

Friona + Star

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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 worshiping 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.

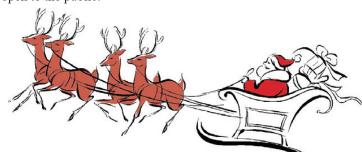
County Extension agents Sergio Mendez and Wendy Case reported to the court that they have noted a marked increase in kids joining 4-H. They have well over 110 kids now signed up to participate in planned activities. Adults have also signed up to participate. Mendez and Case also discussed the two Gold Star recipients: Sterling Hen- a surprise from the Friona Vol- Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home protecting Friona. They received derson 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 November 13. The Fire Departdiscussed every ten years.

The lawn service contract with Aundrea Griswold was approved fire truck, a 2004 E-One Pumper, for the Parmer County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center for

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

The County Commissioner will meet again on Monday, November as the new Friona City Manager to 27 at 10 a.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse. All meetings are replace Patricia Phipps when she



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 Brooklynne 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.

Catagories 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

their regular meeting on Monday, ment stopped by with their newest which was recently purchase for \$42,000 from the escrow money

Leander Davila was approved 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,

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,

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

The Friona City Council got to John and Melodee Hansard/ for service and drove 2,404 miles October 31, 2019. unteer Fire Department before for a \$15,000 forgivable loan. The 195 calls for the services of Fire/ council tabled this item until they were able to read the actual con-

> 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. They conducted 73 traffic stops and issued 35 citations and 38 warnings. They had 55 calls

The council approved the trans-

fer 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

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.

What's Doin' In Friona?

Send Calendar information to: call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

November 16

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters -Kids On The Move program

at Victory Family Worship Center 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

-2017 Survivors Dinner at the First Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.

November 17

-Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m. -Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open 3-5 p.m.

-Varsity Chiefs at Bi-District Playoff in Sweetwater vs. Wall at 7:30 p.m.

November 17 & 18

-Christmas in Friona at Bi-Wize, Creative Chaos, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage, KrafTee Gallery, & Milk House Market

November 18

-Community Bingo at Prairie Acres at 3 p.m.

-FHS Basketball vs. Bushland at home 12/1:30

-"The Little Mermaid, Jr." at FHS Auditorium 7 p.m.

November 19

-St. Teresa's Turkey Dinner in Friona 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. -"The Little Mermaid, Jr." at FHS Auditorium 4 p.m.

-Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Calvary Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

-Nazareth, TX Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar/Turkey Dinner & Raffle 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 20

-Lunch & Learn: Medicare fraud seminar at Hereford Regional Medical Center Education Room at 12 p.m.

-7th/8th/Freshmen Girls Basketball vs. Roosevelt at home 5/6:15/7:30

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November 21

-Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents

-JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Bovina 4/5/6:30/8

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

November 22

-FHS Choir Thanksgiving Meal

-Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

November 23-24 -No School

November 23 -THANKSGIVING

"McKelligon Canyon 10 TX Kenny sang

43 Mr. Claus

Park, TX

Mayor's Minutes

I want to begin this month by recognizing some very special people.

Our Veterans living in and around our community for their service to our great country, for their dedication and sacrifice to preserve our freedom that we enjoy everyday of our lives.

The Friends of the Library and all of the women that volunteered their time to cook and serve breakfast for our Veterans on Friday morning, October 10 at the Redeemer Center. I know all of the Veterans appreciated this great gesture.

Veterans enjoyed the fabulous ceremony, under the direction of Mr. Rackley at the high school gymnasium honoring and recognizing all of the veterans for their service. Mr. Rackley has done a wonderful job organizing this ceremony. Thanks again to all who make this a special day for our Veterans.

The search for a new City Manager is over. The City Council approved the hiring of Leander Davila. Leander is a graduate of Friona High School. After graduation he attended South Plains College where he studied Law Enforcement Technology. He attended Texas State University where he studied Criminal Justice and graduated from St. Edward's University where he studied Organizational Leadership. He is currently employed by the City of Houston, working in the City Managers office as a Special Projects Manager. He has held several different positions with the city of Austin. His desire and career goal is to be a City Manager. Leander will begin his career with the City of Friona beginning January

Judge Campbell had 35 new cases in October. There were five cases tried by judge that pled guilty. There were two new juvenile cases filed. Total fines collected were \$4,317.33 and court cost equaled \$1,225.31.

EMS had 18 total runs in October. There were nine calls for 9-1-1, eight calls for transfers and one call ended in "no transport". Payments collected were \$14,124.89 and billing equaled \$25,265.95.

The ambulance committee (Kitty Gallman, Sharon White and Kathryn Goddard) has done a fantastic job collecting donations from the community to purchase a new ambulance. To date, \$145,000 has been committed. Thanks to Kitty, Sharon and Kathryn for their commitment and dedication to raise this amount of money. Job well done!

