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NEWS BRIEFS

Win a Bike at Maize Days

Prairie Acres is selling tickets for a chance to win a Uni-sex eighteen speed Huffy 26" Nighthawk Mountain bike. Tickets are \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m. at the City Park. Tickets may be purchased at Prairie Acres in the front office and activity office as well as at a booth in the park on Saturday. All proceeds will benefit Prairie Acres Activity Department for Resident Summer Outings. Need not be present to win.

FHS Class of 1967 Reunion

The FHS Class of 1967 will hold its 50 Year class reunion on September 15-16, 2017 in conjunction with annual Maize Days celebration.

Planned activities include a Friday evening cookout, participation in the parade, lunch in the City Park, and a Saturday evening dinner in Clovis. A class picture of reunion participants will be taken after the parade.

Dale and Joe Bob Mann will be hosting class members and guests at their home, 201 West 14th Street, beginning Friday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The Class of 1967 included 65 graduates of which 33 members of the class attended all 12 grades together. At this time, 36 members of the class will be attending at least a portion of the planned activities.

Those wishing additional information may contact: Jim Bob Jones at (806) 638-1954 or Joe Bob Mann.

Choir boosters to meet Sept. 18

There will be an organizational meeting for a FHS Choir Boosters club at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18 in the Friona High School Choir room. For more information, call Sharon Rector at (806) 677-4664.

PMC/FRHC offering influenza shots

Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic are once again going to be offering a Flu Shot Clinic at Friona Senior Citizens. The influenza (flu) vaccinations will be given at the Friona Senior Citizens building located at 1410 Washington on Thursday, September 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The vaccination being offered this year is the Quadrivalent vaccine which protects against four types of influenza – the same three strains as the standard flu shot, plus an additional B-strain virus.

The charge for the vaccination will be totally covered if the recipient is a subscriber to traditional Medicare. You will need to present your Medicare card and drivers license at the time of the injection. For all other vaccination recipients the cost for the injection is \$29.

Medicaid will not cover the charge for the vaccinations received at Friona Senior Citizens but will cover the cost for vaccinations received at Friona Rural Health Clinic located at 1307 Cleveland Avenue. For more information, call Rhonda Wilkins at 806-250-2754 or Susie Spring at 806-250-2781.

Johnston, Guerra crowned Miss, Little Miss

For One Night Only-Friday, September 8-magic filled the air as sixteen Miss Friona and eleven Little Miss Friona contestants took to

the stage at the Friona High School auditorium to show their poise, elegance and talents.

Contestants were interviewed

by emcee Ali Allison, of News-channel 10 in Amarillo, followed by modeling of casual and evening-gear.

Miss Friona contestants showed their impressive talents, which included lip-synching, playing the piano, comedy, dancing and singing.

Brooklynne Johnston, 17-year-old daughter of Bryan and Allison Johnston, was named 2017 Miss Friona and crowned by 2016 Miss Friona Sydney Frye. She was sponsored by Friona InterBank. She performed "The Mom Song" for her talent. Brooklynne received a \$1,000 scholarship. She was also earned a scholarship for evening gown.

Erica Barrera, daughter of Joy Davila and Eric Barrera, was named Miss Congeniality and 1st runner-up. Erica recited the FFA Creed. She received a \$700 scholarship for 1st runner-up. She also received recognition for her interview. She was sponsored by Chico's Welding & Construction.

Graci Stallings, 16-year-old daughter of Tommy and Trista Stallings, was the 2nd runner-up and was recognized for her talent. She is sponsored Chieftain Sports and Fitness.

Rickie Lee Castillo, 16-year-old daughter of Santiago and Claudia Serna, was the 3rd runner-up. She was sponsored by Serna Repairs.

Kessly Salinas, 16-year-old daughter of Aaron and Rufina Salinas, was the 4th runner-up. She was sponsored by Bi-Wize Pharmacy.

Abigail Guerra, sponsored by First National Bank, was named 2017 Little Miss Friona and crowned by 2016 Little Miss Friona Aylene Moreno. First runner-up was Sophia San Miguel, sponsored by Tasty Cream, and second runner-up was Ella Rector, sponsored by Hi-Pro Feeds.

