

## Friona Blood Drive is June 14

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Friona Noon Lions Club will host a blood drive on Thursday, June 14, 2018. It will be held from noon till 7:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 1500 Cleveland.

June is National Dairy Month and Blue Bell, Dairy Max, and Plains Dairy have teamed up to offer donors some great incentives. If you donate during the month of June you will receive a t-shirt and a squeeze cow courtesy of Dairy Max. Donors will also be entered into a weekly drawing for a one-year supply of Plains Dairy Milk.

Donors at the Friona Blood Drive will also receive a gallon of milk and the Lions Club will be serving hot dogs, "world famous" fries, and cobbler.

Coffee Memorial also has a special program for high school students. Those students who donate four or more times during their high school career will qualify to receive special Honor Cords when they graduate.

Photo ID Required. Save time by completing donor signup questions online using Donor Express at [www.thegiftoflife.org](http://www.thegiftoflife.org). Call 806-331-8833 or visit [yourbloodinstitute.org](http://yourbloodinstitute.org) to make an appointment. Must be at least 17 years old and 16 year olds may donate with parental consent.

## Calling all cooking teams

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is looking for cooking teams for the 13th Annual Cheeseburger Festival Cook-off on Saturday, July 21 at the City Park. Entry forms with a complete list of contest rules are available at the Chamber office at 621 Main or by calling (806) 250-3491. Deadline for entry is Friday, July 13 at 3 p.m. Forms with complete list of details are available on our webpage at [www.frionachamber.com](http://www.frionachamber.com) or our Facebook page.



## City Now Accepting Credit Card Payments

The City of Friona now accepts credit card payments for City services. "I want to bring convenience to our residents who wish to pay their utility payments via credit card," states City Manager Lee Davila.

The City will continue to accept cash and checks. With the support of the Mayor and City Council, the City of Friona plans to increase their online digital presence by creating a website, integrating online

utility payments, and establishing social media outlets in the near future. Pictured above is the City's first credit card payment customer, Paulino Balli Jr., with the City's Water Utility Clerk Maria Gonzales.

## New Street Signs Being Installed



The City of Friona has purchased over 99 street name signs to replace old or missing signs throughout the City. New street signs will help with mail distribution and assist police, fire and EMS personnel in navigating streets during emergencies. "We have several part-time EMS personnel who live outside the city limits who would greatly benefit from the new street signs," states City Manager Lee Davila. "Our goal as a City is to ensure that we supply our employees with every resource available (including signs) to assure that our residents receive quick and responsive medical attention." Pictured above is City employee Skyler Harris placing new street name signs at the intersection of Washington Avenue and East 9th Street.

## Chieftain Baseball Camp is a big hit



Friona Chieftain Baseball camp was held from May 30 through June 1. It had a tremendous turnout. There were 61 campers that participated in the 3-day camp. A majority of the campers were from Friona, but we also had participants travel from Hereford everyday for the camp. The camp focused on teaching baseball fundamentals and also provided the children with everyday life lessons. The Chieftain Baseball coaches gave speeches each day on the importance of education, mental toughness, and respect. The current members of the Chieftain Baseball team and Coaches ran the camp. As well as Mrs. Rosales, who helped get the kids registered. Coach Rosales and the Chieftain baseball program would like to thank Jason Daniels, Eric Geske and Rosa Cigarroa for helping distribute camp flyers and encouraging our youth to be actively involved.



Renovation is complete on the track at Friona High School. The track was re-surfaced and new lanes and logos were painted. Also the straight-a-way on the northwest side of the track was extended to accommodate a couple of racing events so that the runners would not have to finish a race on the curve.

## Water Weekly

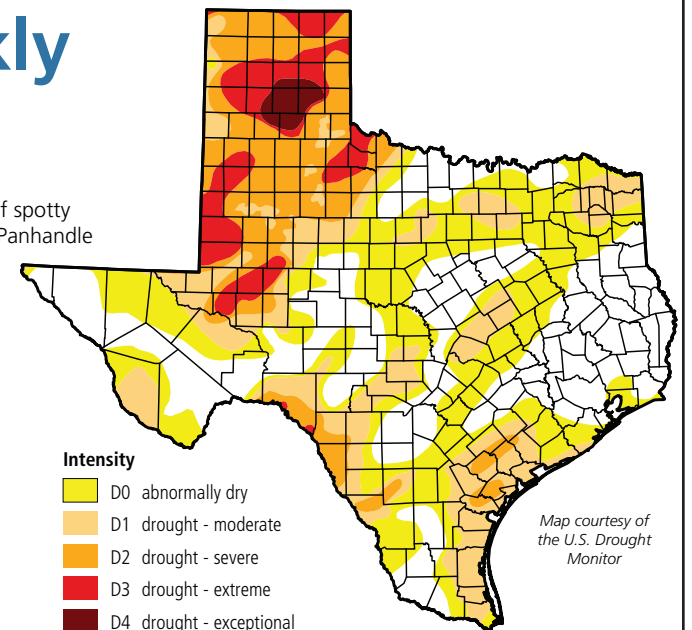
For the week of 06/04/18

### Water conditions

The latest drought map shows the results of spotty precipitation across the state. Areas of the Panhandle and West Texas showed improvement while conditions degraded in other areas. For the first time in three months, drought reemerged in East Texas.