City pumped 11,995,000 gallons of water in October, sold 8,694,000 gallons. Billing totaled \$54,450.32 on 1,421 accounts.

by Ricky White

Accounts payable equaled \$177,758.33 for October. There was one large expenditure paid to Prosperity Bank for bond payment, \$41,781.52. Total dollars spent in October is normal for monthly city expenses.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 195 calls in October. There were 73 stops, 38 warnings, 35 citations and 4 arrests. (1-no driver's license, 1-warrant, 1-terrorist threat/family and 1-driving while intoxicated). The officers drove 2,404 miles protecting our city.

Volunteer Fire Department responded to five calls in October: October 5-Three firefighters responded with one truck to natural gas leak.

Newsman – The Life of Ron Carr

it best in delivering his eulogy on

Sunday, dad invested in people.

He loved his community and they

loved him back, that was evident

this weekend as we gathered to

bury him close by his mom. And

it's been evident this year as dad re-

ceived a constant stream of visitors

and well-wishers, and delicious

home-cooking. We are all forever

grateful to the community of Frio-

na, TX, and its wonderful residents. And dad's closest friend and

confidant Holly Campbell, is

among the finest people I have ever

known. Dad was very sick and

frustrated as the months wore on,

easy to anger and Holly stayed by

order. Her patience, generosity and

humanity towards our father was

almost superhuman, and we are in-

Last May, my baby brother and

debted to her.

October 6-Seven firefighters responded with one truck to an electrical fire.

October 14-Seven firefighters responded with one truck to a hay bale fire.

October 19-Three firefighters responded with two trucks to a tractor fire.

October 26-Three firefighters responded with two trucks to a car accident.

The Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a 2004 E-One pumper fire truck, which will make a great addition to their fleet. The truck will be beneficial when responding to car accidents and any structural fires.

The library had 895 patrons visit in October an average of 43 per day. There were 975 items circulated and 117 new items added to the inventory.

Your Mayor

Guest Columnist: Casey Carr

My father, Ron Carr, passed away on Monday, November 6th at around 2 p.m. Dad put up a brave fight, but his lung cancer and the terrible toll it had taken on his body won out, and his heart failed him during an early afternoon bout with illness.

Many of you reading this will have known my dad, if you traveled with us in the 70's you probably remember us as Ron Carr Travel, that's where we began in 1969. Dad was a travel industry legend in his own right, rising through the ranks at Braniff Airlines and eventually starting his own agency, first as Carr-Dulaney Travel and then as Ron Carr Travel, which he and my mom ran together through the 70's until he left the industry and we became Sharon Carr Travel.

Dad's successes in the travel business were numerous. He used to book the charter flights for the Dallas Cowboys, and told me stories about a promise he'd made to sneak bottles of booze into the seat pocket for Bob Lilly and other players. His chance meeting with Ron Chapman in 1970, set us on a trajectory that today is writ large on our lives, as we enter our 47th year on Dallas Radio.

Ron Carr was versed in many subjects, he could talk about anything and he was totally engaging. He was profoundly intelligent, and as is often the case with people of his intellect who achieve great success, he was unsure of how to wield it, even burdened by it, and he turned to drinking.

It's impossible for me to tell the story of my father without talking about his battle with alcoholism, but it feels unfair because that isn't who he was, it's more like something that happened to him and to us. He lost his business to it, along with 3 marriages, respect and influence, health, it was a classic fall. My sister and I spent our youth traveling to visit him, coping with his relapses and the constant tension between our parents, perhaps blaming our mother who only wanted to protect us. When he finally moved on to another woman, I resented her, until she brought our baby brother and sister into the world, Zac & Megan.

Dad had kids in 4 decades, the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's, and Zac & Megan were the 4th & 5th Carr kids. They were an instant source of joy in our lives, full of happiness and innocence and love, a fresh start for dad. We adored them and suddenly I couldn't wait to visit, I felt love for their mom instead of resentment, and I believed this was a sea change for dad. It wasn't. Dad fell deeper and deeper into alcoholism, lost another job, and moved his family to the small panhandle town of Friona, Tx, to be close to his mother and brother, presumably for another fresh start but it didn't work. Within a year Cindy left him and took the kids. Dad's anguish only made his drinking worse, and he was in his 50's now.

Shortly after she left, I stopped through for a visit on my way to Colorado, the kids were there, yet another catastrophe had just occurred, and dad and I sat on the porch at my grandmother's and had a long candid conversation about his drinking, the first and last time we ever talked about it. That was 1996, and dad quit right there, cold turkey, and never looked back. He had been an alcoholic for 30 years. He walked through sobriety with the help of AA and his family and community, and he did it for the two little kids playing in the back yard that

31 TX rancher Chuck

32 "___ in cement"

Norris film (abbr.)

feelings about it that you might expect, why couldn't he do it for me? But it didn't matter, I had my dad back, or really had him for the first time. Those of you touched by addiction know that it's incredibly difficult to beat in your youth, but damn near impossible in your 50's. It was an astonishing change, heroic, a miracle for us.

His great intellect was always tempered by a tremendous sense of humor and razor-sharp wit. Dad was hilarious, the funniest person I have ever known. He understood timing and would deliver one-liners that had strangers within earshot belly-laughing. Uncle Rick told a story recently that their friend David Stevens had asked dad what one question he'd like answered if we could find someone all-knowing. Dad's response was "Is dipshit hyphen-

being the Newsman.