Abigail is the 5-year-old daughter of Noel and Jessica Guerra. Sophia is the 5-year-old daughter of Jesus and Gracie San Miguel. Ella is the 5-year-old daughter of Jason and Karla Rector.

Scholarships were provided by donations from the following: Parmer Medical Center, Parmer County Implement, A-1 Service Center, Hi-Pro Feeds, Kendrick Oil, Co., Parmer County Farm Bureau, Diamond Kat Designs, Wilbur Ellis, Co., Legacy Pump and Irrigation, Xcel Energy, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Farmer's Co-op Gin, K-3 Towing, Del Rio Dairy, Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts: Kip and Misty Frye.



dana jameson photos
2017 Miss Friona Brooklynne Johnston, above, center, was crowned last Friday evening by 2016 Miss Friona Sydney Frye. Brooklynne's court, l-r, 4th runner-up Kessly Salinas, 2nd runner-up Graci Stallings, 1st runner-up Erica Barrera, and 3rd runner-up Rickie Castillo. Left, 2017 Little Miss Friona Abigail Guerra, right, was crowned by 2016 Little Miss Friona Aylene Moreno. Her court was, l-r, 1st runner-up Sophia San Miguel and 2nd runner-up Ella Rector.

Elementary collects over \$1,000 for Harvey relief

Friona Elementary has joined the effort to help with the victims of Hurricane Harvey. For five days they have collected \$1,077.22. That money will be used to help buy school supplies for the students in the affected areas.

"We are proud that the students and staff of Friona Elementary opened their hearts and their piggy banks to lend a helping hand," stated Loy McLellan, Friona Elementary Counselor.

The students raised \$362.95 on August 31; \$373.79 on September 1; \$54.83 on September 6; \$59.27 on September 7; and \$226.38 on September 8. The donations came in the form of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, \$1 bills, \$5 bills, \$10 bills, \$20 bills, \$100 bills, and a gold dollar. Additional donations were six foreign coins, one game/store token, one tiny screw and one tattoo.

Congratulations to these students and staff members for showing the Texas spirit.

61st Maize Days festivities

As 61st Annual Maize Days festivities wind down there is still more fun to be had.

Friday, September 15, the Friona Chieftains will host their Highway 60 rivals, the Bovina Mustangs, for Homecoming. The Homecoming Queen will be announced before the 7:30 p.m. kickoff. There are five young women vying for the Queen's position. Those nominees are Erica Barrera, Erika Grado, Jackie Legarreta, Nishna Soto and Megan Stone.

Cargill will be serving up burgers before the game and the Friona Noon Lions will be whipping up hot, salty batches of their World Famous fries.

A number of class reunions are planned for this weekend. Saturday, September 16 dawn's early with the Dixon Memorial 6 Mile & 2 Mile Run/Walk starting at 7 a.m. at Reeve Lake. Entry fee is \$5. For more information, contact Joel Duffield at (308) 641-3034 or the Chamber office at (806) 250-3491.

The Annual Maize Days parade will begin lining up at 9 a.m. on Euclid Street in front of Friona Junior High School. The parade theme this year is "Harvesting for Health" and will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to line Main Street and cheer on all the parade entries. If you are interested in entering a float or being a part of the parade, contact the Chamber or join the line-up at 9 a.m.

Vendors and exhibitors will be on hand at the Friona City Park during the parade and throughout the festivities.

The Stitching Post will once again host a Quilt Show at the Depot after the parade. Stop by and check out the beautiful quilts and admire the handiwork.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will drawing for the lucky winner of a Mossimo ATV and trailer at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available from any fireman.

Prairie Acres will hold their drawing for a bicycle at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Come on out and enjoy the traditions of Maize Days and Friona.



dana jameson photo
The 2017 Homecoming Queen will be named before the Friona/Bovina game this Friday. Queen nominees are, l-r, Erika Grado, Erica Barrera, Megan Stone, Jackie Legarreta, and Nishna Soto.

