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World Day of Prayer Mar. 3

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, March 3, 2017 in the chapel of the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Joe Schulte, pastor of Friona Congregational Church giving the devotional. The World Day of Prayer Committee from the Philippines chose Matthew 20:1-16 and Numbers 27:1-11 as a scriptural basis and focus. A time of prayer will be led by Rev. Skip Hodges of Friona UMC. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the prayer service.

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner Mar. 5

St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona will host their annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be serving up beef enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, chip, salsa and homemade desserts. Prices will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Make plans to attend this delicious meal.

One-act Play dress rehearsal Mar. 5

The Friona High School Thespians will present a dress rehearsal of "Anatomy of Gray" on Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m. at the FHS auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

The drama written by Jim Leonard, Jr. is set in 1880s Gray, Indiana. The story begins with June Muldoon attending the funeral of her late father and the events that follow after Dr. Galen P. Gray's balloon crashes after a tornado.

Retired Teachers to meet Mar. 7

Parmer County Retired Teachers and Service Personnel will have their final meeting of the school year on March 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friona Interbank community room. The program will be presented by Tabitha Carthel, and the business meeting will address insurance concerns. All retired educators are invited, and guests are welcome.

March Immunization Clinics

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for March 2017 in Friona and Bovina.

Please bring a copy of your child's shot record for immunizations to be administered.

The clinic in Friona will be open Tuesday, March 7 in the Migrant Center at 618 Main Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, March 13 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services will also be provided at the DSHS Hereford Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Hereford clinic location will be closed March 3-7 due to the move to their new location at 600 North 25 Mile Avenue. They will also be closed the last two days of the month, March 30-31.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts. They will no longer offer immunizations on a regular basis in Dimmitt and Tulia.

If you need immunizations contact: Texas Vaccines for Children provider: Medical Center of Dimmitt, 300 W. Halsell Street, Dimmitt, TX, (806) 647-2194 or Texas Department of State Health Services, 205 W. 4th Street, Suite 102, Hereford, TX, (806) 364-4579.

For additional information, please contact: Melanie Lee (806) 783-6419 or Leigh Johnston (806) 783-6412.



Turbulent Tuesday

Richard and Vicki Samarron were but one of the victims of the windy weather on Tuesday. A tree in their neighbors yard was toppled over during the 60-70 mph winds that blew throughout the day. Richard, City of Friona employee, also has a tree trimming business and will be kept busy for the next few days.

dana jameson photos



Commissioners extend burn ban, purchase building

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the County Courthouse Courtroom in Farwell.

After approving the previous meetings minutes, accounts payable and the Treasurer's Report the Commissioners agreed to purchase the old Sherley Anderson Lumberyard in Bovina. The building and grounds will house the Justice of the Peace and AgriLife Extension offices as well provide storage for the county and the Extension office.

The commissioners voted to extend the burn ban until May 22, 2017 at which time they will reassess the situation. Judge Trey Ellis can lift the ban if there is sig-

nificant moisture across the county. The one exception to the ban is if the wind is less than 10 miles per hour and the person wishing to burn notifies the Sheriff and local fire department.

The Court considered and agreed to a memorandum of understanding with Parmer and Bailey Counties and the 287th District Attorney's office on the purchase and use of an Instant Command System (ICS) and Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) vehicle.

According to Ellis, Bovina has applied for a \$200,000 grant to purchase a vehicle that would be used in the case of an emergency or crime scene investigations.

The agreement stated that each entity (Friona Police

Department, Bovina Police Department, Farwell Police Department, Muleshoe Police Department, Bailey County Sheriff's Office and Parmer County Sheriff's Office) would furnish a person to be educated as a crime scene investigator. They would also furnish \$500 to \$1,000 per entity to stock the vehicle. Bovina would maintain the insurance and registration.

"We are cautiously optimistic this will work," stated Judge Ellis.

All Commissioners meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners will next meet March 13, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse in the County Courtroom in Farwell.

Friends of the Library Founders Memorial Scholarship applications available

The Friona Public Library was established in 1963 as a project of The Modern Study Club. Members appointed to the library project were Lilah Gaye Gee, Irene McFarland, Ilene Osborn, Willard Stewart, and Mary Kate Zeman.

In 2014, the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Friona Public Library approved and identified funding to establish The Founders Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior(s) at Friona High School. The scholarship designation honors the vision of those members of the Modern Study Club who identified a need for and the value of a public library in Friona.

Scholarship application forms will be available March 1, 2017, in Allison Johnston's office at Friona High School and at the Friona Public Library. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. Johnston by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 21, 2017.



dana jameson photo

Friona Mayor Ricky White was having good time last Thursday as he served the City of Friona employees steaks during a dinner held in their honor at the Friona Senior Citizens Center.



From Dr. Gary Cash: Gotta love the nice Mule Deer.

Wendler meets with Friona students

WTAMU President Dr. Walter Wendler was in Friona on Tuesday, February 28 to talk with students, parents and faculty concerning what the college can do for students from this area. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary, and a number of former Friona students that are on his staff. Among those students were Lacy Venhaus Cannon and Jonathan Espinoza.

They were on a fact-finding mission to best serve the educational dreams and needs of our community. Dr. Wendler and his staff have been meeting with 63 large and small schools in the Panhandle as a way of familiarizing himself with what is needed to help the college grow while helping students attain their educational dreams.

Wendler presented a slide show of all the facilities offered at WTAMU as well as discussing admission, cost per semes-

ter and scholarship opportunities.

"We treat students one at a time," expressed Wendler. "Students are not treated as just

a number. They are treated as individuals with respect."

After answering questions from the audience, the group was treated to refreshments.



dana jameson photo

Dr. Walter Wendler, WTAMU President, was in Friona last Tuesday and spoke with a small group of FHS students, parents and faculty.

Community Calendar

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

March 2

FJHS Track @ Kress Meet
Kindergarten/1st/5th grade Parents conferences
FHS Cheer Tryouts at 9 a.m.
JV/V Tennis Tournament in Levelland
Baseball Tournament in Stinnett

March 3

Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.
Girls Powerlifting Regional Meet in Mertzon
Kindergarten Parent/1st Grade Parent conferences
FHS Track at Fritch Meet
World Day of Prayer service at noon at Friona United Methodist Church

March 4

Meet a Naturalist 1-4 p.m. Palo Duro Canyon State Park @ Tasajillo Pavilion

March 5

Annual Mexican Dinner @ St. Teresa of Jesus Church in Friona
FHS One-Act play dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. in FHS Auditorium

March 6

Josten's Ring Ceremony at FHS Auditorium 6 p.m.

March 7

Parmer County Retired Teachers meeting at 2 p.m. at Friona Interbank community room
Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet
JV/V Baseball vs WT High at Home 4:30/6:30
Meet a Naturalist Open House 6-9 p.m. at Amarillo Southwest Branch Library
Immunization Clinic in Friona 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Migrant Center, 618 Main St.
Regional UIL Band Concert/SR Contest in Panhandle

March 8

Chieftain Golf at Farwell HS Invitational
FHS District One-Act Play at Shallowater

March 9

FJHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field

March 10

FHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field

March 11

Boys Powerlifting Regional Meet in Sundown
PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.
JV/V Baseball vs Muleshoe at Home 12/2:30

March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

March 13

Immunization Clinic in Bovina 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bovina EMS Building, 109 3rd St.

March 13-17

Spring Break

ACROSS
1 TX Roy Orbison was a ___ artist
5 this TX Ted is a U.S. Senator
6 Monte ____, TX it's attached to a horse's bit
8 water-into-wine site
9 ag community in Comanche County school subj.
16 in Walker County on I-45
20 TXism: "sure ___ shootin'"
21 steak order
22 Mexican dish with a corn husk
23 SeaWorld San Antonio once had "___ Happy Harbor"
28 ACU housing
29 TXism: "pay ___ never mind"
30 leag. for Astros and Rangers
31 TXism: "nervous as a long-tailed ___ full of rocking chairs"
33 TXism: "neon light ___" (inspiration)
34 TX pest: fire ___
35 TX Barbara Mandrell sang "I ___ to Be Right"
36 one who digs up weeds
37 this Dishman was a CB for the old Houston Oilers

38 deserving praise
40 South American raccoonlike critter
41 ___ Ross State University
42 luxury car: ___-Royce
43 Gulf sailors
44 Harris in TX-filmed "Places in the Heart"
45 foot digit
46 LBJ: "Ma ___ Murkins"
47 TX Sissy Spacek film: "___ Are Blue"
49 TX energy corporation of 2001 scandal
50 TXism: "you're pouring gasoline ___ fire"
51 TX Willie sang "She's ___ For You"
52 Hobby arrival info.

DOWN
1 TXism: "___ catter with a bank balance"
2 New ____, LA
3 sealing with liquid clay
4 Crockett County seat
9 microbe
10 this German-born Blab played 4 years for the Mavericks
11 dir. from Azle to Dublin
12 British patterned cloth: ___ sall

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Chamber accepting auction donations

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is accepting donations for the two auctions to be held during the Chamber Banquet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. If you would like to make a donation for the auctions please contact the Chamber Office at (806) 250-3491. This is a great opportunity for the community to be involved in this tradition of honoring our own.

Chamber Banquet tickets on sale now

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is extending an invitation for the public to attend the 61st Annual Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber Office. Tickets are \$25 in advance only. Tickets will not be sole at the door.

Senior can recycling trailer available

The 2017 FHS Senior Class is asking the community to come together and recycle their empty cans for a good cause. The trailer is located at 102 E. 8th Street next to the Police/Fire Station. The proceeds from the recycling trailer will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Senior All-Night Party after graduation. The Class of 2017 wish to thank the community for their support.

Senior Steak Dinner April 2

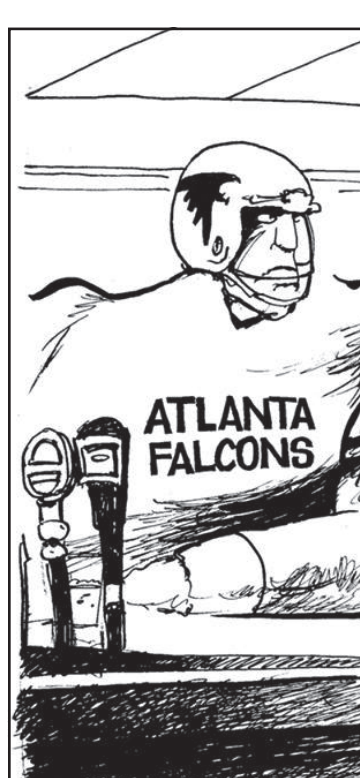
The 2017 FHS Senior Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria, 1001 Euclid. They will be serving up 8 oz. ribeye steaks accompanied by baked potatoes, green beans and rolls. Advance tickets are \$15. At the door tickets will be \$16. Takeout will be available.

The dinner will benefit the 2017 Senior Class alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration. So mark your calendar and come out for a delicious meal while helping this year's Senior Class.