He was tireless in his coverage of events from their sleepy

October 15, 1939 – November 6, 2017 day. I've had the thoughts and little burg, most of them revolving around Chieftain Football. He shot tens of thousands of photos and

made the kids feel like celebrities, everyone wanted their picture in the paper. My brother Zac talked about listening to him recently tell Holly in encyclopedic detail about an expensive lens he wanted her to buy for the paper, because it does this and the F-stop goes to this and the way it captures the action, and on and on, all to make the people of Friona feel like superstars in the newspaper. Pastor Jeff Procter put

Throughout my life dad was

perhaps best known for his writing, even during his great success in travel. He published a well-known newsletter, wrote trade articles, training manuals, brochures and letters. He had a gift, writing was his first love and when he left the his side through it all, taking care travel industry, admittedly not of of his finances, putting up with his his own volition, he finally found moods, keeping his kids informed his way to the newspaper business. and helping him get his house in Dad went to work for Bill Ellis at the Friona Star, first as a photographer (his second great love) and eventually as a columnist. His column "Out Here" became a reader favorite, dad had a sort of fish-outof-water take on everything from politics to cow farts, and again that wit had you laughing out loud. Dad bought the paper from Bill in 2003, and for 22 years reveled in

sister made the decision to leave their lives behind and move to dad's small hometown in the panhandle to care for him. They took him to his many appointments in Amarillo, spent days and nights by his side, made sure he took his numerous meds, cooked for him, cleaned, and did the countless other thankless, tedious tasks involved in caring for a terminally ill patient. We all cope the best we can, but I regret that words of compassion

were often sparse for Zac & Megan. I for one am incredibly proud of them, we didn't need them to be perfect. We all expected more time with him but we didn't have any illusions that he was getting better, and Dad knew the score. The comforting gift of love and care is sometimes all we can offer the dying, and I am deeply grateful that my father got to look upon the loving faces of his youngest children in his final days. Dad was grateful as well, and said so often. I have dreaded writing this since I learned of his diagnosis back in March, I didn't think it would be so soon. The death of a parent looms

over all of our lives like a sword of Damocles and I've been possessed

by a general what-does-it-all-mean feeling, and consumed with the study of religion and death for half my life, I think maybe in preparation for this moment. None of it did any good. Grief is a wrecking ball that tears down every façade of courage and strength you've spent your life so painstakingly erecting. I find myself like a blank slate, a scared broken-hearted little boy.

I am grateful for the time I had, however punctuated it may have been, to have lived on the same earth as Ron Carr, to be his son, and even to experience his death. I've been reading a lot, seeking out stories of loss, trying to understand and distill my feelings. I read an interview with Stephen Colbert, who in the loss of his father & brother to a plane crash when he was just 11, discovered a gratitude that took until adulthood to understand. "I love the thing that I most wish had not happened" he says. The interviewer asked him to elaborate:

He described a letter from Tolkien in response to a priest who had questioned whether Tolkien's mythos was sufficiently doctrinaire, since it treated death not as a punishment for the sin of the fall but as a gift. "Tolkien says, in a letter back: 'What punishments of God are not gifts?" "Colbert knocked his knuckles on the table. " 'What punishments of God are not gifts?"" he said again. His eyes were filled with tears. "So it would be ungrateful not to take everything with gratitude. It doesn't mean you want it. I can hold both of those ideas in my head."

When dad came back from alcoholism, I learned who he truly is and was - a generous man. He loved his kids. He was closest to his youngest, and somewhat shy with his older kids in his later years, his guilt over past transgressions often palpable, but he was happy and gracious and kind, and still very funny. Every morning without fail he'd send a text to Megan, "Mornin baby girl." For a long time I'd only see him a few times a year, we only talked around holidays and birthdays, but I cherished our conversations, and I loved his voice it was calming and warm. I really miss it. When I would come to visit he would give me a book or a few words of encouragement and pride. He would share posts from my travels with the words "My boy Casey..." and it meant the world to me. The greatest gift he ever gave me is my siblings, Kirsten, Candee, Zac & Megan. I see him in their faces, and in my own, and in their good hearts. Dad's heart failed him last week, it never failed us kids.

Rest in peace dad, you are

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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. Apparently, a number of ducks and their ducklings have been struck and killed by vehicles on this road. In Clovis, New Mexico, if a duck is struck in the Duck Crossing it is a fineable offense.

PROJECT CHRISTMAS **CARD** will be underway after the Thanksgiving holiday. Boxes will be available for donation at a number of businesses in Friona. The money will go to purchase equipment for the hospital.

It is election season again, and a number of candidates are announcing their intentions this week. Their ads are in this issue of the Friona

Jo Beth Gipson announced this week that she plans to run for reelection to the office of Parmer County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1 in the March 2018 election. Gipson has served as the Justice of the Peace for a number of years.

