



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Senior Financial Aid planning meeting

On Monday, October 23 there will be a Financial Aid Planning Meeting held in the FHS Cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m. for high school seniors and their parents.

Valuable information on finding money to help pay for college and post-secondary training will be discussed. There will also be a drawing for a \$100 scholarship for one lucky senior in attendance at this meeting. Information will be presented in both English and Spanish. There will be a bilingual translator for parents who do not speak English.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Hochstein or Allison Johnston at Friona High School.

### Trunk or Treat set for October 31

Little goblins and ghouls (and their parents) are invited the Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Euclid Street between the Friona Primary and Elementary Schools. This event is hosted by the Friona Chamber of Commerce, the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and the Friona Police Department.

Groups and individuals are invited to park their cars at the curb on either side of the street and open their trunks to give candy and other goodies away.

The organizers encourage participants to decorate your cars and be entered into a Decorative Trunk Contest to win 1st and 2nd place prizes sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber will also be sponsoring a Costume Contest with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for boys and girls.

"This is a great and safe community effort for our children," stated Trunk or Treat Coordinator Ross Paiz.

For more information, contact Paiz at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at (806) 481-3303.

### (GOOD) GRIEF! Two-part workshop

Grief is one of those words that is often times used in our language in many ways. At times one might hear the phrase "good grief" used to express some aspect of frustration. If you look grief up in a dictionary one will find the root meaning of grief is related to some sort of distress.

The grief related to death loss can hardly be defined in a manner that is applicable for each person experiencing it. Each person's grief related to death loss belongs to the survivor. That is why it is so hard to know what to say or say "the right thing". Grief is a very individualized journey and no words, casseroles, or outing will take grief away or "heal" grief. The goal should not be to get rid of grief; but to aim and work towards grief recovery.

Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice is hosting a two-session grief workshop in November. It will be held Tuesday November 7 and 14 from noon to 3 p.m. at The First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please come, enjoy lunch with others, and stay for a grief workshop series. Feel free to bring a friend or family member with you to learn and support you. For more information, call Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice at 247-0057.

### Gromowsky, Tallant win week 7

Week 7 of the Friona Star Football Contest proved to be easy work for Wm. Gromowsky of Friona and Kathryn Tallant of Dallas. Both players picked nine games correctly. Gromowsky edged Tallant in the tiebreaker by guessing the score of the Friona/River Road game 40-14. He was off 18 points the actual score for the Friona win over the Wildcats of 54-18. Tallant guessed the score would be 14-7 missing the total by 51 points.

Mike Field continues to hold on to first place in the overall standings with a total of 64. Nipping at his heels are BaiLee Brailiff and Jack Glover with 63 points.

Field was among 18 that chose eight games correctly. The Midland Lee/San Angelo Central, Texas Tech/West Virginia, Tampa Bay/Arizona and Green Bay/Minnesota games were road blocks for many of the players this week.

The overall scores range from 64 to 7 this week. Longtime football contest player Jimmy R. Walker entered the game this week with seven correct overall.

We have a number of families playing again this year. Claire Brown leads Scott Brown 60 to 56. Tyrone Shelby has bragging rights at this time with a total of 57 followed up by Quentin Shelby (55), Rodney Shelby (54), and Teresa Shelby (53). Kayla Tallant leads the Smiley family with 57 followed by Kathryn Tallant (53), Blair Morris (43), and Mitchell Smiley (41). The Field family is led by Mike and followed up by Jon Field (61), Laura Field (56), Lance Field (55), Brett Field (36), and Elizabeth Field (30).

The totals for this week can be found on page 3.

Remember to enter every week for the weekly first place \$35 and second place \$25 prizes and to be eligible for the Grand Prize of \$100.

### All Saints' Carnival Oct. 29

All children from birth through fifth grade are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes and attend the annual All Saints' Carnival Sunday, October 29, from 5-6 p.m., at Friona United Methodist Church, 301 East 8th. Fun, games, and lots of candy will be available.

Following the carnival, a Cowboy Stew dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be accepted for the meal to raise money for youth projects.

For more information, please call 250-3045.

### 'A Harvey Christmas' invitation

"A Harvey Christmas," sponsored by the Friona Union Congregational Church, will be held 2 p.m. December 3 at the Friona High School auditorium. The event will consist of the music of the season, and a free will offering will be received to benefit continuing hurricane Harvey Relief.

If you have a choir, a group, are a soloist, or would like to share your musical talent to accompany others, a gathering will be held at the Union Congregational Church, 1601 N. Euclid Ave., on Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to share what you would like to do, so that the show can be put together. For more information, please call Stephanie Williams at 806-265-7683 or 806-247-2233.

We are looking for a fun, entertaining program that celebrates to true meaning of Christmas, celebrating God's gift by sharing our gifts with others.

# Chieftains are 6-0



amber drake photo

The Friona Chieftains celebrated their sixth win for the season last Friday at River Road after defeating the Wildcats 54-18. The Chieftains travel to Littlefield to take on more Wildcats this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Wildcat Field. The Chieftains are now 6-0 for the season.

## Red Ribbon Week is rich with history

The history behind Red Ribbon Week is one of pain and sacrifice as documented, as follows, on [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

### Kiki and the History of Red Ribbon Week

Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, California in 1966, and in 1968 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving in the Marine Corps for two years, Kiki was a Calexico Fireman, Calexico Police Officer, and an Imperial County Deputy Sheriff. Kiki joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in June of 1974. His first assignment as a Special Agent with DEA was in a familiar place - Calexico, California.

In 1977, after three years in Calexico, he was reassigned to the Fresno District Office in Northern California.

Four years later, Kiki received transfer orders to Mexico, where he would work out of the Guadalajara Resident Office. For four and one-half years in Mexico, Kiki remained on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. And in early 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline.

However, before he was able to expose the drug trafficking operations to the public, he was kidnapped on February 7, 1985. On that fateful day, while headed to a luncheon with his wife, Mika, Kiki was surrounded by five armed men who threw him into a car and sped away. That was the last time anyone but his kidnapers would see him alive.

It is believed that Special Agent Camarena's death actually occurred two days later, but his body was not discovered until March 5, 1985. He was 37-years-old and was survived by his wife, Mika and their three children, Enrique, Daniel and Erik.

During his 11 years with DEA, Kiki received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, posthumously, the Administrator's Award of Honor, the highest award granted by DEA.

Shortly after Kiki's death, Congressman, Duncan Hunter, and high school friend Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's hometown of Calexico, California. Hundreds of club members including Calexico High School teacher David Dhillon wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Kiki Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later the United States. In 1985, club members presented the "Camarena Club Proclamation" to then First Lady Nancy Reagan, bringing it national attention. Later that summer, parent groups in California, Illinois, and Virginia began promoting the wearing of Red Ribbons nationwide during late October. The campaign was then formalized in 1988 by National Family Partnership, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons.

Today, the eight-day celebration is sponsored by the National Family Partnership (previously known as the Federation of Par-

ents for Drug Free Youth), and has become the annual catalyst to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, work places, and communities.

Each year, during the last week in October, more than 80 million young people and adults show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying the Red Ribbon.

### FISD Red Ribbon Week plans Primary and Elementary

Friona Primary and Elementary will be participating in Red Ribbon Week activities October 23-27 with various activities.

Monday, October 23- "Be a Superhero! Have the Power to Say NO to Drugs" Students can dress up as their favorite superhero or fictional character.

Tuesday, October 24- "Let's Black Out Drugs" Students can wear black to school.

Wednesday, October 25- "Control Your Own Emojis! Don't Do Drugs!" Students can dress like or bring their favorite emojis.

Thursday, October 26- "From Head to Toe, Be Drug Free!" Students can wear a cap or hat and crazy socks.

Friday, October 27- "Unite Against Drugs" Students can wear red shirts or jerseys of their favorite team or their Pink Out shirts.

Elementary students will have homeroom Red Ribbon parties.

The Red Ribbon Week ads in the October 26 edition of the Friona Star will feature drawings by the Friona Junior High art class with their thoughts about being drug free.

## Masse reaches career 500th win



amber drake photo

FHS Volleyball Coach Bryan Masse, center, celebrated the 500th win of his career on Tuesday, October 17 as the Squaws defeated the Dimmitt Bobbies. Pictured with Masse are the 2017-18 FHS Squaws, l-r, Emma Rec-tor, Mariah Trevino, Vivianna Rivera, M'Kenzie Hurst, Erica Barrera, Carly Drake, Megan Stone, Gabby Douglas, Bailey Pope, and Josselyn Castillo. Masse began his career as a volleyball coach in Tatum, NM. Approximately 180+ of the 500 wins were with Friona in the last 8 years. Masse thanked everyone and said, "You are only as good as your assistants."



# What's Doin' In Friona?

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

## October 19

-Senator Kel Seliger Town Hall meeting at the Old Depot at Friona City Park at 11 a.m.  
-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters  
-FHS JV/Freshmen Football vs. Littlefield at home 5/6:30  
-FJHS 7th/8th Football at Littlefield 5/6:30  
-Parmer County Farm Bureau Annual County Convention at FHS Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

## October 20

-Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m.  
-FHS Varsity Football at Littlefield 7:30 p.m.

## October 21

-FHS C/JV/V Volleyball vs. Shallowater at home 11/11/12  
-FHS C/JV Volleyball vs Idalou at home 11/12

## October 23

-FJHS 7A/7B/8A/8B Volleyball vs Idalou at home 5 p.m.  
-FHS Cross Country at Regionals at Lubbock Mae Simmons  
-Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell  
-AgriLife 4-H Food Show

## October 24

-Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents  
**-UNITED NATIONS DAY**  
-FHS C/JV/V Volleyball at Littlefield 5/5/6:30  
-FHS Choir Boosters \$200 cash card drawing at volleyball game  
-Tough Topic Talks at Friona Heritage Estates at 6 p.m.

## October 25

**-WORLD PASTA DAY**

## October 26

-FHS JV/Freshmen at Muleshoe 5/6:30 p.m.  
-FJHS 7th/8th vs Muleshoe at home 5/6:30 p.m.

## October 27

-FHS Band Spaghetti Dinner at FHS Cafeteria 5-7:30 p.m.  
**-PINK OUT GAME**—FHS Varsity Football vs. Muleshoe at home 7:30 p.m.  
-Fedora Theatrix production of "Killer Among Us" at Bovina Church of Christ 7:30 p.m.

## October 28

-ACT testing available to students  
-Prairie Acres Community Bingo at 3 p.m.  
-Fedora Theatrix production of "Killer Among Us" at Bovina Church of Christ 3 p.m.

## October 31

-Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents  
**-HALLOWEEN**  
-Prairie Acres Halloween 6 p.m.  
-Trunk or Treat between Primary and Elementary Schools 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## November 1

-Bovina Senior Citizen Chili Meal 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Senior Citizen's Center on Main Street

## November 2

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters  
-FHS JV/Freshmen Football vs Shallowater at home 5/6:30 p.m.  
-FJHS 7th/8th Football at Shallowater 5/6:30 p.m.

## November 3

-Last day of Friona 4-H Food Drive  
-Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.  
-FHS Varsity Football at Shallowater 7:30 p.m.