You kids get off my lawn

"You kids get off my lawn!" was yelled on a daily basis by old lady Witherspoon. I mean no disrespect but when we were kids that is what we called her. She lived on the corner across from Mary DeShazo Elementary School in Muleshoe. Mrs. Witherspoon had one of the prettiest lawns in Muleshoe. Her lawn was surrounded by huge trees and a stone fence that would have made most mansions look shabby. However, by the time all was said and done, it looked more like a prison yard. She added iron bars to keep kids from camping out in her yard during lunch.



place for kids from DeShazo, Muleshoe Junior High and High School. As kids, we would beg our parents to give us money to go there instead of the cafeteria. I was allowed to go once a week and that was based upon if I did all my chores and did not fight with my little brother. Mrs. Witherspoon would position herself on her front porch to make sure no one walked across her lawn, sat on her fence or threw their trash on her lawn. The poor woman had become so rigid with her patrol that she would even be out there when it was cold, raining, snowing or any other inclement weather. I was raised if someone told you not to walk on their lawn; you did not walk on their lawn. In fact, you made sure you made

a wide arc away from said yard. Now that I am older, I feel sorry for her. Her entire life was trying to keep that lawn beautiful. You are probably wondering why I am reminiscing about something that happened back in the 60s and 70s. The recent newsworthy case of the off-duty police officer trying to keep kids off his lawn brought back memories of that sweet, old lady. The officer was caught on video trying to get the kids off his lawn. Unfortunately, he discharged his service weapon after hearing what he thought was a threat. There is still some dispute as to what was said. My point is...he was just trying to protect his property. There is no telling how much money and time he spent on that lawn...

like Mrs. Witherspoon. He just wanted to be given the respect of not walking across his lawn and the kids had no desire to listen. Times may change but sometimes they do not change enough. I understand why Mrs. Witherspoon did not want her yard trashed. It was a beautiful oasis. My parents taught me to mind my elders and Mrs. Witherspoon deserved my respect. Many of my classmates thought it was funny to throw things in her yard...it was not fun and it was

not nice!
The police officer in the news deserved the respect but apparently, we live in a world now that respect is something that is rare and rarely used. As our society continues to evolve, we need to remember to teach RESPECT and all else will fall in behind it. Long story short...If you are told not to walk on someone's lawn...DON'T! You don't know what that person went through to get where they are.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I have taught ESL classes to adults at the Redeemer Center since August 2010. The students use an online program, Burlington English, which is an important factor in their progress in English. I would like to express my appreciation to all who have made this possible. Darla Bracken, Director of the Friona Public Library, who first dreamed of having the literacy center and worked diligently to make the dream come true. Patricia Phipps, City Manager of Friona, and the hard-working employees who keep the Redeemer Center in great shape and supply utilities. This year they made nice parking spaces off the street for the students. The Friends of the Library organization has paid for the computer program, the telephone access and also pays the computer tech who handles computer problems. WT Services has very generously supplied the internet access. They upgraded it this year, thanks to Manager Amy Lindsey in Hereford. The computer staff in Hereford, Mindy, Heath and Mike, have assisted me with various questions with endless patience. Cherry Wells and Teresa Serna in the Friona office have put notices on Channel 6 about registration dates for the classes. All of the above have helped adults who wanted to learn or improve their English.

My thanks to all of them,
Linda White

School Menu March 6-10

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, pancake sausage stick, fruit punch juice, oranges, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, roll, fresh tomatoes, mashed potatoes, peaches, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, Holland burrito, orange pineapple juice, apples, milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, cauliflower, broccoli, apples, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk.
Lunch: Chili meat, Fritos, mixed California veggies, pinto beans, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, carrots, French oven potatoes, Mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon roll, apple juice, pears, milk.
Lunch: Fish, roll, corn, green beans, fruit salad, milk.

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Town Talk

The March Friona ISD school calendar is in this Star. You might want to clip it out and stick it on the fridge. Spring always brings a busy calendar of activities. For example, look at March 21, a Tuesday. Here is what is happening that day: baseball here vs. San Jacinto, golf at River Road, tennis at Sundown, the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet, and the annual meeting of Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op.

The Chieftain/Squaw Boosters will meet Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Interbank. The senior steak dinner and graduation are just ahead so boosters are urged to attend.

The baseball Chieftains went 3-0 in the Roosevelt tournament. They beat Abernathy, Ralls, and Lubbock High JV.

The next four games will be played here in Friona. Check the Friona ISD calendar in this issue for dates and times.

I realized that no one was coming around selling Girl Scout Cookies this year. I checked with a friend who was involved last year and she said there were no Girl Scout Cookies in Friona this year because there were no scout leaders this year. Bummer.

If you are looking for a nice meal and a good show, make plans to attend the St. Teresa's Annual Mexican dinner in Friona on March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then head on over to the FHS auditorium to enjoy "Anatomy of Gray" presented by the FHS Thespians. This is a dress rehearsal and the public is invited.

Happy 31st anniversary to Tonya and Kelly Lookingbill.

Got news this week that First Baptist Church of Friona will have a Youth Fundraiser on Sunday, March 26. There were not any details but the fundraiser will help kids with the cost of Youth Camp 2017 July 25-29 in Glorieta, NM. Stay tuned for more details.

In other FBC news: The Youth are still selling decals. The cost for the decals is \$10 for one and \$15 for two.

Movie Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 4-8. This year they will be "Exploring the Coolest Book in the World". VBS will change this year and be held from 1-4 p.m. and go from Sunday to Thursday.

TxDOT announced this week they will be doing scrub seal improvements at various locations. The list included 70/84 in Parmer County. This improvement will begin March 1 and completed by early April. Keep an eye out for these crews and remember to slow down and give them room.

We are proud of the FHS Powerlifting boys for finishing in first place at the Bovina meet last Saturday. These boys have worked hard this year. They will travel to Sundown on March 11 for the regional meet. Way to go boys!

Friends of the Library announced this week they have applications for the Founders Memorial Scholarship. They are available in Allison Johnston's office at Friona High School and at the Friona Public Library. They are due by 4 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2017.

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Many thanks to our Mayor Rick White and the City of Friona for a very enjoyable evening last Thursday. The City of Friona employees and their families were treated to a delicious steak dinner at the Senior Citizen Center. Mayor White thanked them all for their hard work in a heartfelt speech after the meal.

FISD Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray released the following

statement:

An incident occurred Thursday afternoon, February 23, at approximately 3:20 p.m. at Friona High School resulting in a lockdown. Law enforcement did take a student into custody. Buses were delayed at the Elementary until the incident was resolved. We do not believe students were in any danger, but wanted to take all necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

According to law enforcement officials, the occurrence is still under investigation. The lockdown resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old student on charges of unlawfully carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place and terroristic threats against a public servant.

The wind played havoc with everything on Tuesday. Richard Samarron received a call from his wife, Vicki, after the neighbor's tree crashed into their home at 906 Prospect. (See the picture on page 1) Vicki said she and her daughter, Cassie, were talking in the living room when they heard a rumbling and felt the house shake. "We thought it was a tornado!"

Richard had commented last week that he probably needed to stay close to home just in case there was some tree work to be done. Looks like he got his wish.

Richard and Monica Bermea also felt the brunt of the wind on Tuesday. One of two trees they planted when their children were born was blown over during the 60-70 mph winds. Other tree damage and destruction could be found throughout Friona after the big blow.

In other Windy Tuesday news, the cities of Tulia and Sundown were threatened by

fire and citizens were asked to evacuate. Former Friona alumni Amy Murphree Hand is a coach in Sundown. We hope they are safe and sound.

No election for the City but FISD will hold an election to fill two seats on the Board of Trustees. There are two at-large School Board Trustee positions open. Wade Schueler will be running for his seat once again while Maria Monreal, Jamie Wellen and Corbin Reithmayer will be vying for the other open seat vacated by Jose Cigarroa who has chosen not to run for election again. The election will be held May 6, 2017. Good luck to all the candidates.

Friona Kids Inc. representative Greg Wellen announced they are extending the deadline for registration of T-Ball and Coach Pitch players to Wednesday, March 22. They are also looking for team sponsors. Sponsorship is \$100. The sign-up form can be found in the Star this week.

The Chamber reminds businesses that if you want to promote your business at this year's banquet on Tuesday, March 7, you may do so by dropping off your logo items at the Chamber office, 621 Main, or call (806) 250-3491 to schedule a pick-up no later than Monday, March 6. Items will be placed on the tables at the banquet.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary or just have news to share with the community give us a call at (806) 250-2211. We will be glad to include your news in Town Talk.

Have a great weekend!

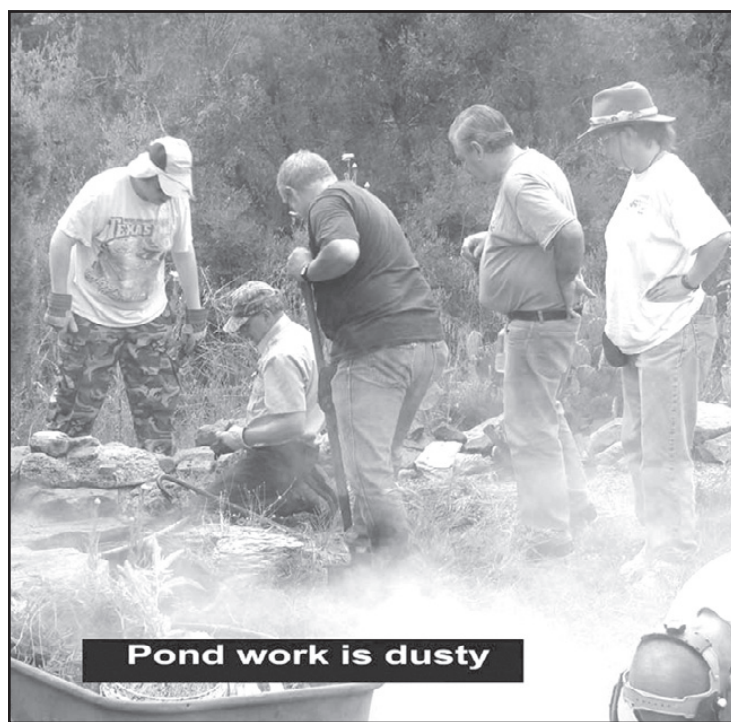
Texas Master Naturalists to host training

The Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, a group of well-trained individuals who volunteer on behalf of the natural features, flora and fauna of the Panhandle and Texas, will host a pair of activities this weekend and next week leading up to the 2017 training program for the organization.

A Meet a Naturalist event is set for Saturday, March 4 in Palo Duro Canyon, and an Open House from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, at Amarillo's Southwest Branch Library at 6801 SW 45th.

Meet a Naturalist Day will be held in the new Tasajillo Pavilion at the Juniper/Wolfberry Area in Palo Duro Canyon State Park Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Panhandle Chapter members will be on hand to explain exhibits and share information about the Panhandle TMN Chapter's upcoming training program and activities. Light refreshments will be provided and regular park admission fees will apply.

At the Open House on March 7, a meet and greet session will be held from 6-7 p.m. to allow visitors to get acquainted with TMN members. Afterward, a program will be presented by Bernice Blasingame, retired Palo Duro Canyon State Park Interpreter on



Pond work is dusty

the Native American uses of the bison. Light refreshments will be provided.

Both activities in the coming week will allow visitors to learn about the Panhandle Chapter's upcoming training program for prospective Master Naturalists. This year's training begins March 25 and continues at regular intervals through October 14. Enrollment deadline is March 20 and the application fee is \$95.