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

Bailey (Warren) Windham, of Farwell, has announced she will be running for the position of Parmer County Treasurer on the Republican 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 Friona Post Office. She looks very familiar because she grew up here and graduated from Friona High School. Before she became Cathy Shields, she was Cathy Chesher. She is replacing retired Postmaster Jack Glover. She is married to Craig Shields and has three sons, Eric, Calvin and Tyler.

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. She has held positions in Dimmitt, Muleshoe, Earth, and Farwell.

Stop by and give her a warm welcome home!

Lucy Hernandez has been named the new Friona Public Library Director. She is replacing retiring longtime director Darla Bracken. Bracken is retiring December 31, 2017. Lucy is currently serving as Assistant Director. She began her library career in October 2009 as the Assistant Director in 2012.

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

Patricia Phipps, Friona 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. He is a FHS graduate that attended South Plains College to study Law Enforcement Technology, Texas State University to study Criminal Justice and graduated from St. Edward's University with a degree in Organizational Leadership.

Leander is currently with the City of Houston in the City Manager's office as a Special Projects Manager. He begins his career in Friona on January 2, 2018.

Congratulations Leander!

There have been a number of questions about the future of the Friona Star. The Friona Star will continue on the way it has been going. We will still have all the local pictures and stories that our readers have come to expect.

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 Friona Star is a local paper, and we will keep the tradition go-

I had a call from Friona Farmer's Co-op Gin manager Duncan Welch this week. He has received a number of complaints that the Friona 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 Friona 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:

Friona 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 Friona Union Congregational Church and will consist of the music of the season. A free-will offering will be received to benefit continuing Hurricane Harvey Relief.

Christmas in Friona 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.

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 pressurecooking. The event is \$15, which includes lunch, a cookbook, and holiday inspiration. The event is sponsored by the Bailey, Castro, Lamb and Parmer County FCH Agents.

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. In addition, the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Sounds like a busy afternoon filled with food, entertainment, and giving of thanks.

Are you ready for some BAS-KETBALL? 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. The 2017-18 FHS Basketball schedule was in the November 9 edition of the Friona Star.

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

the Circulation Clerk and became

Retired Teachers Update By Connie Slagle

The Parmer County unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association met November 6 at Milk House Market in Friona. After a brief business meeting conducted by President Tracy Ellis, the group of about twenty-five retirees heard from two local entrepreneurs.

Adriana Casas Stowers, owner of Creative Chaos Boutique, located at 603 Main Street, stated that she had always dreamed of having a store. She graduated from WTAMU while raising three little boys and began her career as a probation officer. With an investment of only two hundred dollars, she began her second career as a storeowner and salesperson by selling bracelets at flea markets and vendor shows. As her business expanded, she opened a storefront, eventually moving to a larger store where she sells trendy boutique clothing for children and women, including plus sizes. She was able to quit her social business in addition to shipping from thirty to fifty packages per day to customers across the country. She credits hard work, the support of family, friends, and community, and the use of social media for her success.

Crystal Moroney, proprietor of Milk House Market, 1002 Main Street, grew up in Arizona where she graduated from college. She received an internship with Neiman Marcus and was involved with every aspect of the store. She and a partner also ran a construction business, which built containers for shipping baby calves. In 2010, she and her husband moved to Texas to assist her parents with the Del Rio Dairy. Crystal serves as full time bookkeeper for the dairy. She opened Milk House Market in 2014 in a building shared with The Gym. In 2016, she moved to her

new location in the former Hometown Hardware building, which she has completely remodeled using items from local estate sales, the old Rip's Western Wear, and the little Texas flag building at Hub. She sells antiques, reproductions, farmhouse décor, baby items, and some clothing. Milk House Market brings a touch of Magnolia and the

Silos to the Panhandle.

Before adjourning to enjoy refreshments served work job in 2016 and now has a successful, local by Melissa Randolph and Judy Rhodes, TRTA members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours at the January 2 meeting, at 12:00 at the Frio Draw Driving School. A lunch of soup and stew will be served, and Patty Haile will present the program. All Parmer County retired school employees are invited to attend this meeting and to join TRTA.

Support needed for the United Way **By Rick White United Way Budget** 2017-2018

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. Please help support these organizations by giving to the United Way. Please take your donations to the Friona Interbank.

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. Officers are: Rick White, President; John Gurley, Vice President; Marca Herring, Secretary; and Larry Knowles, Treasurer.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts \$1,000.00 Girl Scouts/Brownie Scouts \$3,000.00 Boy/Girl State \$2,000.00 KID'S Inc. \$2,500.00 Parmer County 4-H \$1,300.00 Great Plains CASA for Kid's \$3,000.00 Friona Meals on Wheels \$1,000.00 \$8,000.00 Friona Senior Meals Friona Senior Citizens \$3,000.00 Parmer County Museum \$6,000.00 American Red Cross \$4,500.00 Salvation Army \$750.00 Panhandle Community Svc. \$1,500.00 **Empty Stocking Fund** \$3,000.00 Big Brother/Big Sister \$1,500.00 **Special Charities** \$6,500.00 ESL Classes \$3,000.00

Library Corner

Total

By Darla Bracken

United Way of Texas

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\$200.00

\$750.00

\$52,500.00

Local Veterans Honored at Breakfast

White and to Friona Star man-

aging editor, Dana Jameson, for

Friends of the Friona Public

said a spokesman for the group.