### Drought conditions

- ◆ 40% now
- ◆ 41% a week ago
- ◆ 55% three months ago
- ◆ 4% a year ago



Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation Month .14 Year 2.37	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
June 7-13	99   65 WSW 10-20	98   64 SSW 10-20	95   64 SSW 15-25	94   65 SSW 15-25	98   63 NNE 10-20	93   63 ESE 10-15	91   64 SSW 10-20		

**Community Calendar**

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

**June 7**

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters  
 -Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
 June 8  
 -Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**June 9**

-PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.

**June 14**

-Flag Day  
 -Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church from noon-7:00 p.m.

**June 15**

-Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**June 17**

-Father's Day

**June 21**

-Summer Begins  
 -Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

**June 22**

-Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**June 28**

-Miss Friona seminar 6-8 p.m.

**June 29**

-Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**July 4**

-Independence Day

**July 5**

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

**July 6**

-Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.  
 -Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**July 13**

-Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 10- 10:30 a.m.

**July 14**

-PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.

**4 Skills Your Child Needs To Know Before Entering Kindergarten**

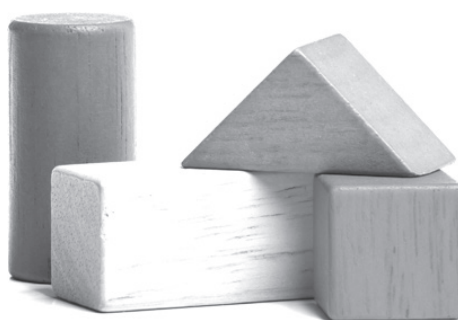
Kindergarten is supposed to be fun and educational, and allow children an opportunity to blossom because it is usually the first time the tykes are away from their parents for any significant amount of time.

And while most kindergartens don't exactly have GPA requirements, for a child to succeed there are a few milestones that should be reached before they toddle through the door, says Alise McGregor, founder of Little Newtons (www.littlenewtons.com), an early education center with locations in Minnesota and Illinois.

"New parents especially can have a hard time understanding that there are actually things their child should know prior to kindergarten," McGregor says. "But if they take time to make sure their child knows some basics, it will make kindergarten a better experience."

McGregor says the typical things a child should know prior to entering kindergarten are:

- **Basic shapes.** The child should have learned basic shapes like the square, circle, rectangle and triangle in preschool. If not, parents should teach



them. In kindergarten, they will probably be introduced to the hexagon, star, heart and octagon.

- **The letters of the child's name.** They should at least be able to recognize the letters of their name. In kindergarten, they will learn their uppercase letters and begin lowercase letters. They will also begin to learn how to write free-hand without tracing.

- **Numbers 1 to 10.** Although some children will be able to count to 100 by the time they reach kindergarten, all should be able to at least be able to count to 10. Numbers will be used starting on the first day of kindergarten

so the children need to at least understand and recognize numbers.

- **Social skills** - The child should be able to follow directions, be able to be separated from the caregiver and use the restroom independently. Children who scream and cry when they are separated from caregivers disrupt the rest of the class. Teachers simply do not have the time to supervise individual students who cannot independently use the restroom.

McGregor says that it is important for children to get off on the right foot early in school. By teaching children these skills prior to attending kindergarten it should make it easier for them to succeed.

**About Alise McGregor**

Alise McGregor is the founder of Little Newton's (www.littlenewtons.com), an exceptional child care center focused on early childhood education in four locations in Minnesota and one in Illinois. She is the author of an upcoming book Creating Brilliance. Also a nurse, she has a B.S. in Exercise Physiology with a cardiac rehabilitation emphasis.

**Xcel Energy cuts carbon emissions 35 percent**

*Retiring coal plants and increasing renewables key to company's clean energy transition*

Minneapolis May 22, 2018— Xcel Energy is a step closer to achieving one of the most aggressive carbon-reduction goals in the industry. Today, the company announced it cut carbon emissions 35 percent, according to its newly released Corporate Responsibility Report. This puts Xcel Energy on track to reach or exceed its ambitious goal of reducing carbon emissions 60 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels.