For more information on class enrollment visit the Panhandle

Chapter website at www.pctmn.org or contact Joanne at 220-9005.

The Texas Master Naturalist program is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Its mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

Friona Flashbacks

News from the week of March 2, 1967

*Brig. General Ross Ayers, of Friona, will be the exercise director of a Map Tactical Exercise to be held February 24-26 in San Antonio.

*Cattle feeding in the Friona area is increasing by leaps and bounds, with existing feed lots adding to the number of cattle on feed, and other new feed lots in the making. A survey by Southwestern Public Service Company this past week showed there were some 32,000 cattle on feed in the immediate Friona area. In a 30-mile radius of Friona, it has

been estimated tht there are over 150,000 cattle on feed. With a good supply of cattle, and a ready supply of feed in the form of grain sorghum, cattle feeding has boomed in West Texas in recent years.

*Pfc. Bob Welch, son of Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Welch, left Seattle Saturday by air for Taiwan, Formosa, where he will be stationed with the United States Air Force.

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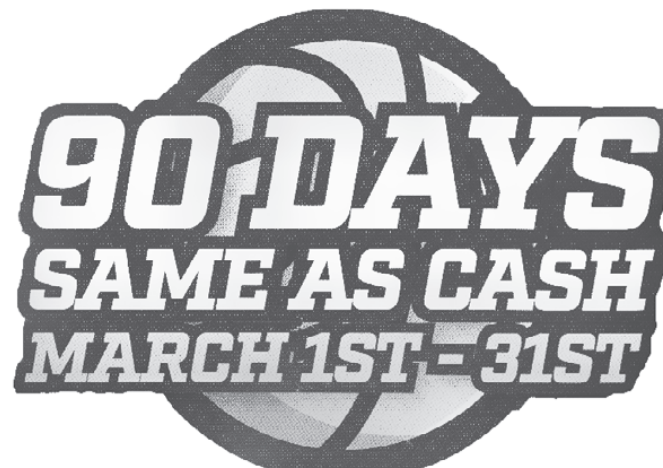


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Lions Club News



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The Friona Evening Lions held their regular Thursday meeting on February 23, 2017 with Earl Behrends presenting the program. Behrends has been with the National Resources Conservation Service, formerly Soil Conservation Service, for 29 years. He has been in Parmer County for 15 years with the NRCS. He gave an update on CRP and stated that land formerly not eligible for new contracts is now possible eligible. Remember to check with Earl at the Farwell office for more details. Pictured are, l-r, Earl Behrends and Howard Fleming.

US 70/84 in Parmer County to undergo scrub seal

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin work next week to scrub seal several roadways across the Lubbock District. The work is part of TxDOT's annual road maintenance program and will make \$1.1 million in improvements to preserve the roadways.

"Scrub sealing provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Wittie, PE., TxDOT Brownfield Area engineer and project manager. "The operation consists of applying a layer of asphalt or emulsion to the roadway, followed by sand or a small aggregate on top to fill in cracks on the road's surface. The operation is a cost-effective way to prevent water from entering the roadbed and extending the life of the pavement."

Roadways undergoing scrub seal improvements: US 70/84—Parmer County.

Project contractor, Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., of Watsonville, CA, will begin scrub seal operations on March 1 in the northern counties and

move south.

"Drivers can expect day-time lane closures and traffic to be guided through the construction area via pilot car during the operations. Motorists are asked to drive with caution through the work zone for their safety and the safety of the workers," Wittie said.

Scrub seal operations and restriping of the roadways will take several weeks to complete with all work anticipated to be completed by early-April. Work will take place weather permitting.

Engagement



Anthony, Busch to marry

Dennis and Loraine Anthony of Friona are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Erin Anthony to Steffan Busch on July 29, 2017, at Eberley Brooks Events in Lubbock, TX.

Erin is a 2008 graduate of Friona High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Steffan is the son of Lonnie and Brenda Busch of Leoti, KS. He is a 2004 graduate of Friona High School and a graduate of Fort Hays State University in Fort Hays, Kansas. He is employed by EGE Bio in Minneola, KS.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of February 16 through February 22, 2017: Sherley Anderson Grain LP-Nancy Dunn, V101 Pg 542.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

February 21, 2017
Isidro Nava Perches, 29, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of tampering with government records. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

February 22, 2017
Alan Lowe, 42, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

February 23, 2017
Jesse Trejo, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place and terroristic threats against a public servant. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

February 25, 2017
Marcelino Merini-Guzman, 39, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

Richard Ridgway, Jr., 30, of Pampa, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG 2 more than one gram, less than four grams. The case is pending before the Grand Jury. Ridgway was also charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

Jamie Martinez-Salas, 44, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The case is pending in County Court.

February 7, 2017
In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:
Louis Garcia, 22, of Texico, NM, was charged with fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, and was sentenced to 12 months in the Parmer County jail and must pay \$304 in court costs and a \$1,000 fine.

James Godfrey, 45, of Clovis, NM, was charged with driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, and was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years. Godfrey must pay \$523 in court costs, a \$2,000 fine and \$800 in attorney fees.

Antonia Zubia, 22, of Friona, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), and was sentenced to 18 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for three years. Zubia must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine, probated, \$400 attorney fees and \$180 in restitution.

Crisanto Leon, 45, of Farwell, was charged with indecency with a child, and was sentenced to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Leon must pay \$554 in court costs and a \$1,000 fine. Leon was also charged with sexual assault and sentenced to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Leon must pay \$554 in court costs, and a \$1,000 fine.

February 14, 2017
Sammie Diaz, 38, of Bovina, was charged with evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Diaz must pay \$554 in court costs and a \$1,000 fine.

Manuel Silva, Jr., 23, of Carlsbad, NM, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), and was sentenced to four years deferred adjudication. Silva must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 appointed attorney fees, and \$180 in restitution.

Raul Esparza, Sr., 57, of Texico, NM, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth), and was sentenced to two years in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for four years. Esparza must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine, probated, \$1,000 in attorney fees, and \$180 in restitution.

Isaque Olivarez, 21, of Muleshoe, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and was sentenced to 18 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for three years. Olivarez must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$500 fine, probated, \$800 in attorney fees, and \$180 in restitution.

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~Psalm 25~ Unto Thee O Lord

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Are you familiar with the song, "Unto Thee O Lord..."? It comes from Psalm 25, which is all about lifting up your soul to the Lord. Lifting up your soul to the Lord is simply calling out on God in prayer and praise because of who He is and the circumstances in your life. The first half of the Psalm is a strong reminder that we can lift up our soul to the Lord because of God's character and promises. This is so important to hold to because calling out to the Lord demands you cry out to Him in truth, not out of false ideas about who God is.

In the last half of the Psalm it is about crying out to God because of your sin, in the midst of depression, when enemies surround, and because of national crisis. Although these circumstances run the gamut of human experience, remember that the writer was David. This godly man was definitely not perfect, but he did know where His strength came from and that only the Lord could carry Him through. He didn't lift up his soul to idols, or the trendiest spiritual ideas or false religions, but he clung to the Lord, because He is gracious and amazing, and the Lord hears the heartfelt cry of all who will lift up their soul to Him.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

~Don't Miss the Blessings~

By TEENA HUGHES

Every once in a while, I don't want to do something. It happened last Sunday.

I went to Barksdale, north of Uvalde, last Saturday so I could take Mother to a doctor's visit in San Antonio on Monday.

I knew the church I grew up in was having a luncheon for the family/friends of a member who had passed away, but I thought I was going home after church and had lunch with my brother. His plans changed, so my plans changed.

For some unknown reason, I did not want to help with that luncheon. So, on the way to town, Sunday morning, I talked to God about my attitude. I knew I would help; I just wanted to help with a Jesus attitude.

If I had insisted on going home after church, I would have missed out on many blessings, like getting to know a lonely lady who moved from Houston and her family to be with her husband in the virtual middle of nowhere. I would have missed getting to visit with a girl I went to high school with as well as other people in the church. And, I would have missed seeing one of my favorite people who used to feed cattle at PACO.

I would have also missed out on helping the women putting on this luncheon. I don't know how they normally do things, but things just didn't seem totally organized. I didn't want to take over, so I made suggestions on how things could be arranged to make it easier for a large group of people to be served and seated in a tight space, something I have learned how to do at my own church.

It isn't easy for me, but in today's world, it seems easy to say NO to what you don't want to do.

Sunday, God reminded me that He prepares us to do what He needs done, even when it is as simple as organizing food on a table. I am so glad He re-arranged my attitude, because I was truly blessed by everyone!

*Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.*

Psalm 31:24

Panhandle Parables

When Loss Equals Victory

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

I remember growing up watching ABC's Wide World of Sports and in the introduction, there were pictures of the thrill of victory and then there was one picture that still sticks out in my mind of a skier crashing off a ramp with the words "and the agony of defeat." Just like last week I mentioned mountains and valleys in life and the need to listen more attentively. We also see in life that you win some and you lose some. Winning can be inspiring, but losing is difficult to swallow.

Each day I work with a team of professionals whose sole purpose is to win when it comes to health. The reality is that doesn't always happen and this team takes loss personally in that they are invested in this community. There are lessons learned and improved upon so that next time may be different, but the bottom line is simple death is very much a part of life.

Jesus turned the world upside down with his teaching and living. After all, loving your enemies doesn't in earthly wisdom seem to be a very victorious approach. He came to a world lost to its own ways and hopeless in every way of making it any better. His compassion was often met with hostility by those threatened by that kind of love. Then came hope. Hope is powerful. Hope is inspiring, and with a tomb that was found empty loss no longer meant forever.

That team of professionals believe and step into crisis for one simple reason. Life is precious and worth fighting for and I assure you they will exhaust themselves trying. But sometimes that outcome is not possible it is then they like the rest of us cling to hope that in loss there can still be victory and loss is not forever.

Christians live in this hope. Christians also struggle with the reality of loss, but Christians know that whether in life or in death there is Jesus and that makes the difference in how we face life's defeats and can say with confidence the words Paul quoted in 1 Corinthians 15.

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

[55] "O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?" (ESV)

In Christ, loss will always equal victory.

Water issues in the courts could impact all landowners

By Kay Ledbetter

Ongoing water legal battles around the state and nation could set precedents that affect all landowners, so they bear watching, according to Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

Dowell Lashmet, speaking at the recent High Plains Irrigation Conference, outlined several legal actions concerning the Clean Water Act and corresponding definitions of Waters of the U.S., or WOTUS.

The Clean Water Act is a federal law that gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over the "waters of the U.S." But there is no definition in the Clean Water Act of what constitutes a WOTUS, she said.

A new rule passed by EPA and the Corps of Engineers attempted to clarify the definition of WOTUS, but numerous lawsuits were filed alleging the new definition actually broadened, rather than clarified, the term.

Currently, there is a nationwide stay on the rule pending litigation, Dowell Lashmet said. Now, the case will be going before the U.S. Supreme Court for a jurisdictional challenge to decide which court will hear

arguments, and then the legal battle likely will proceed to federal court at some level.

However, she said, something that could render all of the court proceedings unnecessary is what is going on in Washington – the Trump administration has indicated it will work to eliminate the new WOTUS rule.