## November 4

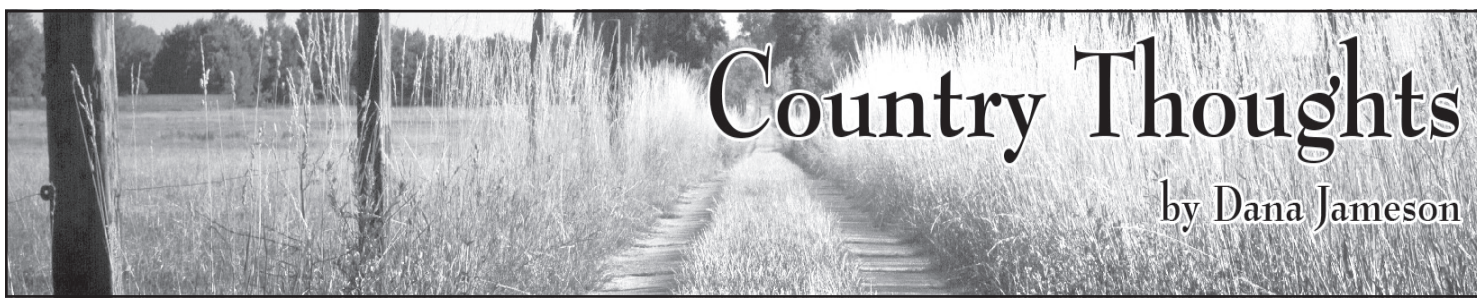
FHS Cross Country at State in Round Rock

## November 5

**-DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

## November 6

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



# Country Thoughts

by Dana Jameson

## Bluebonnet and Buttercup

Bluebonnet is a 2-week old calf. In the last two weeks, she has been separated from her mother, sprayed by a skunk, welcomed a new friend, and found out what a herd of goats looks like.

Bluebonnet's mother got separated from her during a sorting. Her mother is still on the ranch but is having issues with her Eau de Skunk scent. They have been penned together to possibly form a bond. We will see but until then she will be a bottle baby.

Enter Buttercup who was purchased at the Muleshoe Sale Barn and is healthy, loves the bottle and human attention.

Bluebonnet welcomed Buttercup with a huge dose of apprehension. Buttercup is a 12-week old calf from a local dairy. She is still a bottle baby but has not taken issue with Bluebonnet's scent.

Buttercup arrived at the ranch with a herd of nine goats that are miniature Houdini's. They can find a way out of the barn and under fences quicker than you can pen them while staying as an intact group.

Culture shock was in abundance on Saturday. Not only was Bluebonnet not alone anymore but she also had to share her space with nine nosy goats, a new female and her humans. She retreated to a corner to warily watch these invaders take over

her space.

Bluebonnet's mom was not very happy about the goats. She has a very large set of horns and she demands respect simply by swinging her head to and fro. The goats learned very quickly to give her a wide berth while managing to stick together.

Side note...I give Bluebonnet's mom a wide berth as well and do my best to know where she is at ALL times.

By Sunday morning, the gang of goats were out wandering the ranch nibbling at weeds and grass before coming back to the barn.

Bluebonnet was still trying to figure out what was going on.

Bluebonnet's mom had made her presence known and demanded that the goats and calves leave her alone.

Buttercup had made herself at home and figured out which gate to wait at for her bottle. She also figured out that I was a pushover and would not hurt her.

Life in the barn and pens once again settling into a rhythm of leisure, munching hay and waiting for the next bottle-feeding.

As I was pondering this column, I concluded that humans are much like Bluebonnet, Buttercup, Bluebonnet's mom and the gang goats. We have rough weeks when we don't know what is going to be thrown at us (hopefully not a skunk spraying or losing

our mother) and we never know who will enter our lives on any given day.

Bluebonnet is not much different from humans. Something new can send us scurrying for a corner to observe all the new changes and make up our minds where we go from there.

We have some of Buttercup's traits as well. When thrust into a different environment we want to find the basic needs... food and shelter...while trying not to get in the way.

Bluebonnet's mom is just like most grownups. We want our space without someone else crossing into that space.

The gang of goats can be compared to humans in how we tend to stick with our own crowd and not go off on our own.

The story of Bluebonnet and Buttercup will continue as they grow. I hope that they will become friends and eventually lead the herd. I also hope they come to grips with the gang of goats and their pack mentality. Time will tell.

*How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life you will have been all of these.* ~George Washington Carver

# Tax Reform to Put More Money into Your Pockets

Sen. John Cornyn, San Antonio Express-News, October 14, 2017

Not long ago, our president came before the American public and was blunt about the state of the federal tax code in this country. It's "rigged," he said loudly. The code "makes no sense" and "has to change." He called on Congress to "simplify the system. Get rid of the loopholes," and "lower the corporate tax rate" — one that ranks among the highest in the industrialized world.

Although the words sound familiar, the president who delivered them might not be the one you're thinking of: They're from Barack Obama, during his 2011 State of the Union address.

Now, fast-forward a few years, and a new president from a different party is saying much the same thing. President Donald Trump has called our tax code a "relic" and a "colossal barrier standing in the way of America's economic comeback." He's right, of course, and so was President Obama. Tax reform doesn't have to be partisan. In fact, it shouldn't be, because the ramifications are much more than political.

They're personal. Texas families and small businesses really understand what's at stake, because they're the ones getting slammed by our current system.

Take Lisa Fullerton, for example, who owns a small company in San Antonio called A Novel Idea. Fullerton is an accountant with 33 years of experience who used to handle her business's tax compliance in-house. Eventually, though, the code became too complex and enforcement too punitive — she could no longer take the risk. She says that outsourcing tax and employment functions now costs her business roughly \$280,000 more per year than it did in 2000.

Fullerton is far from the only San Antonian who's frustrated. Darryl Lyons, head of Pax Financial Group, is harmed each year by the "pass-through" taxes on his small-business income, which he says hampers his ability to save money for business emergencies and pay off debt. As the Express-News reported, he's joined by people like Bill Cox, who's been manufacturing screw machine components in San Antonio since 1956 but, weighed down by capital costs, struggles to purchase necessary equipment. And Louis Barrios, for whom lower tax rates could balance out rising food costs he's incurring at his Tex-Mex restaurants across the city.

Thankfully, relief is on its way. Two weeks ago, a group led by House Speaker Paul Ryan, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas released a unified framework that contains core principles for reform. Among them are a simplified rate structure, the

elimination of the alternative minimum tax and many itemized deductions, and incentives for companies to keep jobs on American soil. And the framework recommends what's widely agreed-upon as overdue: lowering our uncompetitive corporate rate so that Texas small businesses and workers are no longer at a disadvantage.

The framework is just the first step. Next week, the Senate will take the second when we consider a budget that lays the foundation for our reform bill. The tax-writing committees in both the House and the Senate will then get to work, with input and amendments from both sides of the aisle. The result will be a tax system ideally made better for all.

It's true that we're divided on many issues in America today. But as President Trump's and Obama's statements suggest, tax reform doesn't have to be one of them. Everyone — at one time or another — feels the pinch and therefore stands to benefit. It's time to take money out of Washington's pocket and put it back in yours.

*Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,  
First, we want to praise the City of Friona for their tireless efforts to make sure our EMS crew is adequately staffed. Friona at this time has 10 individuals on the ambulance staff plus one who is paid as contract labor. Because the City provided scholarships to individuals who would commit to serving our EMS for one year, they now have THREE in training. As soon as they complete their classwork and pass the national registry exam, those individuals will be added to the staff. Importantly, ALL THREE live in Friona. That will be a great help because backups to cover 9-1-1 calls will always be available when hospital transports are requested. If you add that up, 14 will be on the EMS staff. For a town the size of Friona, that is an awesome number.

Secondly, we want to thank the community for the quick and generous responses to our recent mail-out and for the contributions placed in the boxes around town. Your encouragement tells us that you, too, believe Friona needs a new ambulance.

Thank you sincerely,  
Sharon White, Kathryn Goddard, Kitty Gallman

### ACROSS

1 TXism: "cold \_\_\_ \_\_\_ outhouse in January"  
5 TX youngster game: "\_\_\_ and seek"  
6 many Texans have big ones  
7 TX or Iowa town  
8 Gov. "\_\_\_" Ferguson was impeached  
9 TXism: "within \_\_\_ shot" (close)  
12 Amarillo hosts "\_\_\_ State Fair & Rodeo"  
15 TXism: "covered like fur \_\_\_ cat"  
17 TX Comanche got its name from these Colorado Indians  
19 in Karnes County on highway 72  
22 mistake made by a running back (3 wds.)  
25 rattlesnake juice  
30 TXism: "hard row to \_\_\_"  
31 this Myers designed the TX Capitol (init.)  
32 TXism: "put a pencil to \_\_\_" (calculate)  
33 TXism: "got an \_\_\_" (saw a lot)  
35 in Hidalgo County on highway 107  
37 TXism: "stingin' stick" (cattle \_\_\_)  
39 TXism: "that's a fine how \_\_\_ you do"  
40 Alain Delon movie about TX (4 wds.)  
44 latest styles  
45 "The Eyes of Texas \_\_\_ Upon You"

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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46 Houston has big \_\_\_ space industry  
47 TXism: "stick-in-the-\_\_\_"  
48 retired QB Bradshaw who lives in Dallas (init.)  
50 Waco singer Thompson  
52 TX-founded "\_\_\_ Baird's"  
53 famous TX brand of Swenson Cattle Co.  
54 TXism: "\_\_\_ enough to give a sermon" (dressed up)  
57 TXism: "he's only got one \_\_\_ in the water" (slow)  
58 Waco actress, Gwynne  
59 sagacious  
61 "\_\_\_ but true"  
62 this Thomas was first TX woman in U.S. Congress  
64 TX Gipson wrote book "\_\_\_ Yeller"  
65 Beatty of film "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean"

### DOWN

1 TXism: "I'm in \_\_\_ trouble"  
2 UT frat closed in 1990 for hazing  
3 female deer (2 wds.)  
4 "Untouchable" Elliott  
9 between Dallas and Fort Worth  
10 devoured  
11 retired TX Adair  
12 an earthquake  
13 massage  
14 TXism: "two peas \_\_\_ pod"  
16 in Lamb County off U.S. 84  
18 Breckenridge county  
20 engineless aircraft  
21 Gilley's famous mechanical bull  
23 cowboy tie  
24 TXism: "\_\_\_abouts"  
25 "critter" doctor  
26 TXism: "we're seein' \_\_\_ to eye"  
27 Conway Twitty's "\_\_\_ in Line"  
28 Austin seal has SFA's coat \_\_\_  
29 Waco has the Dr Pepper \_\_\_  
34 TX acreages  
36 TXism: "gentle \_\_\_ merry-go-round"  
38 \_\_\_ back rattler  
41 \_\_\_ ROM  
42 Am \_\_\_ (train)  
43 Val \_\_\_\_, TX  
49 "\_\_\_ off steam"  
51 "fueled" AM/FM in Carthage  
55 "\_\_\_ Bum" Phillips  
56 TXism: "hungry as a goat \_\_\_ concrete pasture"  
60 honorary TX Ranger: \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner  
63 TXism: "it don't \_\_\_ up"

## ON YOUR PAYROLL

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# Town Talk

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The Friona Blood Drive is going for a record-breaking 80 donations at the November 9th Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will begin at noon and run until 7 p.m. The Friona Noon Lions will serve up Mexican pile-on and cobbler to all the donors that present. November is Blaze Coffee Accident Awareness month. Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be on receiving the blood donations. Donors will receive a Blaze Coffee t-shirt and a Friona Blood Drive shirt. Come on out November 9 and help the Friona Blood Drive break a record while helping save lives.

The Friona 4-H is holding a food drive until Friday, November 3 as their One Day Service Project. The drive will benefit the Amarillo Food Bank. Donation boxes can be found at Friona InterBank, Friona First National Bank, all of the FISD

campuses, and several of the local churches. The Amarillo Food Bank is in need of canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, dry beans, rice, canned soups, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, pasta and boxed dinners.

Plans are underway for Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31. If you are interested in participating in this event contact Ross R. Paiz at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at (806) 481-3303 or Chris at the Friona Chamber of Commerce at (806) 250-3491.

Chris at the Chamber reminds everyone they will no longer accept \$100 bills at the office for license tags. They will still have the tags but please bring correct change when purchasing tags. They enjoy their loyal customers and providing this convenient service to the community.

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Christmas is just around the corner and the Chamber wants to remind everyone that would like to decorate a tree to come by the office and pick your tree. Christmas in the Park is set for Monday, December 4.

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The Lighted Parade during Christmas in the Park was a big hit last year. Ross Paiz is the coordinator once again this year and is urging everyone that would like to participate in the parade to give him a call at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at (806) 481-3303 and get signed up. They plan on the parade being bigger and better this year.