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



Paths

You never know who you will cross paths with during a day. Sometimes your path can be gloomy and lonely then someone crosses your path and turns that frown upside down. Other times you are floating with happiness and joy down that path and your run smack dab into the worst, foul-tempered person. Your happiness retreats quickly and takes your joy along for the ride.

We have many paths in our lives. Among those paths are work paths, home paths, family paths, friend paths, heart paths, etc.

Lately my paths have been conflicted. They have been tangled and hard to manage at times.

However, just about the time I am ready to get the scissors to cut out the knotted paths I run into some of the sweetest people that straighten out every kink and knot.

These sweet people show a legitimate interest in my path. They show me the compassion that is missing all too often.

I have found that the loyalty path can run deep. It can also run along the surface without roots ready to be stomped on at any given moment.

My paths for work have led me to places that I never dreamed I would travel to anytime soon. I have found that those paths have taught me not to be so hardened to life and the problems that accompany life. Just about the time the hard path gets a hold of me, I run into sweet people that have their own rough paths but seem to deal with it much better than I do.

When I say "sweet", I do not mean someone that is shallow and unbelievable. I mean they are people that genuinely care about their fellow man or woman. They give a damn!

They are not doormats. They are the ones that dust themselves off and get on with life.

Being sweet has its drawbacks and there are plenty of tears. Being knocked down

and pushed aside hurts. Sweet people just seem to know how to recover and regroup to remain sweet.

Thankfully, I have a core group of sweet people that seem to sense when I need to be dusted off and set on a different and better path.

My mother always said that when we answer the phone we should smile. It would change our voices and convey a happy person. She also said you never know what path the person on the other end of a call has been going down.

She was right. I worked for a pharmaceutical company for a while answering phone calls and taking orders. I would smile and the grumpiest of callers would soften by the end of the call.

On my last day at that company, I had three calls from the same woman. She was bedridden and her life was probably the worst I had ever heard of. Each time we spoke, she cried hard at the beginning

of the call but by the end, she had calmed down. By the third call, she only wanted to talk to me and thanked me for giving her hope. I did not have the heart to tell her that this was my last day.

She was put in my path for a reason. Just like everyone that crosses your path...they are put there for a reason. We just have to figure out that reason.

I hope your paths are not tangled and difficult, but straight and filled with hope, faith and love.

"I truly believe that everything that we do and everyone that we meet is put in our path for a purpose. There are no accidents; we're all teachers - if we're willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn, trust our positive instincts and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door."

~Marla Gibbs
(Thank you Holly, Jeannie, Elwanda and Joyce!)

September 14

- FHS JV Football at Bovina 5 p.m.
- FHS Freshmen Football at Idalou 5 p.m.
- FJHS 8th Football vs Bovina at home 5 p.m.
- FJHS 7th Football at Sundown 5 p.m.
- Homecoming Bonfire 8 p.m. at Chieftain Field

September 15

- Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m.
- Pep Rally 2:30 p.m. at FHS gym-All school campuses will be in attendance
- FHS Varsity Football vs. Bovina at home 7:30 p.m. HOME COMING
- Cargill Burgers & Noon Lions Fries served before Homecoming game begins

September 16

- Dixon Memorial Run at Reeve Lake 7 a.m.
- Maize Days Parade and Events 10 a.m.
- FHS Varsity Volleyball at Plainview Christian 1 p.m.
- FHS JV Volleyball at Texico JV Tournament
- FJHS 8A & FHS C Volleyball at Wilderado 10 a.m./11 a.m.
- FHS/FJHS Cross Country at Tascosa Rebel Run
- Wildflower Workshop at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Prairie Acres Bicycle Drawing at City Park at 2 p.m.

September 18

- FJHS 7A/8A Volleyball at Idalou 5/6

September 19

- Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents
- FHS C/JV/V at Brownfield 4:30/4:30/6
- Family Bingo Night at Prairie Acres at 7 p.m.