"We were especially honored to All veterans are welcome have veterans' widows to attend. to attend this annual event. If We appreciate our mayor Rick you did not receive an invita-

Library honored 34 veterans and their families at the Annual Veterans Breakfast on November 10, 2017 at the Redeemer Center. Traditional fare served included scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy along with coffee and orange juice. Members of the Breakfast Committee pride themselves on this important event each year and are now 'veterans' themselves in this service to our veterans. Library staff members filled in to document and to help serve the veterans. Photographic display provided by the library.

"We hope that this warm welcome is a nice way to start day, to visit with other veterans before attending Friona ISD's excellent Veteran's Day program,"

also attending. Editor Ron Carr photos to share, contact the liwas always faithful to attend." **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. Christmas cards are free, and they have many new donations, including counted cross-stitch patterns. Books are only \$1 a bag. The Book Shoppe is located at 119 W. 6th Street.

Friona Star Football **Contest Results** Week 11

96-Mike Field

94-Tim Elmore, Jon Field

92-Sandra Berend, BaiLee Braillif, Claire Brown, Enrique Rodriguez 89-Frank Dominguez, Jr., Wm. Gromowsky, Rusty McFarland, Tyrone Shelby

88-Kayla Tallant

87-Jeremy Dearing, Linvell Rose

86-Mal Manchee

85-Mack McFarland, Quentin Shelby

84-Laura Field, Phillip Johnson, James Phipps, Robert Rios

83-Raul Braillif, 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

57-Elizabeth Field 36-Jimmy R. Walker

61-Ronald Diaz, Steve Horrell

25-Sue Walker

News from the week of November 18, 1984

Friona Flashbacks

"Porky," to Reserve Grand Champion honors at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri on No-

vember 9. *Friona's Millard Warehouse opened for business on Monday of this week, and the "business" became official at about noon

showed her 1,230-pound steer, ceived its first load of products from Swift & Company.

*Dana Berend of Friona that day when the company re- State Highway 214 bridge over the Santa Fe Railroad on the south edge of Friona has been *Construction work on the completed.

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

Tuesday

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

> **Wednesday NO SCHOOL**

Thursday NO SCHOOL

Friday NO SCHOOL

Trustees approve purchase of new school bus

Independent Friona School District Board of Trustees had a busy night on Monday, November 13 as they were visited by the All-State Choir candidates from John Bonner's class, the Varsity Volleyball team with Coach Bryan Masse, Cross Country Coach Cindy Moreno with Jaqueline Legaretta, the cast of the Junior High One Act Play and their director Zac Carr, and the FHS FFA Radio Team and Quiz Team with instructors Catie Roach and Kayle Jesko.

Bonner reported on the accomplishments of Brooklynne Johnston, Damian Rodriguez ,and Franky Summerlin during recent competitions. The threesome have another upcoming audition on December 2.

Masse introduced the Varsity Squaws Volleyball team to the trustees and praised them for their 2017 season.

Moreno praised Legaretta for placing 5th in Area, 13th in Regionals and 31st in State Cross

In what is fast becoming a tra-

ditional preface to the Thanksgiv-

ing holidays in Hereford, King's

Manor Methodist Retirement

Home will host its 8th Annual

Dinner and Homemade Dessert

Auction Tuesday, November 21

at 6 p.m. in the Lamar Room of

the Manor at 400 Ranger Drive.

Tickets for dinner and entertain-

ment are \$10 each and can be

obtained by calling King's Manor

at (806) 364-0661. Proceeds from

this year's event will go toward

remodeling halls and rooms at

The event will kick off with

a homemade enchilada dinner

prepared by Rosie Tijerina, di-

etary supervisor at the Manor,

and Bennie Martinez, assistant

dietary supervisor. Gospel music

to accompany the dinner will be

performed by Vivian and Rocky

Andrews. Door prizes will also

"In a celebration of decadent

desserts ideal for both Thanksgiv-

ing and to freeze and put back in

preparation for Christmas, the des-

sert auction will feature a mouth-

watering list of yummies includ-

King's Manor.

be awarded.

By Jim Steiert

Carr stated that the Junior

High OAP competed against three schools and came away with 1st place including awards for Best Actor, Best Actress, All-Star Cast and Honorable Men-

The FFA Radio Team of Erica Barrera, Seth Murphree, and Cody Dewit, and the Quiz Team of Hadley White, Bryce Bunker and Erica Barrera have advanced out of District and will compete in Area competition Saturday, November 17. The Radio Team presented their program to the trustees.

The trustees heard update reports from Athletic Director Jimmy Arias, FHS Principal Erika Montana, FJHS Principal Jesse Galdean and FJHS Assistant Principal Daniel Hutchins.