"But we still have to worry about the Clean Water Act and the interpretation of 'waters of the United States,'" Dowell Lashmet said.

Currently, a Clean Water Act case in California causing concern for agricultural producers involves a farmer who purchased grassland and plowed it up to plant wheat. The Corps of Engineers took the position that because the field had vernal swells, or low spots that fill with water when it rains and these were hydrologically connected to a river 8 miles away, they were a WOTUS. The farmer was told a federal permit was needed to plow his property.

The trial court sided with the government, finding the field did contain waters of the U.S., and an ongoing farming exemption from the Clean Water Act did not apply, so the landowner was required to obtain a federal permit. The case is now on appeal

at the 9th Circuit Court.

"A lot of attorneys are concerned about the precedent this could set," Dowell Lashmet said. "It is this type of broad interpretation of what constitutes a WOTUS and narrow construction of statutory exemptions from the rule that cause landowners concern over the EPA's new definition."

In Texas, the ongoing Bragg vs. Edwards Aquifer Authority resulted in the first-ever "takings" verdict when a permit to pump groundwater was denied, she said.

Dowell Lashmet provided a brief background: A farmer planted pecan orchards on a property overlaying the Edwards Aquifer before there was an entity to monitor groundwater pumping. One orchard was irrigated with water from the Edwards Aquifer and the rest another shallower aquifer.

Then the Edwards Aquifer Authority, created in 1993, began requiring landowners to obtain a permit in order to pump water from the aquifer.

Bragg filed the permit application for both of his orchards, but the Edwards Aquifer Authority denied his request in part for one orchard and entirely for the other. So Bragg filed a lawsuit, saying the denial was a taking of his private property because

landowners own the water beneath their land.

"When the government takes your private property, they have to pay you just compensation – that was his premise," Dowell Lashmet said. "The trial court and the San Antonio Court of Appeals sided with Bragg. The case was appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, but they denied hearing it. That meant the Court of Appeals ruling stood – there was a taking and he was due just compensation, which the jury found to be \$2.5 million."

She said the Edwards Aquifer Authority has announced it will not appeal this decision.

Although in this case, the landowner successfully challenged the denial of a permit to pump groundwater and a taking did occur, Dowell Lashmet warned that these cases are extremely fact-specific and difficult to win.

"Certainly, not every denial by an entity of a groundwater pumping permit will constitute a taking," she said. "But this case shows that, under the right facts and with the right jury, a taking can occur and a landowner can be owed just compensation."

Another case, the City of Lub-

bock vs. Coyote Lake Ranch near Muleshoe, involves groundwater rights sold in 1953 to Lubbock. The city owned the right to come onto the land to search and drill for water, and in 2012, they proposed drilling 60 wells on the property.

The new landowner argued that although Lubbock owned the groundwater and had the right to drill wells, he was protected by the accommodation doctrine and should have some say in where those wells could be drilled and how other items like power lines needed for water well use would be constructed.

This doctrine had only been applied with regard to mineral rights where the mineral estate is considered dominant, Dowell Lashmet said. The mineral owner has the right to use as much of the surface as is reasonably necessary to produce the minerals.

But, the accommodation doctrine requires them to do what they can to accommodate existing surface uses if the landowner can prove three factors: substantial impact on surface use, the mineral can be produced another way and the surface use cannot be made another way.

The Coyote Lake landowner ar-

gued that Lubbock could still drill their water wells, but should do so in a way that accommodates the existing surface use of the ranch – running cattle – in doing so.

The Amarillo Court of Appeals said there was no accommodation doctrine for groundwater rights. The landowner appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which issued an important ruling. First, they found the groundwater estate is dominant, like a mineral estate. Second, they found the accommodation doctrine can apply to a groundwater owner, if the three accommodation factors can be proven by the landowner.

Now the case will go back to the trial court to determine if the landowner can meet these three required factors in order for the doctrine to apply in this case and offer some protection to the landowners.

"That's important to keep in mind if you are buying property that has groundwater rights severed," Dowell Lashmet said.

"This is a big deal for property owners," she said. "Groundwater owners have the implied right to use the surface of the land as much as is reasonably necessary to produce groundwater now."

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Lola Faye Veazey

Long-time Hereford resident, Lola Faye Veazey, 84, went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

A Memorial service will be held Friday, February 24, 2017 at First United Methodist Church. Services were under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, 411 E. 6th Street.

Lola Faye was born on November 20, 1932, in Deaf Smith County, Texas to Fred Wesley Brunson and Ada Pearl (High) Brunson.

She went to work at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse on June 1, 1970, as the Deputy District Clerk. Lola Faye thoroughly enjoyed her elected position as the Deaf Smith District Clerk, which she began on January 1, 1975 and retired from on December 31, 1998. She was also an active member of Lion's Club and served as the Salvation Army treasurer for many years. After her retirement, she took several trips including a cruise to Alaska and another to Australia where she went white-water rafting. She enjoyed tending to her beloved peonies and gardening in general. Her interests were many and included her bridge group, canning, making holiday candy, and time spent with her grandchildren. Lola Faye was a



member of First United Methodist Church.

Lola Faye is preceded in death by her parents and five siblings.

Lola Faye is survived by her sons Mike Veazey and wife Barbara of Hereford and Johnny and wife Kandi of Vega, TX; her daughter Becky of Dallas, TX; her sister Rae Gonzales of Lake Tanglewood, TX, her sisters Kathleen Thompson of Lubbock, TX, Gracie Cornelius of Hereford, TX; five grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and many lifelong friends.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2490, Amarillo, TX 79101.

You are invited to express your condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at www.herefordheritagefh.com.

AlLee Chan Gee

AlLee Chan Gee, 25, of Friona, died February 27, 2017 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the 6th St. Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter, minister, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

AlLee was born February 21, 1992 in Muleshoe. She is a 2010 graduate of Friona High School.

AlLee loved to talk and make people happy. She loved music, spending time with her family and adored her dog Pebbles.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Everett Gee, great-grandfather, Johnny W. Hand, and a sister, Rylee J. Roberts.

Survivors include her mother, Ashlee Roberts; her father, Kevin Roberts; two sisters, Natalie Roberts and Emalee Roberts;



one brother, Keeton Roberts; grandmother, Wesslie Hand; one uncle, Dustee Gee; and one great-grandmother, Elthie Hand, all of Friona.

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

**Reward offered in case of stolen cattle**

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Ben Eggleston and local authorities are seeking information regarding the theft of 62 head of cattle from a feed yard west of Stratford, Texas.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, along with the Sherman County Crime Stoppers are offering a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

Sometime between the months of Oct. and Dec. 2016 an unidentified suspect or suspects made entry into the Cold Water Cattle Feeders facilities outside of Stratford and removed 62 head of cattle. The stolen cattle are steers and heifers weighing from 325 pounds to 775 pounds.

The case is being investigated by the Sherman County Sheriff's Department with the assistance of TSCRA's Special Rangers. Anyone with further information leading to the recovery of the items or the arrest of a suspect or suspects should call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at (888) 830-2333 or Special Ranger Ben Eggleston at (806) 852-4741. All information is kept confidential and tips may be provided anonymously.

'Internet of things' to create big data for irrigated agriculture

By Kay Ledbetter

Big data is big business, and everyone wants a part of the pie, however agricultural irrigators should take a careful look before accepting irrigation advice from new technology sources,

Dr. Charles Hillyer, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist in Amarillo, said a recent survey on emerging irrigation technologies identified the "internet of things" or IoT as the most important issue.

What is that? Big data, Hillyer said.

"Most mentioned by the survey takers is having lots of devices being used by irrigators communicating with each other so collectively the products can do more than individually," he said.

"There are dozens of start-

ups offering products, but it is surprising who is doing it," Hillyer said. "Are you ready to get irrigation advice from your cell phone company?"

He said IoT products are based on a communication chain. The chain starts in the field, usually with many inexpensive sensors. The chain goes to the cloud where the data is stored, analyzed and transformed into useful information.

The chain ends back in the field, either on the producer's cell phone where he or she sees the field in a new way, or it ends at another IoT device that uses the new information to control valves, pumps or other smart devices, Hillyer said.

"Basically, it's the process of taking data from one de-

Rainwater harvesting workshop set for May 13

By Kay Ledbetter

A Rainwater Harvesting Workshop will be held May 13 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

World-renowned rain harvester Billy Kniffen, retired AgriLife Extension water resource associate from Menard, will be the special guest presenter, said Austin Voyles, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

The program will be from 9 a.m. to noon. For those who RSVP by May 5, the cost is \$20; otherwise it will be \$40 at the door.

"We are so excited to get Billy Kniffen to join us and expect he will draw a quick crowd as those interested in capturing their rainwater come to hear from the expert," Voyles said.

Voyles said space and supplies will be limited, so those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-373-0713 or Austin.voyles@ag.tamu.edu as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

Each attendee will leave with their own rain barrel, after building it on location, he said. Other topics of discussion addressed by Kniffen will be rainwater systems and irrigation success.

Annual rainwater harvesting workshops

We all know "April showers bring May flowers." However, rainfall from April showers can be used to irrigate flowers later in the year with proper use of rainwater harvesting techniques.

HPWD is hosting a series of workshops in March, April, and May to share rainwater harvesting information with area residents. The cost of each workshop is \$20 at the door. In addition, the first 25 persons to RSVP will receive a free rainwater harvesting barrel and a rain chain—courtesy of HPWD.

Workshops will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

March 30 -- Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia, Plainview TX.

April 6 -- Bailey County Electric Co-op, 610 E. American Blvd, Muleshoe TX.

April 13 -- Mallet Event Center, 2320 S. U.S. 385, Levelland TX.

April 27 -- Cole Community Center, 300 N. 16th Street, Canyon, TX.

May 4 -- HPWD Office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX.

"We will have a panel of experts at each workshop who will share their hands-on experience with rainwater catchment. So whether you're a novice or already have a rainwater harvesting system, this is a great learning opportunity," said Katherine Drury, HPWD Education and Outreach Coordinator.

This is the fourth year for the HPWD sponsored workshops.

Persons are encouraged to register for the workshops by calling the district office in Lubbock at (806) 762-0181. Online registration will be available on or about February 28.

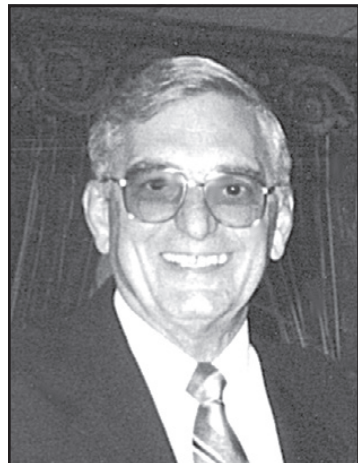
Richard Fitzgerald

Richard Fitzgerald, 74, of Friona, died Sunday, February 26, 2017 in Friona. Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 3, 2017 at the El Reno Cemetery in El Reno, Oklahoma by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Richard was born April 4, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to Joe and Mary Belle Elswick Fitzgerald. He married Christine H. Sheets September 28, 2002. He was as former sales manager and comptroller for Hi Pro Feeds in Friona. He loved rattlesnake hunting, playing black jack and was an excellent pool player.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Fitzgerald.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Fitzgerald of Friona; two daughters, Cathleen Jones and husband Phil of Norman,



Oklahoma, and Angela Fitzgerald of Amarillo; one son, John Fitzgerald and wife Tara of Lubbock; one sister, Rita Jo Fitzgerald of Lubbock; one brother, Bob Fitzgerald and wife Shelly of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and five grandchildren.

