

Thursday, September 26, 2019



Mayor Ricky White and his wife Diane visited Washington D.C. last week and are shown with U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington (left) and Air Force Chief of Chaplains Major General Steven A. Schaick and his wife. (courtesy photo)

United Way kicks off season

The United Way organization held its first meeting for the upcoming year and elected new officers. The Board for the 2019-2020 year will consist of: Jimmy Burns, President; Andy Montana, Vice President; Marla Hart, Treasurer; and Patsy Vasquez, Secre-

The next United Way meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd starting at 7:00 a.m. in the Redeemer Center located at 1304 Virginia Avenue. Organizations can present their application/request for funds at that meeting. Donations to the United Way can be made at Friona InterBank.

It was a Field Day in Week 4

Six contestants correctly picked 11 of 12 games in Week 4 of the football contest. The Miami/Dallas tiebreaker game would determine among Sandra Berend, Edward Castillo, Laura Field, Jon Field, Brett Field, and Mal Manchee who would take home the cash. It turned out to be a "Field" day.

Jon missed the tiebreaker score by only 3 points to claim the 1st place prize of \$30. Brett missed the score by only 4 points to win the 2nd place prize of \$20 and Laura only missed by 7 points and won the 3rd place prize of \$10. For the record, Mal missed by 8, Sandra by 12, and Edward by 20 points. The Tennessee/Jacksonville was given to all contestants because it was played on Thurs-

Through the first 4 weeks, Brett Field leads the way with 37 points. However, there are 13 contestants within 5 points. The standings can be found on page 4. Good luck to everyone!

An Incredible Journey

By Darla Bracken

Underneath a beautiful harvest moon in the early morning panhandle sky, the 2019 Texas Panhandle Honor Flight began at the Rick Husband International Airport. An amazing display of respect and gratitude, this year's flight honored a group that included 83 veterans: 4 WWII, 16 Korean, 1 Gulf and 63 Vietnam as they set out for Washington, D C including a 95 and 94 year old. It is the 29th TPHF trip honoring our veterans. Few knew what was in store for these aging veterans and their families courtesy of a multitude of dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors.

Salutes: Policemen flashing red white and blue lights, Firemen-firehose showers of blessings, Amarillo Firefighters Bagpipes and Drums, American Flags, Taps, Bands, receptions, handshakes and wellwishers--all that was missing from their first homecoming except family. Family was there for both, although some are now gone from our midst as well as some new faces having been added.

Veterans honored fellow veterans at the memorials: WWII, Korean and Vietnam by placing wreaths, offering salutes and the playing of Taps. Veterans and their guardians placed American flags with the names of panhandle war veterans killed in action at the Vietnam Wall beside their names.

Mail call- each veteran received a packet of thank you letters from our area school



Rex Bracken at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial adding a flag to the Wall.

children as they got off the plane to a 'welcome home ' crowd. Some of the quotes from his 'mail call' letters: "I do the pledge of allegiance for you" "...risking your life to protect us" "if I could I would hug you" "we salute you" "...so brave and strong" "Thank you, we love you in our hearts!"

We cannot know, but perhaps we can better understand, what this means to the veteran, especially the Vietnam Veteran. My husband Rex and our daughter, Julie Davidson, were a part of this powerful, healing--unforgettable journey. For his service in Vietnam, Rex received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Rex was, is, and always will be Our Hero...

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, support and expressions of thanks.

See Related story on the back page.

Kitchens are open at FHS thanks to donations

Mrs. Barnett's classroom kitchens are open because of generous donations. As the beginning of the school year began, Mrs. Barnett noticed that her culinary class size had quadrupled in size from last year. The anticipation of more stu-

dents was exciting but meant that 1 fully stocked kitchen would not suffice this year, she would need all 5 kitchens ready to go. Through the support of school co-workers, anonymous donors, and the Friona Vocational Agriculture

Organization, Mrs. Barnett's classroom kitchens are now fully functional.

The kitchens are officially open and being used. Students have made homecoming cookies, put up corn for Maize Days and roasted chicken wings all

in the last couple of weeks. Not only that, but students have learned how to inventory their new kitchen items as well. Their kitchens are now all nicely labeled so that these items can be quickly identified and found. Their next com-



munity project will be selling pink ribbon cookies at the pink out football game on October 18th. All proceeds from this project will go to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition.

Mrs. Barnett, her culinary class, and the FCCLA organization are sincerely grateful for the donations made to her class. They have so many new skills to look forward to learning from these resources. It is possible to have these opportunities because of generous donations like these. Not only will these students be learning valuable lessons from these resources but life lessons that they can use for the rest of their lives.



Friona Vocational Agriculture Association representatives (l-r) Greg Lewellen, Bill White, and Greg O'Brian present a \$900 check to FCCLA and the culinary class at Friona High School.



National Night Out Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Farwell **Town Talk** Page 3

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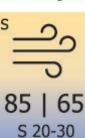
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Community Calendar

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September 26

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

September 27

- Be Well, Live Well, Educational Series at Heritage Estates, 10:00-11:15 a.m.
- Football Game vs. Dalhart at Chieftain Field starting at 7:00 p.m.

October 1

• National Night Out from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center at 300 4th Street in Farwell.

October 3

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

October 4

• Caregivers Coffee Break at Senior Citizen's Center at 1410 Washington Street with coffee & donuts at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m. Call 247-0057 for information.

October 10

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

October 11

• Football Game at Childress starting at 7:00 p.m.

October 14

Columbus Day

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

Mayor and First Lady go to Washington



Mayor Ricky White and First Lady Diane White were guests last week of U.S. Congressman (TX-19) Jodey Arrington. They were given a tour of the Capitol and received a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in honor of Mayor White. The mayor and his wife would like to thank Congressman Arrington for his hospitality during their visit. (courtesy photos)

Sports



14.1

Friona 36 Lbk Roosevelt 20

	Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1	Jacob Bautista	21	131	1	6.2
7	Jose Grado	2	2	1	1.0
11	Rogelio Palacios	3	30	1	10.0
12	Angel Carranza	0	0	0	0.0
22	Eduardo Chavez	6	31	0	5.2
34	Juan Trejo	0	0	0	0.0
4	Bryan Chavira	3	12	0	4.0
	Rushing Totals:	35	206	3	5.9
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7	Jose Grado	16	24	236	2	1

Receiving Totals:

Sports News: The undefeated Chieftains will be tested this week as the Dalhart Wolves come to town for the last non-district game of the year. Dalhart defeated Friona last year in Dalhart.