"We're on a path to provide a more sustainable, prosperous energy future and believe reducing carbon emissions while enhancing affordability is a tremendous benefit for the customers and communities we serve," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy surpassed the U.S. commitment under the Paris Climate Accord in 2016, which called for a 26 to 28 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2025. It's now working to achieve a 50 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2022 from 2005 levels.

The company plans to continue reducing its environmental footprint with an energy mix that is projected to be 60 percent carbon free in 2022. This transition to cleaner energy involves retiring aging coal plants and replacing their energy with a combination of wind and solar power and using natural gas as backup. Much of the energy will come from wind power, as Xcel Energy will more than double its wind generation with 12 new wind farms in seven states. These new energy sources

are complemented by two key sources — the company's broad array of advanced customer energy efficiency programs and the continued efficient operation of its carbon-free nuclear plants in the Upper Midwest.

Other highlights detailed in the report include:

- Forty percent carbon-free electricity provided to customers in 2017, about half generated by wind energy.
- The retirement of 20 coal units from 2005 to 2026, representing 40 percent of its coal-powered capacity.
- Customers' annual energy savings through the com-

pany's efficiency programs were equivalent to powering 152,000 average homes with electricity and fueling 21,000 homes with natural gas.

- Emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are down more than 70 percent and water consumption decreased 40 percent from 2005 levels.
- A decline in the average Xcel Energy residential electricity and natural gas bill over the past five years which results in keeping bills flat overall.
- Community investment of

\$72.9 million in 2017, which includes support for energy assistance that helped customers in need, volunteer programs and grants through the Xcel Energy Foundation to nonprofits for STEM education, economic sustainability, environmental stewardship and arts and culture.

The 2017 Corporate Responsibility Report tracks economic, environmental and social performance and includes information related to the environment, safety, economic development, community giving and workplace programs.

**Friona Public Library Summer Reading Schedule**  
**Libraries Rock • June 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 Memorial Day	29 2018 Summer Reading Begins!	30 All programs will be held at the Friona Jr High Auditorium.	31	1 Remember to register so that you can start reading.	2
3	4 Be sure to write the books you read in your log.	5	6 Elaina and Maddison play their violins 10 AM	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13 Monte Holder the magic show 10 AM	14 Will Parker plays guitar 10 AM	15	16 
17 FATHER'S DAY Read with your Dad.	18	19	20 Eldrena a storyteller 10 AM	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28 Summer Reading ends, but keep on reading...!	29	30 

**ACROSS**

- this Thorpe helped Rockets win 1st NBA Championship
- entreat
- actress Louise of 1975 "The Stepford Wives" with TX Paula Prentiss
- TXism: "you can bet the farm \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ on an ape"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ some gravel" (fell)
- TX Willie put out "Who'll Buy My Memories?" 'cause he \_\_\_\_
- \$16 million
- "B" of texted "BTW"
- horse color
- crankcase bottom section (2 wds.)
- "shop ' \_\_\_\_ drop"
- manufacturers of original auto equip.
- TX Jack Valenti was longtime pres. of this movie assn.
- TX Nick Foles was QB for both NFL teams in this state
- loaves (2 wds.)
- "six" in Mexico
- fed. tax mo.
- a love song to a girl on a balcony
- in 1966 TX Michael Johnson \_\_\_\_ world record in the 200m and 400m
- map of land

**DOWN**

- immunities
- "Six \_\_\_\_ Over Texas"
- TX Matthew won this for "Dallas Buyers Club"
- "wipe the slate clean"
- children's game
- TX singer " \_\_\_\_ Loaf"
- TX Barbara Mandrell sang " \_\_\_\_ Want to Be Right"
- TX Tanya Tucker's "One Love \_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_ wood, TX
- \_\_\_\_ Grande
- dir. from Alpine to Ozona
- " \_\_\_\_ and don'ts"
- TXism: "ran like red ants \_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_ stump"
- Groveton is the seat of this county
- start a fire
- there are about 80,000 of these in AT&T Stadium
- fabric makers
- TXism: "feel like \_\_\_\_ chewed up and spit out"
- this Caminiti was a Ranger and Astro
- this Harris was in "Appaloosa" with TX Zellweger

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
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# Town Talk

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Congratulations to Adilene Adame and Cristina Aguilar from Friona for graduating from ENMU recently.

Happy Anniversary to Corbin & Becky Neill, who married on June 11, 2016. Have a lovely day. Here is to many more!

Good luck to Marco Maldonado and Rocky Barrios as they play in the Greenbelt bowl in Childress this Saturday at 7 p.m.!

13th Annual Cheeseburger Festival is coming up on July 21st. Sign up your cooking teams! The deadline is 3 p.m. on Friday, July 13th. More details and forms are available online @www.frionachamber.com

book parties for \$100 from 5-7 p.m.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a Community Blood Drive at the Calvary Baptist Church from Noon- 7 p.m. on June 14th.