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**Doris Mae Sides**

Doris Mae Sides joined her husband Billy B. Sides in their heavenly home on February 26, 2017. She was born in Taylor, Texas on March 10, 1928 to her parents Arthur Gideon Lundberg and Ellen Mae Caskey Lundberg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy, her parents, her sister, Kathryn, and granddaughter Jennifer Ellen Skaggs.

Doris married Billy B. Sides on December 25, 1946 and celebrated 64 years of marriage. Three children were born to this union: James, Kara, and David.

Doris was a farmer's wife, helping her husband. They first farmed near Idalou, then Hurlwood, followed by the Friona area, and finally 41 years in the Oklahoma Lane community near Farwell, Texas.

Doris returned to college in the 1960's and earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education. She earned her teaching certificate and taught school in the Bovina and Friona elementary schools.

In the 1980's she and Billy enjoyed Golden years where they worked but mostly played with grandchildren. They enjoyed pond fishing, swimming, cooking out, gardening, and celebrating everything. She loved her family and friends, and enjoyed playing games such as dominos, 42, and pitch.

Graveside services were held at the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery in Farwell, TX on Wednesday March 1. Arrangements were under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.



Doris is survived by two sons, James (Tina) Sides of the Oklahoma Lane Community east of Farwell, David (Lynda) Sides of Clovis area, and daughter, Kara (Danny) Skaggs of San Antonio; grandchildren, Angela (Will) Gordon of Lewisville, Jeremy (Carey) Skaggs and Nathan (Alana) Skaggs, both of San Antonio, Jacques (Jim) Simnick of Greeley, Colorado, Jim Bob (Anna) Sides of Portales, and Ginger (Dusty) Moore of Lubbock; and great-grandchildren, Troy and Lauren Simnick of Greeley, Colorado, Dustan and Clara Sides of Portales, Daphne, Ella and Macy Moore of Lubbock, Ethan and Mark Skaggs of San Antonio and Grayson, Weston and Lawson Skaggs of San Antonio, and Jackson, Jace, and Bailey Gordon, all of Lewisville, TX.

If you wish to make a memorial in remembrance of Doris Sides, donation to Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church will be accepted by Kanetha Foster, 1215 FM145, Farwell, TX 79325.

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Registration Deadline Wed. March 22**Registration Fee (Make checks payable to Friona Kids Inc.)**

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**(as of May 1st, copy of birth certificate required)*

The deadline to return completed form with registration fee is **by Wed. March 22 AT 3:00 PM** to the Friona Primary Office or the Friona Elementary Office. For any questions, contact:

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By: **Betsy Clark**
Betsy S. Clark, Attorney for the Estate

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Betsy S. Clark, Attorney for the Estate

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FLiP Lesson 25 Word List

1. beguile (v.)	to pass time
2. endeavor (v.)	to strive; to attempt; to try
3. flagrant (adj.)	conspicuous; obvious; undistinguished; deliberate
4. hypothesis (n.)	possible solution; tentative theory or explanation
5. intimacy (n.)	closeness; familiarity
6. preoccupation (n.)	state of being engrossed; distraction of thought
7. prototype (n.)	pattern or model
8. relate (v.)	to narrate; to tell; to recount
9. reminiscence (n.)	the act of recalling things, people, and events
10. subdue (v.)	to bring under control by force

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Texas A&M experts reveal which is more important – sleep, diet or exercise

As the year begins anew, so do the goals of many. One of the most commonly made resolutions is to live a healthier lifestyle. For a vast majority of people, that goal involves vowing to make improvements in diet and exercise but rarely sleep. It is easy to fall off the wagon when it comes to achieving health goals. However, Texas A&M University experts say that even with one simple modification, it is possible to get back on track to becoming a healthier you.

Sleep

Getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep each night is important, but consistency in the time of day those sleep hours occur plays a major role in regulating our internal body clocks, which regulate sleep-wake schedules, metabolism and immune responses. “Our body clocks, like your watch or clock on your computer, are only good if they’re keeping accurate time,” said David Earnest, PhD, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Medicine who studies circadian rhythms (our 24-hour body clocks). “No longer are we a nine-to-five society, but as long as a person is consistently going to sleep within the same hour or two each night, the body will be able maintain its schedule more efficiently.”

Indeed, sleep, diet and exercise are each important, and if you neglect any of them,

it’s not ideal. “However, sleep is often most neglected, and when sleep is compromised, it doesn’t allow people to mentally, emotionally and physically recover, which commonly holds people back from being all they can be,” said Jesse Parr, MD, a clinical professor with the Texas A&M College of Medicine and team physician for the Texas A&M University Athletic Department. And as we all know, when we are sleep-deprived, it is difficult to maintain a healthy diet or get enough exercise.

Diet

Diet is essential to maintaining health, but the various recommendations are endless and overwhelming. Parr recommends to both his patients and athletes that they follow the guidelines of Choose MyPlate, which emphasizes that small changes—such as simply reducing the amount of sugar-loaded drinks consumed—matter.

Earnest recommends avoiding foods, like fast foods, cheeses or pizza, that contain high levels of saturated fats. You know, the good stuff we seem to crave when school or work is keeping us up late. Still, these types of foods disrupt the internal timing of the body clocks by shifting their settings and essentially making them experience jetlag. “The whole process starts spiraling into a situation that we believe might be a critical factor in the epidemic of obesity and type 2 diabetes,”

Earnest said. “If you are going to eat saturated fats, it is best to eat them in the morning, and consume fruits, vegetables or nuts if you are eating within three hours of bed.”

Exercise

Working out tends to be one of the more difficult regimens to maintain because if results do not appear within the first couple of weeks of beginning an exercise program, people get discouraged and often give up. However, noticing results depends on what type of exercise goals were set, whether it was to be healthier, lose weight or get stronger for performance. When someone starts being active, they will use muscles they have not used before and will become sore, but people can start feeling better and notice they are getting stronger after a couple of weeks. However, exercising to lose weight takes longer, often a few months. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends getting at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of intense exercise per week. Alternating aerobic and resistance exercises is important for keeping the entire body fit.

Doing a high-intensity workout later in the evening may make it difficult for the body to wind down prior to bedtime, but, according to Parr, “exercising when time is available, even if that workout occurs in the evening, is more important than not exercising at all.”

So, which is it?

It is commonly said that health benefit ratio of diet to exercise is 80-20. However, when sleep was factored in, Earnest said his ratio analysis of the health implications of the three would be 60-30-10, sleep, diet and exercise respectively. “While each factor is important individually, the lynchpin in health is how we organize our bodies in time, which consists of how our internal body clocks are regulating our sleep-wake cycles and how mealtimes fall and what energy we have for exercise,” Earnest said.

All three factors are very important to overall health, and Parr concluded that all three are equally important to the trifecta necessary for a healthy lifestyle. “We’re biologically designed to be active, but we can’t be active unless we eat properly and get plenty of sleep,” said Parr. However, he warned not to bite off more than you can chew when setting health goals. “Make one resolution you can easily be successful with, even if it’s modest, and then make new ones,” he said.

Given that sleep is the most neglected, a little extra shut-eye and regular sleep-wake times may prove quite beneficial to your health and get you back on track with your health goals. So try this one goal: go to bed within the same hour every day this week; you just might start to feel better.

Xcel Energy seeks charge for transmission upgrades

Xcel Energy is seeking to add a charge to Texas customer bills to recover costs of new and updated high-voltage transmission lines built in 2016 for improved reliability and capacity as the region’s economy continues to expand.

Between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of 2016, Xcel Energy invested more than \$258 million in new and upgraded transmission lines and substations within the Texas and New Mexico transmission network.

“These investments are driven by the need to accommodate electric load growth across our service territory,” said David Hudson – president, Xcel Energy Texas. “As partners in our region’s progress, we are obligated to make timely investments in the power grid to provide our communities the abundant and reasonably priced power that will sustain economic growth for years to come.”

Through a separate line-item

charge known as the transmission cost recovery factor, Xcel Energy is seeking an additional \$16.1 million in annual revenues to cover costs associated with the \$258 million investment, Hudson said. The proposed cost represents a monthly increase of \$2.11 for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours, or a 1.9 percent increase. If approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the new charge would appear on Texas customer bills starting in late spring or early summer.

The recent investments are part of the larger “Power for the Plains” transmission enhancement program that was launched in 2010 to improve reliability, meet demand, and provide new renewable energy outlets. The projects in the Texas and New Mexico service territories are representative of the efforts Xcel Energy undertakes every year to maintain and improve the transmission system

for the benefit of its customers.

Two notable examples of recently completed transmission projects are:

•A project to connect the Bowers Substation in Gray County, Texas, to the Howard Substation in Wheeler County, Texas, via a 115-kilovolt transmission line.

•A project to construct a new 115-kilovolt line between the Curry County Substation in New Mexico and the Baily County Substation near Muleshoe, Texas.

Both these projects were undertaken for the purpose of improving the reliability of the transmission system in the northeast and southwest sections of the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico.

More information on Xcel Energy’s Texas-New Mexico transmission expansion, including details and maps of specific projects, can be found at www.powerfortheplains.com.

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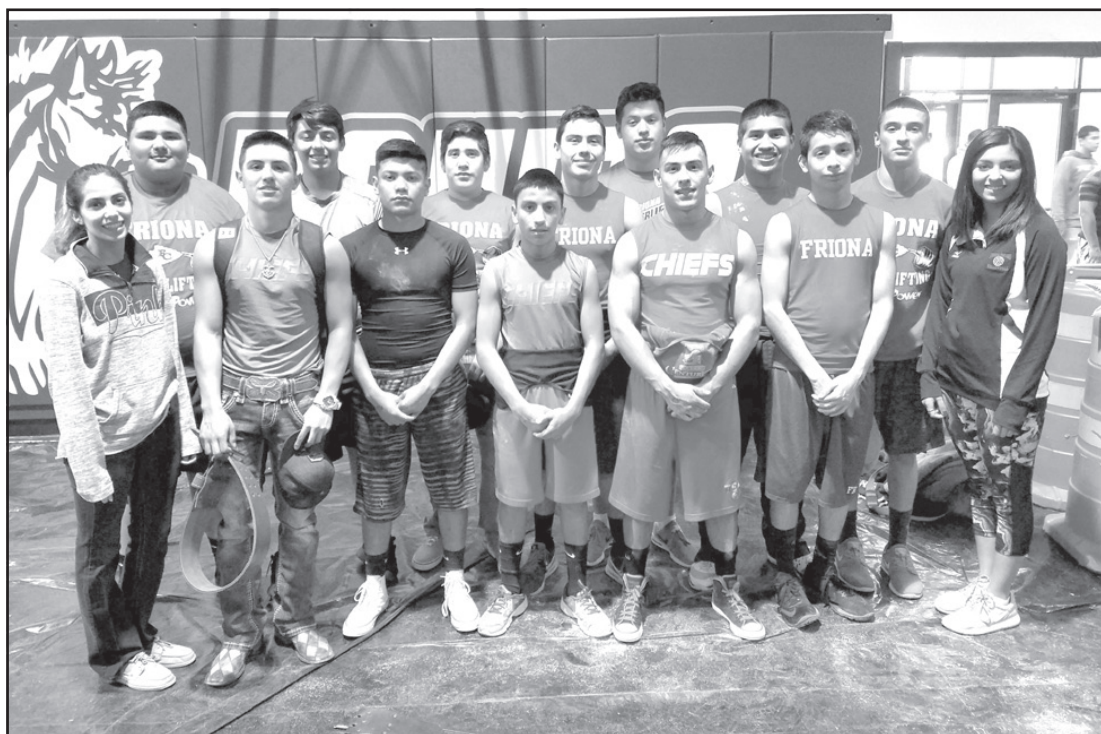
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The FHS Boys Powerlifting took first place at the Bovina Powerlifting Meet on Saturday. Pictured are, front, l-r, Manager Jocelyne Hernandez, Edwin Garcia, Marin Santiago, Juan Trejo, Luis Trejo, Nathan Flores, and Manager Gabbie Trevino; back, l-r, Miguel Davila, Andrew Cigarroa, Ezra Stephens, Gerardo Trejo, Jesus Jaramillo, Roger Palacios, and Marion Hernandez.