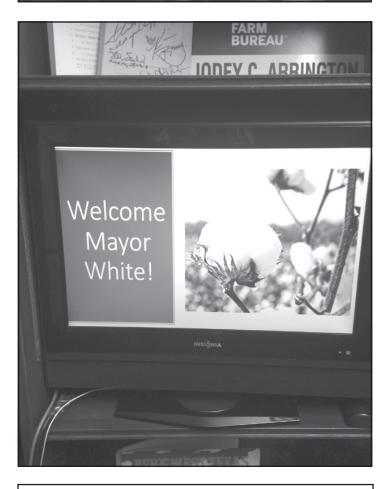
There was no JV game this week due to weather. There was no Freshman game this week. The 7th grade game was cancelled due to lightning.

The 8th grade Braves defeated the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles Thursday night by a score of 22-21. Andrew Flores scored one touchdown while Jose Saucedo scored the other touchdowns. Saucedo also scored two 2-point conversions which would end up being the deciding factor of the game. The offensive line consisting of Aaron Rodriguez, Spencer Stokes, Jacob Vasquez, Francisco Perez, and Jose Alvidrez blocked very well for the running game to work. Defensively the team was led by Aaron Rodriguez and Erik Jaramillo at defensive ends. They both had timely tackles of the quarterback late in the game. Jorge Garcia played well making some big stops as well. Aiden Pitsch also played well at cornerback not allowing their top receiver any catches in the 4th

The Friona Squaws will host Tulia this Saturday in a district vollevball match-up.







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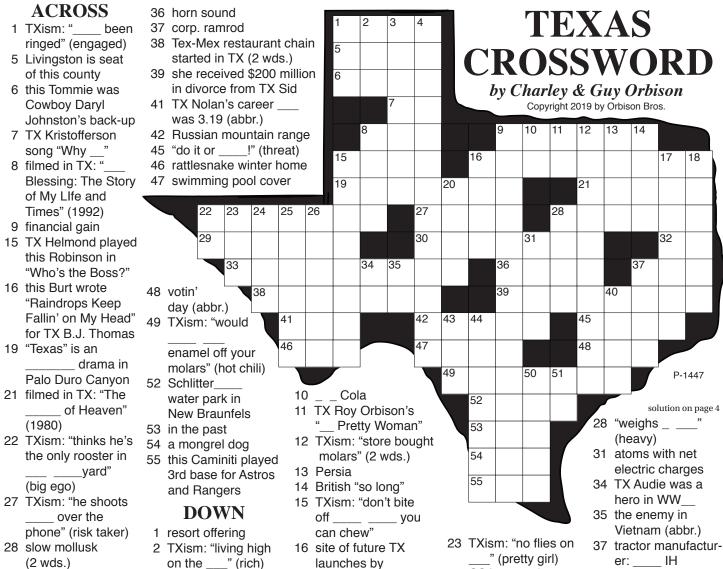
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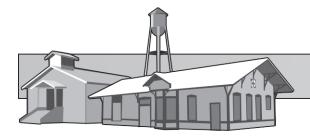
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There will be a Friona Junior High School Accountability Meeting held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26th in Room 17 at Friona High School prior to the football game against Dalhart.

The 5th Annual National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center at 300 4th

Street in Farwell. Support our local first responders and enjoy free food. See you

Friona High School will host a Financial Aid Planning Night for seniors and their parents on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the FHS Cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend this most important informational meeting. There will be presentations in

both English and Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Johnston, high school counselor.

*** First Baptist Church will host a Family Fall Fiesta on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event will include kid's performances, free food, free games. and lots of free candy!!!

*** Teresa's Catholic

Church will host a Hamburger Steak Dinner on Sunday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The menu consists of hamburger steak topped with grilled onions, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Tiicket prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

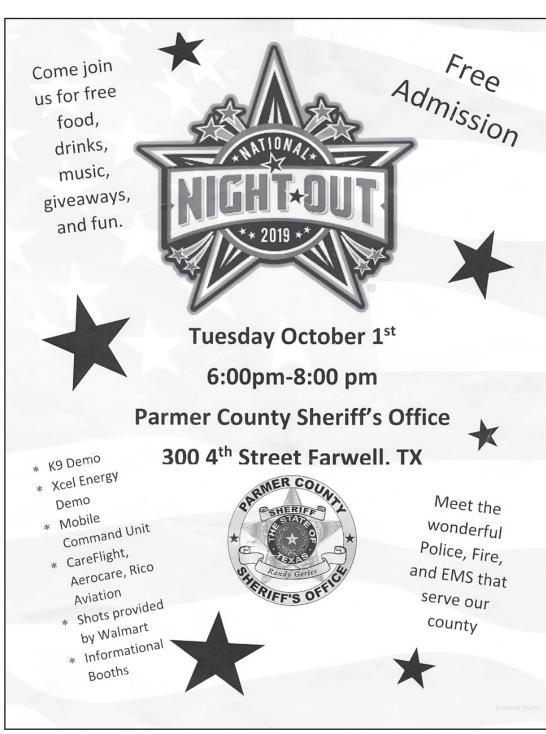
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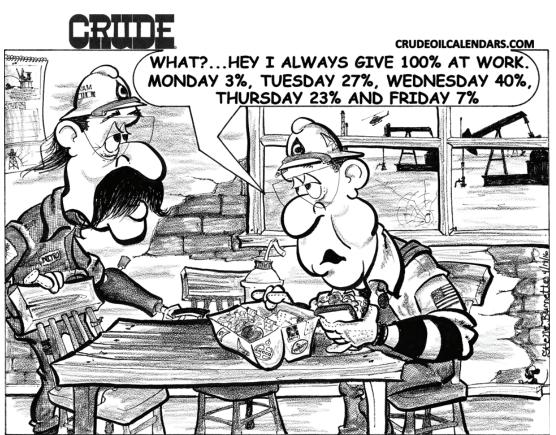
until 5:30 p.m. Thursday morning hours will resume next June. The book shop is located at 119 West 6th Street, and books sell for one dollar per bag. No donations can be accepted until later in October.

