



Chieftain Choices Career Fair set for Feb. 22nd

The Chieftain Choices Career Fair will be held on Friday, February 22nd from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School Activity Center. Event coordinator Allison Johnston would love to fill up the entire activity center with local business groups. Businesses will have an opportunity to meet and speak with students from 8th grade to 12th grade.

If your business has not signed up yet, you can call her at the high school at 806-250-3951 or email ajohnsto@frionaisd to get more information or to receive a sign-up form. There is still room and time for any business to be a part of this educational event.

NOTE: Friona High School will be having emergency responders (including helicopters, firetrucks, and ambulances) at the high school on February 22nd to participate in the Career Fair.

Junior High Spring Open House

There will be a STAAR Test (information) Parent Night from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th at the Friona Junior High School. All parents need to meet in the Junior High band hall first at 5:30 p.m. and then meet later with grade level teachers.



FHS Basketball Royalty

Jose Grado and Bailey Pope were named basketball king and queen Tuesday night in-between the games vs. Dimmitt.

Local Election Calendar

Friday, February 15th (before 5 p.m.)
Last day to file application for a place on the ballot for the May 4th Election

Friona City Council (3 positions)
Candidates as of Feb. 6:
Bruce Fleming
Alan Monroe
Jeff Stowers

FISD Board of Trustees (2 positions)
Candidates as of Feb. 6:
Darrin Gilley
Jeri Lynn White
Cindy Moreno

Parmer County Hospital Board (2 positions)

What 5-bale cotton looks like!



Photo taken by Daniel Wiseman on Wiseman Farms south of Friona.

Gin breaks record, again

For the second year in a row, the Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin has set a new record for cotton bales ginned in a season. The new record of 44,028 bales is a 21% increase over last year's record of 36,353 bales. In the past 18 years the co-op has ginned over 30,000 bales six times, but this is the first year that it has broken the 40,000 bale plateau.

The quality of the cotton was also better this year as reflected in the co-op's average loan rate being 52.28¢/pound whereas last year's average rate was be-

low 50¢/pound. This rate is based on a number of factors including color, staple length, leaf, extraneous matter, micronaire, length uniformity, and strength.

Timely rains and an uninterrupted harvest helped pave the way for the record year. Gin manager Jeff Watkins said that missing the 10+ inch snow that hit in and around Lubbock also helped local farmers get their crop in. A lot of gins had to shut down for weeks because the fields were too wet to get the cotton to the gin.

Improvements and repairs made to the

gin last year also helped with the harvest. The co-op was able to handle round bales as well as modules. This year, 60% of the cotton arrived at the gin in modules and 40% was in round bales. Mark Anthony Trucking of Friona hauled the ginned bales to the Farmers Co-Op Compress and RL Trucking of Bovina hauled the cotton seed.

Approximately 17,000 acres of cotton were harvested last year, and indications are that more acres will be planted in cotton next year.

Midwinter Senior Recognition Night



Friona High School Senior basketball players, powerlifters, cheerleaders, managers, and mascot were recognized Tuesday night along with their parents. See page 6 for more photos.

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Friona Weather February 7-13	T 47 15 WNW 20-30	F 45 20 S 15-25	S 47 30 S 15-25	S 61 33 SW 10-15	M 61 29 WSW 20-30	T 58 29 W 10-20	W 61 35 SW 15-25	Precipitation February 0.00 Year 0.13	Burn Ban: No
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Community Calendar

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

February 8
-Mighty Writers Rally starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Jr. High School Auditorium

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

February 10
-Grief Support Group Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 11
-FSA Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

February 14
-Valentines Day
-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.

February 15
-"I Still Do" Valentines dinner at Friona First Baptist Church from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 17
-Grief Support Group Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 21
-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.
-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

February 24
-Grief Support Group Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 28
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.
-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.



WTRT and WT Services awarding scholarships this spring

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

This spring, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will award academic scholarships for the 23rd consecutive year. Since the inception of its program in 1997, WTRT has awarded 163 scholarships totaling \$147,400 to area students. WTRT scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Applicants must have a telephone prefix with WTRT exchanges to be eligible. Those applying must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, or have completed high school.

Applications for 2019 scholarships will be accepted through Wednesday, April 10th. The 2019 scholarship recipients will be announced in May. WTRT scholarships applications are available at high school counselor's offices in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Bovina, Adrian and Vega. Applications are also available at the WTRT business office at 3424 South U.S. Highway 385 in Hereford, or they can be downloaded from the WTRT website located at www.wtrt.net.

WT Services, Inc.

WT Services, Inc., a subsidiary of WTRT, will award scholarships for the fifth consecutive year. WT Services has awarded 28 scholarships amounting to \$21,000 since its scholarship program began in 2014. Scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WT Services, Inc. customers, or to students who are WT Services customers. Those applying must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, or have completed high school, or have received their GED. An application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted. One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending. Applications for 2019 scholarships will be accepted through Wednesday, April 10th. The 2019 scholarship recipients will be announced in May. In Hereford, applications may be picked up at the WT Services office at 119 East 4th, or at the Hereford High School counselor's office. Applications may also be picked up at the WT Services, Inc. office in Friona at 1010 Columbia. They are also available at high school counselor's offices in Friona, Bovina, and Bushland. Application forms may also be downloaded from the WT Services website located at wtservices.net.

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ACROSS

- seat of Oldham County
- "son of ____"
- TXism: "nary a one"
- another cowboy state (abbr.)
- TX Tanya's "Texas When I ____"
- TXism: "just two ____ and a holler away" (near)
- rodeo's ____ roping
- bloodsucking insect pests to humans & cattle (2 wds.)
- TXism: "if it was any better, the sheriff wouldn't ____"
- sired (archaic)
- first big TX gusher: ____ top
- Calhoun of "Pure Country" with TX George Strait
- seat of Fayette County: La ____
- bivalve mollusk
- San ____, TX
- TXism: "let '____ rip!"
- positioning
- Troy Aikman's alma mater
- sibling of sis
- in Jasper County on U.S. 96
- animal that died crossing the road (2 wds.)
- Mexican mafia: "La ____"
- TXism: "you're branding ____"
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ____ a holler"
- cautious
- this Pete replaced Gib Lewis in 1993 (init.)
- "____ and every one"
- TXism: "lock, stock, ____ barrel"
- "____ Scrooge"
- alleviated or relieved
- company name before Verizon
- ____ Ocean, TX
- TX sculptor Elisabeth
- TX Ginger 1949 film "The Barkleys ____"
- guilty or not guilty
- TXism: "never ____ anything in the glow of a neon light"
- TX oldest street: "La ____ Norte"
- TXism: "joined his shadow in the ____" (fell)
- enthusiastically
- steroid alcohol
- TXism: "that dog ____ hunt"
- opposite of XXL
- TXism: "happy as a ____ with two tails"
- Galveston, e.g.
- "Sack '____"
- abscond
- venomous lizard: ____ monster
- non-commissioned officers (abbr.)
- first female governor: "____" Ferguson
- ____ Mott, TX
- "Treaty of ____ Fort" brought peace between Republic of TX & Indians
- Japanese writing
- "just in ____"
- with "The," 1980 action film by TX rancher in 4-down
- disadvantaged
- Dallas was perhaps named after this VP (init.)