FHS Powerlifting boys place 1st at Bovina

The Friona High School Boys Powerlifting team finished their regular season by earning first place at the Bovina Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, February 25. There were fourteen teams competing.

Individual medal winners were:

114 lb. Weight Class: 1st Juan Trejo and 2nd Nathan Flores.

123 lb. Weight Class: 1st Mario Hernandez and 2nd Edwin Garcia.

132 lb. Weight Class: 1st Luis Trejo and 4th Marin Santiago.

148 lb. Weight Class: 5th Gerardo Trejo.

198 lb. Weight Class: 5th Jesus Jaramillo.

The team travels to Sundown March 11 to compete in the regional powerlifting meet.

Texas.gov makes it easy on Kindergarten parents

With kindergarten roundup approaching for school districts across Texas, parents of children entering school for the first time can order a certified birth certificate via the Texas.gov Online Vital Records Application. This official service, offered in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), provides easy-to-follow instructions in English or Spanish for a secure and convenient experience.

The price of an online birth certificate is \$22 per record, the same as a walk-in or mail order, and is generally less expensive than other third-party online sources. DSHS fulfills all online

vital record orders, and most orders are processed within 10 to 15 business days. Marriage and divorce verifications, as well as certified death certificates, can also be ordered through this online service.

The response from those who have already used the online vital records application has been very positive with comments such as, "Just want to say thank you to DSHS for making ordering a birth certificate for my son an easy process," and "I cannot think of a single improvement to the online birth certificate ordering process. It was simple and straightforward. Thank you for keeping the process from being

cumbersome!"

For a demonstration on how to order a vital record online, visit the Texas.gov YouTube channel where you can watch a short video with step-by-step instructions.

Texas.gov is a great place to complete many other government services online, too – pay CHIP enrollment fees, renew a vehicle registration or driver license, order driver records, and much more. With 1,000+ online services, secure payment processing, and friendly 24/7 customer service, make things easier on yourself and your schedule by taking it online with Texas.gov.

Espinoza selected as Truman Scholarship finalist

On March 6, West Texas A&M University senior Broadcast Journalism major, Jonathan Espinoza, will be seated across the table from the Truman Scholarship panelists in Austin charged with selecting the recipients of the highly competitive scholarships awarded each year by the Truman Foundation to students who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. Espinoza's trip to Austin began over a year ago when he began the process of applying for this prestigious scholarship. After regional interviews, 60 to 65 students are chosen to receive the Truman Scholarship valued at \$30,000. Espinoza recently discovered that he is one of ten Texans vying for one of those spots.

Laura Seals, who is the coordinator of Nationally Competitive Scholarships at West Texas A&M University, explains: "Each year about 600 candidates are nominated and apply to the competition. Following the nomination, candidates complete an application that details their leadership, public service and academic experiences." When asked to share her thoughts about Espinoza, Seals replied: "Jonathan is an ideal candidate for the Truman Scholarship because of his history in public service as a veteran and his dedication to effecting change at WTAMU. As he developed his application, he took every edit and comment to heart and developed a stronger proposal."

Espinoza who was selected as a McNair Scholar in 2016 and who serves as co-editor of the university's newspaper (The Prairie) indicates that the application process caused him to think about his life goals: "The application process provided me the opportunity to truly reflect on my life thus far, and has helped shape who I hope to be. One of the biggest portions of the application was the development of a policy proposal and my background as a McNair Scholar helped shape my proposal in which I wrote about a

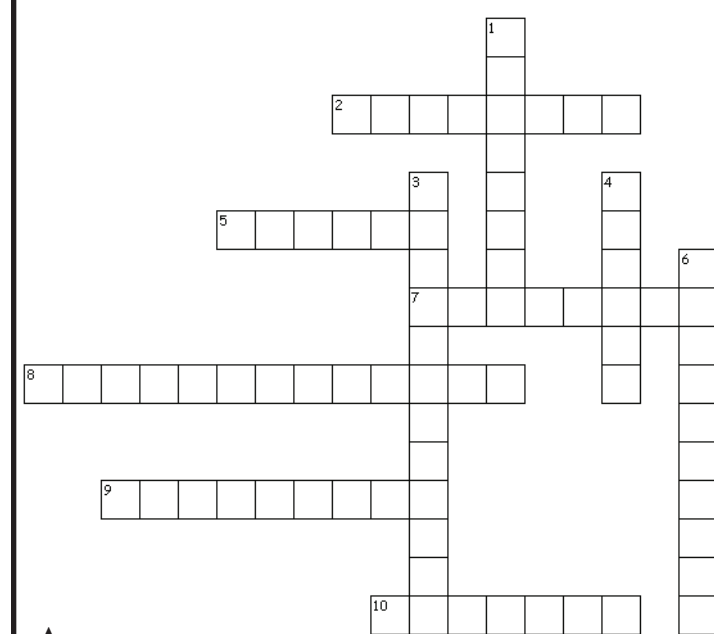


nation-wide program aimed at preventing suicide among LGBT youth." Through the application process, Espinoza says: "I have found that my heart lies in advocacy for the LBBT community and I hope to one day work to shape policy aimed at ending discrimination."

According to the Truman Scholarship website, this scholarship serves as a federal memorial to the thirty-third President and awards merit based scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in government or public service. Truman scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional education and also have the opportunity to participate in leadership development activities through internships and employment with the federal government. Students who are interested in public policy and pursuing a Truman Scholarship should contact Laura Seals.

After his 20 minute interview on March 6, Espinoza may be moving closer to fulfilling his dream.

FLiP Lesson 25



Across

- 2. to strive; to attempt; to try
- 5. to bring under control by force
- 7. closeness; familiarity
- 8. state of being engrossed; distraction of thought
- 9. pattern or model
- 10. to pass time

Down

- 1. conspicuous; obvious; undistinguished; deliberate
- 3. the act of recalling things, people, and events
- 4. to narrate; to tell; to recount
- 6. possible solution; tentative theory or explanation

Friona School Calendar for March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -Kinder Parent Conferences -Biology & US history Benchmark @HS -Golf @Clarendon C.C. -4 th Grade Parent Conferences	2 -Kinder Parent Conferences -1 st Grade and 5 th Grade Parent Conferences -Cheer Tryouts @HS @9am -Tennis Tournament @Levelland (V,JV) -Baseball Tournament @Stinnett -JH Track Meet @Kress	3 -Kinder Parent Conferences -1 st Grade Parent Conferences -Girl's Powerlifting Regional Meet @Mertzson -Track Meet @Fritch	4
5	6 -Josten's @FHS Library 12pm-4pm -Josten's Ring Ceremony @FHS Auditorium @6pm	7 -Baseball Tournament vs West Texas High @Friona (JV@6:30,V@4:30) -Regional UIL Band Concert/SR Contest @Panhandle	8 -Golf @Farwell C.C. -FHS District OAP Performance @Shallowater	9 -Friona JH Track Meet	10 -Friona Track Meet	11 -Baseball vs Muleshoe (JV@2:30,V@12) -Boy's Regional Powerlifting Meet @Sundown
12	13 -Spring Break -State CX Debate Meet	14 -Spring Break -State CX Debate Meet	15 -Spring Break	16 -Spring Break	17 -Spring Break	18 -Baseball vs Dalhart (JV@2:30,V@12) -Track Meet @Tucumcari -Girl's Powerlifting State Meet @Waco
19	20	21 -Baseball vs San Jacinto (JV@6:30/V@4:30) -Golf (River Road High School Invitational) @Comanche Trails -Tennis Tournament @Sundown (V,JV)	22 -District UIL Academic Meet @Wayland	23 -PK Parent Conferences -JH Track Meet @Dimmitt	24 -PK Parent Conferences -Track Meet @Dimmitt -Tennis Tournament @Levelland (V, JV) -OAP Bi-District @Tulia	25 -Baseball vs Dimmitt (JV@2:30/V@12) -Tennis Tournament @Levelland (V, JV) -Boy's Powerlifting State Meet @Abilene -OAP Bi-District @Tulia
26	27 - District Golf Tournament @Plainview C.C.	28 -English I EOC @FHS -JH STAAR Testing -Tennis Tournament @Levelland (V,JV)	29 -JH STAAR Testing -Spring Pictures @FHS	30 -English II EOC @FHS -JH STAAR Testing -Picture Day (Class/Individual) @Primary -JH Track Meet @Muleshoe	31 -JH STAAR Testing -Track Meet @Lockney -Area OAP	



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If you were traveling south of Friona on Tuesday you saw this twisted road sign. The high winds were responsible for not only this damage but downed trees and caused untethered items to blow away.

Texas agricultural export trade totaled \$3.3 billion, more than 18,000 jobs

By Blair Fannin

The total economic impact of Texas agricultural export trade to Canada and Mexico totaled more than \$3.3 billion in 2016 and supported 18,674 jobs, according to research conducted by the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University.

Center director Dr. Luis Ribera, also a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist, said the study found the economic impact of U.S. agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico totaled \$107.8 billion and 509,332 jobs in 2016.

"This gives us a good picture of how important it is to keep these markets open," Ribera said. "When you look at it, over 509,000 jobs and almost \$108 billion in economic impact is a lot of money and jobs, especially now that commodity prices are low and farmers are struggling to make a profit."

The North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, negotiated between the U.S., Canada and Mexico and initiated Jan. 1, 1994, was designed to expand the flow of goods, services and investment throughout North America.

NAFTA calls for the full-phased elimination of import tariffs and the elimination or fullest possible reduction on non-tariff trade barriers, such as import quotas, licensing schemes and technical barriers to trade.

Ribera said such tariffs would cause disruption in current U.S. agricultural exports.

"If you start to put tariffs on those items, you can expect retaliation," he said.

Ribera noted 35 percent of U.S. farm income comes from selling agricultural products overseas.

"If you go back from 1994 to last year, U.S. ag-

ricultural exports increased 192 percent," he said. "During the same period, U.S. agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico increased 288 percent. These markets are very important to us. These agricultural exports have a lot of value throughout the economy and support a good many jobs."