This year's Pink Out Game for Breast Cancer Awareness, sponsored by the Parmer County Cancer Coalition, will be on Friday, October 18th when the Chieftains host the Spearman Lynx.

National Days Calendar

September 26: Pancake Day September 27: Chocolate Milk Day September 28: Good Neighbor Day September 29: VFW Day September 30: Chewing Gum Day October 1: Hair Day October 2: Name Your Car Day







A Mighty Writers rally was held last Friday in the Jr. High Auditorium. "Writers follow rules and guidelines" is the mantra for the first contest. Randy Geries and Kyle Grimsley talked to the kids about following rules and laws to keep us all safe. (Ir) Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries, Kyson Grimsley (age Mighty Writers | 8), Tensley Grimsley (age 6), and DPS Trooper Kyle Grimsley.

Players of the Week

Chieftain football is on the air!!!

You can listen to Cheiftain football on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at

Network1sports.com/station/kgrw

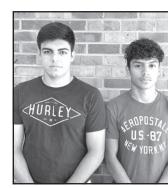
The Friona vs Dalhart broadcast will begin Friday night at at 7:00 p.m.







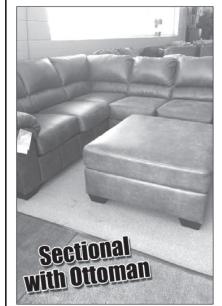
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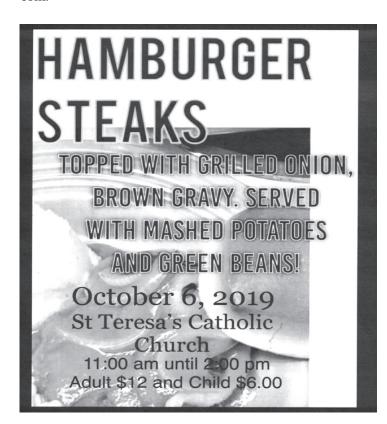
Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have risen 10.2 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.37 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 5.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, but are still 22.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.79 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country stands at \$1.79 while the most expensive is \$5.99 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.5 cents in the last week to an average of \$2.66 per gallon. The national average is up 7.3 cents per gallon from a month ago, but 17.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"For the first time in ten weeks the national average has risen, and certainly not just a small increase but a very noticeable rise on the heels of attacks on Saudi Arabia that knocked out 5% of daily oil production," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While the worst is now behind us, there remain some concerns that could cause oil prices to rise further, including a fairly optimistic timeline from the Saudis that may prove challenging to meet. Should timelines be extended, motorists may see additional slight increases. Moving forward, expect a week of relative calm after the attacks, but as hurricane season continues to also be active, there are risks that may continue to push gas prices slightly higher in coming weeks before we get clear of such issues.'

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.



Lazbuddie School Menu for Oct. 30 - Sept. 4

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Monday 30

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Gr.Beans, Rolls, Fruit Juice, Milk

Tuesday 1

Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Fajitas, Sp, Rice ,Beans, Salsa, Garnish, BabyCarrots, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday 2

Breakfast: Bkfst. Taquitos Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: HotPocket, Corn, Salad, Normandy Veg, Fruit, Juice, Milk Thursday 3

Breakfast: Pancake Wrap &/or Yogurt Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Breaded PorkChop, Mashed Potatoes, Gr Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday 4 Breakfast: Dutch Waffles & Bacon, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, milk Lunch: Fiesta Pile-On, Snowball Salad, Sp, Rice, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Vegie Cup, Fruit, Juice, Milk



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: Randy Geries, Sheriff

9-16-19 — Alejandro Keyna, 39, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of reckless driving, fine \$200 court cost and 9 months deferred adjudication.

9-19-19 — Salvador Herrera, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County SO on violation CS (sexual assault of a child), pending district court.

9-20-19 - Elijah Leday, 23, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell PD on a charge of possession of marijuana < 2 oz., pending county court.

Football Contest Standings after Week 4

27 Teresa Shelby

27 Rodney Shelby

26 Sawyer Osborn

25 Oliver Gutierrez

25 Quentin Shelby

24 Antonio Duran Jr.

24 Branden Paschal

23 Rusty McFarland

23 Robin Ruland

22 Amy Montana

21 Claire Brown

21 Greg Lewellen

21 Erika Montana

18 Mack McFarland

18 Ambrosio Rios Jr.

13 Martha Rodriguez

16 Nathan Rigler

15 Butch Casey

12 Roy Herrera

8 Jesus Castillo

21 John Curtis

21 Delia Rios

24 Scott Brown

24 Robert Rios

25 Jimmy Anima

25 Tim Elmore

25 Liz Field

26 Dennis Field

- 37 Brett Field
- 35 Edward Castillo
- 35 Mal Manchee
- 35 Rosa Mendez
- 34 Mike Field
- 34 Tyson Neill 34 James Phipps
- 34 Enrique Rodriguez
- 33 Sandra Berend
- 33 Phillip Johnson
- 32 Ronald Diaz
- 32 Jon Field
- 32 Larry Johnston 32 Logan Loflin
- 31 Lester Fennell
- 31 Laura Field
- 31 Yvette Garcia 31 Joy Morton
- 31 Tyrone Shelby
- 31 David Smalts 30 BaiLee Braillif
- 30 Brent Loflin
- 30 Tenna Montana 30 Dorothy Stowers
- 29 Jeremy Dearing
- 29 Raymon Diaz
- 29 Lance Field 29 Birdie Owens
- 28 Harley Merritt
- 28 Drew Montana
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Sept. 26

Mike Chaney **Brent Hinkle** Rachel Clark Christopher Alexander

Phyllis Alexander

Sept. 27 Ethel Walker Mariah Edelmon Richard North

Sept. 28

Dennis Anthony Florence Sifford Sonja Prieto Breanna Godinez Canna Ray

> Sept. 29 Shana Fleming

Sandra Padilla Jo Wells Tammi (Potts) Burney Morgan Peace **Emery Baughman** Suzan Hughes Jolie (Moyer) Robbins Irene Martinez

J'Mai (Cash) Gayle Patrick Scott Rylan Kendrick Brynlee Reyes **Hector Aguirre** Gabbie Trevino