Arias discussed the upcoming Bi-District game the Chieftains will play on Friday, November 17 and the records of all the football teams from 7th grade

and Mississippi mud cakes," says

Shelly Moss, executive director of

The auction will get underway

at 7 p.m. and will feature the tal-

ents of many outstanding home-

"If you don't have the time

or the inclination to bake for the

upcoming holidays, the dessert

auction is a great opportunity to

purchase some wonderful baked

good. Patrons can use purchased

items for their Thanksgiving

freezer for use for your family for

Christmas. The live auction will

offer layer cakes, bundt cakes, and

pies. Cookies, bars, quick breads, and candies will be available as

silent auction items," Mrs. Moss

explained.

town cooks and bakers.

King's Manor.

Dessert auction Nov. 21 will sweeten remodeling projects for King's Manor

ing red velvet cakes, pecan pies, July. Funds raised at that event are

go to Oklahoma and learn the Lincoln Riley offense. Montana outlined the upcom-

through Varsity. He thanked the

trustees for allowing his staff to

ing activities list for the High School and the many accomplishments of the students. She also outlined a number of benchmarks they are going to accom-

Galdean reported that the Junior High has 226 students enrolled with a 97.96 percent attendance rate as of Monday. November 13. He announced that the annual Canned Food Drive began on Monday and donations could be dropped off at the Junior High office.

Hutchins outlined the overall discipline report and stated that the numbers of discipline cases are down and discipline is great. He also explained to the board the measures being taken to increase positive numbers in all areas of instruction.

The trustees approved the

restricted to use for benevolent

care. The dessert auction proceeds

have helped to accomplish some

much-needed goals including new

doors and new concrete for the

Westgate entrance, new ceiling

consent agenda and the payment of the monthly bills before approving the purchase of a new school bus through Buy Board. The new International bus from Longhorn Bus Sales will cost the district \$92,952.

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper representative Mike Baker provided details for the AIA B101-2007 Standard Form of Agreement between the owner and architect, as amended, for the 2017 Capital Improvement Projects. The trustees approved the amendments.

A public hearing was held for the receiving of the financial management report regarding FIRST ratings and an Amendment to the Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement between FISD and Mariah del Norte LLC, Texas.

The trustees will meet again on Monday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building Boardroom. All meetings are open to the public.

and new lift chairs," she said.

"We are hoping to use the pro-

ceeds from this year's event to

make the facility inviting. Our

rehab hall received a facelift a

few years ago, and we hope to

follow suit elsewhere within the

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from

the week of November 2 through November 8, 2017: Greg Actkinson and Alyson Actkinson—Ridgeview Holdings, LLC., W/2 L1 B1 Ridgecrest Unit 1 Farwell.

Dennis Carroll London, Cheryl Renee London, David Darezzo and Michael Darezzo-Glendel Leon London and Mary Lyn London, L12-13 S3 T16S R1E CSS.



In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding: October 25, 2017

Jodi Gonzales, 27, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), was sentenced to six years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for eight years; \$389 court costs; \$850 in attorney fees; and \$180 in restitution.

Fabian Mondragon, 27, of Clovis, NM, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to seven years deferred adjudication; \$329 court costs; \$1,000 fine, probated; and \$550 in at-

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County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Casey Russell

Tax Assessor-Collector Awyna Sanchez

tiles, new wound-care mattresses, facility."

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$774.9 gatherings or pop them into the million in local sales tax allocations for November, 5 percent more than in November 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made

The payments to Parmer County are broken down as follows:

Bovina has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a November 2017 payment of \$13,189.17, which is a decrease of -18.16 percent higher than the 2016 payment of \$16,117.56. To date Bovina has received \$140,601.52, which is a 5.42 percent increase over the 2016 payments of \$133,360.91.

Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.500 percent and received a November 2017 payment of \$12,719.80, which is a 7.50 percent increase from the 2016 payment of \$11,865.27. To date Farwell has received sale tax of \$114,954.64, which is a decrease of -4.95 percent from the 2016 payments of \$120,947.31.

Friona has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a November 2017 payment of \$37,747.49, which is an increase of 4.30 percent over the 2016 payment of \$36,188.32. To date Friona has received \$353,661.72, which is a decrease of -3.62 percent over the 2016 payments of \$366,952.88.

For details on November sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary

Hegar returns November tax allocations to county

in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

The dessert auction represents a unique fund raiser for King's "This is the only fund raising event that King's Manor stages

that goes to specific projects and needs. Area residents are likely well familiar with the Founders barbecue and auction staged each

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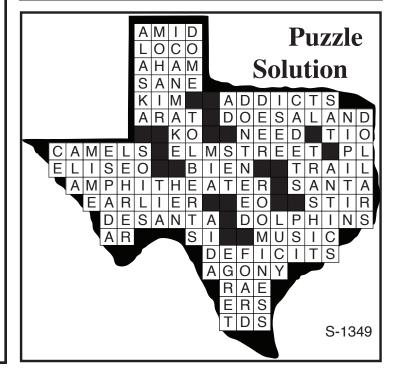
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~Psalm 56~ Intentional Trust

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 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 your 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



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 HUGHS

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

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



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, communi-Friona Senior class, and helping cook for the Parmer County Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren. 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



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

Survivors include two daughty and helping others. He spent and Keri Backus and husband Bovina Community since 1952. nine grandchildren; 17 great- bingo, coloring, and crossword Luis Rios of Canyon; three sis-25 years helping cook for the Russell of Lubbock; one son, She is a member of the Bovina grandchildren; and three great-puzzles. Wade Reeb and wife Sheridan of Church of Christ.