John Gurley recorded .14 inches of rain from Sunday night, June 3. The rain and strong winds resulted in a collapse of a tree onto the home of Dennis and Vickie field. Luckily, no serious damage was done.

Here are a couple of fun facts as we welcome the month of June. The birthstone for June is a pearl. It represents friendship, loyalty, faithfulness, purity, and modesty. The flower that symbolizes June is the rose, which signifies love and beauty. National Candy Month, National Dairy Month, National Seafood Month and National Iced Tea Month are all in the month of June.

## Friona Flashbacks



### News from the Friona Archives for June 7th

**1962-** Don and Glen Rusk are proud to announce the Grand Opening of their new restaurant, The Aztec Drive-In. This new addition to Friona is located off W. Highway 60. There will still be catering to those who wish to dine outside. However, the new restaurant features the first ever drive-up speakers in the city of Friona.

**1973-** The summer reading program recorded 73 children already signed up. The theme for this year's program was "Rocket to the Moon." Snoopy dressed as an astronaut was the main face for this theme. As for the adults new books have been added to the library for your entertainment such as, "Pioneer Women in Texas", "Black Beans and Goose Quills", "Head for the High Country", "Nethergate", and "Out of The Dark."

**1981-** Friona receives good general rain. Friona recorded 1.05 inches of rain, which is the most they had received since September 14, 1980. Within the following days, the rainfall for the week added up to 1.88 inches.

**1997-** Here is an excerpt from an article Ron Carr published in his "Out Here" column:

"Words can wound...or words can heal. Words. Language. Communication. They can be a comfort or a weapon. They can get you in

trouble or out of it." "As many politicians, athletes, and others have learned the improper use at the improper time, can get you fired, cost you money, or even a career."

"We have become a society in which it is not always advisable to say what you think. Words and comments we once considered as harmless jokes can now be used against you in the court of law."

"So here is some advice to make your life better. Choose your words wisely and make your point in as few words as necessary."

**2002-** Crystal Padilla and Raquel Mendez, two students from Friona High School, won two sewing machines in a sewing contest. There were over 60 entries in this local contest. The sewing machines were donated by Jiselle Hand from Malouf's fabrics and Gary Lewis from Bowman Sewing Machines in San Antonio.

**2007-** Friday Night Lights are presumed to become a lot brighter for the upcoming football season with the replacement of new lights. This is the first installment of new lights in the Chieftain Field since 1965. Cambell Electric has a team that consists of Danny Cambell, Robin Baize, Brent Hodges, Stephen Cambell, Mike Cambell, and a MUSCO technician who will be replacing the lights for the new season.

## Notice of Hearing

### Parmer County Appraisal District

The Review Board hearings will be held on July 10, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. until all appointments have been met. The hearings will be held at the Appraisal District board room at 305 Third Street, Bovina, Texas.

In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest by Thursday, June 19, 2018.

**Parmer County Appraisal District**  
**P.O. Box 56, Bovina TX 79009**  
**Phone: (806) 251-1405**



Bi-Wize updated its parking lot this past week with marked parking areas including a spot for special permit parking.



Workers are shown installing an awning on the front of the new Dollar General store. Work is also progressing quickly on the inside of the store. Crews installed the interior lighting this past week.

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# Gas Prices inch downward

Gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.74/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.94/g, according to GasBuddy.

Average gasoline prices on June 4 in Texas have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.18/g in 2017, \$2.14/g in 2016, \$2.55/g in 2015, \$3.45/g in 2014 and \$3.37/g in 2013.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices yesterday were 56.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago and are 16.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national

average has increased 13.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 57.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Finally some moderation has hit tens of thousands of gas stations across the country, following the drop in oil prices in recent days," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "We may have dodged a bullet in avoiding the \$3 per gallon level for now, but not everything is rosy yet. While nearly forty states saw average prices drop in the last week, ten still saw small increases, so this is not an all-inclusive party by any means. Prices remain well above their

year ago level, costing the country \$228 million more every day versus a year ago. Moving forward, all eyes remain on OPEC and their coming meeting to see if they'll push oil prices higher, or if they'll allow a respite for the summer driving season."

The GasBuddy app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, Canada, and Australia and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. For more information, visit [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com).