Sept. 30

Tessa Schueler

Avery Schueler

Oct. 1

Sheila Clark Cayce Epperson

Ian McDaniel

Hannah Hoyle

Brianna Miller Beth Collier

Oct. 2

Madeline Scott



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

OBITUARIES

Wanda Oliver

Graveside services for Wanda DeLoyce Roberts Oliver, 97, of Friona Texas were held August 15, 2019 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo. Wanda passed August 11, 2019 at the home of her daughter, in Orange County California. She married Herbert Keith Oliver on March 10, 1946 in Bellflower, California. She was born in Ladonia, Texas on August 3, 1922 and in her early 20s moved to California where she resided for 35 years. She moved back to Friona in 1985. She loved spending time with her sister Margie Herring and all of Margie's children and grandchildren. She loved going to the Senior Center and playing dominoes. She also

loved entertaining, going to the mall, spending lots of time at Disneyland in California, getting her nails done with her granddaughters, and her favorite meal of the day was eating breakfast out. She moved back to California 5 years ago to spend time with her daughter and family. She is survived by her daughter, Renee King and husband Larry King of Orange County, California, also her granddaughters Darcy King and Autumn King Montoya and her husband Rickk, greatgranddaughter Juliet King and great-grandson Kennedy Montoya all of Orange County, California. They all treated her like a Queen. She loved them all and they loved her.

Johnny Grant Mars

Johnny Grant Mars, 71, resident of Hitchcock, TX passed away September 10, 2019 in Webster, TX. John was born in Friona, TX on July 11, 1948 to Marston and Mildred Mars. John graduated from West Texas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Science. John attended Friona United Methodist Church, a member of League City United Methodist Church, The Friona Masonic Lodge, and Phi Delta Fraternity. John owned Mars Real Estate and Insurance in Friona, TX, he was engaged in farming for 45 years.

John is preceded in death by his parents.

John leaves behind to cherish is memories, his wife of 29 years, Evelyn Mars; daughters: Penny Mars and Rene Cooper, husband Don; son, Kyle Mars; grandchildren: Sarah Allen, husband Austin and Tyler Cooper, wife Amanda; great grandchil-



dren: Aven Allen, Marli-Jo Cooper, Sydnee Allen, Hadley Rowell, Rebel Mars and Bailey Cooper; brother, Tommy Mars, wife Barbara.

There will be a private service at a later date.

Please make memorial contributions to your favorite charity in Johnny Mars name.

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Friona *Star is online at frionaonline.com

Psalm 141—Plowing through Prayer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Prayer can be like plowing. The steady, sometimes sleepy, and significant act of a farmer plowing their field, may seem like a mundane and meaningless activity, but in reality their consistent plow turns the soil, slays the weeks and prepares the crop to bear a bountiful harvest. In a similar fashion, the importance of consistent, faithfilled prayer in a Christian's life exposes sin, intercedes for the hurting, cultivates closeness to God, and opens the doors of heaven for a bountiful spiritual blessing.

Psalm 141 is a prayer of David that draws out a few key elements of prayer that pleases God. First, David's cry in the first two verses is not simply that God hears his prayer, but that David's prayer is pleasing to the Lord. Did you

Panhandle Parables

When I was in 5th or 6th

grade one October we went

to Albuquerque to get some

firewood from some friends

my parents knew from the

"Navy Days." They lived on

the outskirts of the city and

as we sat around they told of

a couple of times bears had

We settled in and they

closed their little dog in an-

other room so as to leave us

alone that night. As soon as

the lights went out I was sure

bears lurked in the darkness.

I finally fell asleep when

there was this large crash in

the kitchen. BEARS! I peered

into the darkness to see and

there it was a Grizzly stand-

ing on its hind legs in the kitchen. Then another bear

started scratching at the

door. I couldn't speak I just

pointed. This was it life cut

short by a two hungry bears.

I was going to die in New

Then the light came on and there where the bear

once stood was the wife in a

brown robe apologizing for

a cookie sheet left standing

on the edge of the sink and it

come close to their house.

Facing Fear With Faith Part 2

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

know that not every prayer is pleasing to the Lord? Selfish prayers, prideful prayers, and prayers prayed while living in sin are a few examples of prayers that don't pass the ceiling because they are detestable to God. That's why the next couple of verses turn toward having a pure life. God is more concerned with the purity of your heart than the presuppositions in your prayers. When you pray, take time to confess sin, repent of sin and ask God to break your heart over your sin and the sins of others.

From here, the prayer shifts gears to ask God to work in a clear way to defeat the evil and to clearly lead David through their traps. In other words, David prayed that the evil would be like Looney Tunes' Wile E. Coyote, who

had fallen causing the sound.

You know the rest of the sto-

ry I am alive today writing

these little articles. By the

way, everyone got a good

chuckle at my bear sighting.

The other bear scratching

at the door turned out to be

Sometimes our fears are

not based in what is real.

Many times, in fact, I have

feared things that seemed

real, but when brought to

light are unfounded. Part

of having faith is knowing

that not only is God with us,

He dwells within us giving

us light to dispel darkness.

Truth lives in the light, it is

the darkness that is decep-

When we give light to oth-

ers it allows them to face fear

and often realize there was

nothing actually to fear. Yet

if we stay in darkness we live

chaotic lives without peace

and full of fear. So when

things get a little scary and

darkness surrounds do not

fear, have the faith to be light

and watch fear turn from a

bear into a very nice lady

with a sense of humor.

their dog

was always getting caught in his own devices, and that David would seek refuge in the Lord through the dangers around. As you plow godly furrows

in your life through prayer, may your prayers be pleasing to God, as you live a life that is pure before Him and devoted to exalting Jesus so that God is glorified through you.

Take the Time

By Teena Hughs

Since my mother passed away, I am paying closer attention to the articles in my hometown newspaper. One such article was about a staff writer, Melissa Federspill, interviewing Leon Coffee.

Now, for those of you who don't know who Leon is, he has been a rodeo clown for 50 years, and he comes to Uvalde two or three times a year to entertain at events.

Federspill saw Coffee at an elementary school earlier in the year, and she really enjoyed the way he interacted with the children, and the way they interacted with him, so she set up an interview.

After the interview, Coffee asked Federspill what her story was. She told him a few things, and then he asked if she was wondering why he asked. She asked, "You're nosy?", and he replied, 'No, it's just that you have the saddest eyes I have ever seen.' Federspill was not expecting this, but Coffee continued, 'When are you going to stop running from your life?'