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The Peanut Valley Craft and Music Festival will be held in Portales October 21-22 at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. There will be live music, a Goober Gallery, Kids Activities, a Medieval Village and Health Fair with many more activities for all ages. For more information, call (575) 356-8541 or (800) 635-8036 or go to www.portales.com.

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Blood Drive trivia...The average donor deferrals are 16% for blood drives. The Friona Blood Drives are coming in at less than 10%.

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"A Hurricane Christmas" is now "A Harvey Christmas" The name change was reported last week after we went to press.

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Martha Barker will be moving from her current location at the end of October. She will still be styling hair but she will now be at Looks of Impression at 922 Main Street next door to the Friona Star. Welcome to the block Martha.

Don't forget the FHS Band Spaghetti Supper next Friday, October 27. For \$7 you can enjoy a spaghetti dinner with all the fixings before cheering on the Chieftains against Muleshoe at the PINK OUT game. The dinner begins at 5 p.m. and they will be serving until game time at 7:30 p.m.

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Have you checked out the renovations at the west All-sups?

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According to the Association of Mature Americans, hoarding paid off, big time, for a lottery ticket hoarder. Jimmie Smith of East Orange, NJ is a lottery ticket hoarder. He has old tickets going back many, many months and doesn't check them very often. But, when a local newscast reported that a jackpot awarded over a year ago remained unclaimed, he decided to check his cache of tickets and found the winning numbers, worth \$24.1 million. Smith told the news service, UPI, that he has been playing the lottery since the 1960s, but is never in a hurry to check the winning numbers. "I always told myself, 'I'll check them when I have the time,'" he said.

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Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice and Friona Heritage Estates will host a community education event on Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. They will be tackling the tough topic con-

cerning declining hygiene, safe driving, and alternate care considerations. For more information, contact Bluebonnet Home Health at (806) 247-0057.

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The monthly Aging and Wellness workshop will be held at Friona Heritage Estates at 11 a.m. this Friday, October 20.

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Friona Heritage Estates Game Day will be Tuesday, October 24 at 2 p.m. If you need a ride call Connie Johnson at (806) 295-6044.

\*\*\*\*  
The PINK OUT Game is just around the corner on Friday, October 27 against the Muleshoe Mules at Chieftain Field. The community is invited to come out and support the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Wear your PINK and show your support.

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Make plans to attend the Prairie Acres Community Bingo on Saturday, October 28 at 3 p.m.

\*\*\*\*  
Basketball season is just around the corner. The first game of the season is on November 6. The Friona Junior High 7th, 8th and FJH Freshmen girls will host Idalou at 5 p.m./6:15 p.m./7:30 p.m.

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If you are planning on high school basketball, the Varsity and JV Squaws will host Whitharrel on November 11 at 12 p.m. and 1:15 a.m.

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The junior high boys will see

action on November 13 when they host Shallowater. The high school boys will start their season on November 14 at Tulia.

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It seems like we just started school and football season. Boy, time flies when you are having fun!

\*\*\*\*  
Snack Pak 4 Kids will be packing every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Friona United Methodist Church at 4:30 p.m. Help them help the children. Stop by and help them pack the backpacks.

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Victory Family Worship Center will hold their annual Coats for Kids on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at 110 East 9th Street. They will have free coats and gloves for kids while supplies last. Parents must be present with children and this will be on a first come, first serve basis. They will be serving free hot chocolate and coffee to those in attendance.

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Andy Alexander at Bi-Wize Pharmacy announced this week that they would be holding a Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, October 27. There will be free food, snacks and fun at lunch time. Stop by and check it out!

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"Live in moments that consume your heart and mind, but be distracted by the music from the leaves, birds, wind, rain, sun and people" ~ Val Uchendu

## Tough Topic Talks!

### Panel discussion October 24

By Rhonda K Sanders, LMSW

This month is the annual community education event sponsored by Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice and Friona Heritage Estates. It is planned for Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. Topics such as addressing declining hygiene, safe driving, and alternate care considerations are often topics that are avoided due to the sensitivity of their nature.

No one wants to open this discussion for reasons such as: to avoid conflict, I don't want Mother or Dad to think I am imposing, I don't want to upset the applecart with other family members, I don't want to say anything because I don't have time to drive parents to appointments! Oh my, how life changes, and changes, and changes.

These changes can be challenging and difficult to face without some help. Please join us for a panel discussion on TOUGH TOPIC TALKS. Panel members will be present for a fun-filled meaningful way of covering such delicate subjects. The panel members this year come from occupational backgrounds that will be contributory to gaining excellent information to become better equipped to cover TOUGH TOPIC TALKS!

The place is Friona Heritage Estate Dining Room. Please join us and bring a friend or family member for a fun-filled evening. A light supper will be provided for your convenience. For more information, call Bluebonnet at (806) 247-0057.

## Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



### Once upon a time in a little town on the prairie...

...the townspeople recognized the need for a skilled nursing home facility. A memorial donation honoring John Bengler, started the seed money for local elder care. Percy Parsons, President of the Friona Chamber of Commerce took a lead role in having a town hall meeting involving many local churches and organizations. Hollis Horton spearheaded the fundraising drive. They envisioned, designed and built "Prairie Acres" with \$150,000 in donations and the passage of a \$350,000 bond election approved by 95.7% of the taxpayers. The City of Friona operated it until 2015.

Groundbreaking for the \$500,000 60-bed facility took place on October 27, 1975 by Delton Lewellen Construction. Steering committee members included Dora Nittler, licensed nursing home administrator, Ann Spring, RN, Dr. Paul Spring, Dr. Bob Alexander, Elda Hart, Dan Ethridge, Pudge Kendrick, Andy Hurst, A. L. Outland, Jerry Brown and M. C. Osborn. Board named Dora Nittler

as administrator in December 1979. Mrs. Nittler served until her sudden death in August 1980 when her co-administrator Jo Jean Blackwell, also a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, was then named administrator. Jo served 28 years until her retirement.

June 7, 1976 the Steering Committee and the City Council selected the name Prairie Acres from among the contest names submitted. First Board of Directors included Percy Parsons, Chairman, Charles Allen, Dr. Bob Alexander, Andy Hurst and Tom Jarboe. Prairie Acres hired Merv Noah as the Administrator and Madie Schmidt, RN as Director of Nursing. Della Osborn became the first resident in August 1976. Other early residents included Maggie Miller, Eva Jones, Lucy Welch and Ethel Adams.

Later renovations by Lewellen Construction added a beauty shop, expanded the dining room, added two storage buildings and included the addition of a covered entrance. More recently a new roof provided by the City of Friona before they transferred ownership to Parmer Medical Center in 2015. The renovation and upgrades during 2016 and 2017 included new flooring and painting throughout the fa-

cility as well as adding decorative rock to the front entry plus the establishment of a physical therapy department.

In 2008, the city raised another \$162,000 including a generous donation from Rene and Jinx Snead to make the \$150,000 bond payment due in February 2009.

Our city has always been proud of this skilled nursing and rehab facility and supports it in many ways to this day through donations of time, money and service. My young children loved visiting the residents at Prairie Acres when Rex's grandmother Lena Bracken lived there. Our library has a long-standing tradition of Easter Egg Hunts at Prairie Acres for our Story Time kids and the residents color the eggs! My mother, Marie Perkins, now a resident, completed a Certified Nurse's Aide course, CNA, there in the mid-1980s under Madie Schmidt. Current Hospital Board Members also serving as Prairie Acres include Danny Kendrick, President, Dale Schueler D.V.M., Dennis Anthony, Robert Neelley and Brett Whiten, D.V.M. Congratulations, Prairie Acres Staff and Residents, on your Open House and to Friona citizens for your continuing, caring generosity and support!

## Friona Flashbacks

### News from the week of October 15, 1964

\*Preliminary dirt work began last Friday toward construction of the new \$1 million high school building in the west part of town. Contractors say the building will be ready for classes next fall.

\*Merylene Massie, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Massie was the reigning Football Queen during the Friona-Hale Center game last Friday.

\*Attending the largest worldwide tractor dealer conference ever held from Friona were Cordie Potts and Oscar Baxter of Friona Motors, local Ford Tractor dealer.

\*NINE THINGS TO RE-

- MEMBER**
1. Take time to **THINK**—it is the source of power.
  2. Take time to **PLAY**—it is the secret of perpetual growth.
  3. Take time to **READ**—it is the fountain of wisdom.
  4. Take time to **PRAY**—it is the greatest power on earth.
  5. Take time to **LOVE AND BE LOVED**—it is a God-given privilege.
  6. Take time to **GIVE**—it is too short a day to be selfish.
  7. Take time to **BE FRIENDLY**—it is the road to happiness.
  8. Take time to **LAUGH**—it is the music of the soul.
  9. Take time to **WORK**—it is

the price of success.

\*The Kendrick Oil team is now standing in fourth place in the Women's Western Open Bowling Tournament, which is being held at Amarillo Bowl. Team members are Mrs. D.B. Ivy, Mrs. Buford Hartwick, Joy Hall, Mrs. Lloyd Rector, and Mrs. Billy Johnson.

\*The Friona Chieftains proved to the home folks (if they didn't already know) that they have character, by coming from behind for a 24-7 win against Hale Center in the Chieftains homecoming battle last Friday.

\*Doug Dodd, who is having a fabulous senior year at Friona High School, is the leading scorer for Class AA teams in the area.

Dodd, who has scored 34 points the past two games, took over the Class AA leadership with 59 points for the season to 57 for Mike Mitchell of Denver City.


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### School Menu October 23-27

**Monday**

Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon roll, apple juice, pears, milk  
Lunch: Roasted chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, fresh tomatoes, pears, milk

**Tuesday**

Breakfast: Cereal, orange pine-apple juice, banana, milk  
Lunch: Corn dog, Doritos, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk

**Wednesday**

Breakfast: Cereal, apple Frudel, grape juice, applesauce, milk  
Lunch: Cheeseburger, broccoli, French oven potatoes, mixed fruit, milk

**Thursday**

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk  
Lunch: Pizza sticks, spaghetti meatball, carrots, lettuce & tomato salad, tropical fruit, milk

**Friday**

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage biscuit, fruit punch juice, apples, milk  
Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, mixed California veggies, fruit salad, milk

### Friona Star Football Contest Results Week 7

64-Mike Field  
63-BailLee Braillif, Jack Glover  
61-Jon Field, Enrique Rodriguez  
60-Claire Brown, Rusty McFarland  
59-Sandra Berend, Jeremy Dearing, Frank Dominguez, Tim Elmore  
58-Phillip Johnson  
57-Raul Braillif, Mack McFarland, Tyrone Shelby, Kayla Tallant  
56-Scott Brown, Laura Field, Mal Manchee, Linvell Rose  
55-Lance Field, Wm. Gromowsky, Robert Rios, Quentin Shelby  
54-Rodney Shelby, Dorothy Stowers  
53-Eddie Gauna, Teresa Shelby, Christen Stowers, Kathryn Tallant  
52-Rosa Mendez, James Shipps  
51-Joy Morton, Isabel Rios  
49-Raymond Diaz  
48-Harley Merritt, Steve Horrell  
47-Jessica Dearing  
46-Ambrosio Rios, Jr.  
45-Greg Lewellen  
43-Blair Morris  
42-Yvette Garcia  
41-Mitchell Smiley  
37-Zachery McKenzie  
36-Brett Field  
30-Elizabeth Field  
7-Jimmy R. Walker



### FHS Band Spaghetti dinner Oct. 27

The Friona High School band will host a spaghetti dinner Friday, October 27 from 5-7:30 p.m. before the Pink Out Game when the Chiefs will meet the Muleshoe Mules. For \$7 per person, diners will enjoy delicious spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans, bread and dessert. The meal will be served at the FHS cafeteria. The band is raising money for their trip at the end of the school year.