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Ernesteen Marshall

OBITUARIES

Ernesteen Marshall, 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 daughters, Meloney Kay Early Leslie and Margie Louise Kinder Emfinger. She married B.L. Marshall January 18, 1945 and

She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Leslie ister book at www.blackwell- na Tamez and Olivia Sosa. 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



of Katy, TX and Zelda Joyce Watts of Spring, TX; one sister, Elvene Holland and husband great-grandchildren

mullins.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 Echavarria Rodriguez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Raymondville, Texas to Ambrosio and Leonor Silva Rios. She ters, Amy Yosten of Hereford, has living life together in the Haskell of Big Springs, TX; loved taking care of her family,

You may sign the online reg- parents and two sisters, Adermi- and Juanita Jimenez of Lubbock;

Survivors include six sons, Raymond Diaz, Ronald Diaz, ister book at www.blackwellmul-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 Cam-Isabel was born July 1, 1956 in po, Guadalupe Rios and Antonio Rios of Raymondville, Ambrosio Rios Jr. Juan Jorge Rios and Rudolfo Rios of Friona and Jose ters, Marcella Rodriguez of Lasara. Ofelia Diaz of Levelland and three grandchildren.

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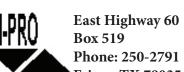


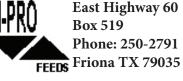
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Tigers slip by Chieftains 49-42

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.

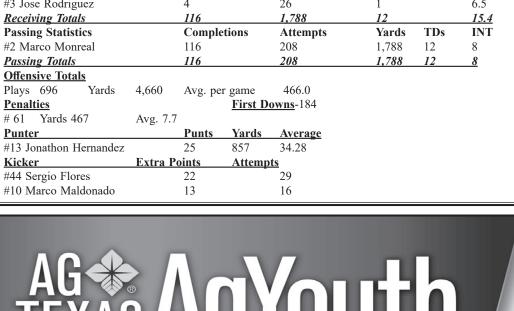
Rocky Barrios scored a touchdown and had three receptions for 38 yards. Jonathon Hernandez had three receptions for 18 yards. Maldonado had one reception for 55 yards. Damar Sermeno had one reception for 26 yards, and Orozco had one reception for 35 yards.

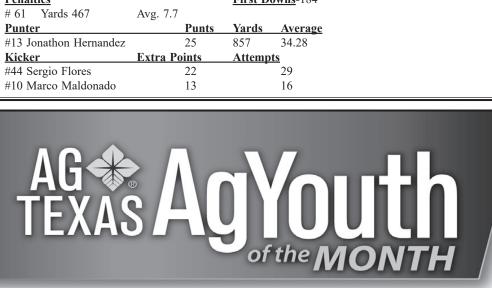
Monreal completed 9 of 23 passes for 172 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Hernandez punted three times for 104 yards. Maldonado completed 4 of 5 extra points.

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.



Chieftain	Statistics Carries		Regular		
Rushing Statistics #2 Marco Monreal	139	635	15		<u>Avg.</u> 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	207	0		0.0
#34 Gerardo Trejo	2	5	0		0.0
Rushing Totals	467	2.891	41		6.2
Receiving Statistics	Reception		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 Sermeno	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
Receiving Totals	116	1,788	12		<u> 15.4</u>
Passing Statistics	Comple	tions Attem	ots Yards	TDs	INT
#2 Marco Monreal	116	208	1,788	12	8
Passing Totals	116	208	1,788	12	<u>8</u>
Offensive Totals					
Plays 696 Yards	4,660 Avg. per	r game 466.0			
Penalties		First Downs-184	1		
# 61 Yards 467	Avg. 7.7				
Punter	Punts	Yards Averag	<u>e</u>		
#13 Jonathon Hernandez	25	857 34.28			
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#44 Sergio Flores	22	29			
#10 Marco Maldonado	13	16			