Federspill said, "Then I knew I was in trouble. I immediately started crying - and thinking, 'Who says

things like that" I wasn't prepared for such straightforwardness, and deep talk."

"For the next 20 minutes or so we sat there, and had the most real conversation about hardships, loss, and about making the most out of the life you are given."

Coffee told Federspill "God had put him here, and he was responsible for making the best of it," and he did that during the interview. It took courage for Coffee to talk to Federspill the way he did. Coffee, a 64 year-old black man, and Federspill, white, just out of graduate school and new to Uvalde, didn't know each other, but that did not keep Coffee from ministering to her.

Too often, I am guilty of thinking I am in a hurry, and I don't have the time to sit and visit with people and RE-ALLY listen to them. If Coffee had thought that, a powerful ministry opportunity would have been missed.

l truly believe Federspill's life was changed that day. How many people could we help if we just took the time to sit, visit, listen, and find out what is going on in people's lives?



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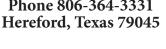
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor declares disaster in Imeldaaffected counties

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 19 declared a state of disaster in counties impacted by Tropical Storm Imelda, which first hit the upper Texas Gulf Coast on Sept.

Counties listed in the declaration include Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange and San Jacinto.

The declaration ensures that local officials have access to any state resources they may require to respond.

The state worked with local officials and emergency personnel in the named counties on problems caused by Imelda's heavy rains, high winds and catastrophic flood-

Safety select panel meets

The House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety met in the Capitol Sept. 17.

The panel is assigned to study mass violence, recommend ways to prevent future occurrences, reinforce public safety in Texas and address any shortcomings. Over the next few months, the panel will meet in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Houston and

"In the wake of recent shootings in El Paso and then in Midland-Odessa, it goes without saying that Texans are hurting," the panel's chair, Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, said. "We've lost friends, family members and co-workers from these acts of mass violence. And I say we because these tragedies and this loss of precious life are felt by everyone in our state, whether or not you knew the victims personally. Texans deserve better and they expect and demand our earnest work to deliver sensible solutions."

Col. Steven McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, testified that there have been 12 mass casualty attacks in 53 years in Texas and that six of those attacks occurred in the past three years, resulting in the deaths of 82 people.

Discussion included topics such as social media postings, internet use, hotlines, tips and purchases of weapons and ammunition. Panelists also discussed how law enforcement entities can share databases that contain information on criminal activities and suspicious behavior.

AGs keep after opioid makers

Purdue Pharma and affiliated U.S. companies filed for bankruptcy last week under Chapter 11 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

After the filing, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said his office for more than a year has worked "to hold Purdue Pharma accountable for its deceptive marketing of prescription painkillers like Oxycontin, which has fueled our opioid epidemic."

Paxton said in a news release that the bankruptcy filing was not unexpected "and is consistent with the framework structure agreed upon by a bipartisan group of 29 attorneys general and Purdue Pharma to obtain those resources to help the communities impacted by opioid misuse and addiction."

Pipeline inspections increase

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's energy-regulating agency, on Sept. 17 announced that in fiscal year 2019, which ended Aug. 31, its inspectors completed more than 4,800 pipeline safety inspections and issued more than 2,500 citations for violations.

In contrast, Railroad Commission inspectors completed 3,294 pipeline inspections, resulting in 2,444 cited violations in fiscal year 2018.

"Protection of public safety and our environment is our highest priority," said Stephanie Weidman, director of the commission's pipeline safety section. "Thanks to support from the 86th Texas Legislature, we boosted our inspector numbers from 63 in Fiscal Year 2018 to 70 positions in FY 19. This will help us keep pace with the state's new pipeline infrastructure being constructed to transport Texas' booming oil and gas production."

Property claims at new high

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 18 announced his office approved and paid a record \$308.4 million in unclaimed property claims during the past fiscal year.

This is the first time the comptroller's office has returned more than \$300 million in unclaimed property in a fiscal year, breaking the previous record of \$281 million returned in fiscal 2017, Hegar said.

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim, Hegar added.

Write-in filing deadline to hit

The Secretary of State's 2019 election law calendar identifies Sept. 26 as the 40th day before Election Day — Tuesday, November

Texans who wish to file declarations of write-in candidacy for most local offices have until 5 p.m. on Sept. 26 to do so. More information is available at sos.texas.gov.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Parmer, Texas:

A los votantes registrados del Condado de Parmer, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 5, 2019, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 86th Legislature, Regular

Notifiquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el dia 5 de Noviembre 2019 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas a la constitucion propuestas tal como fueron presentadas por la 86th Legislatura Sesion Regular del Estado de Texas

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

(El Dia de Eleccion, los votantes deberan votar en su precint	o donde estan inscritos para votar.)
Location of Election Day Polling Places	Precinct Number(s)
Include Name of Building and Address Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección	Número de precinto
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For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places	Days and Hours of Operation
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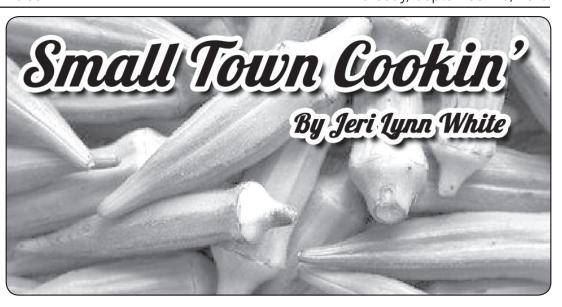
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 25, 2019

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Okra

Okra: you either love it or you hate it. Those who love it especially enjoy it fried or in stews. Those who hate it complain of its slimy texture. Either way, okra is an interesting plant with a unique history.

Okra is a flowering plant that produces large beautiful blooms as well as finger-like pods. It is a member of the Mallow family and related to cotton, hibiscus, and hollyhock. The fruit of the plant is best at its younger more tender stage. As the okra grows, it hardens. The plant flourishes in the warm and tropical climates in the south and the Caribbean which is why it is so common in the recipes found in Southern and Caribbean cuisines. Okra is not very common in European countries but is popular in African, Asian, Indian, and Middle Eastern dishes.