According to the report, Canada and Mexico are important markets for Texas agricultural exports as well. In 2016, Texas exports to Mexico totaled \$833.5 million of which \$270.8 million were animal products and \$562.8 were plant products at farm-gate level.

The top four Texas agricultural exports to Mexico were beef and veal, valued at \$141.7 million; cotton, \$125.4 million; sweeteners, \$64.5 million; and corn, \$62.4 million.

Texas agricultural exports to Canada totaled \$875.1 million of which \$222.6 million were animal products and \$652.6 were plant products at farm-gate level.

The top four Texas agricultural exports to Canada were other horticultural products, \$230.3 million, followed by beef and veal, processed grain products and food preparations at \$110.2 million, \$77.6 million and \$77.3 million, respectively.

Mexico has already discussed options of grains and oilseeds purchases with Brazil and Argentina.

"They are looking to get the best deal out there, though nothing has happened yet," he said. "It is still a concern when you look at the overall economic implications of agricultural export trade."

To view the report, go to <http://bit.ly/2IP8NI4>. For more information about the center, visit cnas.tamu.edu.

Spider mite control in corn aided by moisture

By Kay Ledbetter

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a list of do's and don'ts when it comes to spider mite treatment on corn, according to Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo.

Spider mite damage can reduce corn silage yields about 17 percent and grain yield production by 23 percent or more when not controlled, Bynum said, speaking recently at the High Plains Irrigation Conference in Amarillo.

He said spider mites reduce yields by desiccating leaf tissue, which lowers chlorophyll content and reduces transpiration and photosynthesis. Mite feeding also reduces plant water-use efficiency.

Spider mites are a pest in arid regions that reproduce most rapidly on moderately drought-stressed plants, he said. One female produces 45-100 eggs and they live in colonies. It takes about 10 days for them to go from egg to adult.

"So you can have as many as 11 generations in a summer growing season in the High Plains," Bynum said.

"The key is to know which species you have and what causes them to increase," he said. "The Banks grass mite and two-spotted spider mite both feed the same. The Banks grass mite is more common early in the season and stays on the lower portion of the plant, moving up as the population develops. The two-spotted mite is spread out on the plant throughout the growing season."

Bynum said the list of do's and don'ts includes:

- Don't let the corn stress from moisture or heat, especially moisture because it adds to the heat stress.

- Don't over fertilize.

- Scout fields at least once a week to know if mite and predator populations are increasing, decreasing or staying static.

- Spray before mite populations get out of control.

- Improve the application coverage by getting it down into the canopy.

- Spray early in the morning to keep it from evaporating.

Damage assessment is based on a scale of 1-10, Bynum said.

"We used to advise waiting until a level 5, but with the miticides that we have now, we can't get the quick control," he said. "We are advising the damage level of 3, between 21-30 percent plant damage where none of the lower leaves are killed

or have excess injury, is the mark for making a miticide application now."

Bynum said grain corn is only safe after the dent stage is reached, so any infestation prior to that may need to be treated if infestations reach the outlined damage level. Heavily infested plants are prone to stock rot.

"Sometimes people don't recognize how much loss can occur," he said. "Some producers may want to control mites at the whorl stage, however at that point you don't know what the predator populations will do to keep the mite populations under control."

"Most of the control treatments, therefore are made during tassel and grain-filling growth stages. At tassel, the plant chemistry changes and the mites can explode in population."

In general, Bynum said, spider mites are affected by moisture stress conditions. When corn is kept wet both before and after tassel, mite populations are generally lower. The higher the total season water, the lower density of spider mites. When the crop is kept drier, it supports mites earlier in the season and longer.

Maturity levels of the corn, however, can make a difference. In one study comparing combinations of early maturity, early planted, late-maturity, late-planted corn on six levels of water - fully irrigated down to dryland - demonstrated different infestation levels of mites.

Early maturity and early planted with high levels of irrigation had lower mite levels across all water gradients, Bynum said. Early maturity, late-planted under higher water levels didn't have as many mites, but mite populations increased as the soil moisture was reduced.

The late-maturity, early planted corn had lower mite infestations at the higher water levels, but increased to high populations during the moderate water levels, and then dropped off to lower populations under drought-stressed conditions.

The late-maturity, late-planted corn generally had low levels of mites at all the different irrigation levels, but Bynum said that might have been because the plants at the drier moisture levels were under greater moisture stress conditions.

"When we allow spider mites to cause excessive damage, we're really robbing from the water applied to the crop," he said. "Producers need to be managing those spider mites out there."



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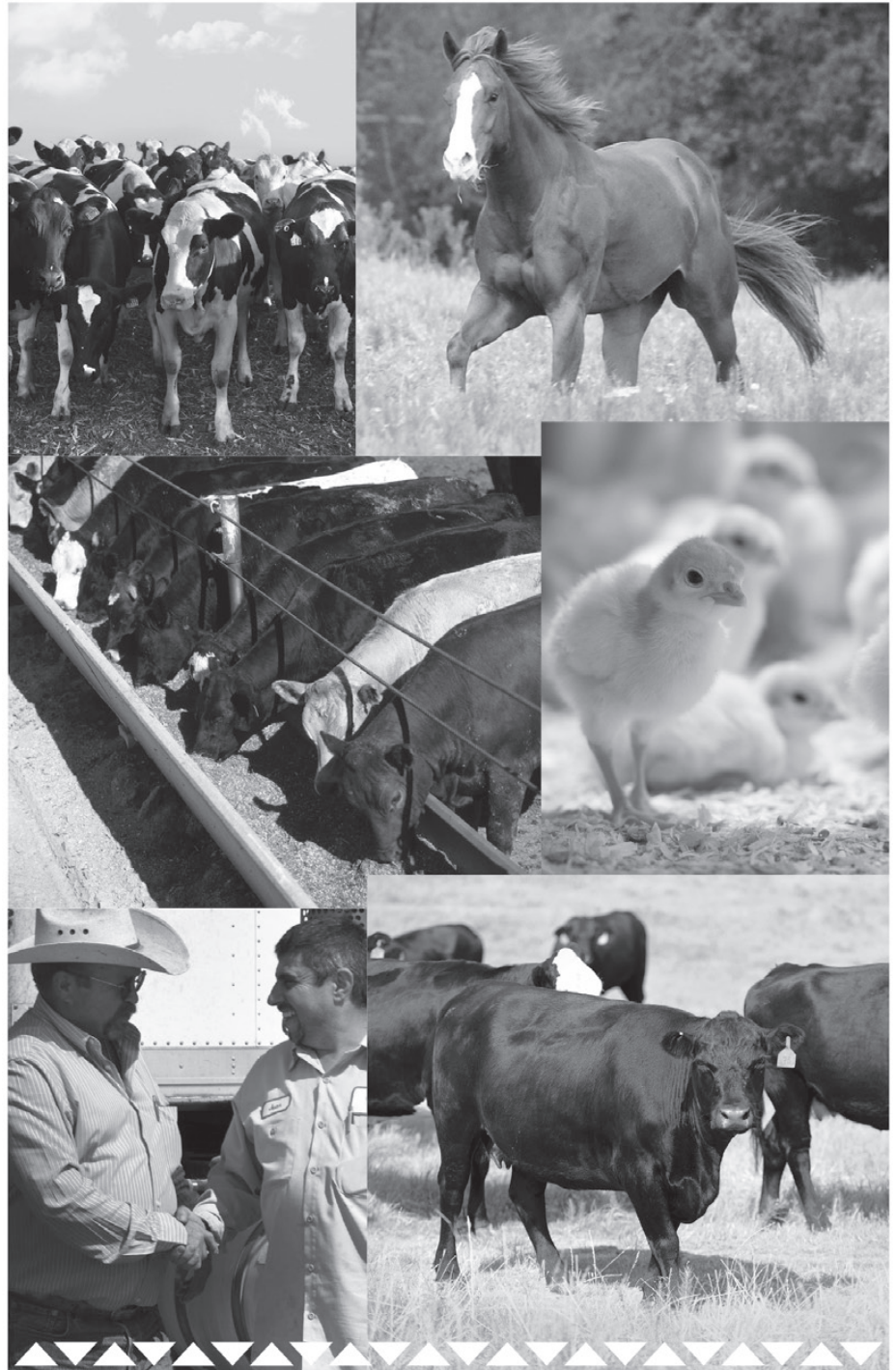
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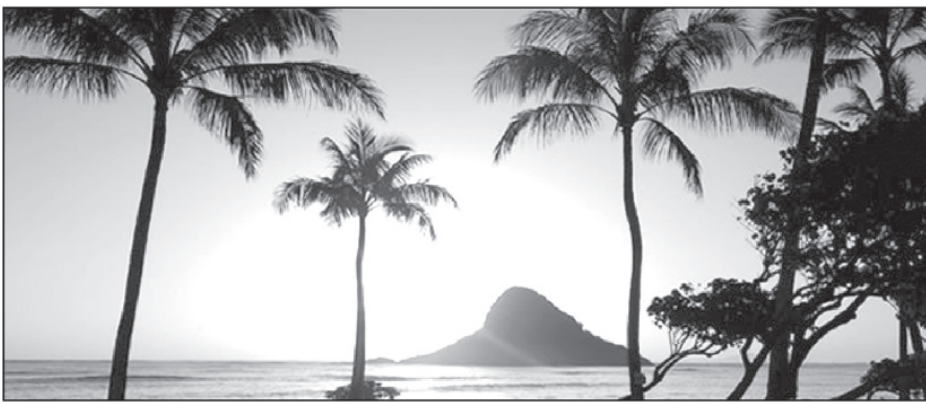