### Bovina sees increase in tax allocations

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$660.4 million in local sales tax allocations for October, 1.6 percent more than in October 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

The payments to Parmer County are broken down as follows:

Bovina has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a October 2017 payment of \$12,881.29, which is an increase of 10.78 percent higher than the 2016 payment of \$11,627.19. To date Bovina has received \$127,412.35, which is a 9.67 percent increase over the 2016 payments of \$117,243.35.

Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.500 percent and received a October 2017 payment of \$11,047.94, which is a 2077 percent increase from the 2016 payment of \$10,749.95. To date Farwell has received sale tax of \$102,234.84, which is a decrease of -6.27 percent from the 2016 payments of \$109,082.04.

Friona has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a October 2017 payment of \$33,489.85, which is an increase of 1.89 percent over the 2016 payment of \$32,867.48. To date Friona has received \$315,914.23, which is a decrease of -4.48 percent over the 2016 payments of \$330,764.56.

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

## New Arrival A B



**Logan Jayce Smith**

Logan Jayce Smith was welcomed into the world on Friday, September 1, 2017 in Georgetown, Texas. His parents are Jeremy and Shannon Smith.

Logan weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Debbie and the late Larry Williams of Friona, and Lori and Ray Foster of Chicago, Illinois. His great-grandmother is Lois Brostrom of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

## Social Security announces 2.0 percent benefit increase for 2018

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 66 million Americans will increase 2.0 percent in 2018, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 2.0 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 61 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2018. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 29, 2017. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits) The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$128,700 from \$127,200. Of the estimated 175 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2018, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2018, when announced, will be available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

## "A Harvey Christmas" concert

"A Harvey Christmas," sponsored by the Friona Union Congregational Church, will be held 2 p.m. December 3 at the Friona High School auditorium. The event will consist of the music of the season, and a free will offering will be received to benefit continuing hurricane Harvey Relief.

For more information, please call Stephanie Williams at (806) 265-7683 or (806) 247-2233.

We are looking for a fun, entertaining program that celebrates to true meaning of Christmas, celebrating God's gift by sharing our gifts with others.

## Sheriff's Report

**Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:**  
**October 11, 2017**

Robert Parker, 39, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The case is pending in District Court.

**In 28th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:**  
**October 3, 2017**

Tony Carranza, 24, of Friona, charged with violation of community supervision, possession of a controlled substance (Meth), was sentenced to community supervision amended, to serve a term of confinement in a community corrections facility not more than 24 months; \$903 court costs; \$400 attorney fees; and \$180 restitution.

Cesar Villa-Pena, 33, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to 180 days in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$364 court costs; and \$180 restitution.

Luis Gutierrez-Guerrero, 28, of Texico, NM, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to 180 days in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; \$364 court costs; and \$180 restitution.

## Courthouse Notes

**Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of October 5 through October 11, 2017:**

Tomasa Cruz—Antonio Monreal, All L9-10 B5 OT Friona.

Templo De Adoracion De Friona—Roy Dominguez and Cecilia Dominguez, L13 B7 Lakeview Addition.

Armando Garcia—Dora Alicia Garcia, E 70' L7-8 B42 OT Friona.

Maria Anita Bowman—Roger Emmett Bowman, All L10 B27 Friona.

## If it's Not Your Money - It's a Crime!

### Financial exploitation of vulnerable Texans falls for 2nd year

What could be worse than exploiting an elderly person by stealing or misusing their money or property?

The good news is that the number of confirmed cases of financial exploitation declined for the second year in a row. Adult Protective Services (APS), a program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), validated 856 cases of exploitation in Texas fiscal year 2016[1] compared to 934 cases in 2015 and 1,108 cases in 2014. This follows two years in which confirmed cases rose.

"It's good to see financial exploitation of seniors and people with disabilities trending down," said Kez Wold, associate commissioner for Adult Protective Services. "I think communities and financial institutions are more aware of exploitation than ever before and are more protective, but we can't relax."

Financial exploitation is when a relative, caretaker (or anyone with an ongoing relationship) improperly or illegally uses the money or property of someone who is elderly or has a disability for personal benefit or profit.

APS is putting a spotlight on stopping financial exploitation and other important issues for the elderly at a number of events from now until the end of the month. Check out the APS events in your area on [EveryonesBusiness.org](http://EveryonesBusiness.org).

**Recognizing Financial Exploitation**

The warning signs of financial exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.
- Unexplained or unexpected withdrawal of large sums of money.
- Adding names to someone's bank signature card.
- Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.
- Unauthorized withdrawal of funds using ATM cards or sudden transfers of assets.
- Sudden changes in financial documents.
- Unpaid bills despite having enough money.
- Previously uninvolved relatives who suddenly claim rights to a person's affairs and possessions.
- Abuse of power of attorney.

If you see signs of financial exploitation, call the Texas Abuse

Hotline (800-252-5400) or report online at [TxAbuseHotline.org](http://TxAbuseHotline.org). Find out more about this issue at [EveryonesBusiness.org](http://EveryonesBusiness.org), including tips on how Texans can protect themselves from financial exploitation.

**APS Facts and Figures**

-APS is a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Its mission is to protect people who are 65 or older or who have disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

-Texas has more than five mil-

lion residents who are 65 or older or who are younger adults (18-64) and have a disability.

-APS investigated 12,335 allegations and confirmed that 856 people (living at home) were victims of financial exploitation in Texas last fiscal year.

More Information

-APS data is available in the online DFPS Data Book on the DFPS website at [dfps.state.tx.us](http://dfps.state.tx.us)

-Learn how to recognize and report adult abuse, neglect and exploitation with this online training: [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Training/APS\\_Reporting/default.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Training/APS_Reporting/default.asp)

## Ivy Cottage

### Bridal Registry

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*Brittney Herbert & Tucker Lee*  
*Alex Dunnam & Abby White*  
*Erin Anthony & Steffan Busch*  
*Reagan Procter & Tyce Tucker*  
*Ryan DeWit & Kathryn Collier*  
*Josephine Samarron & Albert Solano*  
*Stephanie Bailey & James Kayle Jesko*

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## Milk House Market

*-Wedding Registry-*

**ABBY WHITE & ALEX DUNNAM**  
**BRITNEY HERBERT & TUCKER LEE**  
**STEPHANIE BAILEY & KAYLE JESKO**  
**LUCY MENDEZ & TREY POLSTON**  
**KINSEY JOHNSON & BRENNER BARNETT**  
**ARIANA METHVIN & DILLON WELCH**  
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~Psalm 53~

**Widespread Wickedness**

**BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church**

Have you noticed the wickedness in our world lately? This problem of widespread wickedness is alarming, but it is nothing new under the sun. In fact, widespread wickedness is a clear reminder of the vast brokenness of our world and our need for our Creator to fix it. Psalm 53 deals with the problem of wickedness and leaves us with a few clear observations.

First, the Psalm starts out with the atheist's anthem, "There is no God," and from there the picture of man grows darker. Not only does the Psalm depict the widespread nature of wickedness, but also the prevalence of the wicked heart, especially when it says, "there is none who does good." In other words, we are all sinful!!! Which is exactly true, whether you want to admit it or not. Romans 3:23 says "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God", pointing to the reality that the widespread nature of wickedness is not just out there in the Chicago neighborhoods, but also in the hallways of your heart. Although more is said describing the wicked who seek to destroy the Psalm's author, let it suffice to say that wickedness is a problem today, just as it was over some 2500 years ago when this Psalm was penned.

Thankfully, though, the Psalm also points out two very important aspects about God. First, God is watching. He is watching to see if any are seeking Him. Finally, it ends with the reminder that we can cry out to God for help and salvation in the midst of our troubles and He hears us. Therefore we are not left to despair, destruction, or our own devices in our sin and wickedness, but there is a redeemer, a Savior who can rescue us from the mess we are in.

**Make Jesus Your Life**

By TEENA HUGHES

Last week, I wrote about looking to God for hope in times of tragedy. During such times, people tell us: "Just give it to Jesus;" "Look to Jesus;" "Read your Bible; that is where all the answers are;" "Your hope is in Jesus."

These are all true, good pieces of advice. For some people, it is only natural to turn to Jesus in an hour of need. Others look to God for a period of time; then they return to their busy lives dealing with the tragedy and life. Some people might not want this advice; some people have been told these things before, and they are tired of hearing them; some people believe God allowed things to happen, so why turn to Him?

Whatever the reason, turning to God for help is contrary to some people's thinking in today's society. We are such an active, "doing" society, and "looking" and talking to Jesus is contrary to the life we are used to living. To talk and look to Jesus requires us to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10).

It may seem simple advice, but it can be difficult to do. In many cases, thinking and the way you live has to change. You have to go from being busy all the time to sitting, being quiet, reading, talking little, and listening A LOT to God.

To see fruit from all of these changes, these activities have to become a way of life. We have to make them daily practices, not just sometimes activities. The more time we spend with God, no matter how we do it, the more we know who He is and what He is capable of; the closer to Him we become; the more like Him we become; the more we turn to Him and depend on Him.

In my lifetime, I have never seen such a need for God in our lives as I see now. Let us get to know God as He knows us; then, we can live in true joy, peace and confidence with Him. Take care and have a great week with Jesus!!!

**Panhandle Parables**

**"Country Road, Take Me Home..."**

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

I love country roads, and I confess John Denver's song is a favorite. Now you too will be singing this song the rest of the day...you're welcome.

I remember the many times in high school riding my motorcycle all over the country roads from my grandparent's farm north of town all the way west to my house out on Parmerton hill. There is something about wide open space and a little Honda 90cc trail bike my parents bought me from Dr. Alexander. In a word riding out there is peace.

On one occasion, riding lost in thought I got a long ways from home. I filled the extra little gas can that was an accessory on the Honda. At some point I began to think (about the time my motor died) I need gas. So I filled up and decided I had better head home. I kicked the starter lever and nothing. Then I looked up to see a rather upset badger, teeth flashing all bowed up in the road in front of me, with growing fear, I kicked again and again as the badger began his approach. Finally, I got enough gas in the engine to fire it off. I revved the 90ccs and left before I found out the intentions of the badger. A little over a mile later I saw a familiar sight, my pickup. It was dad coming to make sure I hadn't had any trouble. He wasn't mad, just concerned. That day the country road took me safely home with my dad following close behind.

Country roads are the less travelled roads. They are the ones where the scenery is amazing and even has teeth sometimes. Jesus describes the road leading "Home" as being narrow and that few find it. I know that to be true both spiritually and in reality. I also know it is on that road that your Father is looking for you. Not mad, just wanting to make sure you get safely Home. I do hope that you know Jesus is the way. It is narrow, but oh how it is worth it. What road are you on?

*Let all that you do be done in love.*

1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

**Battling misconceptions at the Alamo**

By Dr. Bruce Winders, Alamo Historian & Curator

The one thing that I've learned after being at the Alamo for twenty-one years is that there is a great amount of misinformation surrounding our state's most treasured site. These ideas are often held by people who care passionately about the site and its history. My task as the Alamo's curator and historian is to help separate fact from fiction so that visitors understand what has taken place here and why it matters.

Once, I spoke with a visitor who insisted that David Crockett was just a cartoon character. Clearly this person was mistaken, despite the strength of his conviction. Knowing that Crockett was a real person is important to the Alamo's story.

Another time, a representative from a prominent lingerie company wanted to use the Alamo as a backdrop for a photo shoot because it made such a picturesque setting. The pastel lighting they planned to use, he said, would make it look divine. We asked him if they would do something like that at the Vietnam War Memorial. He replied that, of course they wouldn't, because it wouldn't be right. Our director then pointed out that was the same reason there would be no

lingerie shoot at the Alamo. Facts and tone are important to us.

I have dealt with competing notions of the Alamo for years. The fact is, what the Alamo means to one person may not be what it means to someone else at all. Any effort to make changes at the site immediately causes devotees to put up their guards and prepare to defend their respective positions.

Today's battle is being fought on the internet. The current Alamo master plan has generated a flurry of comments that are being expressed on social media. In an effort to set the issue straight, I'd like to clarify what is really happening by addressing some questions we are currently being asked.

