in 1922, 2014, 2016 and this year in June to "stand alone", or become independent. They want to get this done before Great Britain leaves the EU.)

The hilly country side of the Highlands is covered with Bracken, a fern that in the fall turns to rust and gold. The green we saw is heather that will be covered in

purple flowers in the spring and summer. Gorse divides the land into parcels.

After leaving Ballachulish, we drove through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs and now we are getting deeper into the highlands.

In Ft William, the first Scottish town to be totally Hydro Electric, we saw the actual train of Harry Potter! Our guide said that she had never seen it before, so this was a treat for us all.

The landscape was still beautiful and not anything like what we had imagined.

We drove along Loch Ness for miles, but never did see Nessie!

On Day 6 we cruised to the Orkney Islands, once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland.

We visited the Skara Brae, the 5,000 year old ruins of a village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt.

We also saw the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar (like Stonehenge, but older). We were so awed to see these ancient relics of the past.

In addition, we stopped at a chapel built by Italian POW's in 1943. Does this sound familiar? We think an island would be very hard to escape from.

The day that some of us were really looking forward to had come. We visited the Culloden Battlefields, where the final confrontation of the Jacobite rising of 1745 was played out. Most of the Scottish men were killed and the half hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. This was a very touching experience for us as we learned about and relived those days by visiting the museum and battlefields where we saw many markers of the different clans whose members had died there.

We drove along the Eastern Highlands on our way to Edinburgh. We made stops at Pit-

lochry, the Castle of Dundee, and the beautiful town of St. Andrews in the kingdom of Fife. This is where the game of golf began. We got to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. What an interesting day this was.

In Edinburgh we visited the Palace at Holy Roodhouse, the Queens official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots. We also visited Edinburgh Castle home of the Scottish Crown Jewels.

We need to let you know about our experience with Haggis, the National Food. It was served with all of our meals either in meatballs, or course ground (like beef). We had it as an appetizer, or side dish with our entrée. Most of us tried it at least once, and some of us did not try it at all!

Haggis is "a savory pudding containing sheep's 'pluck', heart, liver and lungs, minced onion, oatmeal, suet, spices and salt, mixed with stock and traditionally encased in the animal's stomach".

On our last night in Scotland we attended the Edinburgh New Town Cookery School. Our chef cooked a meal for us, (that was very delicious) and included Haggis. She said if we have not tried the Haggis before, that we should try hers, as we will find it very good. I think everyone did try it and found that hers was good. Some of us even had seconds!

We had a wonderful time discovering Scotland and would go again. We are always thankful



**Pat Holland shearing a sheep**



**Marca Herring & Dale Widner**

that there were no falls, or other injuries, and arrived back home safe. Those 19 traveling with Friona Interbank and Vega Interbank were: Donnie and JoAnn McDonald, Dale Widner, Pat Holland, Marca Herring from Friona; Ellen Whiteley from Hereford, Jerry and Connie Sublett, Debra Baxter and Shirley Thomas from Amarillo, Kriste Haile and Shelly Cates from

Corinth, TX, and from Vega were John and Sherry Webb, Perry and Melanie Kirkland, and Stacy and Neil Thomas from Arizona. Also in our group was Sharon Hobough from Pennsylvania.

We only wished that you had gone with us. Maybe next time! We are planning to travel to Hawaii in February and New York City in September of 2018.



**Kriste Haile & Pat Holland learning to play bagpipes**



**The Friona/Vega Group**



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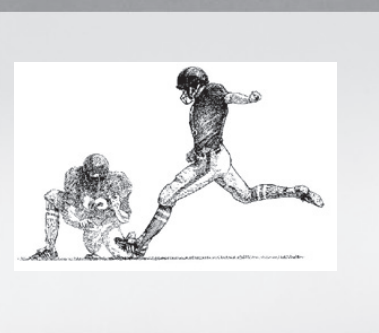
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## Region has seen more municipal geese in recent years

By Jim Steiert

It's a little early yet for the gargantuan gaggles to have shown up, but the first small flocks of Canada geese have put in their appearance at the Hereford Aquatic Park pond and launched into their evening feeding flights crossing residential areas around the park at low level.