DOWN

- ____ Alstyn, TX
- TXism: "he could strut sitting down" (big ____)
- TX Gene Roddenberry was a writer on "Have ____ - ____ Travel"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris 1981 action film (5 wds.)
- this cowgirl Evans was born in Uvalde
- TXism for "drink" (3 wds.)
- ____ two-steps to his own beat"
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ____ a holler"

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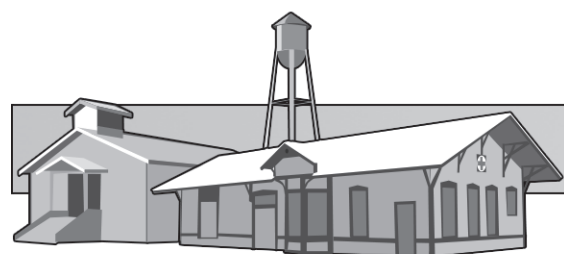
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We send our condolences to the Stowers family for the loss of their son Reagan Stowers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

★★★

Bragging time will be here in the Valentine paper in February. Forms are available at the Star office. Valentines are only \$10 for pictures with 1-2 people and \$20 for pictures with three or more people. Deadline to turn in your Valentines pictures is Tuesday, February 12 at 5 p.m.

Pictures will be published on the Friona Star February 14 edition.

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The Annual Chamber Awards Banquet will be March 5th. The theme for this year's banquet will be 50's and 60's. They will be having a silent auction during the banquet. If you have an auction item that you would like to donate please call the chamber and they will pick up the item. The funds made from the auction helps the chamber sponsor the extra activities through out the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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The Friona Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man/Woman of the Year, Students of the Year, Employee

of the Year, Educator of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Stop by the Chamber office to pick up a form to make your nominations or go to <http://www.frionachamber.com/> to download the forms.

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For the month of February, a once-a-week workshop on grief will be offered at the home of Mark and Deirdre Osborn. The event will take place every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave, Friona Tx. If you, a friend, or loved one has been struggling with a recent loss and desire to learn positive coping strategies to deal with grief then this workshop is one that will be worth attending. The workshop material will be presented from a generalist perspective and is faith-based. A small group setting will be utilized to enable an enhanced workshop learning experience. For more information, please call 806-265-5468 or email thecottoncart14@gmail.com

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The National English Honor Society at Friona High School needs your help! They are collecting money to buy books for a school destroyed by Hurricane Michael last fall. Former FJHS teachers' assistant, Donna Mullins, works at this Panama

City, Florida, school. Mrs. Mullins was instrumental in starting Friona's Special Olympics, which continues to be successful today. One of the biggest supporters of this program was Barbara Curry, an eighth grade English teacher who died of cancer while teaching in Friona. The local chapter of NEHS is named in her honor. They are working with an organization which will let Mrs. Mullins and the teachers at her school choose inexpensive, high quality used books. Shipping will be free if a certain amount is purchased. If you would like to help with this project, please send your donations to Friona High School, attention NEHS, or leave them in the collection box at the public library or at the school. The deadline is February 8th. Thanks for helping us with this literacy project.

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Friona ISD will be discussing their rating on the state's financial accountability system at the next Board Meeting. That meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the

Board Room at the Administration Building.

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The Senior class is asking the community to recycle their aluminum cans! Proceeds will benefit the Senior Class Alcohol-Drug Free All Night Graduation Party. Fill the trailer located next to the Fire Station on Main Street with your empty cans.

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First Baptist Church is having an "I Still Do" Valentines date night for all married couples on February 15 from 6 p.m. - 8 .pm. The cost for couples is \$30 and covers a delicious meal for two, great entertainment, a photo of you and your spouse, on-site childcare, and biblical encouragement for your marriage! This event is open to all married couples of all ages but get your tickets soon due to limited space. To get your tickets you may go to FBC Church office, call 806-250-3933, or from Ivy Cottage.

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Save the date! "Hi-Pro Feeds the Future" Annual Event is

May 18 at the Country Rose.

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Wayne and Tammy Odell will be celebrating their anniversary on February 12! Happy Anniversary!

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Super Bowl Facts: in 1967 the most anyone paid for a ticket was \$12. This past Sunday, the average price for a Super Bowl ticket was \$4,680.

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vina, Texas.

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Students will be having a four-day weekend on February 15 - 18.

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Southwest Parkinson Society is having a support group meeting every second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Clovis Community College, main building room 101. Join the group to develop knowledge understanding Parkinson's disease.

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Friona High School will be having emergency responders (including helicopters, fire trucks, and ambulances) at the high school on Friday, February 22 from 8:00 a.m. through 11:30 p.m. participating in our Chieftain Choices College/Career/Health Fair.

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Shout out to the birthday boy Lee Davila! "Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind it don't matter"! Hope you have a good one from the Friona Star staff!



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

February 13, 2014

It was an expensive nap. Thursday February 6 about 9:30 p.m. a truck driver eastbound on Hwy 60 fell asleep, ran off the roadway and crashed into this Case 350 tractor at Parmer County Implement Company west of Friona. The semi- tractor was not pulling a trailer. The Case tractor was facing the highway and the impact spun it around facing the opposite direction, causing extensive damage. According to Parmer County Implement owner Bob Hurst the Case 350 is valued at well over \$250,000. Friona firefighters, Sheriff deputies, and DPS worked the accident.

February 5, 2004

Friona Elementary School Faculty and students were honored to have a visit from a veteran of the Iraq war. Sgt. Byron Graham, son-in-law of Mickey and Linda Griffin, presented a program about his year in Iraq. Sgt. Graham, his wife Heather, and their daughter, Madeline, visited Friona recently, and they were kind enough to share their time with the teachers and students at the elementary school. Sgt. Graham went to Iraq in January of 2003, and returned to the United States in January of this year. Friona Elementary students "adopted" Sgt. Graham as a pen pal last year. He wrote letters that were read over the PA system, so students were eager to meet him personally and show their support. Elementary students worked with their teachers to choose several topics that they wanted discussed. Sgt. Graham used these questions as the focus of his power point presentation. He showed actual pictures of reconnaissance missions, as well as pictures of Iraqi homes, transportation, and fellow soldiers. At the end of the presentation, Sgt. Graham answered what he liked best about being home: his family! He also said that he is proud to be an American soldier and grateful that he was born in such a great nation. Sgt. Graham honored Friona Elementary with the gift of a flag. He car-

ried the flag to Kuwait, Iraq, and home to the U.S. He said that the flag "was a bit dusty, but it's been on a long journey". Mrs. Riethmayer, Principal, replied that the flag would be an important part of the elementary school, and that it would be proudly displayed inside the building, in order to preserve it.