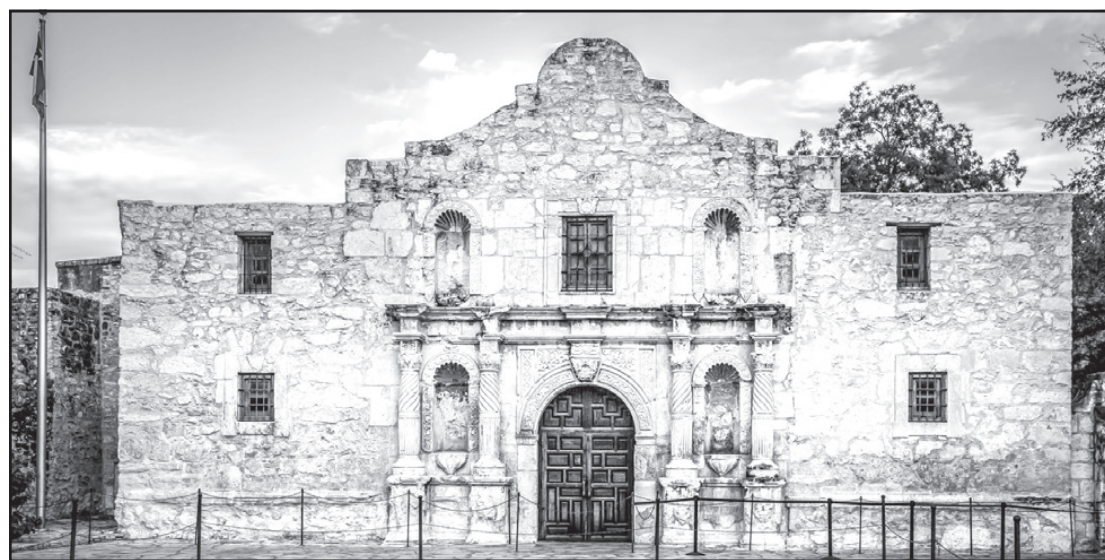
First, no, the Alamo is not being re-named. In the early 1800's, when the Alamo was no longer being used as a mission, a troop of Spanish presidial soldiers from Alamo de Parras occupied the compound. It then became known as the Alamo, and its name remains the Alamo today. Some claim there are plans to go back to the mission name, but that has never been proposed.

Second, the 1836 battle is central to the site's history and will

remain so. Every day at the Alamo, we tell the story of the 1836 siege and battle. A key element of the plan is to define the footprint of the historic battlefield, allowing us to introduce even more educational programs into the area for visitors and school groups, living history, and ceremonies and activities that honor the site and the men who died here.

There is also false information about the physical setting and environment in which the site will exist. The plans are to remove the "carnival-like atmosphere" that now greets visitors, not expand it. Today, the 1836 battlefield is covered with asphalt streets and sidewalks. Cars and buses drive across it every day. Have you ever tried to talk to school children in the plaza or conduct a tour there over the street noise? I have, and it's extremely difficult and challenging. Most visitors do not realize they are standing on sacred ground.

The goal is to create a space where visitors can learn and reflect on their experience. Restoring reverence to the battlefield will only happen when greater control is placed over traffic, street preachers, boxing matches, etc. The creation of the 20,000



square feet of dynamic 1836 battle exhibits in the Crockett Block and the adjacent buildings will drastically alter the current environment, making it clear to visitors that the Alamo has a larger historical footprint than they imagined. The tone will improve. Most importantly, though, preservation of the Alamo's historic structures is the plan's first and most urgent priority. Scientific studies have been conducted on the church and the long barack, and conservation specialists are reviewing their findings in order to develop strategies to preserve their integrity. Addition-

ally, an archeological component will be built into the plan so we can continue to learn about the Alamo that lies just below the surface. Both are indicative that the General Land Office is taking seriously its responsibility to safeguard the Alamo for future generations.

As we saw with the tabling of the early structural glass wall concept, the plan is still evolving, and will continue to do so for some time. I am certain, however, that what moves forward will be innovative, thoughtful, and appropriate for an important historical icon like the Alamo.

People are passionate about the Alamo. This is why there have been several plans over the years to reinterpret Alamo Plaza as a more meaningful and reverent site. The current master plan intends to do just that: Revitalize the space while returning reverence to what we all agree is hallowed ground.

The Alamo deserves a thoughtful and truthful planning process. Until more official information comes out, let's remember Winston Churchill's admonishment that, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

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# First Baptist Church of Friona Houston Mission Trip Blog: Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief October 5-9, 2017

**Eighteen total workers went down there.**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

We pulled out of FBC Friona, Texas, about 7:45 a.m. Thursday morning. It was a little rainy in Friona, but the further south we went, the less cloudy it became and we eventually got to see the sunshine, which was a wonderful sight because it has been so cloudy and rainy in Friona for the past many weeks (which is extremely rare). The road trip was smooth, and we praise the Lord for that! We made a few stops here and there for food and gas and ended up arriving at FBC Hitchcock, Texas, around 8:30 p.m. that night.

The church is allowing us to stay in their gym/activities building which is a huge blessing for our group because it is near FBC Alta Loma where Samaritans Purse is based out of in the area. We were all so excited to get there and so ready to get to bed. Thank you Jesus for a safe trip!

**Friday, October 6, 2017**

Disaster relief work is dirty work. Period. And it is extremely rewarding!

Today was a blessed, exhausting, hard working, sweat soaked, heart-wrenching day. After a fabulous breakfast, we went to FBC Alta Loma, where Samaritans Purse is based out of in the area south of Houston. We were trained by none other than our hometown girl, Debra Cooper. It was such a joy to see the Lord using her gifts and talents leading the operation at the Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief based out of Santa Fe. She is doing an awesome job as Assistant Program Manager and we can praise the Lord for her and be very proud of her work in the Lord's ministry. Serafin Vazquez also met up with us, as he and Angelica and the kids came down to stay with her dad, who lives in the north part of Houston.

The first house we were able to go and work at was a singlewide trailer home not too far from FBC Alta Loma. It was the home of Kathy, an 85-year-old elderly woman with early onset dementia. Her daughter Pam also lives with her and is Kathy's main caretaker. They were so grateful for our group coming and we were so thankful that we could go and help them. Our main task was removing the plywood and insulation barrier from underneath the trailer house.

Water had come up to the very top of the porch but did not go inside the house and do a lot of damage, but the underneath of this trailer house was a wreck. The group did an amazing job working hard, working together, and glorifying God as we worked. The task at hand was messy, yucky and grilling but we were able to finish in about three hours.

All of the trash and debris that we collected was placed on the side of the road to be collected at a later time. There are tons of piles of debris everywhere you drive around in this area. The county or city comes and remove the debris as they are able to throughout the coming months.

Before we left Kathy and Pam's house, we did something that happens at every Samaritans Purse job site upon completion. Everyone in our group signed a Billy Graham training Bible for Kathy and Pam and before we left we were able to present the Bible to them.

They were so thankful to receive the Bible and to be blessed in this way with everyone coming to help them. It was a very moving moment as we gathered in their singlewide trailer, presented the Bible and then prayed over them before we left.

The next home we went to work at was at a dead end street right on the edge of a bayou in a pretty secluded area. The owner of the home Mike, and his friend Lisa, had such a mess at their property. Water had come halfway up the front door and it went all throughout the house. We did a lot of work inside the house removing sheetrock and insulation and demolishing a bathroom.

We also sprayed for mold everywhere in the house that had been affected by the water. The inside of the house is going to take a lot of work to rebuild as it had been stripped down to the studs all over the entire first floor.

One of the big problems though, was that when the water got up so high and had such a strong current that it brought in tons of debris and other junk that was all over their property.

For example, right across the street on the edge of the bayou a big boat (30' houseboat) had drifted up on the bank that sits up above the bayou about eight feet.

Our group did an amazing job taking all sorts of debris to the curb that had drifted up on his property. We piled up a ton of debris that stretched for 15 yards and was a few feet high. It was debris of every sort, tree stumps, a washer, a dryer, a freezer, insulation from the walls from the house and much more. One of Mike's extreme concerns was how long the debris would sit out in front of his house, especially since his road was off the beaten path. You would not believe this though; God worked it out where Brazoria County showed up just as we were done. They showed up in three dump trucks, a bucket sky lift excavator thing, and they loaded three dump trucks of debris and still have more to go by the time that we left. It was amazing to see God's timing!

God showed Mike the love that he needed through the help of our group, and also allowing the county to show up to remove the trash. The county he lived in lives is Brazoria County and their trash guys said they are removing debris, working six, 12-hour days, and are just now on their first round of debris removal. They plan to go over the county three times picking up debris. The stop that the Brazoria County debris revival crew had at Mike's house was not planned by Samaritans Purse or us, but was just in their itinerary for debris removal, but we know that it was God who orchestrated events as we reached out to Mike. Lisa, Mike's wife, was not there because she is fully disabled and has also been battling cancer for two years. I forgot to ask them where they were living at the moment because their house was unlivable and will be until major work is done. Please pray for Mike and Lisa as they continue to face the uncertainties and difficulties in their lives. Pray that they will turn to Christ through this.

While we were at Mike and Lisa's house working, four from our group split off to go work at another house. Monty, Serafin, Tristan, and Anthony all went to work at what was supposed to be a small job removing some cabinets. They were a little late to supper at FBC Alta Loma and when they arrived we learned that the small job was not so small. They did an amazing job removing cabinets, countertops and ministering to a family in this way. I'm so thankful for how hard working our crew is down here, and I was reminded of that tonight by these four guys who knocked out this big project in a short amount of time.

After the bigger group finished at Mike and Lisa's we went down the road to Pat's house. Her house did not look horrible on the outside but the reality was that they were severely affected by the flood.

Their trailer house had been floated up and almost floated off the concrete blocks it was sitting on. The water was very high where they live, so there was some work to be done on the inside as well as the outside. The skirt and underneath boards and insulation had already been removed. A few of us cleaned up under a porch, but most of the crew worked on the inside of the house removing walls, insulation and preparing the studs to be sprayed with the mold killer. Some will go back to this house on Saturday and Lord willing we will be able to minister to Pat who is in desperate need of Lord and finish her house.

## Showers & Supper

When our group would meet in preparation for the mission trip I would often remind them that showers and shaving are optional.

Well, you are so filthy by the time that you get done working disaster relief that you are not even allowed to come in to the church area unless you take your boots off. All sorts of bacteria, mold, insulation, debris, dirt, mud and who knows what else are all over your clothes, boots, hands, arms, hair and everywhere! Since FBC Hitchcock did not have showers at their facilities, we were able to take showers using the Samaritans Purse shower trailer parked at FBC Alta Loma.

This is an amazing trailer, and we were able to take our showers before we ate supper at 6 p.m. that night there. The supper was wonderful, as we were able to eat with the Samaritans Purse group, which was probably around 75 or 100 people. After supper we share time with those eating, and it was basically a testimony time to share how the Lord was at work that day. This was one of the most exciting times all day of hearing reports of people that were helped but especially people who were saved. One notable person who was saved that day was an 88-year old man. The Lord has used a couple different people in the room to point him to Christ and today he gave his life to Jesus! This was a blessed evening and an exciting time.

From here, we went back to FBC Hitchcock, got things ready for bed, and in all honesty, we were so tired that air mattresses have never felt so good. To God be the glory for a wonderful day and how he is at work and that we get to be a part of it!

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

This group is such a hard-working group!!! We started our morning with breakfast and Bible study and then made our way to FBC Alta Loma to get our tools and directions for the day. Six people went back to Pat's house from Friday and finished up there, while the rest of us went to Mary's house in Dickinson, Texas. The community of Dickinson was hard hit by the flooding and it was apparent down every street. There were piles of debris everywhere, and you could even see the water line on some of the fences, which showed that the water was up about 3 to 4 feet inside people's homes!