## Courthouse Notes

### Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of May 17 through May 23, 2018:

- The Buske Family Limited Partnership—Espiridion Jr. Quintana, L11-12 B86 OT Friona
- Greg Salas & Luz M Salas—Keeston B. Ford & Micah A. Ford, ALL L12 B3 STALEY ADDITION Friona
- Rex Wells & Sue Wells—Erika Maldonado & Aurelio Silva, S31 T1N R4E
- Rex Wells & Sue Wells—Miguel Lopez & Maria Lopez, TRACT S31 T1N R4E
- Kimberly Grady & Tory Taylor—Brenda Taylor, 1.5AC NW CORNER E/2 NE/4 S8 T4S R4E
- Jeffrey V. Steelman—Rentals Inc. Steelman, ALL L3 S40'L4 B25 OT Bovina, ALL L11-15 B11 OT Bovina, ALL L11-20 B1 OT Bovina
- Jeffery V. Steelman—Rentals Inc. Steelman, ALL L1-4 B100 OT Bovina
- Jane Henry & William Thomas Phillips—Todd D. Ware & Leslie D. Ware, ALL W/2S2 BLK A, 10.15AC NW CORNER S2 BLK A, 9.8AC W/2 S2 BLK A

## Retired Teachers District 16 Leadership Conference

Four members of the Parmer County unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association attended the district leadership conference in Amarillo on May 24, 2018. Representative John Smithee assured attendees that the legislature is committed to protecting retirees' health care and annuities. Senator Sel Keliger stressed the advantages of the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan over the Defined Contribution Plan and the importance of retired and current educators expressing their opinion on election day. Both men stated that solving the problem of school violence is a priority for lawmakers.

Parmer County RTA received a certificate for outstanding effort in promoting healthy living and recognition for increasing volunteer hours by seventy percent. Parmer County retirees donated 26,917 hours to their communities during 2017. The group donated 382 books to kindergarten and first graders in county schools and awarded one scholarship.

Parmer County RTA will welcome new retirees at an ice cream supper on June 21 at 6:00 PM at the Frio Draw Driving School building. All county retired teachers and school personnel are invited to attend and to join TRTA. Dues are nominal. Associate membership is open to family, friends, and current teachers. Contact Sue Wells, Tracy Ellis, or Connie Slagle for more information.



**Seniors, Marco Maldonado and Rocky Barrios from our Chieftain football team will be participating in the Greenbelt Bowl in Childress this weekend. They are being sponsored by Kendrick Oil and Friona Interbank. On behalf of the Friona Athletic Department, we would like to thank our sponsors for providing our athletes with this great experience and this would not be achievable without their donation. The game will be this Saturday, June 9th at Childress High School starting at 7:00 pm. Go Chieftains!!**

**Puzzle Solution**

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## Happy Birthday Friona Folks...

The week of June 7- June 13th

### 7th

Kevin Schueler, Charlie Brewer

### 8th

Joe Bob Mann, Paxton Schueler, Jack Moser, Lisa Reed, Kevin Zachary, Rachael (Knowles) Schulle, Michael Bentley, Angelina Zulas, Doug Daffern, Becky London Bulkeley, Jerry Townsend

### 9th

Joseph Bautista, RaeLynne Wren, Joel Venhaus, Landon McLellan,

### 10th

Vohnya Tongate, Theresa Alexander, Jonathan Fluck, Kip Frye, Fred Cook, Bob Thomas, Kris Gordon, Kathryn Avila

### 11th

Donita Martin, Molly Grace Maberry, Billy Smith, Cindy Butman, Trevor Fields, Wendy (Hinkle) Hixson, Sunny Dodson, Johnny Alvarez, Amy Cook, Macy Herring, Zoe Herring, Brianna McDonald, Lori Eitel, Danna (Brooks) Gallagher

### 12th

Marisol Aguilar, Jamille (Hand) Green, Vickie Field, Melissa Randolph, Danny Smith, Asa Reynard

### 13th

Beth Miller, Priscilla Hicks, Kelsey Welch, Doug Massey, Alexia Criswell



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## Wedding Registry

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Shelby Chappell & Collin Christian  
Heston Henry & Emily Barraza  
Weston Wylly & Courtney Mahoney  
Benjamin Anthony & Johna Fowler

*Baby Registry*

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## Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

**Will Hughs & Payton Ray**  
**Benjamin Anthony & Johna Fowler**  
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# Where Is God?

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

I would like to share a little story with you, I am not sure where it originated, but I have sourced where I found it at the bottom. Here it goes:

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

They boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed but asked to see them individually. The mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So, the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again, the boy did not attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed,

"WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing, and they think WE did it!"

(<https://www.cleanjoke.com/humor/Where-is-God.html>)

Now I am not sure about the effectiveness of this approach, but I do believe the question posed is a good one, maybe not in the context of our little joke. I think folks often ask the question in the context of their own lives. Where is God? If God were really...He would...? Even Christians, at times, are not sure where He is. They too struggle with the realities and difficulties in this life.