February 19, 1994

The United Way of Friona is pleased to announce that it received a total of \$14,679.84 during the 1993 campaign. This amount represented 94.23 per cent of the goal, which was \$15,600. The local United Way board met February 15 and approved the disbursement of these funds. "The board of directors would like to extend a great big 'Thank You' to all the volunteers that worked the phone-a-thon, to the pacesetters that worked the businesses, Dave Stafford of Excel, and most of all, to all the people and businesses in this community who contributed," a spokesperson concluded. The following is a list of the local organizations that will benefit from this year's drive: Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts; Girl Scouts/Brownie Scouts; Red Cross; Salvation Army; Friona 4-H; Parmer County United Welfare Board; Central Plains MH/MR; United Way of Texas; Kids, Inc. of Friona; Friona Meals on Wheels and Panhandle Community Service

February 16, 1986

After a 13-year absence, the Friona Squaws are back in the state basketball playoffs.

The Squaws will play Canadian, runners-up in District 1-AAA, in a bi-district game Friday (February 14) at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Squaws, under first-year coach Vicki Hatton, have come on strong, winning their last ten games. They swept the second half district title with a 6-0 record, and then disposed of first half champ Dimmitt, 58-41, for the overall title and first-place seed in district. "We didn't

shoot well in our last couple of district games, but Monday night we were hitting, and I think now we're ready to play. I think the kids are hungry to 'go on,'" Coach Hatton says. Canadian has one of the better records of the class AAA teams in the region, a 20-3 season record. The Wildcats will have a quick team, not as tall as the Squaws,

who like to press. "I think if we stay with our game plan, and control the tempo of the game, we'll be all right," the Squaws' coach said. City Gets Candidates Three people have announced as candidates in the City Council race, but just one candidate has filed as yet in the school board race. Deadline for filing for both boards is March 5. Clarence Monroe filed to run for another term as mayor, and June Rhodes filed as a candidate for the city council, along with Carl White, a candidate for reelection. In the school board race, Becky Riethmayer has filed for the two year unexpired term. So far, no one else has filed. Incumbents are Jerry Hinkle and Teddy Fangman. Video Set Sunday A video replay of the Squaws' district playoff win over Dimmitt, along with the Friday pep rally and Friday's bi-district playoff vs Canadian will be presented on Friona Cablevision, Channel 6, courtesy of the Friona Booster Club, starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 16. Coach Hatton said Canadian was much like River Road, which edged Canadian for their district title, and was to meet Dimmitt in the second half of Friday's bi-district double-header. River Road had edged the Squaws, 36-35, in the season opener last November in Amarillo. Although Friona's season record of 18-8 was not quite as gaudy as Canadian's, it was pointed out that of the teams that beat the Squaws, all except Tulia are also in the playoffs. Should the Squaws beat the Canadian girls, they will advance to an area playoff game, against the winner of the Brownfield- Alpine teams, to be played on Monday or Tuesday at a neutral site.

County Conservation Partners Host Local Work Group Meeting

When: February 13, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: XIT Recreation Center, Bovina, TX

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Parmer County and the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their FY20 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Parmer County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Parmer County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Parmer County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Bill Taylor, district conservationist, at (806) 481-3311 Ext-3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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Psalm 113—Hallelujah!

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you know what the word hallelujah means? It is the Hebrew term that simply means "Praise the Lord!" In fact, Psalm 113 begins and ends with this Hebrew term, and is a call for people to Praise the Lord. Praising the Lord isn't always easy, but when you look in this chapter there are three vibrant reasons you can praise the Lord.

First, notice that God's name is worthy of praise. The entitlement mindset can be such a massive handicap in our worship and praise, but in reality it reveals a lack of focus on the worthiness and awesomeness of God, who is worthy of all our praise. He is more worthy than the Super Bowl Champs, the Homecoming Queen, the President or the five star general. You can and should praise God because He is worthy of praise.

Second, in Psalm 113:4-6, you can praise God because he

is the highest authority. He is above all the nations and His glory extends above and beyond His creation. When nations sabre-rattle and threaten, God's throne is secure. Your praise ought not to be dependent on the security of your nation, because God's reign will never end, and you can praise Him for that. Although God is high and exalted, you can praise Him because God reaches low, which is brought out in verses 7-9. God is near to the lowly, a defender of widows and orphans, and the redeemer of all who call on Him. This final reason to praise Him is the most amazing, and is most clearly seen in the gospel of Jesus Christ. That God would reach down to you in your sin and guilt and offer salvation through Jesus Christ is astounding!!! If you know Christ as your Lord and Savior, that is the greatest reason to Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!



It Takes Courage

By Teena Hughs

We started a new Bible study on "courage" this week. Courage takes on various forms. Sometimes it takes courage just to get out of bed in the morning. Sometimes it takes courage to face a doctor's diagnosis. Sometimes it takes courage to face an opponent in the military, on a sports team, in a political election or a discussion with opposing viewpoints.

The first lesson started me thinking about a friend who is facing a very difficult situation right now. Even though people don't seem to realize it, he is in a position of authority, and people are not respecting the fact that he has the power to "make them or break them." Even so, he is trying to handle this situation with tact and grace. However, when people fail to listen to his directives, and they do exactly what they have been told not to do, it creates a problem.

Some people may look at this situation and think the people opposing authority are the ones with courage. They are standing up for what they believe is the right thing, no matter what those in authority say. Some probably feel that if they continue to do what they want, those in authority won't be able to do anything, because they will "get so far

down the road" that they can't be stopped.

My friend has several options. He can give in; he can "break them"; or, he can continue to communicate with the opposing side and pray that the people involved see that this matter is out of his hands because of rules, laws, and regulations. I know my friend, and he won't give in. He will stand for what is right, and in his situation, that takes courage. My friend sees the situation from many different views, because he has to; the others see it only from their own desires.

The bottom line of this situation boils down to respect for authority. It takes courage to obey authority, even when you don't like it or understand what authority is doing, or you want something so badly you are willing to do anything to get it.

I don't know how this is going to end, but I do hope everyone involved, including my friend, will remember the words of Romans 13:1,2: "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished."

Panhandle Parables Headin' for the Healer

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

As I write my little story tonight, I am mindful like most in our little community of the Stowers family as they walk through a very difficult and heart-breaking loss. I ask you as a community to continue to pray and love this family. So, I share my little tale thinking of them. Reagan, we sure wish the days had been many more, but we thank you for the positive impact and your gentle spirit which had more influence than you knew.

I have always loved team roping. It is a fascinating event requiring two horses, two cowboys and one steer. With the nod of a head and explosion of activity begins, a gate opens, a clock starts, two horse thrust forward with awesome power and in a matter of seconds if everything goes well two horses are facing each other with a steer stretched out between them and with the drop of a flag the clock stops. It is all very intentional. It requires skill, courage and a dose of good timing on everyone's part.