Okra seeds are sometimes roasted, ground, and used as a substitute for coffee. Although not common in the United States, okra seeds can also be used to make okra oil. Okra most likely originated

in northeast Africa along the Nile in present day Ethiopia. Modern travelers have found it growing in the wild along the Nile even to this day. The word okra comes from the West African Ashanti word, nkruma. Its Cajun name, gumbo, derives from the Bantu word, ngombo. This unique plant was brought to the United States by slaves in the 1660s and also by colonists to Louisiana in the early 1700s.

Okra is most known for the sticky substance that exudes the more the pod is cut. This is okra's biggest drawback, but also its super-power. This thick and sticky juice,

mucilage, is used to thicken stews and soups. Okra is a good source of vitamin A and C as well as complex B vitamins, iron, and calcium.

Although there are a variety of ways to fry okra, most people already have their go to method, so this week I tried to find at least one different way to prepare okra. I think the okra and rice casserole hits the mark. The okra and potato hash is not uncommon, but the suggested spices in this recipe will add a little variety to the dish. Of course, I can't write an article about okra without a recipe for gumbo. I think this one from Paula Deen seems simple and well balanced.

The information for this article was found at harvesting-history.com, aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu, and www.foodreference.com.

Okra and Rice Casserole www.southernliving.com

Ingredients

3 tablespoons canola oil 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/2 cup chopped yellow onion

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper 2 teaspoons minced garlic

1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes

3 cups vegetable broth 1 1/2 pounds fresh okra, trimmed and cut into

1 1/2- to 2-inch pieces 1 cup fresh corn kernels (from 2 ears)

2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/4 cup (2 oz.) salted butter, melted 2 garlic cloves, pressed

8 (1-inch-thick) French bread slices

2 (8.5-oz.) pouches microwavable basmati rice

How to Make It

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 13x 9-inch baking dish. Whisk together oil and flour in a Dutch oven; cook over medium-high heat, whisking, until mixture is golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in onion, celery, bell pepper, and minced garlic, and cook, stirring, until vegetables begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, broth, okra, corn, Cajun seasoning, and pepper, and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium, and cook, stirring, until slightly thickened, 10 minutes. Meanwhile, combine melted butter and pressed garlic. Brush both sides of French bread slices with garlic butter, and bake in preheated oven until lightly golden, about 3 minutes per side. Remove from oven, and process in a food processor until coarsely crumbled. Squeeze rice pouches to separate grains. Tear a 2-inch vent in each pouch. Microwave both pouches at the same time at HIGH for 2 minutes. (The rice will be slightly undercooked.) Spoon into prepared baking dish. Top with okra mixture and breadcrumbs. Bake in preheated oven until breadcrumbs are golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Gumbo

By: Paula Deen www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

3 large boneless skinless chicken breast halves Salt and pepper

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1-pound smoked sausage, cut into 1/4-inch

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

5 tablespoons margarine

1 large onion, chopped 8 cloves garlic minced

1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped

3 stalks celery chopped

1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

1/4 bunch flat leaf parsley, stems and leaves, coarsely chopped, plus chopped leaves for garnish

4 cups hot water

5 beef bouillon cubes

1 (14-ounce can) stewed tomatoes with juice

2 cups frozen sliced okra

4 green onions, sliced, white and green parts ½-pound small shrimp, peeled, deveined and cooked

Directions

Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook the chicken until browned on both sides and remove. Add the sausage and cook until browned, then remove. Sprinkle the flour over the oil, add 2 tablespoons of margarine and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until brown, about 10 minutes. Let the roux cool. Return the Dutch oven to low heat and melt the remaining 3 tablespoons margarine. Add the onion, garlic, green pepper and celery and cook for 10 minutes. Add Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper, to taste and the 1/4 bunch parsley. Cook, while stirring frequently, for 10 minutes. Add 4 cups hot water and bouillon cubes, whisking constantly. Add the chicken and sausage. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat, cover, and simmer for 45 minutes. Add tomatoes and okra. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Just before serving add the green onions, shrimp and chopped parsley.

Okra and Potato Hash www.myrecipes.com

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon whole brown mustard seeds 1/3 cup vegetable oil

1 small sweet onion, minced

2 garlic cloves, minced 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger

1/2-pound small russet potatoes, diced

1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 pounds fresh okra, cut into 1/8-inchthick slices

2 teaspoons ground cumin 2 teaspoons ground coriander

1 teaspoon ground turmeric 1 1/2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

How to Make It

Cook mustard seeds in hot oil in a wok or large heavy skillet over medium-high heat 10 seconds or just until seeds begin to pop. Add onion and next 2 ingredients; sauté 2 minutes or until fragrant. Stir in potatoes, red pepper, and salt; cover, reduce heat to low, and cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Uncover; stir in okra, next 3 ingredients, and salt to taste. Cook, uncovered, over low heat, stirring occasionally, 8 to 10 minutes or until potatoes and okra are tender. Sprinkle with sesame seeds just before serving. The spices are traditional to the recipe, but not crucial. You can just add salt and pepper if that is what you have on hand.



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The City of Friona is currently accepting applications for the Friona EMS Director. Those interested in applying for the Friona EMS Director job must complete an employee application, provide a cover letter and resume. The recruitment brochure and City's application can be found online at www.cityoffriona.com/ems or at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street. For additional information, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us or call (806) 250-2761.

Applications must be received by Friday, October 4, 2019.

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Parmer County Hospital District is accepting competitive bids from qualified contractors for a Roof Replacement Project for Friona Heritage Estates at 201 E. 15th Street, Friona, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted by Kathy Borchers, Business Office Manager, until 10:00 am, October 9, 2019. Bids received after 10:00am, October 9, 2019, WILL NOT be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on October 9, 2019 at noon, in the conference room of Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Bid proposals will be considered at the October 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors held on or about October 14, 2019. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact Kathy Borchers, Business Office Manager, during regular business hours at 806-250-3922 or email: katharyn.anthony@prairieacresnursing.com. Specifications for required work will be available beginning September 19, 2019. The general scope of work will include removal of existing roofing material, inspection and replacement of insulation and decking as needed, and installation of new roofing material.

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> Digital documents will be available beginning September 17, 2019. These will be available for download at no charge and may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. by contacting Susan Wilson at swilson@team-psc.com or 806.473.3695, or by visiting PSC's Projects for Bid website at www.team-psc.com/bids.