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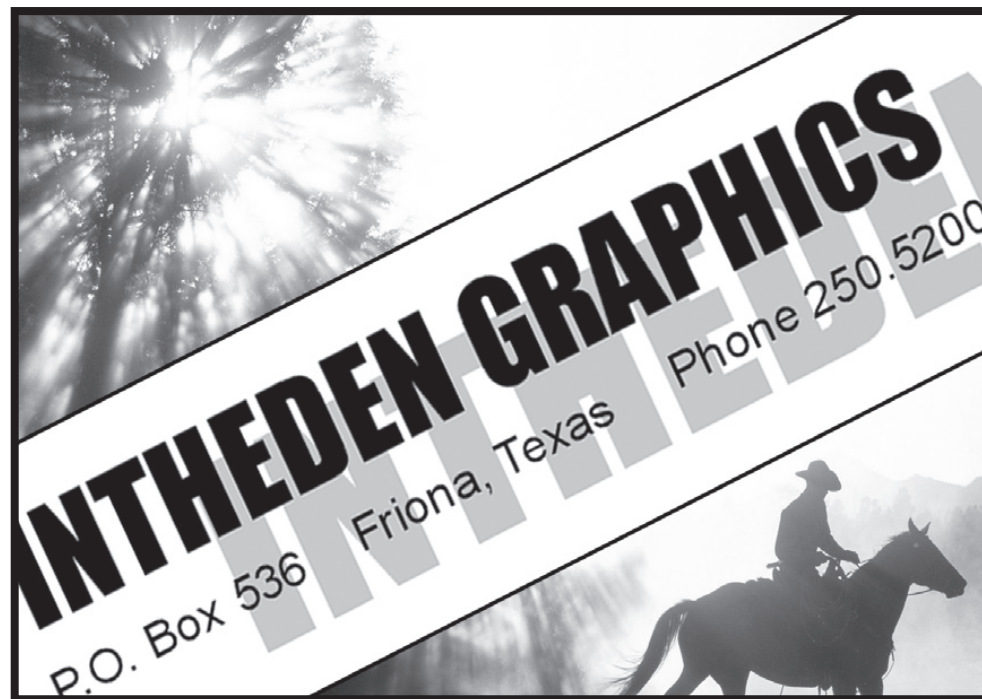
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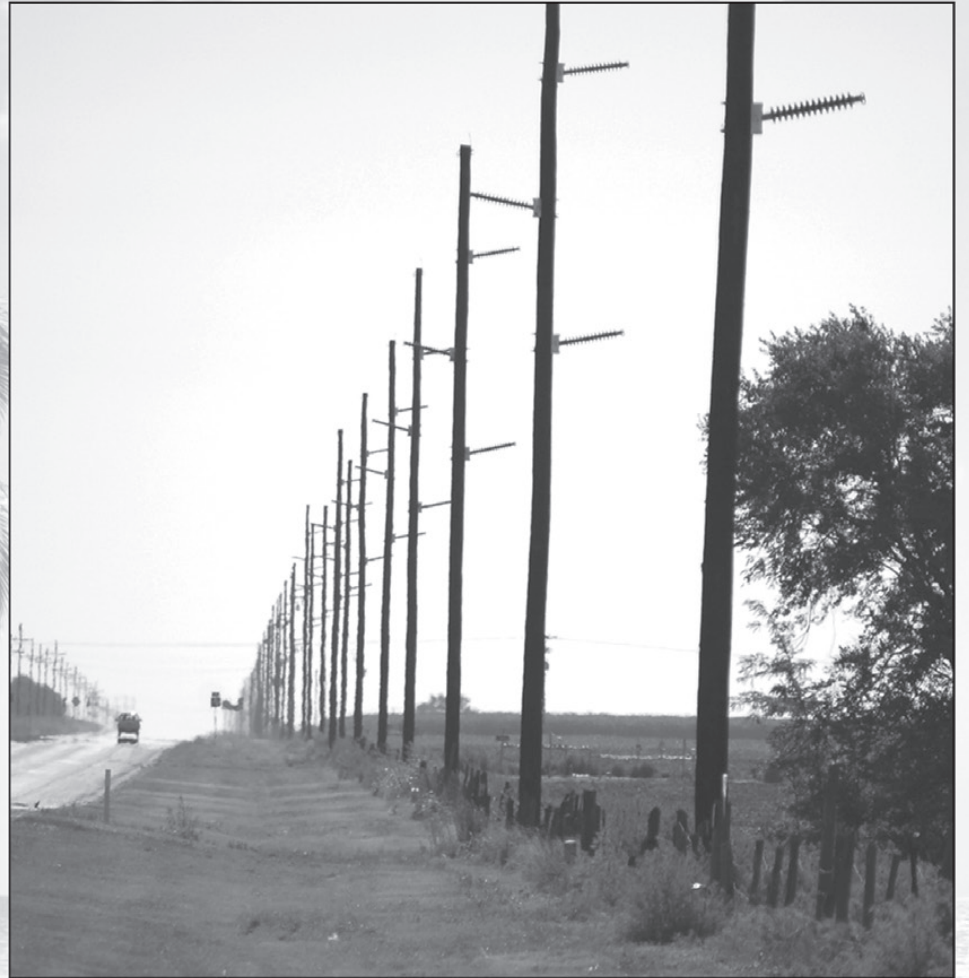
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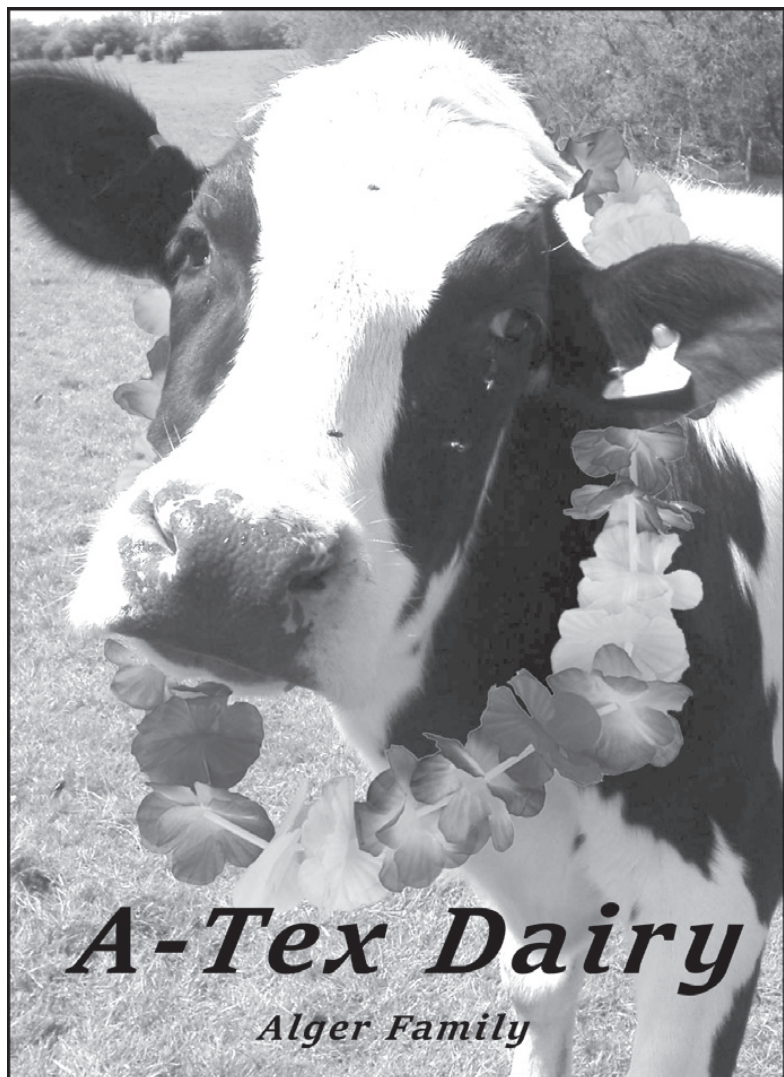
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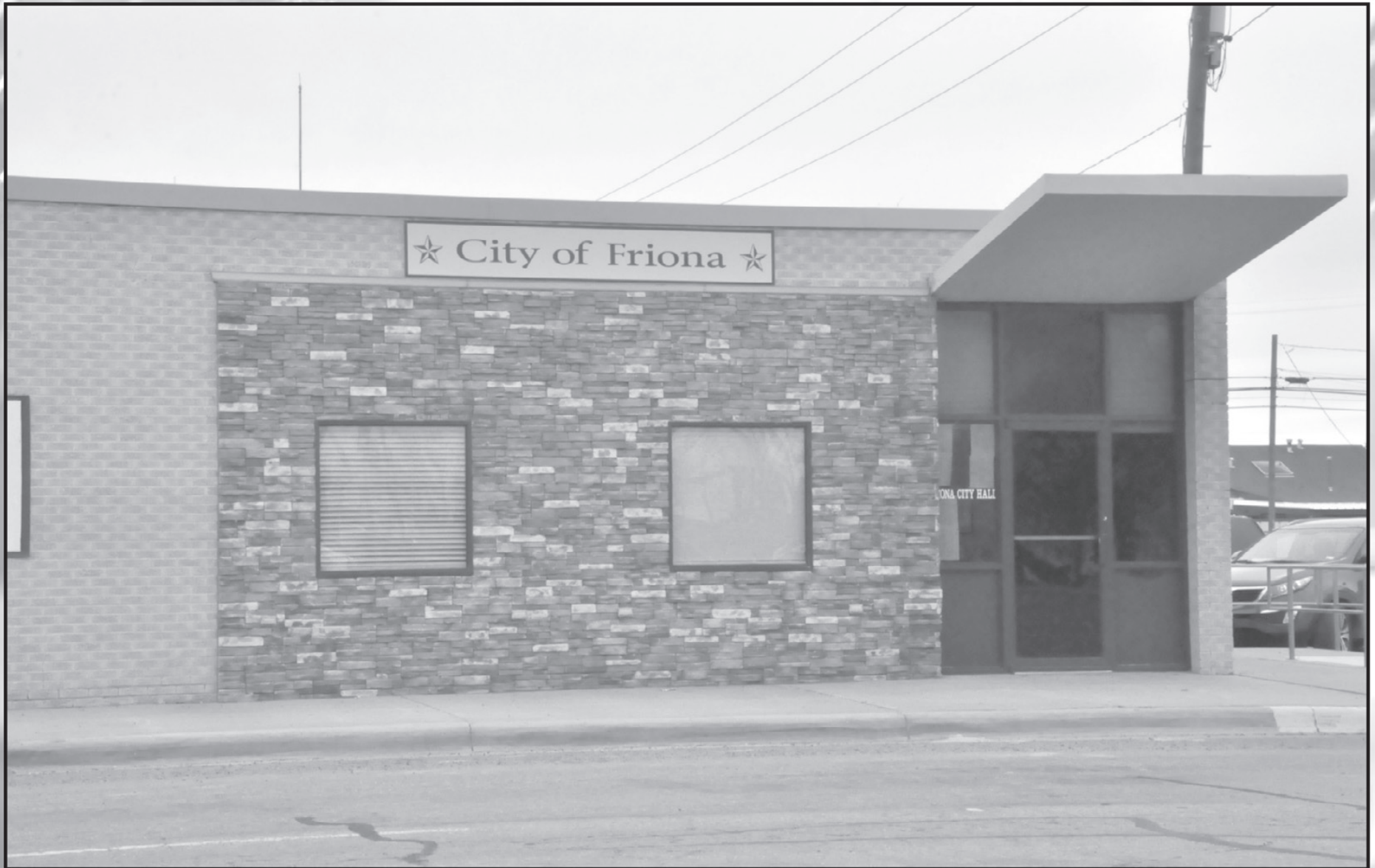


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Swing Bed Program

*Helping patients transition
from hospital to home.*

If you or a family member are planning a surgery or are on the way to recovery, but need a little extra care... Parmer Medical Center is here for you.

What is a Swing Bed Program?

Our Swing Bed Program meets the needs of patients who are in the transition phase of illness or recovery. For those whose medical requirements cannot be met at home or in an acute care setting, our Swing Bed Program provides rehabilitation and recovery services based on your individual needs.

Who would benefit from the Swing Bed Program?

When a patient reaches the point in recovery where acute care hospitalization is no longer necessary, but they are not physically able to go home, our rehabilitative program is another step toward physical recovery.

Some examples include:

- Generalized weakness • Knee, hip and other joint replacements • Rehabilitation after vascular, abdominal and other surgical procedures • Recovery after a major accident • Rehabilitation after a stroke or heart attack
- IV medication therapy (Infection management)
- Wound care • Physical/Occupational and Speech therapy

Calls prior to hospitalization or surgery welcome.

Our family caring for your family in *your hospital*



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