Several years ago, I was at a rodeo and saw a little buckaroo watching intently the various activities of the rodeo. He was probably around 5 years old, big hat making his ears go flat. When the announcer came over the loud speaker calling the names of the first

team roping pair, this little guy became laser focused on the event. You could tell he was soaking it in and as he stood and moved to the isle for a better look, I noticed his jacket. It had on the back two team ropers with ropes stretched tight in the center in place of a steer was a cross. Above the embroidered picture were the words that make up my title. "Headin' for the Healer," it gave me pause as I began to think about those words. It also made me realize we are all headin' somewhere.

In the hustle and bustle of daily living sometimes we forget that little known fact. We chase our dreams, some come true others fade away. We pursue success and at times find heart ache instead. Life is full of ups and downs. It can be as comforting as a warm blanket or as cold as a coach's Gatorade bath. This is all true for each of us any given day. Yet, the question will always be with us, "Where you headin'?" I pray as we answer that question, we are mindful and intentional as we say, "Me? Well I am headin' for the Healer." He is the One who can hold us in the darkness, give us purpose for the ride and enough strength to get us Home no matter the number of our days.

Texas Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.8 Billion in January

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said Monday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 billion in January, 6 percent more than in January 2018.

"The growth in sales tax collections was primarily due to continued strong spending in oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from restaurants also grew, while those from retail trade were flat relative to a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2019 was up 6.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of

all tax collections.

In January 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) oil production taxes — \$274.5 million, down 3.3 percent from January 2018, the first such decline since December 2016. Also, monthly oil production tax revenues were the lowest since December 2017; (2) natural gas production taxes — \$152.9 million, up 24.3 percent from January 2018; (3) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$425.7 million, down 0.5 percent from January 2018; and (4) motor fuel taxes — \$305.1 million, up 0.2 percent from January 2018.

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Midwinter Senior Recognition Night



Josselyn Castillo escorted by her parents Isidro and Magallee Castillo



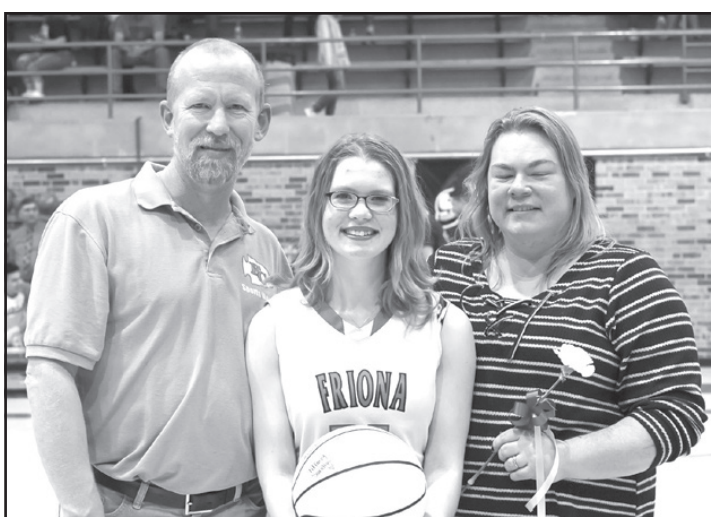
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Friona 18, Muleshoe 36

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Varsity Girls
Friona 20, Spearman 35
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M. Trevino 2

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Drake 5, Sharrock 3,
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Friona 16, Spearman 58
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Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Tue. Feb 12.
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THE BONE JOINT CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Avocados

Tom Alger caught me this last week and asked me if I really thought tri-tip was the

only good thing to come out of California. This got me to thinking that there must be

a few more good things to which we can give California some credit.

California gave us:

1. Almonds - 90% of ALL almonds in the world come from California
2. Popsicles - invented in 1905 by Frank Epperson
3. Squeegee - invented in 1936 by Ettore Steccone
4. WD 40 - invented by the Rocket Chemical Company in San Diego
5. Barbie dolls - first introduced at the American International Toy Fair in 1959
6. Pistachios - California is the 2nd largest producer in the world
7. Apple computers - Love 'em or hate 'em, I probably wouldn't have been able to search for all

this information if it weren't for Apple computers.

8. Blue Jeans - invented by Levi Strauss in 1853
9. Beach Boys - who doesn't love the Beach Boys?

And number 10 on the list leads me to one of my favorite products of California, the avocado. Although we see advertisements for avocados from Mexico, according to the website, Keep California Farming, California produces 90% of the avocados in the United States. So yes, avocados are a good thing that comes from California.

The avocado originated in south-central Mexico between 7,000 and 5,000 B.C. There is evidence that the fruit was cultivated as early

as 500 B.C. When the Spanish came to the Americas, they changed the Aztec name to a more easily pronounced word, aguacate. This eventually changed to avocado in English.

It wasn't until 1871 that Judge R.B. Ord brought an avocado tree to California from Mexico. The popularity of the fruit soon took off. Rudolph Hass planted the first Hass Avocado tree in La Habra Heights, California and patented the tree and its name in 1935. By Hass's death in 1952, his variety of avocado has overtaken the previous variety. Today 80% of the avocados from California are of the Hass variety.

Avocados are grown from Monterey to San Diego on around 50, 000 acres by over 3,000 growers. The trees produce fruit year-round. On average a tree can produce about 60 pounds or 150 pieces of fruit.

Avocados offer great nutritional value as well. They are a source of 20 vitamins and minerals. Their creamy texture is rich in good fats and are naturally sodium, sugar, and cholesterol free. They also are nutrient boosters because they help the body absorb fat-soluble nutrients.

For more information about avocados, you can visit the website, www.californiaavocado.com.

Avocados are great to slice and add to a sandwich or toast, but my favorite way to enjoy a ripe avocado is in guacamole. Below are a few different ways to make the beloved dip.

Guacamole

by Rev. Skip Hodges, Pastor of Friona United Methodist Church

Ingredients

- 4 ripe avocados
- 1 ripe tomato
- 1 seeded jalapeño
- 1 small onion
- 1/2 cup cilantro minced
- juice from 1/2 lime
- 1 rounded tsp cumin
- salt to taste

Instructions

Mash, not puree, avocados. Fine dice tomato, onion, and jalapeño and mix all ingredients in a bowl.

Shortcut Guacamole

By Jeri Lynn White

Ingredients

- Ripe avocados
- Store bought salsa (I like Leal's brand)
- Salt
- Lime

Peel and deseed the avocados. Then roughly mash them. Add the salsa, salt, and the juice from the lime. This recipe is easy to double or triple. I don't usually measure any of my ingredients. I just add the salsa, salt, and lime juice a little at a time until I get the consistency and taste that I want.