September 21

- PEACE DAY
- Flu shots available at Friona Senior Citizens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- FHS JV Football vs. Floydada at home 5 p.m.
- FJHS 7th/8th Football at Floydada 5/6:30

Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White



I want to share and inform the citizens about a discussion the city council has been having that affects all citizens. It centers around the school zone speed limit, in particular on Grand Street. Lieutenant Sanchez addressed the council and shared the following statistics:

*5 teen pedestrian deaths every week in the US

*13% increase in the pedestrian death rate for 12-19 year olds since 2013

*In 2015, 26% of all children 15-19 years, made up half of the pedestrian fatalities.

*The major cause of pedestrian deaths were due to distraction, walking while using cell phones, texting, and looking down not paying attention to traffic when crossing the street.

The council is very concerned about public safety and is considering the following options:

1) Purchase and install yellow blinking lights on the north bound sign and the south bound sign on Grand Street only. The cost is estimated to be \$27,000.

2) Enforce the 20 mph speed zone at different times during the day: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. This change would fall in line with the speed zone on Highway 60 running parallel with the Junior High School. For now, the school zone speed limit on Grand Street will continue to be enforced at 20 mph during the time of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The city council will make a final decision on suggested changes in the near future.

Judge Campbell had 45 new cases in August. There were 24 cases of trial by judge that pled guilty and three cases were dismissed. There was one new juvenile case filed. Total fines equaled \$4,979.82 and court cost totaled \$2,211.73. Judge Campbell shared with the council literature for Texas Municipalities about Texas Municipal Courts that effect citizens in and around our community. The following are changes going into effect in Texas that everyone needs to be aware of:

1) Texting while driving carries up to a \$99.00 fine (first offense) and between \$100.00-\$200.00 fine for repeat offenders. If the offense results in death or serious injury, punishable up to \$4,000.00 fine and up to 1 year in jail.

2) Court costs and fines: Judges will have more leeway in using installment payments, community service, full or partial waiver, or any combination, when a defendant is unable to pay either the fine or court cost.

3) Court security: Cities large and small will be required to establish court security committees made up of one city representative, a representative of the entity that provide court security and others the committee determines will be of assistance. A person assigned to provide court security is required to attend

training and obtain court security training. If you want to read more about these three bills, you can go to www.tncea.com.

EMS had a total of 29 runs. There were six calls for 9-1-1, 15 calls for transfers and eight calls resulted in a "no transport". Payments collected were \$17,551.58 and billing equaled \$33,980.72.

The city pumped 17,556,000 gallons of water in August and sold 14,596,700 gallons of water. Total billing equaled \$85,023.26 on 1426 accounts.

Chief Jimenez and the officers

responded to 198 calls in August. There were 121 stops (70 warnings, 53 citations and 3 arrests which resulted in 1-driving while license invalid and 2-warrants). The officers drove a total of 4,114 miles patrolling and protecting our city.

Accounts payable equaled \$301,923.61 for August. This amount is higher than most months, but fairly common for the last two months of the fiscal year to be higher due to getting everything paid before the next fiscal year.

Friona Public Library had 919 patron visits in August, which was an average of 51 per day and was open 23 days. There were 1,156 items circulated and 179 new items received.

The council received a very nice letter from Darla Bracken advising the council of her decision to retire from being the "Librarian". Darla has been a great caretaker of the Friona Public Library and we appreciate her service and hope she has a great retirement.

Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine emergency calls in August.

August 1, a wreck three miles south on Highway 214, five volunteers responded.

August 8, grass fire six miles west on Highway 60, five volunteers responded.

August 10, well house fire, eight volunteers responded.

August 11, trash pit fire, seven volunteers responded.

August 19, electrical fire at Cargill, ten volunteers responded.

August 25, fire alarm on 15th Street, cancelled in route.

August 28, wreck on FM Road 2397, eleven volunteers responded.

August 29, wreck on east Highway 60, nine volunteers responded.

Lastly, the search for a new City Manager continues. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) has received many applications and will present a grid sheet to the council during the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 10. The interview process will begin shortly after. Our goal is to have someone in this position no later than November 1, 2017.

Your Mayor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I enjoy reading about home. Praying Ron gets better soon. My check enclosed.