Mary's home was severely damaged, and had not been touched, except that the furniture and belongings inside the home had been removed. Our task was removing all the sheetrock, insulation, nails, moisture barrier, taking the flooring down to the concrete slab, and then spraying to kill the mold. Every nail was pulled, and the place was swept clean so that it could be sprayed properly for mold. This was a huge task, and our group did an awesome job working in the heat and humidity that made the house seem like an oven at times.

Mary, the homeowner, would come by from time to time and she was so thankful for our group's work. Mary was in her late 60's and was rescued by neighbors in the middle of the night. Water was already up a couple feet in her house and she had no clue till neighbors woke her to get out of the house. From there, the people stranded at the two-story house were rescued by

boats. She lost everything, in spite of the fact that she was ready to flee and had loaded everything in the trunk of her car. Unfortunately, the water came up at night, and she had to flee on foot with her neighbors, and her car was flooded completely.

A few neat things happened while we were at her house. During afternoon break, a guy pulled up in a big pickup truck and brought us a big box of soft tacos. He was with a cowboy church in the area and wanted to give us some good food to eat while we were working. We did enjoy their food and were grateful for it.

As we finishing this food, another gentleman came by and he wanted to give us some food too! He too, was thankful that we were down there helping people but we did not take his food since we just filled our bellies. As we moved from place to place between jobs it has been encouraging as people have been so appreciative and often recognize the orange T-shirts of Samaritans Purse. This speaks well of their ministry but especially of the ministry of Jesus Christ.

At the end of each job, we pray with the homeowners and present them a Bible. Mary was so grateful for our group, and she said so many, many times. Faith presented her with the Bible that we all signed. Mary said that she was hoping the gift would be a Bible because she had lost all her Bibles in the flood to her knowledge. Amazingly, though, Monty came across one of her Bibles, an old Bible, while we were cleaning out things in the attic and in a closet. She was so thankful and excited to receive these gifts!

Another aspect of our helping people, is that with the money people have given FBC Friona we were able to give homeowners we helped a gift card to either Walmart or Lowes. Each person was so grateful for these as well. Mary was hoping to be back in her home in three months but this is going to take a ton of work. In fact, Samaritans Purse says that on average, it takes 18 months for people to get back into their homes after they have been completely gutted like

we did today. We pray for Mary and that she would continue to lean on Jesus Christ through this difficult time. Mary had lost her husband about a year earlier and this time has been especially difficult because she said she was just learning how to be alone, and then hurricane Harvey created a disaster for everyone again.

That evening we were all so worn out! That is an understatement!!! We were out of gas, exhausted, beaten, and sore in places we forgot we had. The showers were a huge blessing as well as supper with Samaritans Purse. At FBC Hitchcock the kids had a great time playing in the gym and winding down for the evening. Pastor Lee Balinas also came by the church and Brett was able to have a great visit with him. He is the pastor at FBC Hitchcock where we are staying.

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

Sunday our team was able to worship with FBC Hitchcock. It started out with us being able to offer people some of Sharlet's homemade cinnamon rolls as they came in for Sunday school. Sharlet did an awesome job with the food all week, but she also wanted to do something special for our host church, which ended up being homemade cinnamon rolls before and during Sunday school. We joined the church for their Sunday school opening, then when Sunday school classes split up, our group stayed in the Auditorium for Bible study and group time. This was a rich time in the Lord, and church was a blessing also. Faith was able to play the offertory, Kevin Wiseman thanked the church for their gracious hospitality allowing us to stay in their building and use their van Sunday afternoon. At the close of the service, the church prayed over our group, which meant so much.

After Sunday school, Brett had a message on his phone from Billy Smith, saying Suezy, his wife, was not doing well in the hospital. Suezy had a brain tumor removed in Amarillo about two months ago, and her and her husband arrived in Houston just before Hurricane Harvey for intensive treatment at MD Anderson. MD Anderson is in Houston, so Brett was able to leave and be with them the rest of the afternoon.

After a quick lunch, Debra assigned half our group to finish a few things at Mary's house, which we had gutted the day before. The other half of the group went to George and Nadia's. We were shocked when we turned onto their street as we saw huge piles of debris stacked by the street in front of every house.

George and Nadia were so glad to see us. They said that they have been renting an apartment because all the FEMA hotels are full. They desperately need to get back into their house but have had no help at all from anyone but neighbors in the last five weeks. Nadia has very bad asthma and the sheetrock and everything that got wet had to be removed. Some neighbors had helped tear out two to three feet of sheetrock, but it was jagged and uneven. All of it had to be remeasured and cut straight. Nails and screws had to be re-

moved from studs. Debra assigned those two chores to the women and youth of our group. The men had to remove bathtubs, sinks and vanities from the two bathrooms. We held hands in a circle and prayed before going in. We worked diligently for over two hours in some heat and extreme humidity and finished this part of the job. Another Samaritan Purse group will go next week to take out the lower cabinets in the kitchen. Then we stood in their driveway, seeing their faces beaming with smiles. Nadia said we were the first "yes" she had gotten when calling places for help. George thanked us and the Lord for sending us. Even though our time was short, they were amazed at how much work was done. We all hugged, took pictures, and ended with another circle of prayer. We were so thankful to make a connection with this precious family, who had quite a story during the flood.

Ten years ago, George & Nadia, with their three children, had bought this beautiful 1,800 sq. ft. house and made it their home. George is a plant manager and Nadia is working on her master's degree in accounting. Krista is 21 and a junior in college, living at home. Nathan is in high school and Aaron is in 5th grade.

The night of the flood, George woke up to water coming in the house. He woke the family and knew they must get out. Krista said she shined a light out the back window and waves of water were hitting the house. The cars were in the driveway, already under water. They went across the street to the neighbor's two-story house along with several others from the neighborhood. They waved at helicopters that were shining lights down at them. By morning, the water was chest-high in the street to George, and a foot or so deep in their house. A military truck came and a soldier told the people to get on the truck. Aaron, who is 11, was downstairs and went with the soldier. George and the rest of the family were upstairs and they missed Aaron. He started yelling, "Aaron! Aaron!!" and he literally jumped from the second to first floor frantically trying to find him. He finally found him on the truck and was so relieved they didn't get separated. The truck took them to a shelter, where sometime later a relative came to get them. Their story was dramatic and scary, but not uncommon, as the flood came so quickly and placed so many people in a dangerous situation.

After showers that evening we went to Galveston, Texas, for some fun. We stopped at the beach and many played in the water, then we took a ride on the Bolivar ferry, followed by some seafood. This was a great evening, but once again, we were worn out and the air mattresses slept wonderfully.

**Monday, October 9, 2017**

Rise and shine, was the call about 4:4:15 a.m. We packed everything and left by 5:00 a.m., so we wouldn't get stuck in traffic in Houston. Thankfully we made it through with no slow-downs and had a great journey home. Arrival in Friona was at 6:00 p.m., and the temperature took our breaths away as a brisk, windy cold front had blown in and had temperatures into the 40's, which was much lower than the balmy, humid 80's we were used to. Once again, the Lord blessed our trip and those who went.

**Pastor Brett's thoughts...**I am so thankful that FBC Friona is a sending church! It was a joy to see the group set apart to make the trip down, and I was so glad to be a part. The seven youth who went worked so hard and I am extremely proud of them. One of my prayers before the trip was that while we were down there, that the Lord would bless our time as a group when we were in the Bible. Each morning, after breakfast we would have group time, and the Lord answered these prayers as our times in the Word were sweet. Further, there was such unity of mind and spirit as we worked, which only believers in Jesus Christ can experience. Praise God for that!







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# SPORTS

## JV fall to Springlake-Earth in high scoring game

The Friona High School Junior Varsity Chiefs traveled to Springlake-Earth to take on the Wolverines Thursday, October 12.



eric gonzales photo

The FHS Freshmen team hosted the River Road Wildcats Junior Varsity last Thursday, October 12.

they lost the game 52-58, there were some bright spots in the game.”

Elian Mendoza scored in the first quarter with a 25-yard fumble recovery to take a 6-0 lead. Later in the first quarter, Jeremiah Rando scored on a 3-yard run to take the score to 12-8.

Jose Grado scored on a 1-yard run and then converted the two point conversion with a pass to Jonathan Barrios in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Grado ran in a 6-yard run touchdown with Roger Palacios scoring the two point conversion.

This week the JV Chiefs play their first district game against the Littlefield Wildcats at Chieftain Field after the Freshmen game.



amber drake photo

Senior Night Tuesday, October 17 was a night of excitement as the Varsity, JV, and C-team defeated the Dimmitt Bobbies. The Seniors took a moment to pose with their parents, family and coaches before taking the court against the Bobbies. 2018 Seniors are Viviana Rivera, Megan Stone, Erica Barrera, and M’Kenzie Hurst.

## Friona Volleyball

By Coach Bryan Masse

On Tuesday night, October 17, the Friona volleyball teams played host to the Dimmitt Bobbies. It was also Senior Night and Junior High Night, which added to the excitement of the matches.

The C-team started off the night with a straight set victory to the tune of 25-9, 25-11.

Next, it was the JV’s turn and they also won in straight sets 25-11, 25-12.

The JV and the C-team continue to improve and will finish the season with a home match Saturday against Shallowater and Idalou and an away match against Littlefield on Tuesday, October 24.

Coach Ray and Coach Husted have done a great job building the sub-varsity teams this year.

Coach Husted is new to Friona this year and has taken over the C-team and done a good job getting the girls ready for the next level.

Coach Ray is in his eighth year as the JV Coach. His teams have always been prepared and have always been good.

The sub-varsity volleyball coaching at Friona is a big reason that the varsity has had quality teams.

The Varsity team continued the sweep of Dimmitt with a 25-13, 25-9, 25-11 score.

The Squaws used good passing by Josselyn Castillo, Bailey

Pope, Gabby Douglas, and Megan Stone. Emma Rector ran the offense well with several nice sets. The middles, Erica Barrera and Carly Drake did a good job ruling the net. The outside hitters Bailey Pope, Mariah Trevino,

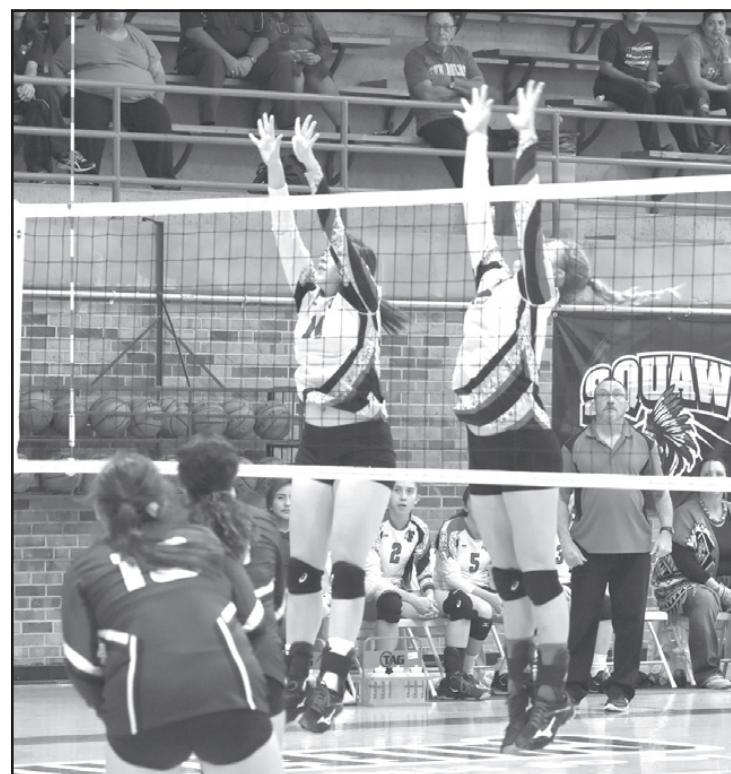
Viviana Rivera and McKenzie Hurst did a good job mixing up their shots.