Tropical Guacamole

by Deborah Harroun • www.tasteandtellblog.com

Ingredients

- 3 medium ripe avocados
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mango
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions

1. Roughly mash the avocados. Gently stir in the remaining ingredients.
2. Serve with tortilla chips.



Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.96/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.25/g, according to GasBuddy.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices were 40.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 4.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 1.1 cents per gallon

during the last month and stands 34.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"While oil prices have risen to their highest in months on the instability in Venezuela's political situation, gasoline demand has remained weak and supply strong, thus keeping increases firmly in check," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "As the record gasoline supply continues to overshadow markets ahead of the road to summer gasoline, any updrafts at the pump will be small and limited for now,

but once the transition begins, the supply overhang will be drawn down in short order as refiners liquidate winter gasoline, ushering in eventually higher prices come late-February and early March."

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

A University and a Way Forward

Universities, like all human organizations, need a passion for purpose coupled to a plan for the future. Without such a commitment, reactionary leadership and management follows. Such passion for purpose and a future grows from an institution's people, its purpose and its place. At West Texas A&M University we have recently completed a long-range plan called WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World. The process was complex. It included nearly 300 people. Committees, theme groups and white paper authors labored diligently. Some might say such a collage of people is all form and no substance, but they would be wrong. The ideas propagated in this work will leverage the University forward with a well-conceived, carefully deliberated sense of service and corporate self. Such work will distinguish West Texas A&M University.

As a state-supported institution, our first responsibility is to the people of Texas. Our work is sustained through tax revenue. We are in their debt. More specifically, as a regional university, our work is directed to the people of the Panhandle, our primary service region. Included as a central function of that work is creating talented people who fuel economic opportunity for themselves and others. This is an essential facet of a publicly-supported University.

Our north star in WT125: From the Panhandle to the World is leading WT to regional research university status. We are defining, through our planning process, what such a university will look like. No current model exists, but it would have a number of characteristics. First, research in the various disciplines will be focused on regional needs. For example, water scarcity is a critical problem in the Texas Panhandle. Our water consumption is primarily directed towards agriculture - water scarcity is legendary. Water engineering questions need to be ad-



dressed. The complexities of this regional need demand attention in engineering, agriculture and political science. This is but one example. There are many others - smaller school districts, culture in rural communities and healthcare are also important. Our work in the coming decades will be directed at identifying and solving complex problems in the Panhandle and similar areas around the state, nation and world. This focus will create distinctiveness that will be widely recognized and valued.

A number of big ideas guide our thinking. Citizenship and the rights and responsibilities of it are critical to our future. In the coming decades more students will study and work simultaneously. They will not be of traditional age or demographics. Many will transfer from community colleges as a means to reduce educational costs. For WTAMU to survive it must be sensitive to this changing nature of the students that we serve. We must value on our campus the values of the Texas Panhandle. We are not Houston or Dallas, San Antonio or El Paso, Fort Worth or Austin. We shall be proud of the place we call home and the values that make it up. Too many regional universities spend too much time apologetically lamenting their size, composition or geography. That is a fool's errand and is not our aspiration.

WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World was guided by several deep planning principles. Our

business is developing human capital and human potential - an educated citizen who benefits from completing a degree. This leads to an inarguable realization that a core understanding of the competencies of contemporary citizenship, understanding human values and the to and fro of our economies is essential. Such ambition requires basic abilities in critical thinking, numeracy and other aspects of life in mid-21st century America.

Our students must also understand the nature and value of risk-taking as a core value of the American experience. Too often we want to hone risk out of our daily existence and create safe predictability. However, rewards are driven by determination, forbearance and grit - there is no higher calling for a public university in Texas.

While we are looking ahead, we are also actively engaged in generating new ideas that provide forward movement for WT. We developed the admissions fast-track application, whereby a student can apply and receive a response within 60 seconds followed up with a letter from the college dean or adviser within 24 hours. We will strive to better serve our veterans with special programs that integrate military service and the educational process at WT. Additionally, we established a financial literacy program. Buff\$mart helps students understand and make better financial decisions with the goal to graduate with little to no debt.

West Texas A&M University is poised to take great steps in the near and long-term future through a comprehensive, participant-driven planning process. We are defining a new way forward.

For a complete version of our plan, please visit wtamu.edu and click on WT 125.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His reflections are available at <http://walterwendler.com/>.



Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice sponsored a Caregivers Meeting last Friday at the First National Bank (Friona Banking Center) community room. Jaime Sharp from the Area Agency on Aging presented the program. A mixture of caregivers from Friona, Bovina, & Farwell and health professionals attended the event. Caregiver Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month. For more information, you can call Rhonda at (806) 247-0057.

Warrant Round Up Announcement

ENGLISH

Warrant Roundup begins February 23, 2019 thru March 8, 2019.

Friona Municipal Court amnesty period begins February 15, 2019 thru February 22, 2019.

Friona Texas Municipal Court will offer amnesty from arrest for anyone with an outstanding warrant who pays their fines between February 15, 2019 thru February 22, 2019. During the amnesty period, those who pay Class C Misdemeanor fines at the Friona Texas Municipal Court at 105 West 7th Street will not be arrested. Their warrants will be cleared after payment is made.

The program will help residents avoid an embarrassing arrest.

You can pay fines in full with cash, money orders, or debit/credit card. Court day and hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SPANISH

El resumen de la orden judicial comienza el 23 de Febrero de 2019 al 8 de Marzo de 2019.

El período de amnistía del corte Municipal de Friona comienza el 15 de febrero de 2019 hasta el 22 de febrero de 2019.

La Corte Municipal de Friona Texas ofrecerá amnistía de detención para cualquier persona con una orden de arresto pendiente que pague sus multas entre el 15 de Febrero de 2019 y el 22 de Febrero de 2019. Durante el período de la amnistía, los que pagan multas de clase C de delito menor no serán arrestados. Sus órdenes serán borrados después de que se haga el pago.

El programa ayudará a los residentes a evitar un arresto vergonzoso.

Puede pagar las multas en su totalidad con efectivo, giros postales o tarjetas de débito o crédito. Los días y horas de la corte son miércoles, jueves y viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

FISD Student Holidays

February 15th
Teacher
Work Day

February 18th
President's
Day



Nominations needed for 2019 Chamber Awards Banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is now accepting nominations for the 63rd Annual Chamber Awards Banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 5th at the Friona Community Center. If you know an outstanding person who deserves to be honored for their accomplishments, the Chamber would like to hear from you.

Nominations are available in the following categories: Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year,

Employee of the Year, Educator of the Year, Girl Student of the Year, and Boy Student of the Year.

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 19th. Forms are available at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street or visit the website www.friona-chamber.com to register your nomination. Forms can be submitted by person, email, or fax. For more information, contact Heather or Chris at (806) 250-3491.



Caprock Canyon State Park Quitaque TX, Spring Break Activities

Looking for something fun to do during Spring Break? Bring the whole family to Caprock Canyons State Park! Camp with your family, fish in Lake Theo, hike the trails, and so much more! Spring Break at Caprock Canyons is a week's worth of activities sure to capture the interest of the whole family so come on out and join us!