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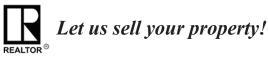


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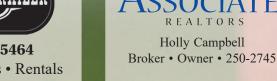
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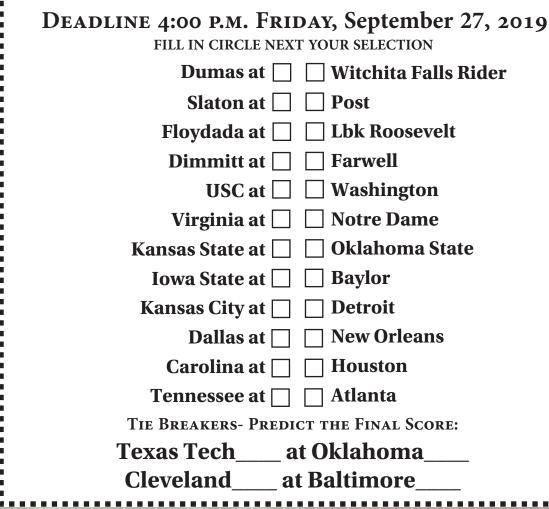
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Commissioners approve revision to tax rate

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

The meeting began with an open forum. There were no public comments.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was also given for the payment of the Accounts Payable. County Treasurer Sharon May presented the treasurer's report and it was approved.

At their last meeting, Commissioners approved a \$0.5492 per \$100 tax rate for 2019. However, individual parts of the rate were wrong and had to be corrected and approved. The new values for the component parts are as follows: 0.0248 is the new I&S rate, 0.4149 is the new General rate, and 0.1095 is the new FM rate. **The total**

rate of \$0.5492 per \$100 is unchanged and will remain the tax rate for 2019. The motion to approved the revision passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners discussed a Burn Ban. Due to recent rainfall over most of Parmer County, no burn ban is in effect at the current time.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that the Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 14 inmates and that he was in negotiations with Lubbock County to house some of their inmates. Sheriff Geries will be in Washington D.C. this week with a contingent of sheriffs visiting the White House and discussing the topic of Border Security.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

Financial Aid Planning Night is Oct. 3rd

FRIONA HIGH SCHOOL will host a Financial Aid Planning Night for seniors and their parents on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the FHS Cafeteria. Melissa Yauck, from Canyon, will present information on

applying for college, applying for scholarships, as well as applying for the FAFSA. There will be a scholarship drawing for seniors who are present. This is vital information for seniors and their parents.

Please make every effort to attend this most important informational meeting. There will be presentations in both English and Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Johnston, high school counselor.

PUBLIC N	OTICE OF	TEST O	F AUTON	AATIC
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the

Special Election held on November 5, 2019

will be tested on October 2 at 2 PM at the Parmer County Courthouse

to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Susie Spring, County Cleak Signature of Officer

> AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección Especial que se llevará a cabo el 5 de Noviembre 2019 se probará el 2 de Octubre 2019 a las 2 de la tarde en La corte de Condado en Farwell, Texas

para determinar si el equipo contará con exacitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Susies Spaine County Clerk Firma del/dela Oficial

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Friona School Calendar for October 2019 Tue Sun Mon Wed Thu Fri Sat 2 3 5 -Jr. High Football @ -National Night Out in *No School -Squaw Volleyball C/JV/V @ Dimmitt Farwell 6:00PM Littlefield 5:00PM 11:00AM -FAFSA Night @ High School Cafeteria -Cross Country @ 6:00PM Canyon HS/JH 10 11 12 -Squaw Volleyball -Squaw Volleyball -Maiden Volleyball *Early Release C/JV/V vs. Bushland C/JV/V vs. River Road 7AB/8A vs. Tulia 5:00PM 11:00AM 5:00PM *Chieftain Football -*Chieftain Football Varsity @ Childress 7:00PM JV vs. Childress 5:00PM -Jr. High Football @ Childress 6:30PM 17 13 15 16 18 19 -Cross Country District in -Picture Day for Jr. -Primary and -Teacher Work Day for -Friona Jr. High Elementary Picture Amarillo HS/JH High Primary/ Elementary Jamboree -Maiden Volleyball -Squaw Volleyball *Chieftain Football -Marching Contest @ Day *Chieftain Football JV C/JV/V @ Tulia Dick Bivins Stadium 7AB/8AB @ San Jacinto Varsity vs. Spearman 5:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM @ Spearman 5:00PM 7:00PM -JH All Region Concert -FISD Board Meeting -4th Grade Music -Jr. High Football vs. Program 2:30PM & @ Amarillo Civic 7:00PM Spearman 5:00PM 6:30PM Center 26 20 21 22 23 24 25 -*Chieftain Football -Fall Choir Concert -Maiden Volleyball *Early Release -Squaw Volleyball 7AB/8AB vs. Dimmitt JV vs. Canadian C/JV/V vs. Dimmitt 2:00PM 5:00PM 5:00PM 5:00PM -*Chieftain Football Varsity @ Canadian -Jr. High Football @ -Area Marching in Lubbock Canadian 6:30PM 7:00PM -ACT Testing @ Friona --Red Ribbon Week---High School 29 30 31 27 28 -Cross country Regionals -Squaw Volleyball -*Chieftain Football C/JV/V @ River Road @ Lubbock JV @ Tulia 6:30PM -Maiden Volleyball 5:00PM -Jr. High Football Vs. 7AB/8AB @ River Road Tulia 5:00PM 5:00PM

Local Veteran's Family Reflects on the 2019 Texas Panhandle Honor Flight For Veterans to Washington, D.C.

By Darla Bracken

September 12, 13, & 14 marks this year's trip for Veterans selected by the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight, TPHF, an area non-profit dedicated to honoring aging American war veterans with an all expense paid trip to our nation's Capitol. What follows is one veteran's story:

53 years ago this month, the United States Army drafted a young man of 21 from FRIONA, Texas to serve his country in the faraway jungles of South Vietnam. After 8 weeks of intensive basic training in physical and military discipline at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX, he then completed 2 weeks of NCO training before 8 more weeks of Advanced Infantry Training, AIT, at Ft. Polk in Leesville, LA. 30 day home leave and then time to ship out, the 'ship' being a commercial airliner that would transport him from Lubbock, TX to Los Angeles and Oakland, CA and then on to Honolulu, HI and the Philippines and finally to Bien Hoa, Vietnam, his home for the next 12 months.