Carolyn Rains
8301 Boat Club Road
Fort Worth, TX 76179

Keep up the good works. I love hearing from my former hometown (makes me homesick) news.

There is more there than there is here, except for the sports.

God Bless all of you there in Friona.

Love,
Anita Hall
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ON YOUR PAYROLL

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ACROSS

- TX outlaw, Sam
- Perry Mason's _____
- Stanley Gardner
- TXism: "_____ in your own juice"
- TX Kenny Rogers' "If I Knew _____ What I Know Now"
- TXism: "get the lead _____ (go faster)"
- the 27th TX gov. and publisher of Houston Post
- Pearsall's county
- Donley County seat
- TX Nolan Ryan threw 7 _____-hitters
- a tennis serve that touches net (2 wds.)
- President Reagan's space-based defense plan (abbr.)
- pulsating pains
- this actor played TX Ben Hogan in 1951 "Follow the Sun"
- TXism: "bat _____ eyelash" (blink)
- ex-Cowboy OT Mark from Hawaii
- Earl "Tiger" Teague fought for veterans' rights
- this is tested for some pro athletes
- TXism: "mad _____ nails"
- "Big Texan" steak in Amarillo is free if you can _____
- Dallam County seat dir. from Mexia to Mineola
- "curds and _____," i.e. cottage cheese
- more worn and shabby
- freezing conditions
- home of the Springtown Porcupines (abbr.)
- Korean surname
- large African antelope that is raised in TX
- TXism: "hard _____ a lightning bolt"
- "behind the _____ ball"
- "to and _____"
- British spy writer, Deighton dir. to Crowell from Plainview
- "The _____ Charley Pride"
- Port _____, TX
- raining with ice
- blue jean patches, back in the day
- noted CBS anchor from TX, Cronkite (init.)
- scheming
- once a rowdy area of Fort Worth: "Hell's _____ Acre"
- sandwich cookie
- TX Charley Pride's "She's Too Good to _____" (1972)
- noted TX golfer, Byron (init.)
- ten of these gets a 1st down (abbr.)
- this Cherokee chief adopted Sam Houston
- 34th governor: W. Lee "Pappy" _____
- TXism: "tee _____" (tiny)
- TX Tanya (init.)
- a color or shade
- tough outer skin of a watermelon
- some cattle are fattened _____
- this hurricane hit Brownsville in 1967
- TXism: "got my _____ on 'em"
- cowboy covering
- Amarillo hosts the "_____ State Fair & Rodeo" in the fall
- many TXNs no longer have a landline type
- TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't _____" (determined)
- got off the horse
- TX Christopher Cross hit: "Best That You _____ Do"
- "R" of the NRA
- "Shrek," et al.

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West 11 Sports will be naming a Player of the Week each week during the 2017 football season. The player of the week against Farwell on September 1 was Marco Maldonado. The player of the week against Booker on September 9 was Marco Monreal. Congratulations to these young men.

The Prairie Acres Activity Department is raising money for their Resident Summer Outing fund by selling chances for a Huffy 26" Nighthawk Mountain Bike. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Stop by Prairie Acres for tickets or they will be at the City Park on Saturday, September 16 during the Maize Days festivities. They will draw the winner at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

CARNIVAL TIME: Garry Moore Amusements will be in Friona, September 25-30 at Reeve Lake.

Miss Friona/Little Miss

Friona trivia: In 2006, Sydney Frye, the reigning Little Miss Friona, crowned Brooklynne Johnston as the new Little Miss Friona. Fast-forward to September 8, 2017, Sydney Frye, reigning Miss Friona, crowned Brooklynne Johnston as the new Miss Friona.

Thanks Misty for sharing this information.

Homecoming time is here and new traditions are being ushered in. In the past few years the Homecoming candidates have been escorted onto the field by their fathers and were presented by the Chieftain captains. This year the candidates will once again be escorted by their fathers but the Chieftain captains will not be involved in the ceremony. Times change and so do traditions.