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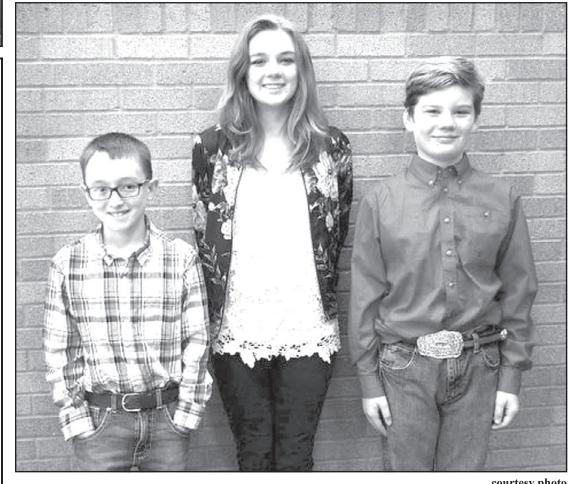
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Parmer County 4-H members competed in the Food Show at Levelland High School last weekend. Carter Gilley, left, entered a Caprese Salad in the Intermediate Fruits and Vegetables catagory. Adaline White, center, entered Zucchini Spaghetti in the Senior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

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

portunity 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 Brown-

"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-

and adult leaders will have an op- and what we call the survival guide erones for the weekend. If there is 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

> 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

4-H members in grades 8-11 ship in the community, business is requested to provide adult chapno 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," Snid-

> 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





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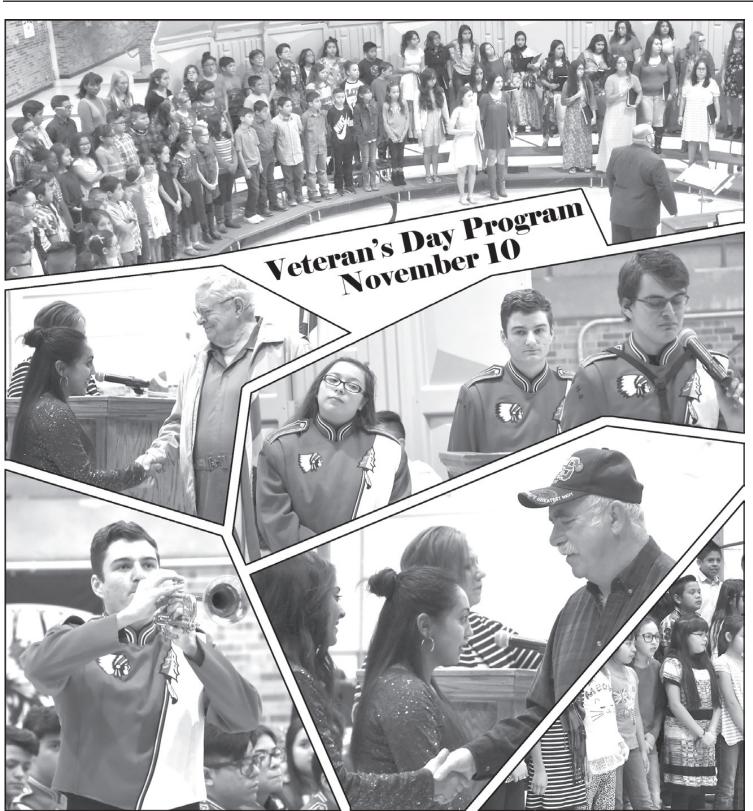
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Veterans Day in Bovina

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 interesting thing to see!

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 Mc-Donald, 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 land; 790 offshore islands; 300 Castles; and 89 main clans still



Donnie & Joann McDonald in the Highlands

and small, have a main street into parcels. We cruised on famed Loch called High Street, and 74% barley, potatoes, corn, turnips and cattle, including the shaggy highland "coos".

On our return to Ballachulish, where we overnighted, we tish town to be totally Hydro 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. stronghold off the coast of Scot-They want to get this done before land. Great Britain leaves the EU.)

are 30,000 lochs (lakes) in Scot- Highlands is covered with Bracken, a fern that in the fall turns to rust and gold. The green we saw

to see and learn. Of course the year, there is continuous sun- purple flowers in the spring and pipers had on their kilts, another light. Most Scottish towns, large summer. Gorse divides the land

After leaving Ballachulish, we Lomond, the largest lake in the of the economy is agriculture: drove through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs and now we are getting deeper into the highlands.

In Ft William, the first Scot-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

We visited the Skara Brae, The hilly country side of the 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 Edin-

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 Hagis, 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

Hagis 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 Hagis. She said if we have not tried the Hagis 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 Thomas from Amarillo, Kriste



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 again. We are always thankful 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 Hobaugh from Pennsyl-

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.



The Friona/Vega Group



Kriste Haile & Pat Holland learning to play bagpipes burgh. We made stops at Pit-

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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 the pond in clouds.

nicipal 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



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

Based solely on some loosely kept notes, it would seem that the first time geese went urban in the sweep over town to spiral down to local region based on a weather event was in the 1980s when a The Hereford and Dimmitt mu- 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 thou-

> 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

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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- Unlike Original Medicare, **SERVICES** MAY BE DENIED by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.



You **CANNOT** have a Medigap plan if you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you later switch back to Original Medicare, you **MAY NOT** be able to get a Medigap plan or be charged significantly more for that plan.

BE CAREFUL when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan by mistake.

We encourage you to carefully evaluate any Medicare Advantage Plan before you give up Original Medicare, and to check with the Parmer Medical Center business office at 806/250-2754 if you have any questions.

Let us help you make the choice that works best for your health needs.