Lai Khe, a small village just north of Saigon, served as base camp for the 1st Infantry Division, aka the Big Red One, for thousands of GIs during their tours of duty. After the initial shock and anxiety subsided, life in a combat zone settled into an eerie routine as the work of war began. Nightly listening patrols to guard the company perimeter, ambush patrols to protect and defend, search and destroy, flame-throwing to clear jungle, road clearing and mine sweeping, cutting point, reconnaissance and time in the field. This army of young, newly-trained recruits from all over America fought for us. Huev Helicopters and hot LZs, landing zones, abounded. Even the sounds of war, indistinguishable at first, became familiar as the soldiers learned to distinguish enemy fire from friendly fire, i.e. AK47 vs M16 machine guns, by sound.

Time slowly passed as days marked off the calendar became milestones of survival. Men, strangers at first, bonded in battle as brothers, fighting side by side, many experiencing injury and death. Families at home watched and waited as daily battlefield and casualty reports dominated America's airwaves. Letters home from the soldiers took longer but offered, though censored, more specific and personal details of time and place, people and photos, though not up to the minute information. Local and area newspapers published maps of South Vietnam, showing many of the tiny villages so unfamiliar to Americans.

Their enemy- the North Vietnamese Army and the Vietcong, were almost identical in appearance, language and culture to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, ARVN, their South Vietnamese counterparts fighting alongside the Americans. Guerrilla warfare, booby traps and an established network of underground tunnels also aided the well entrenched enemy fighting on their home



Sgt. Bracken 'in the field' in 1968.

soil. Pay for the average American soldier? \$211 + \$65 additional in hazardous duty pay per month and a \$10,000 life insurance policy. The U S Army required that and a will of every combat soldier, many only 18 years old.

At about midway through the tour of duty, R & R's, Rest and Recreation, were scheduled to different destinations as availability allowed. His was to Sydney, Australia for a week-- to call home, ride a horse on the beach, eat in a nice restaurant...and then it was back to the war. As their time grew shorter, these 'short-timers' as they were known, once again experienced the anxiety and apprehension of their service as fighting continued. Eventually, these seasoned troops would be rotated out to return home. Literally, one day they came off the battlefield, to base camp, and then to the airbase to be flown home--no decompression, no PTSD evaluations. From Saigon to Tokyo, Japan to Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, AK to Oakland and then to Los Angeles, CA and back to Lubbock, TX. They faced being "bumped off" as Military Standbys on their way home from war, but home they soon were. Some Americans had turned against the war, and its soldiers by default, a national disgrace. As his young niece, then aged 7 vividly remembers, his family greeted their returning soldier on the tarmac at the Lubbock Airport. These flights and destinations were among the very first for many a young soldier. Of the 2,709,918 who served some 58,222 did not make it home alive including 3 from Parmer County.

The Texas Panhandle Honor Flight is an area non-profit to honor these aging and some fragile veterans with a trip to our nation's Capitol. They will visit the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials to their fallen comrades as well as other points of interest on the National Mall--Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery and the tomb of the unknown soldier, National Air & Space Museum depending upon the agenda. For the Vietnam Veteran, for whom there were no ticker tape parades or even welcome home banners, this is a particularly



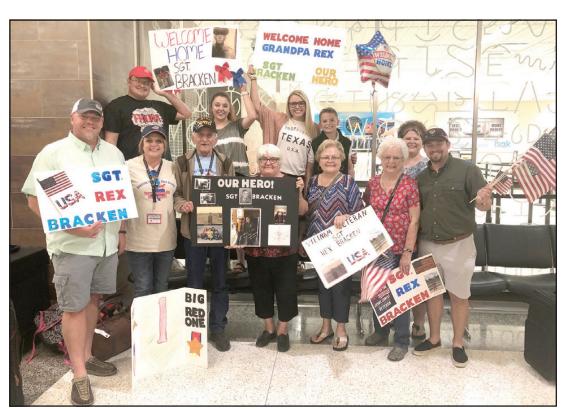
Congressman Mac Thornberry and his wife welcoming our Honor Flight Veterans with a tour of the Capitol.

poignant and healing act of honor and respect. A send



Rex and Julie on their way to our nation's capitol.

This will always be one of my life's greatest blessings-- getting to travel with my dad to Washington D.C. along with all the other precious souls on this Honor Flight. I am so thankful my brother Cody Rex Bracken knew about this flight and process before his passing. He was so excited for Dad to have the opportunity to go on this flight. -Julie



Rex being welcomed home by his Family — Darla Bracken, Stuart and Julie Davidson, his grandchildren: Lexie and John Greenwood, Laura Bracken, Riley and Jordan Davidson, his sisters Melba Smiley and Barbara Hill, and his niece Gwen Keenom.



All the Panhandle Honor Flight Veterans at the World War II Memorial.

off reception and a homecoming event are both included and sponsored by the TPHF for family and friends. One family member could accompany their veteran if necessary, at their own expense.

Initially accepted and approved for last year's honor flight, my husband Rex Bracken, was unable to secure the oxygen equipment necessary for him to make the flight. Our daughter Julie Davidson, now a junior high American History teacher, had already paid her fee to accompany her Dad. His sister, Barbara Hill, who had missed his first homecoming had made plans to come from Arkansas for this homecoming. His niece Vickie Smiley Field shared her memory, when she was age 5, of that first homecoming long ago. Although disappointed, we remain very proud of our

veteran. "You'll always be my hero, Dad!" Cody Rex Bracken, 1971-2017. Jordan Davidson age 9: "My Hero: My hero is my Grandpa because he fought for our freedom. He kept me safe and he saved us." Written for a September 11, 2018 Patriot Day Project. Fast forward to 2019: Rex has been selected for this year's honor flight and is physically able to go with our daughter Julie at his side, an incredible journey for both of them... A send-off reception honoring the veterans and their families was held on September 11th, 2019, Patriot Day.

Note: Rex's letters home are a priceless legacy for our family carefully saved by his mother, Lucretia Bracken, that chronicled his Vietnam war experience told in his own 22 year old words and allowed his children and me to read about it for ourselves.



"Welcome Home" gathering at the Rick Husband **International Airport.**



Jordan Davidson, Rex Bracken's youngest grandson, welcoming home his American Hero.