The Squaws are 21-15 on the season and will take on Shallowater at home on Saturday, October 21.



dana jameson photo

Emma Rector and Mariah Trevino go for the block against the Dimmitt Bobbies on Tuesday evening.



dana jameson photo

Coach Bryan Masse watches as M’Kenzie Hurst and Erica Barrera block a shot against Dimmitt.

### All-Time Records vs. Football Opponents

### Friona Chieftains vs. Littlefield Wildcats

The Friona Chieftain statistics against the Littlefield Wildcats go back to 2006. They met before this time but Friona on Parade did not have a detailed list for Friona/Littlefield meetings.

The Wildcats lead the Chieftains 10-1 in wins to date.

- 2006 LHS 42, FHS 7-There
- 2007 LHS 35, FHS 31-Home
- 2008 LHS 34, FHS 6-There
- 2009 FHS 20, LHS 30-Home
- 2010 LHS 47, FHS 6-Home
- 2011 LHS 50, FHS 14-There
- 2012 LHS 34, FHS 0-There
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# Friona ★ Star

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### CONTEST RULES

**Tie Breaker:** Pick the total score of both tie breaker games. The second tie-breaker game will be used in case two or more players are tied after the first tie-breaker game. Entries are due by 4 p.m. each Friday.

**Three Ways to Enter:**

Fax to: 806-250-5127  
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-or-  
 Bring Entry to:  
 Friona Star Office  
 916 Main St.

-or-  
 Dorothy's Beauty Shop  
 3rd St. in Bovina.

Mailed entries should be postmarked by 4 p.m. Friday.

Each correct game picked counts as one point. Player with the most total points at the end of the contest will win a Grand Prize of \$100.

Only one entry form per individual. Must be 10-years or over to enter. Newspaper employees and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

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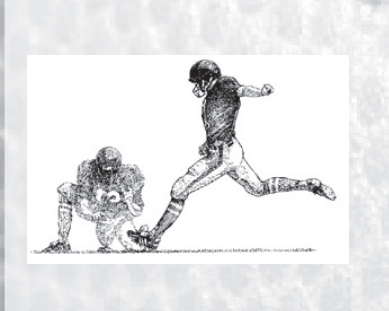
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**AGRICULTURE**

**State Climatologist**

**Warmer, Drier Winter Expected From AgriLife Today**

Dry conditions around the state could worsen over the next few months as a warmer, drier winter is expected, said the state climatologist. Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon said cooler waters in the tropical Pacific are building conditions for La Niña weather conditions to emerge by late November or December. La Niña conditions typically mean rain storms are pushed north by the jet stream.

Much of the state received average to above-average rainfall earlier in the year, but rainfall has been in short supply for the past month outside of areas drenched by Hurricane Harvey.

East Texas has experienced the second wettest year on record so far with an average of almost 44.5 inches, he said. But lately, there has been very little rain for the northern areas of the region.

Nielsen-Gammon said 30-plus inches of rainfall in the southern portion of the East Texas region skewed totals because much of the northern part of the region did not receive measurable rainfall from that storm system or since.

"Most of the state did not receive much rain over the past month," he said. "The only other areas that received above normal rainfall were parts of the Trans Pecos region and northwestern portions of the Panhandle. But the northeast, southwest and west central portions of the state have all been very dry. Those areas received less than 25 percent of their normal rainfall for the last 30 days."

**AgriLife sheep, goat how-to validation YouTube video series**

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has published a YouTube series demonstrating the various procedures of the Texas 4-H and FFA sheep and goat validation program.

Marvin Ensor, AgriLife Extension regional program leader at San Angelo, said the state validation programs are designed to promote fair competition among youth exhibitors.

"The validation program is an animal identification process that is utilized to enforce rules related to ownership requirements, possession, care of animals and unethical management practices," Ensor said.

Marty Gibbs, AgriLife Extension district administrator, and Dr. Reid Redden, the agency's state sheep and goat specialist, both of San Angelo, join Ensor to comprise the state sheep and goat validation committee.

The sheep and goat validation program involves more than 20,000 animals annually, exhibited in all the state's major youth livestock shows. The state's program is administered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

All the videos can be found on the official AgriLife Extension Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas site <https://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/major-show-validation/>. Josh Blanek, veteran AgriLife Extension agent in Tom

Green County, narrates the videos.

"The actual validation process is fairly straightforward, but there are some nuances that must be adhered to that can be a bit confusing for some not familiar with certain aspects of the program," Gibbs said.

"To remedy any misunderstandings and assuage the myriad questions we receive annually, AgriLife Extension has produced a series of five short no-frills YouTube videos.

Each video covers a specific aspect of the program, including the initial video dealing with materials needed, and the four others, which cover market lamb validation, market goat validation, breeding sheep validation and breeding goat validation."

Gibbs said the initial materials video is applicable to the other videos and he recommends viewing it prior to watching any of the others. The remaining videos explain when and what to do, and demonstrate each procedure as it pertains to the respective class of livestock.

"By using the YouTube format, parents, youth, AgriLife Extension agents and FFA instructors can have all the necessary information they need on their smartphones even as questions arise on the designated validation days," Gibbs said. "We're confident the YouTube videos will go a long way in quelling further misunderstandings surrounding the process from now on."



**OBITUARIES**



**Brenda Sue "Suezy" Smith**

Brenda Sue "Suezy" Smith, 75, longtime Bovina resident, died Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in Houston. Celebration of Life Services were held Monday, October 16, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Friona, and Christopher Estes of Houston, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Suezy was born July 9, 1942 in Coleman, Texas to Herman Luther and Edna Shamblin Estes. She married Billy Smith September 9, 1961 in Bovina.

Suezy was very active in the Bovina community serving the Bovina Chamber, the Bovina Clinic Board, was voted past Bovina Woman of the Year and along with her husband received the Bovina Chamber Heritage Award most recently. She loved her family and traveling with them and friends. But, her pride was serving God for many years as Sunday School Teacher, Treasurer and other positions at the church where she was baptized many years ago, the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Lances Estes.

Survivors include her husband



Billy of Bovina; two daughters, Arlene Brozek and husband Justin of Bovina, and Darlene Miller and husband Stan of Bovina; one son, Kevin Smith and wife Crystal of Hereford; one brother, Kenneth Estes and wife Ofelia of Bovina; along with six grandchildren, Jake and Justus Brozek, Hannah Sacco, Heather Seward, Robin Jack and Cutter Smith.

Memorials may be sent to: MD Anderson Cancer Center Research-www.mdanderson.org or Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN. 37214.

You may sign the online register book at [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com).



**Dora Beatriz Cruz Garcia**

Dora Beatriz Cruz Garcia, 30, of Friona, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2017. There will be a Visitation on Thursday, October 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, Texas.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, Texas. Burial will follow at Bovina Cemetery.

Dora was born on September 30, 1987 to Fernando Luis Garcia and Thomasa Martinez in Colima, Mexico. She married Jose Florencio Cruz Rocha and is the mother of two children Joshua Garcia and Arianne Cruz.

She is survived by her husband and children, as well as by her brother Miguel Garcia and her sister Maria Garcia. Her mother-in-law Ofelia Cruz, also



survives her.

Services are under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home. Express your condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at [www.herefordheritagefh.com](http://www.herefordheritagefh.com)



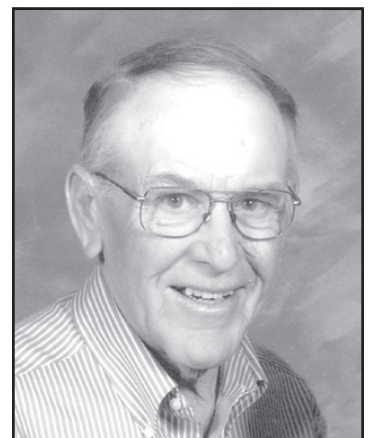
**Joel Lytal**

Funeral services for Joel Lytal, 71, a long-time Hereford resident, were held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Central Church of Christ, with John Henley, minister, officiating. Interment followed at West Park Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Joel Lynn Lytal was born January 12, 1946 to Jesse Norman and Wanda Regina Ingram Lytal. The family moved to the Hereford area in 1950 from Wolfe City. He attended Hereford School's and graduated in 1964. Joel met and fell in love with Martha Hudson and were married on July 15, 1965 in Vega, Texas. He worked as a truck driver for Kendrick Oil and farmed for 35 years. Mr. Lytal was a member of Central Church of Christ. He will be remembered by his family as a loving, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Martha, of Hereford; two sons, Joel Mark Lytal and wife Pam of Canyon, and Jason Mack Lytal and wife



Lauren of Bushland; two daughters, Manda Liane Gowdy and husband Jimmy of Borger and Jo D'Lyn Osborn and husband Matt of Friona; one brother, Billy Lytal and wife Sammie of Hereford; one sister, Peggy Fox of Hereford; ten grandchildren, Carter, Caysen, Cally, Tate and wife Alex, Tanner, Sawyer and wife Kelci, Sterling, Karlee, Jolee, Halle; and one great-granddaughter, Paisley.

The family suggests Memorials in Mr. Lytal's name be made to Central Church of Christ, 148 Sunset Drive, Hereford, Texas 79045.

**Mildred Lorene Mingus Agee**

Mildred Lorene Mingus Agee, 87, of Jourdanton, TX, formerly a longtime resident of Friona, died October 15, 2017, in Jourdanton. Celebration of Life services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 at the Friona Cemetery Memorial Chapel with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Friona. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Mildred was born March 20, 1930 on the family farm in Friona to George and Ethel Young Mingus. She married Maynard Agee on March 20, 1948, in Clovis NM. They were married for 69 years, living all but 4 years of their life in Friona until February 2013, when they moved to Jourdanton with their daughter Krystal Huschke and husband Alvin.

She was a retired secretary from Hub Grain Co. where she worked for 30 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Elsie Allen; three brothers, Lloyd, Glen and Ernest; and a 2 1/2 month old great granddaughter, Scarlett Grace Huschke, who passed away on September 27, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Maynard of Jourdanton; two daughters, Karen Barnwell Allen of Abilene, TX and Krystal Huschke and husband Alvin of Jourdanton; one son, Dean Agee



and wife Jan of Amarillo, TX; eight grandchildren, Brian Barnwell and wife April of Clovis NM, Tonya Purvine and husband Daniel of Abilene, Davin Agee and wife Loretta of Amarillo, Dustin Buehrer and wife Megan of Pleasanton, TX, Keya Buehrer and Brandon Heckman of Jourdanton, Chance Huschke and Nikki Carpenter of Pleasanton, Kelsie Ahrens and husband Jeff of Colorado Springs, CO and Steve Bowers of Amarillo; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be: Brian Barnwell, Davin Agee, Dustin Buehrer, Coleten Agee, Daniel Purvine and Brandon Heckman.

You may send condolences and sign the online register book at [www.blackwellmullins.com](http://www.blackwellmullins.com).



**Area Tractor Supply stores reap efficiency savings**

Ever since John Wanamaker amazed shoppers in his famous Philadelphia department store with electrical arc lights in 1878, retailers have understood the value of effective lighting in presenting merchandise in the most favorable light.

And while early pioneers in retail illumination spared no expense to dazzle their customers, today's lighting strategies are equally focused on reducing costs. When Tractor Supply stores in Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico service area started looking for a way to improve their lighting schemes, Xcel Energy provided guidance on how to employ LED lighting in the most cost-effective way. Through Xcel Energy's commercial lighting rebate program, the stores were able to improve the customer experience while reducing their annual electrical costs.

More efficient use of energy is an important part of Tractor Supply's Stewardship Program, the company's focus on operating more efficiently, eliminating waste and reducing impact on the environment. In line with these goals, six Tractor Supply stores in Texas (Amarillo, Dalhart, Hereford, Pampa, Plainview and Seminole) and four in New Mexico (Carlsbad, Hobbs, Roswell and Tucumcari), recently retrofitted interior lighting with LED tube lighting that is estimated will shave almost 163 kilowatts from the stores' combined electricity demand, and reduce annual electricity usage by about 745,000

kilowatt-hours – equivalent to a month's electricity consumption of 745 typical homes in the region. In addition to receiving the benefit of lower bills, the stores also receive a rebate on the cost of installing the lights.