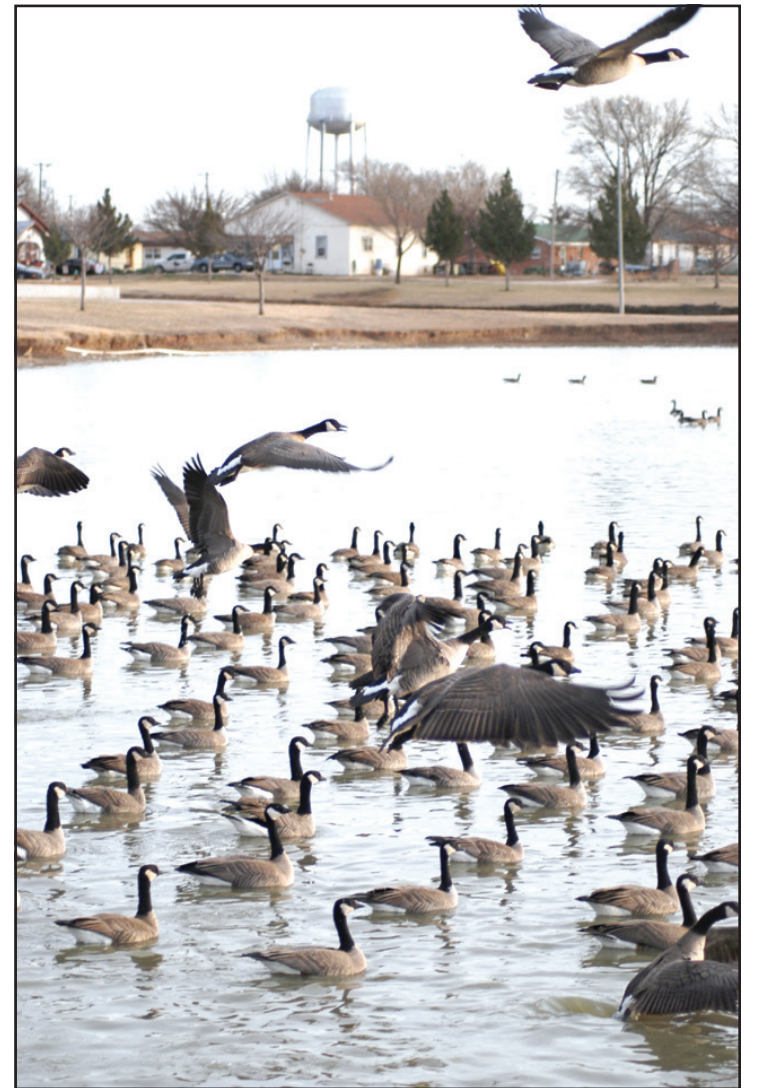
For a dozen years or so in Hereford, and in recent years as well at the pond at Sheffy Park on the edge of Dimmitt, as well as at the lake adjacent to the Cargill plant at Friona, the Canadas begin gathering in growing numbers usually around Thanksgiving. They really pile in as the winter weather grows colder, and in Hereford, they can backpedal into the twin ponds in such multitudes that it's almost hard to see the water. I've taken more than a few visitors to see the geese piling into the Aquatic Center pond just at sundown, and they are often amazed at the sound and the spectacle.

Make no mistake, these are in no way domesticated geese, although they are surprisingly calm in the presence of walker and joggers and children dashing around the pond. With the exception of a few holdover local birds that inhabit the Aquatic Center pond year-round, these are wild migrant Canadas—lessers and Richardsons and as the winter bears down, some big-bodied and long-necked Greaters and Western Canadas from the Rocky Mountain country—with even the odd snows and specklebellies tossed in. They come from points north and west, and generally, once they reach the winter promised land of Deaf Smith and Castro counties, they have come as far south as they are going to migrate, choosing to winter around Hereford and Dimmitt and Hart. A real Arctic winter blast can push them farther south, but even then, they are prone to return once a melt sets in. They raft in huge numbers on the pond ice on some bitter days, and lounge on the surrounding grass of the park on mild days.

Happy to accept handouts of tossed grain and bread and assorted snacks, they remain faithful to the nature of wild geese and generally depart the pond twice a day to fly to local wheat and corn and sorghum fields to feed. On their return they sweep over town to spiral down to the pond in clouds.

The Hereford and Dimmitt municipal honkers are part of a trend among wintering Canada geese that has occurring in the Panhandle and South Plains, as well as in other parts of the country for almost three decades.

There was a time back when that found Canada geese far more reliant on winter wheat and the odd sorghum field. In those days they would not have come near urban



**METRO GEESE**--Canada geese have shown a great willingness to go "metro" in recent decades, taking up residence on water sources within the confines of cities in the region including Dimmitt, Hereford, Amarillo, and Lubbock, and adjacent to others including Friona. They are unperturbed by nearby human activities, but are very much wild birds, and routinely fly out to farm fields to feed morning and evening.

settings. When playas are abundant, they are less likely to come to town even today. In times past the geese simply relied on playa water. Today's Canadas have adapted to a much broader buffet of choices from farm fields, primarily corn, but winter wheat and sorghum, occasional blackeyed peas, and even peanuts farther south.

These days, playa water is often not widely abundant, and may not persist through the winter. Municipal ponds and lakes, on the other hand, nearly always offer some water. Not all that surprisingly, geese have taken to municipal ponds and pits much like the proverbial duck to water.

Based solely on some loosely kept notes, it would seem that the first time geese went urban in the local region based on a weather event was in the 1980s when a front brought bitter cold that froze up most all of the playas in the Panhandle. Geese fled before the storm and found open water on playas within the city of Lubbock. They piled in by the multiple thousands.

Lubbock residents took up feeding those geese grain and bread, and some of the big birds would brazenly take food virtually from human hands. Lubbock's city

lakes offered wintering Canadas the good life—minimal hunting pressure, open water, easy pickings from park visitors, and grain fields to visit, only short flights from the big city.

Geese imprinted on the Lubbock lakes in a big way, and they continue the trend. Much the same has occurred in the Medi Park area of Amarillo, where geese roam the lawns of surrounding medical offices, wander near the Botanical Gardens, and give patients at nearby hospitals up-close views of their flybys throughout the day.

Geese would seem far more numerous than ducks in this part of the Panhandle today—they've simply readily adapted to the habitat conditions that favor them. For Canada geese, wintering water is usefully wet whether it's in a native grass playa surrounded by corn and wheat fields out in the countryside, a feedlot drainage pond, or a continuously wet pond next door to the swimming pool and conveniently near the local Wal-Mart on the north side of town, where it's easy to get in a few flybys over the parking lot.

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