All programs are free, with paid park entrance fee except the tours. For more information, call (806)455-1492.

Here is a list of program dates and times:

- March 8:**
• "Caprock Critters", 7:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 9:**
• "Canyon Walk & Talk", 10:00 a.m., Meet us at the Upper South Prong Trail head
• "Skins & Skulls" (for ages 12 and under), 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "The Texas State Bison Herd", 7:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 12:**
• "Trailway Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Wildlife & Environmental Etiquette", 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "The Texas State Bison Herd", 8:00 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 13:**
• "Prairie Safari Hike", 10:00 a.m., Meet at the Honey Flat Restrooms
• "Goin' Batty" (for ages 12 and under), 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "Nighttime Narratives", 8:15 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 14:**
• "Caprock Van Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Prairie Dogs: Talk of the Town", 2:00 p.m., Meet at the Honey Flat Restrooms
• "Caprock Critters", 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 15:**
• "Trailway Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Wildlife & Environmental Etiquette", 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "The Texas State Bison Herd", 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 16:**
• "Canyon Walk & Talk", 10:00 a.m., Meet at the Upper South Prong Trail head
• "Goin' Batty" (for ages 12 and under), 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "Pioneer Women of the Southern Great Plains" (A Women's History Month Presentation by Sue Jones), 8:00 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 19:**
• "Caprock Van Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Prairie Dogs: Talk of the Town", 2:00 p.m., Meet at the Honey Flat Restrooms
• "Nighttime Narratives", 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 20:**
• "Prairie Safari Hike", 10:00 a.m., Meet at the Honey Flat Restrooms
• "Wildlife & Environmental Etiquette", 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "The Texas State Bison Herd", 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 21:**
• "Trailway Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Goin' Batty" (for children 12 and under), 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "Full Moon Hike", 8:30 p.m., Meet at the Upper South Prong Trail head
- March 22:**
• "Prairie Dogs: Talk of the Town", 2:00 p.m., Meet at the Honey Flat Restrooms
• "The Texas State Bison Herd", 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater
- March 23:**
• "Caprock Van Tour", 10:00 a.m., *Reservations Required*
• "Skins & Skulls" (for children 12 and under), 2:00 p.m., Visitor's Center Pavilion
• "Mary Ann Goodnight & the Texas State Bison Herd" (A Women's History Month Presentation), 8:30 p.m., Interpretive Amphitheater

Participants may call the park at (806)455-1492 to sign up for programs requiring reservations.

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities.

~OBITUARIES~

Reagan Stowers



Reagan Stowers, 19 of Friona passed away Friday, February 1, 2019. Celebration of Life Services were held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Reagan was born August 8, 1999 in Hereford to Gary and Carolyn Taylor Stowers. He was a 2018 graduate of Friona High School. In all forms, Reagan was a cowboy and rancher. He loved being on horseback, working cattle and participating in team roping. He also loved camping and riding his motorcycle.

Reagan was known as a quiet, gentle soul with a tender, caring heart.

He is preceded in death by 1 brother-Aaron Stowers and 1 aunt-Penny Seiver.

Those mourning Reagan's loss include his parents of

Friona, 2 brothers-Blake Stowers of Friona, Andrew Stowers and wife Emily of Amarillo, Nieces-Rylee and Layla Stowers, Grandparents, John and Sherri Taylor of Friona, Jackie and Peggy Stowers of Duncanville, Reagan's Girlfriend-Kaylee Muse of Clovis, 1 uncle-Greg Stowers and wife Tessica of Hubbard, 1 aunt-Teresa Jack and husband Kelly of Idalou, cousins-Brad, Cole and Cody Stowers of Friona, Jared, and Tyler Jack of Idalou.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, 404 W. 5th St. Friona, Texas 79035 or the Friona FFA, 7th and Etta, Friona, Texas 79035

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com



Kenneth Wayne Gauntt

Memorial services for Kenneth Wayne Gauntt, 74, of Larue, were held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at LaPoynor Church of Christ with Steve Gauntt officiating.

Mr. Gauntt passed away January 31, 2019 in Tyler. He was born March 27, 1944 in Larue. He spent his career serving many capacities in education. He was a teacher at Dallas Christian High School and Cayuga High School, served as principal and superintendent at LaPoynor High School and principal at Bovina High School. He worked in accreditation with the Texas Education Agency and with Region IV Education Service Center.

He was a dedicated member of LaPoynor Church of Christ where he served as an elder, bible class teacher and a song leader. He loved spending time in nature and was fortunate to still live on the same land he grew up on; mowing grass, piddling and tinkering. When he wasn't at home, he enjoyed traveling all over the United States,



but always avoided the interstate. Known as "Pa-Dad" to his grandchildren, he was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Otto Courtney Gauntt and Magdalena Annie (Gillert) Gauntt; brother Curtis Gauntt and sister Wanda Holder.

Survivors include wife Joyce Gauntt of Larue; children, Jonathan Gauntt and Tiffany of Nacogdoches, Steve Gauntt and Angie of Plainview; grandchildren, Lori Gauntt, Ashley Gauntt, Austin Gauntt and Luke Gauntt; sister-in-law Trudie Gauntt; brother-in-law Bill Holder and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hattie Moser

Church Service for Hattie Moser, age 75, of Friona, Texas, is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Friday, February 8, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Friona with Brett Hoyle of Friona officiating. Burial will be in Muleshoe Memorial Park. Hattie died Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in Friona. She was born July 18, 1943 in Muleshoe, Texas to James Ulric and Raneta Odessa (Terrell) Dawson. She married Jack Thomas Moser in Muleshoe on November 25, 1964.

Hattie was a homemaker and loved taking care of her family. For many years, she would babysit at her church. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona. She is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Estelle McKinzie and Helen Krebbs.