Xcel Energy uses approved contractors to work with business and residential customers to improve their efficiency, and the Tractor Supply projects were managed internally by Tractor Supply in partnership with Energy Management Collaborative (EMC), an energy efficient lighting solutions company based in Plymouth, Minn. LED lighting is a leading way to maximize energy dollars because LEDs are the most energy-efficient bulb on the market. LEDs use up to 80 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 25 years.

"And LEDs are safer because they operate at much lower temperatures, do not contain mercury, and do not produce any ultraviolet light," said Bryan Whitson, a lighting specialist

with Xcel Energy in Amarillo. "They give you light instantly at full brightness, with no warm-up time, and emit a much higher percentage of light in a desired direction. Most LEDs are fully dimmable too."

Residential and commercial electric customers in Texas have a suite of energy efficiency and load management programs available to help save money and energy. While Xcel Energy manages the energy-saving incentives, programs are delivered through what is called a "Standard Offer Program," which simply means customers receive services through specially selected independent Energy Efficiency Service Providers. Visit [www.xcelefficiency.com](http://www.xcelefficiency.com) for details about these programs, including program manuals, EESP/project sponsor lists and more. For additional questions, contact Bryan Whitson, Xcel Energy Program Manager, at (806) 378-2887 or [Bryan.J.Whitson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Bryan.J.Whitson@xcelenergy.com).

**Antique Tractor show this weekend**

The public is invited to attend the 15th Annual South Plains Antique Tractor Association Tractor and Engine Show this weekend at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock. The museum is located at East Broadway and Canyon Lakes Drive in Lubbock.

The show runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 and from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Antique tractors, engines and equipment will be displayed. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. In conjunction with the show, a drawing will be held for a restored Ford Model 800 tractor. Raffle tickets are \$5 each of \$ for \$20.

For more information, contact Rodney Randolph at 786-0805, Wade Wiley at 470-2977, Lionel Patterson at 799-4486 or visit [www.agriculture-history.org/SPATA](http://www.agriculture-history.org/SPATA).

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# 30th anniversary of Jessica McClure accident serves as open well reminder

October 16, 1987. After 30 years, many still remember the national news bulletins announcing rescuers were about to reach 18-month-old Jessica McClure, who was trapped 22 feet below land surface in an abandoned water well in southwest Midland, TX.

Burly firemen and other volunteers openly wept while the nation breathed a collective sigh of relief as "Baby Jessica" was rushed to a waiting ambulance and treatment at Midland Memorial Hospital.

"That was a near-tragic reminder of the dangers associated with open, abandoned water wells," said Jason Coleman, P.E., manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) in Lubbock.

"Proper closure of open, unused water wells ('open holes') and/or deteriorated wells ('cave-ins') prevents tragic loss of human/animal life and protects groundwater in the Ogallala Aquifer from contam-

ination," he said. HPWD Precinct One District Director Dan Seale agrees. He investigated numerous reports of open wells and cave-ins during his 42-year career as one of the District's field technicians.

"There was one instance where an open well was located in a new subdivision in southwest Lubbock. The former agricultural land had been re-developed -- but irrigation wells drilled there years ago still remained," he said.

Seale said he discovered a piece of particle board near an alleyway. It seemed innocent enough at first. However, closer examination revealed the splintered, crumbling board was barely covering the opening of a six-inch irrigation well. This caused great concern because of the well's location to homes and the possibility of children and pets playing in the area.

"Locating and getting these wells properly covered is an important duty of the HPWD staff. There have been two children who have fallen into

open, uncovered wells since HPWD was created in Sept. 1951. Both children were rescued unharmed. We do not want this to happen again," Seale said.

Sadly, others across the nation have not been so lucky. Many recall three-year-old Kathy Fiscus, who died in April 1949 after falling into an open, abandoned well in San Marino, CA. "Kathy Fiscus" laws were soon passed across the country which required open, abandoned wells to be properly filled and capped.

In addition to potential dangers, uncovered well openings also provide a direct conduit for contaminants to enter the groundwater stored in the Ogallala Formation.

"Open wells can provide tempting disposal places for anything unwanted, which can lead to serious groundwater contamination problems. Once groundwater in an aquifer is contaminated, it is extremely difficult to return it to an unpolluted state suitable for use by

humans and livestock," Coleman said.

Rainfall runoff can also carry pollutants into open wells, especially if the casing and pump have been removed.

Open wells are usually reported by telephone calls, emails from the public, or by HPWD personnel conducting field work.

Field technicians carry two

sizes of well plugs in their pickups. If an open, abandoned water well is located, the field technician will close the well, get a GPS reading on its location, and contact the landowner and/or operator. The landowner/operator has the option to pay \$75 for the well plug installed by HPWD or they may remove the plug and cap the well themselves. In both in-

stances, HPWD personnel return to the site to make sure the well is closed in accordance with state law and HPWD rules.

Additional information about proper closure of open wells and cave-ins is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting [www.hpwd.org](http://www.hpwd.org)

## Xcel Energy touts benefits of energy careers

Mark Palacio is one of about 1,700 Xcel Energy employees working in Texas and New Mexico, and like so many of his fellow workers, he has a unique story as to what led him to a career in energy.

As the company marks national Careers in Energy Week this week, it hopes Palacio's story will inspire a new generation of workers that will be needed as older workers move in greater numbers toward retirement. The Center for Energy Workforce Development, based in the nation's capital, has set aside this week to tell the stories of Palacio and thousands of U.S. energy workers who have chosen a career field that serves the greater good and provides countless opportunities for personal growth and career advancement.

Palacio started his career with Xcel Energy as an apprentice lineman on a transmission line construction crew in 1993. He spent the next six years on the road, earning his journeyman status along the way. Seeking to settle down, he took a job as a distribution lineman in Amarillo in 1999, which provided him more time with his family and also a chance to pursue a college degree. Through Xcel Energy's tuition reimbursement program, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree by taking night classes at Wayland Baptist University in Amarillo, and later earned a Master of Arts degree in management.

Now Palacio supervises Xcel Energy's Electric Field Training group, overseeing a respected training program that trains linemen in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. His rise through the ranks, from lineman to training supervisor for three states, is a story of hard work and commitment, like so many other employee success stories that have played out in all the towns and cities Xcel Energy serves.

"Xcel Energy's commitment to me as an employee has made me very proud to work here," Palacio said. "I hope to continue enhancing my skills and knowledge with this company as we train the workforce that is so vital to our energy future in this region."

Xcel Energy has remained an employer of choice across the area for many years because of the wide variety of skills it requires to keep the

power flowing to 100 communities in a 52,000 square-mile service area, as well as the company's commitment to providing opportunities for advancement.

"We have many people who started working for the company at young ages in entry level positions who have continued their education and advanced through the ranks to top positions," said Myrna Flores, the company's Amarillo-based recruiter. "And because of the importance of the work we do, we are committed to hiring top talent and incentivizing long-term employment through competitive pay and benefits."

Flores said developing the future workforce is a top priority for the company as more and more baby boomers reach retirement age. Fully half of the regional workforce will be eligible to retire within 10 years, opening up opportunities for younger employees from the smallest towns in the region to the largest.

While many jobs at the company require college degrees, jobs for tradesmen and skilled workers such as linemen, substation workers and electricians do not. And these craft positions can be found in almost every town where Xcel Energy has a service center. Workers just out of high school are eligible for these positions upon passing a handful of required tests, and can make \$50,000 or more as first-year apprentices.

"Our training program is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor, and workers who attain the journeyman level after completing a four-year training program can use this certification anywhere in the country, although it is our goal to keep them employed with us," Flores said.

Xcel Energy also has stepped up efforts to bring on new engineers, a group of employees that are playing a key role in the historic expansion and modernization of Xcel Energy's power grid. Through partnerships at area universities, the company has promoted a focus on power engineering in an effort to retain the top students in this region. Additionally, the company has set a goal -- and exceeded it -- of boosting veteran hiring by ensuring that 10 percent of all new hires in any field have a military background.

More information about careers at Xcel Energy can be found at [www.xcelenergy.com/careers](http://www.xcelenergy.com/careers).

## Fedora Theatrix to perform "Killer Among Us"

"Killer Among Us" is the latest play presented by Fedora Theatrix, a homeschool theatre company. The play is based on the true story of the 1926 Farwell, Texas serial killer George Hassell who murdered his wife and eight stepchildren. It centers around the Stateline Tribune and a young reporter who happens to connect the dots and solve the murder mystery.

"The wonderful things about this play is the historical value and the connection it has to our community even to this day," said Gina Prather,

Fedora's director and the playwright. "There are still family members here in Parmer County who had grandparents, aunts and uncles who attended the Hassell family yard sale and who also served on the jury during the trial."

"Killer Among Us" show times are October 27, 7:30 CST 6:30 MT and October 28 3:00 CST 2:00 MT, at Bovina Church of Christ. Admission is free and donations are welcome. A portion of all donations goes to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Bovina Christian Benevolence Fund.



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Fedora Theatrix "Killer Among Us" cast, top row, l-r, Melissa Struthers, Adam Stancell and Jaden Scott; row 2, l-r, Mikaela Cooper, Jera Scott, David Struthers, Ethan Friend, and Keri Baker; row 3, l-r, Carson Stancell, Mike Bielas, Ruby Wills, Leigh Friend, Sierra Wills, Cheyanna Underwood, and Paige Cowart; bottom row, l-r, Logan Waters, Dakota Prather, Luke Baker Baker, Jaebri Scott, and Sam Kramer. Not pictured are Zach Shover, Zeke Shover and Katie Baker.

### Parmer County Cancer Coalition Community Assistance Program

To qualify for assistance from the Parmer County Cancer Coalition, an applicant must be a resident of Parmer County for the last 90 days, provide verification of an active/current cancer diagnosis and be actively seeking treatment or hospice care. Applications will be considered yearly. \$500 per qualified applicant will be awarded, while funds permit.

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City \_\_\_\_\_, TX Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## DPS urges Texas drivers to comply with school bus laws

In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 16-20), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to comply with laws prohibiting drivers from passing school buses. During this period, DPS Highway Patrol Troopers will be looking for drivers who violate the law. It is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal – either flashing red lights or a stop sign.

“Motorists should always be alert and practice safe driving habits when traveling near school buses or anywhere school children gather, including bus stops,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Texas parents can rest assured that DPS will not tolerate those who recklessly endanger children by ignoring the law.”

“Ensuring our students have a safe trip to and from school is a commitment the Texas Education Agency shares with the Texas Department of Public Safety,” said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. “We commend the dedication of our Texas

Highway Patrol, as well as local law enforcement, during National School Bus Safety week and throughout the year in working to keep our students safe.”

During National School Bus Safety Week, Troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law. Because children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as much as \$1,250.

In 2016 and year to date in 2017, Texas Highway Patrol Troopers have issued 1,100 citations and 573 warnings for passing a stopped school bus.

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction on a roadway – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no

longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

(As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians.

- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.

- Look for children who might dart into the street without checking for traffic.

- Know and obey the traffic laws regarding school buses in Texas.

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 42,000 school buses transport approximately 1.5 million Texas children every school day.



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### QUESTIONS About your Medicare Options?

If you are considering joining or switching to **Medicare Advantage Plan** during the Medicare open enrollment period, please **BE AWARE!**

**Medicare Advantage Plans ARE NOT Traditional Medicare.**

If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan:

- You cannot be sold a Medicare supplemental plan.
- Lower premiums may be offset by higher out-of-pocket costs.
- Your choice of Providers and healthcare services may be limited by your plan.
- Other services may be limited.

Parmer Medical Center and Friena Rural Health Clinic encourage you to carefully evaluate any Medicare Advantage Plan before you give up traditional Medicare, and to check with the hospital business office at 806.250.2754 if you have any questions about your Medicare coverage.



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