I would like to ask a different question. Where are you? God is the One that is unmoved. He can be found in Scripture, Prayer, Worship, His Creation burst with evidence of His glory. Most of the time it is me who has wandered off. I need to remember, though no matter how far I have gone I will find Him when I turn around and there He will be.



## One Last Stand

At the recent spring concert, the FHS Band presented their director, Chris Rackley, with a new conductor's stand. "Old Reliable" (above left) and "Young Gun" (below left).

## Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

La palabra nos habla de 3 clases de muerte, "muerte espiritual, muerte física, y la segunda muerte." De las cuales muchos participaron de las 3, y otros experimentaremos de 2, espiritual y física. Hoy hablaremos de la muerte espiritual. En Genesis 2:16-17 dice "Y mando Jehova Dios al hombre, diciendo: De todo arbol de huerto podras comer; mas del arbol de la ciencia del bien y del mal no comeras; porque el dia que de el comieres, ciertamente moriaras. Recuerda de que muerte significa ;separacion una cosa de otra. Adan y Eva fueron separados de la presencia de Dios, fueron echados fuera de Eden, cuando comieron del fruto del arbol de la ciencia del bien y del mal. Porque en Genesis 3:24 dice " Echo, pues fuera al hombre del Eden. Y Eden significa presencia de Dios. En Romanos 5:12 que el pecado entro por Adan y asi mismo a toda la humanidad. Romanos 3:23 por cuanto todos pecaron, y estan destituidos de la Gloria de Dios. Pero Romanos 5:8 dice mas Dios muestra su amor para con nosotros en que aun siendo pecadores, cristo murio por nosotros. Hay esperanza en Cristo Jesus.

The bible talks about 3 kinds of deaths, "spiritual death, physical death, and the second death."

Many will experience all 3, and others will experience 2, physical and spiritual. Today we will speak about spiritual death. In Genesis 2:16-17, "And the Lord commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.'" Remember that death means separation of one thing from another. Adam and Eve were separated from the presence of the Lord, and were cast out of the Garden of Eden when they ate from the fruit of The Tree of Good and Evil. Genesis 3:24 says, "He drove man out of the garden of Eden. Now Eden means the presence of the Lord. In Romans 5:12 it says, "That by one man, sin entered the world and also to all humanity." Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." However, Romans 5:8 declares, "But God proves his own love for us, while we were sinners Christ died for us. There is hope in Jesus Christ."

# Psalm 78—Root Causes

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Sometimes people have every reason to succeed, yet they become miserable failures. Sadly and frustratingly, many people with the right education, proper financial backing and strong health, still fail instead of thrive as they should. This was also the case with the nation of Israel when God delivered them out of slavery in Egypt. They had the right education, in that they had seen God do amazing miracles and had no reason to doubt His care for them. Further, they had financial stability as they left Egypt with immense wealth. Sadly, though, they failed miserably.

Why does that happen? Is it a person's environment, their attitude, personality, aptitude, or is it a deeper root cause? Psalm 78 depicts many aspects of the Israelite's deliverance from Egypt, and clearly diagnoses the cause of their failure. Psalm 78:22 says they failed "because they did not believe in God

and did not trust His saving power." That is almost unthinkable because they had seen God do vast miracles in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet they "did not believe in God and did not trust in His saving power." What a sad indictment!!! Although they witnessed God's power and might to save them, many did not seek God out.

This same indictment that describes Israel is still alive and well today. It is possible to know about Christ, but not

follow Him; it is possible to hear the gospel, and ignore it; it is possible to know God's name, and yet never know Him personally, because you don't "trust His saving power." Trusting God's saving power, begins with trusting Jesus to save you from your sins, which opens the doors of your life to follow Him day in and day out, no matter the trials and temptations, because He is more than enough to provide for your every need and care.

**The FBC Clothes Closet will be open this Saturday, June 9, from 10am-11am.**

**Send your church news to the Friona Star frionastar@wtrt.net**

## Parents are Responsible

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I wrote about what we need to do to get God into our homes. We as Christians have a responsibility to help those who don't know God, so He is recognizable in our homes.

However, parents have a responsibility in all of this, too. Parents have to decide what kind of home they want. Do they want a home filled with God or a home filled with worldly ideas and traditions? Are they willing to change schedules and priorities to make time for Him, or are they so devoted to their work and busyness that they don't see how they can make room for God? Are they willing to spend meal times together to see what is going on in each other's lives and what God is doing in their lives, or does everyone eat at their own time?

Life is busy, crazy, non-stop, full of activities for adults and children alike. However, we do make time for all of these crazy, non-stop activities, so why can't we make time for God?

And, just so you know, I am preaching to myself, too.

It takes work; it takes conscientious effort; it takes time; it takes prayer; it takes determination. It takes succeeding; it takes not quitting when we fail; it takes realizing that God is always worth the effort.