Hattie is survived by her husband, Jack; her son, Jeff Moser of Friona, Texas; her three daughters, Norma Norris and her husband, Tim of Amarillo, Texas, Carla Moser

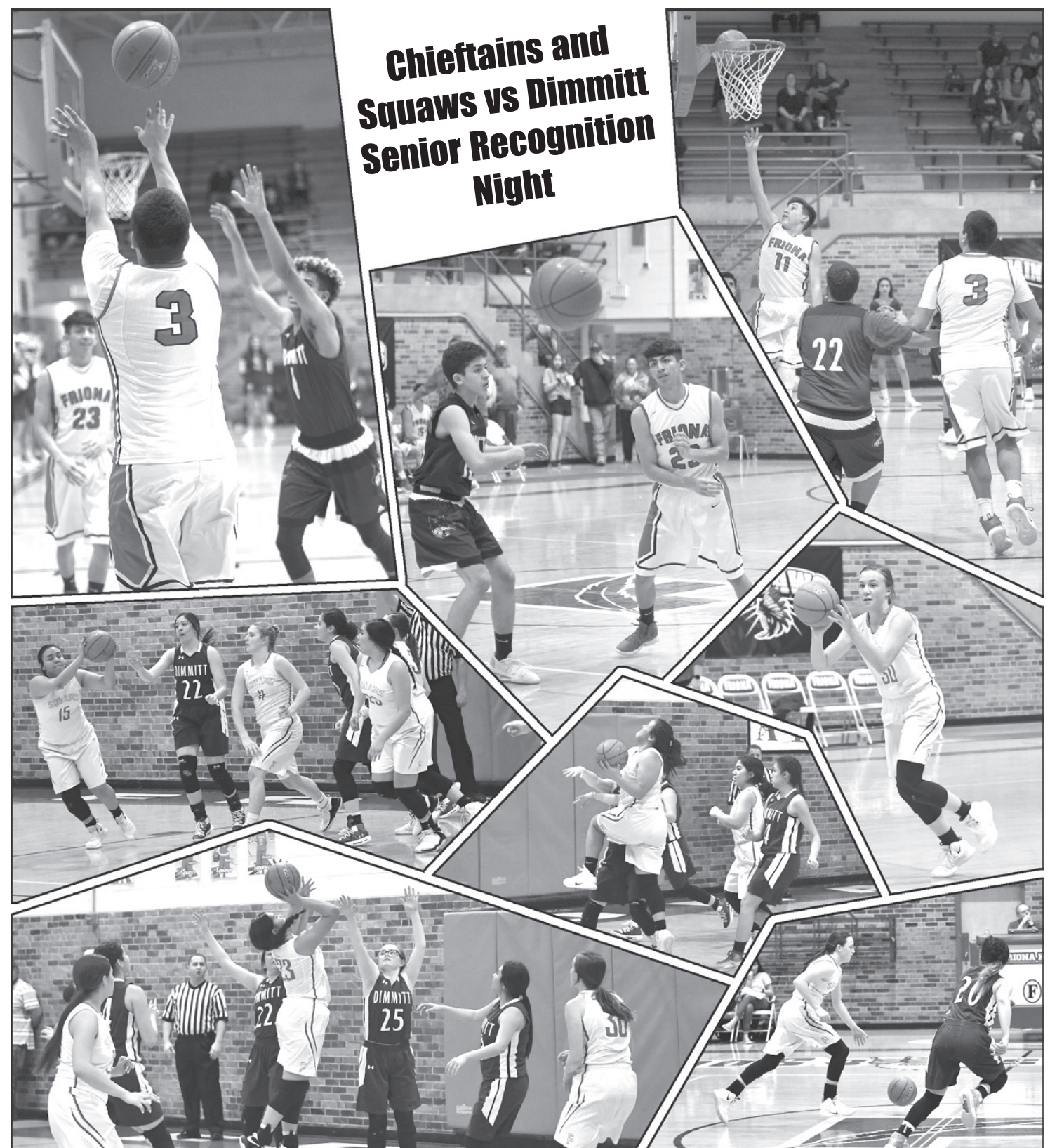


of Friona, Texas and Brenda Perry and her husband, Brandon of Lubbock, Texas; her sister, Alice Davis of Albuquerque, New Mexico; her brother, Jerry Dawson of Jackson, Tennessee; her two grandchildren, Tim Norris and Zach Sarver; and two great-grandchildren, Thomas Norris and James Norris.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Bluebonnet Home Health, 304 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas, 79035. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Texas Crop and Weather Report: Texas Panhandle

The district was dry, and no moisture was received. Dry conditions hurt wheat and pasture progress, and the district was desperate for rainfall or snow. Cattle conditions declined without supplemental feed. Producers started irrigating wheat in the hopes of producing forage. Dryland wheat was spotty at best, with many areas yet to emerge. The cotton crop was harvested, but a few modules were still sitting in the turn rows. This summary was compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters.



Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14

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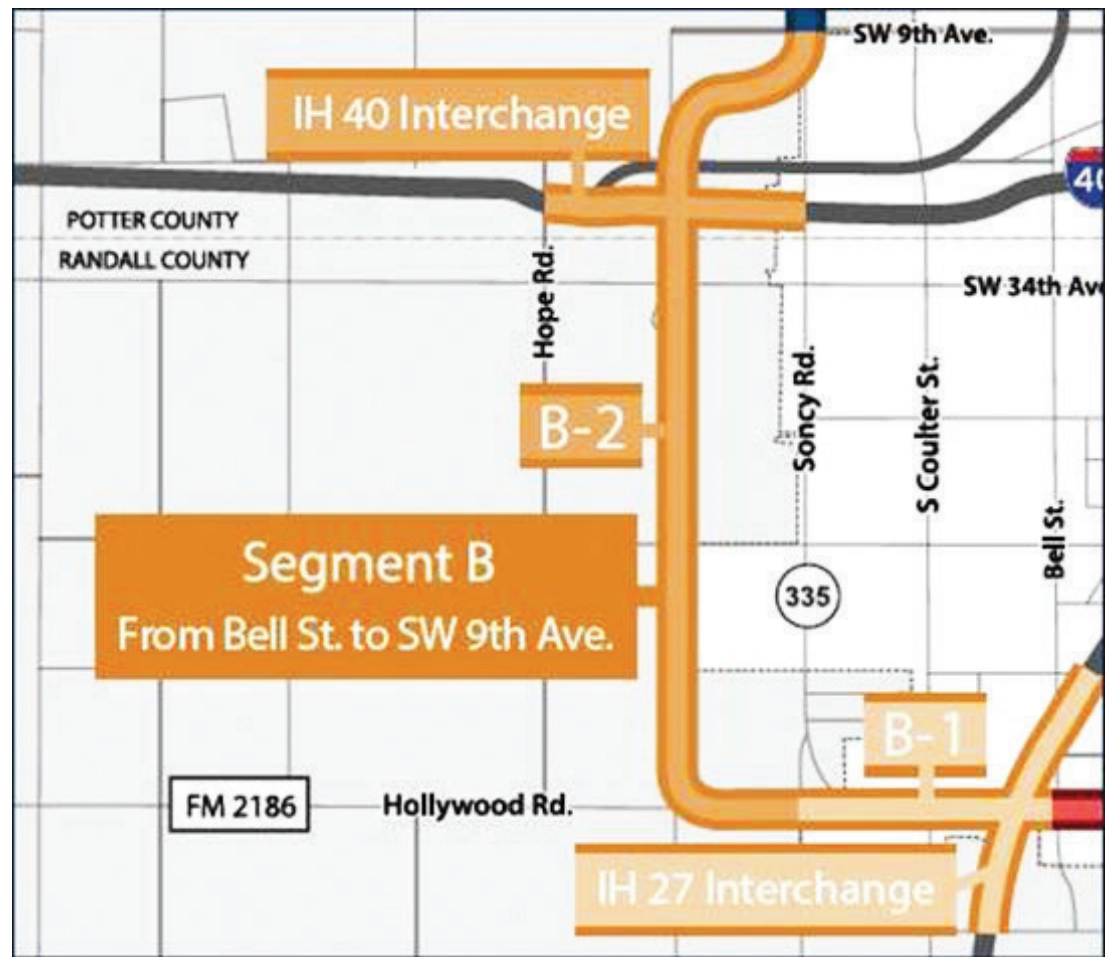
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Record-Setting Month for Project Letting

Upcoming projects include next segment of SL 335 expansion project

AMARILLO - When it comes to dollars and transportation, January 2019 was a record month for the Texas Department of Transportation's Amarillo District - letting four projects totaling \$100,181,677. One of those projects is the first step in relocating State Loop (SL) 335 west to Helium Road, beginning with the construction of frontage roads from FM 2590 to Interstate 40 - known as Segment B-2 Phase 1.

On Thursday, Jan 31, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded the bid for this project to Allen Butler Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$45.8 million. Construction on this 7.9 mile stretch of roadway is expected to begin by this summer with a groundbreaking ceremony in late spring.

Ultimately, this project will tie in to work already underway from I-27 west to Soney Road, known as Segment B-1

Phase 1. This includes the rebuilding and lengthening of the I-27 bridges over SL 335, an overpass at Coulter Street, as well as ramp improvements and upgrades in preparation for anticipated future projects.

"This puts us well on our way to upgrading the entire loop to a controlled access freeway-type facility that will include main lanes, ramps, one-way frontage roads, and three-level interchanges at I-40, I-27 and US 87, conditional upon future funding," says Amarillo District Engineer Brian Crawford. "But for now, this is an important step in easing congestion on Soney Road while improving mobility and enhancing safety for the traveling public."

In addition to Segment B2 Phase 1 of the SL 335 corridor development, the Commission also awarded bids for the following projects:

- I-40 bridge joints and overlay in Carson County to Kiewit

Infrastructure South Co. in the amount of \$8 million.

- I-40 overlay in Potter County to RK Hall, LLC in the amount of \$7.7 million.

- US 54 in Hartley County, converting it to a Super 2 highway to J. Lee Milligan, Inc. in the amount of \$35.2 million.

In addition to January 2019 being a record-setting month for awarded construction projects, fiscal year 2019 is expected to be a record-setting year for the Amarillo District with a total of approximately \$335.56 million.

"These projects are made possible through a variety of funding mechanisms including Propositions 1 and 7 which have enabled us to address not only aging infrastructure, but future needs," Crawford says. "Our goal is to design, build and maintain a quality transportation system across our 17-county District that will be a great source of pride in the communities we serve."

Shake, Rattle & Roll

63rd Annual Friena Chamber Awards Banquet

March 5th at 6pm

Put on your 1950's threads and roll on over for a Steak Dinner.

Friena Community Center

Silent Auction at 6 pm
Meal at 6:30 pm

Support Your Town
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Spring Planting is Near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2019 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm. The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities." The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/February or send a \$10 contribution by February 28, 2019 to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees or Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Water Weekly

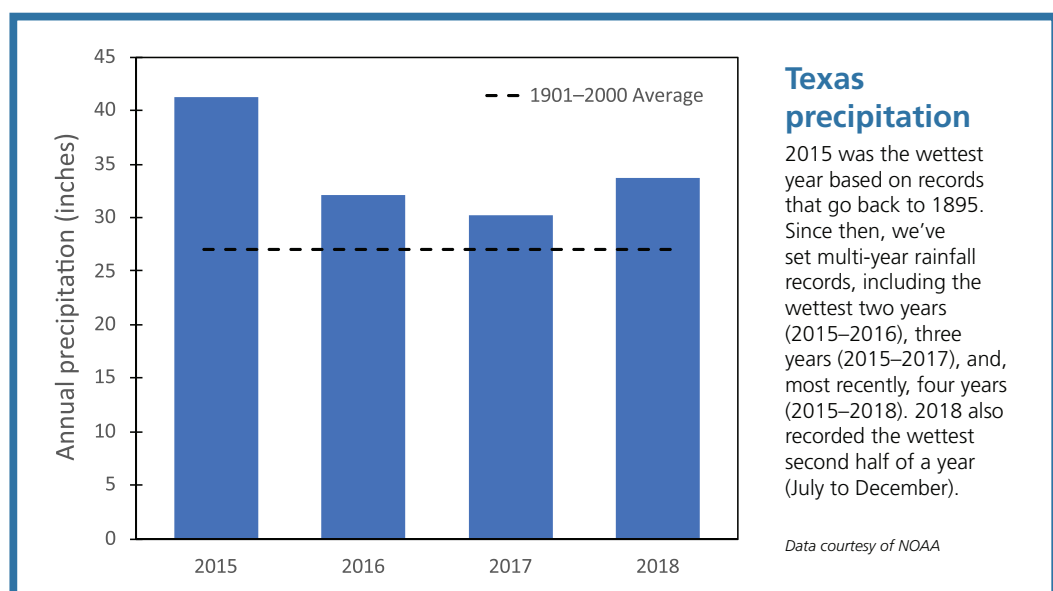
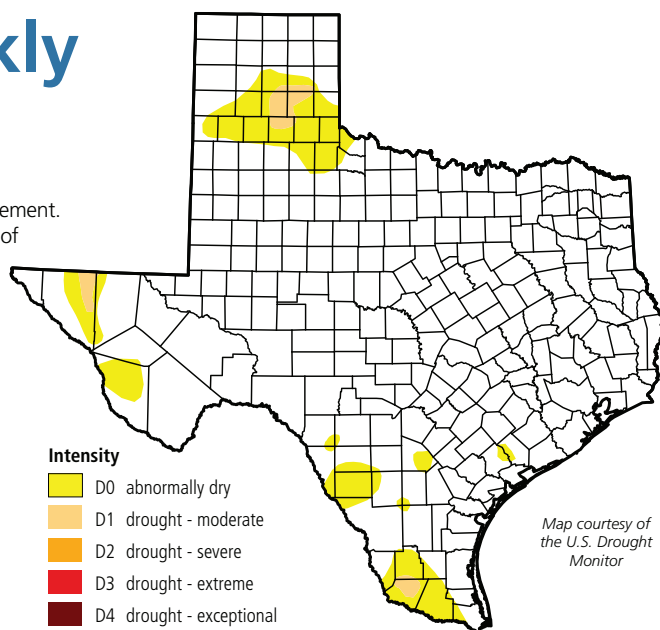
For the week of 02/04/19

Water conditions

The latest drought map shows some improvement. Recent rains in South Texas shrank a pocket of drought in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Overall, about 1 percent of the state remains in drought.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 1% now
- ◆ 2% a week ago
- ◆ 2% three months ago
- ◆ 56% a year ago



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