If you don't already have one, find a church. Attend a Sunday school class or a Bible study. Seek out people you think you have something in common with, those who know and love Jesus so they can mentor you. Don't be afraid to get involved in serving in the church. We all started somewhere; we all had to learn; we are all needed by God!

It is never too late to get to know God. It is never too late to change lifestyles, schedules or habits and make God a priority in your daily life. It is never too late to have a home where God is recognizable to everyone!

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## USDA Partners with Texas A&M to Help Veterans Seeking Agriculture Loans and Careers

USDA announced a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas A&M's AgriLife Extension Service to help military veterans obtain loans and pursue careers as farmers and ranchers. Secretary Perdue joined local dignitaries, members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and community leaders at the Dallas Farmers Market to unveil the new pilot program.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is collaborating with AgriLife Extension Service on the pilot, which is part of the Texas A&M Battleground to Breaking Ground project. The program makes it easier for veterans to meet federal requirements to get FSA direct farm ownership loans, which can help provide access to land and capital.

The pilot program, which will include 15 to 18 veterans, will roll out in three phases: an introductory workshop, a business planning curriculum, and a production curriculum over a period of 12 to 18 months.

Typically, loan applicants must participate in the business operations of a farm for at least three years during a 10-year period. However, as part of this pilot program, participants can combine the certificate they receive with their military leadership or management experience to satisfy this requirement. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, approximately 45 percent of armed service members are from rural America.

Pilot program applications will be accepted from interested veterans between June 15 and July 20, 2018, until 11 p.m. central standard time, apply here. For more information about USDA programs, visit [newfarmers.usda.gov/veterans](http://newfarmers.usda.gov/veterans) or <https://www.farmers.gov>.

To learn about other ways USDA is supporting veterans, visit <https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/veterans>, and watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaELqXHUU3w>.

## Medicare steps up its fight against diabetes

Diabetes affects as many as one in four older adults with Medicare. It costs hundreds of billions of dollars to treat and results in the loss of tens of thousands of lives every year.

If we could better control diabetes, we'd be taking a huge leap toward creating a healthier America.

Diabetes occurs when your body doesn't make enough insulin or doesn't respond to the insulin it does make. Insulin is what your body uses to process sugar and turn it into energy.

When too much sugar stays in your blood, it can lead to serious complications and even life-threatening problems, including heart disease, strokes and kidney damage.

Medicare is committed to fighting the diabetes epidemic.

If you're on Medicare and at risk for diabetes, you're covered for two blood sugar screenings each year at no out-of-pocket cost to you. Risk factors include high blood pressure, a history of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels, obesity or a history of high blood sugar.

If you're diagnosed with diabetes, Medicare will help pay for blood sugar self-testing equipment and supplies, as well as insulin and other anti-diabetic drugs. In the event of diabetic foot disease, it will also help pay for therapeutic shoes or inserts as long as your podiatrist prescribes them.

Because living with diabetes

can pose day-to-day challenges, Medicare covers a program to teach you how to manage the disease. With a written order from your physician, you can sign up for training that includes tips for monitoring blood sugar, taking medication and eating healthy.

If you'd like to learn more about how to control diabetes, visit Medicare's website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call Medicare's 24/7 help line at 1-800-633-4227 and visit with a counselor.

In addition to the 30 million Americans with diabetes, another 86 million live with a condition known as pre-diabetes, where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diabetes diagnosis.

Pre-diabetes is treatable. But only one in 10 people with the condition will even know they have it. Left untreated, one in three will develop the full-blown disease within several years.

Confronted with those statistics, Medicare is ramping up its efforts to prevent diabetes among the millions of Medicare beneficiaries who are at a heightened risk of developing it.

Several years ago, Medicare partnered with YMCAs nationwide to launch an initiative for patients with pre-diabetes. The pilot project showed that older people could lose weight through lifestyle counseling and regular meetings that stressed healthy eating habits and exercise.

About half of the participants shed an average of 5 percent of their weight, which health authorities say is enough to substantially reduce the risk of full-blown diabetes. Through adopting a healthier lifestyle, people diagnosed with pre-diabetes can delay the onset of the disease.

Based on the trial program's encouraging results, Medicare is now expanding its coverage for diabetes prevention. Using the pilot project as a model, it will help pay for a counseling program aimed at improving beneficiaries' nutrition, increasing their physical activity and reducing stress.

If you have Medicare's Part B medical insurance and are pre-diabetic, you'll be able to enroll in a series of coaching sessions lasting one to two years and conducted by health care providers

as well as community organizations like local senior centers. There will be no out-of-pocket cost.

Medicare is currently recruiting partners to offer the program so that it will be widely available to beneficiaries.

Diabetes can be a terribly debilitating disease. It can mean a lifetime of tests, injections and health challenges. Every five minutes in this country, 14 more adults are diagnosed with it. And in the same five minutes, two more people will die from diabetes-related causes.

If we can prevent more diabetes cases before they even start, we can help people live longer and fuller lives, as well as save money across our health care system.

*By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.76 Billion in May

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May, 10.2 percent more than in May 2017.

"Strong growth in sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "While the most rapid growth was in remittances from the construction and oil- and gas-related sectors, significant gains also came from information services, restaurants and retail trade."

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.23 billion, 1.4 percent more than in May 2017. Year-to-date franchise tax revenue is up 11.3 percent. As anticipated in the Certification Revenue Estimate, lower refund activity early in the fiscal year contributed to higher than average net franchise tax collections.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2018 was up 10.4 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in May 2018:

motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$424 million, up 11.7 percent from May 2017;

motor fuel taxes — \$309.9 million, up 1.8 percent from May 2017; and

oil and natural gas production taxes — \$416.5 million, up 56 percent from May 2017.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch website at: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/revenue/watch/>.

## Texas Dairy Farmers Kick-Off June Dairy Month

Grand Prairie (June 1, 2018) - Join your local dairy farmers and raise a glass of milk to "Celebrate All Things Dairy," for June Dairy Month. Throughout the 30 day celebration, farmers across Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas will share their successes, and tell their stories to the public about producing quality and nutritious milk.

This kind of dairy promotion is a tradition. For more than 80 years, June Dairy Month has promoted dairy consumption

during peak milk production. Originally called National Milk Month, the celebration has evolved across the Southwest with food demonstrations, festivals, and parades.

"Dairy farmers are very passionate about what they do each day, and it's a great time to celebrate their hard work," says Marty McKinzie, vice-president of industry image and relations with Dairy MAX, Inc. "Without dairy farmers and their commitment to their family farms, we wouldn't be

able to enjoy the delicious and nutritious dairy foods we have today."

Texans can celebrate June Dairy Month by enjoying healthy and nutritious dairy foods this month and all year long. June Dairy Month celebrates the value of milk and dairy products as part of a well-balanced diet for every American, as well as the importance of milk production to the agricultural industry. There are 400 dairy farms in Texas, which accounted for

nearly \$1.9 billion in sales in 2017, according to USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service.

The June Dairy Month theme, "Celebrate All Things Dairy," also expands beyond the farm, to the fridge and dinner table. Throughout the month, much focus will be on dairy nutrition and eating healthy foods through farm family recipes and quick tips.

"Dairy farming is a vital part of Texas agriculture," said David Volleman, dairy farmer from Gustine, Texas. "In fact, family farms like ours provide the milk, ice cream, yogurt, cheese and many other nutritious foods you purchase at the grocery store each week. We appreciate the support Texas residents provide our families."

Returning to June Dairy Month are events like the Passion for Pints Blood Drive. Its sixth year will kick-off the month-long celebration at more than 200 different blood drive locations. Last year, 13,047 pints of blood were donated at Passion for Pints drives impacting over 39,000 lives. Local dairy farmers will also celebrate June Dairy Month starting on World Milk Day, June 1, and throughout the month with youth activities, community parades and festivals.

### Notice of Public Hearing

#### PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2019-2020 REAPPRAISAL PLAN

The public hearing will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018, At 6:00 pm at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office, located boardroom, 305 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the Reappraisal Plan is available at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

If approved by the Parmer County District Board Members, The Reappraisal Plan will be in effect for 2019-2020.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2019 fiscal year.

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3,ct Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$567,500.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$27,300.

The number of employees compensated under the prosed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for the public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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The movie is free, and guests can enjoy flashing back to the 90s with the roar of dinosaurs in the background. Popcorn provided by Happy State Bank and sodas provided by Pepsi are all free as part of the event. PPHM

Store will have retro candy for sale. Bring lawn chairs or blankets as there will be no seating provided for the evening.

"Hang out with friends and family under the stars on the east lawn and experience a 90s movie masterpiece like no other! Raptors and Triceratops and T-rex, oh my," said Samantha Biffle, PPHM Programs Coordinator.

All ages are welcome, however the movie is PG13.

\*For reasons of copyright and admissions, the name of the movie cannot be revealed.

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Sam and Donna Mears celebrated their 60th Anniversary this past week. Their family took them to Albuquerque, New Mexico for a short vacation. They are shown here at the Church Street Café which is located in Old Town. Note: the waiter at the café was a 2009 graduate of Perryton High School.



One of the bright spots in Friona is The Zora Gaede Memorial Garden behind the Friona Public Library. Shown is Ponciano Alfaro helping the Friends of the Library take care of it this summer.



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