Speaking of Homecoming candidates...congratulations to Erica Barrera, Erika Grado, Jackie Legaretta, Nishna Soto and Megan Stone for being se-

lected this year. Due to a proofing error last week, we misspelled Nishna Soto's first name. We apologize for this mistake.

Cargill will be cooking up delicious burgers and the Friona Noon Lions will be serving up their World Famous French fries at the Homecoming game on Friday. Come out to the game and enjoy a delicious meal before they crown the new queen and Friona takes on the Bovina Mustangs.

Runners and walkers will be out early on Saturday morning, September 16. The Dixon Memorial Run/Walk will start at 7 p.m. from Reeve Lake. Good luck to all these participants.

Line Main Street on Saturday at 10 a.m. for the 61st Annual Maize Days parade. If you are interested in being in the parade, lineup begins at 9

a.m. on Euclid by the Friona Junior High School.

Prairie Acres Family Bingo Night is set for Tuesday, September 19 starting at 7 p.m.

Flu shots will be available at the Friona Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is sponsored by the Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic.

The Annual Knights of Columbus Council #8938 Golf Tournament will be held at John Pittman Golf Course in Hereford on Saturday, September 23.

Dr. Robert Alexander will be turning 80 soon and his family has a big party planned on Saturday, September 23. Festivities start at 4 p.m. at 1402 Columbia with dinner, cocktails and entertainment by Davin James. Happy Birthday Dr. Bob! (His actual birthday is September 25!)

Happy 60th Anniversary wishes go out to Bernard and Lynn Gowens. Their anniversary is Sunday, September 17. Congratulations Bernard and Lynn!

I was sad to hear that Miss Darla is retiring from the Friona Public Library. I will miss her smiling face and happy greetings when I go to the library or cover the Summer

Reading programs. Darla, you will be missed. Enjoy your retirement!

Remember it is time to order pig tags from the FFA and the Parmer County 4-H. Call Deena Leuea at the Extension office at (806) 251-5120 for more information.

Archery coaches are needed for Parmer County 4-H. If you are interested contact the Extension office.

If you have a 3-year-old or older contact the Friona Public Library about Story Time. Every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. children will enjoy a story and fun activity presented by the Library staff.

Community Bingo at Prairie Acres will be Saturday, September 30 at 3 p.m. The community is invited to come out and enjoy a game of Bingo with the residents.

Tuesdays are Game Day at Friona Heritage Estates. Stop by at 2 p.m. and enjoy game time with the residents. If you need a ride call Connie Johnson at (806) 295-6044.

Friona Volunteer Firemen still have tickets for the ATV drawing. Tickets are \$10 each and the lucky winner will be drawn this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Friona City Park. Firemen will be at the Homecoming game Friday night selling

tickets. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Spirit Shirts are still available. Contact Maria Garcia at (806) 433-7152 for more information. Support the Chieftains, Squaws, Braves and Maidens.

Snack Pak 4 Kids will be packing backpacks this Thursday at the Friona United Methodist Church at 4:30 p.m.

Check out Andy Montana and Sawyer Osborn on game day. They will be broadcasting on WT Services Channel 76, online at www.West11Sports.com and on the West 11 Sports app.

We still have a good supply of Friona on Parade by Bill Ellis. The book includes Friona Sports, academics and FISH history with 1,000 photos. They make great gifts.

Schedule a coffee break with Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Senior Services at Parmer Medical Center. She will use her years of Medicare experience to review your options and connect you with the right individual to help you navigate the enrollment process. Call (806) 250-2754 for a personal appointment today.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."
~Robert Louis Stevenson

Council approves 2017-18 budgets

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 11 with all the members present. Public hearings were opened to the floor concerning the proposed city budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the proposed 2017-tax rate of \$0.7100/\$100 valuation. There were no representatives from the community.

The fast-paced meeting went straight into the regular hearing.

The council adopted the budget and appropriations for sup-

port of the city government for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. They also adopted the tax rate of \$0.7100 per \$100 valuation for use and support of the municipal government General Fund of the City of Friona for the upcoming fiscal year.

After a brief discussion, the council approved the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) budget for the fiscal year of October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

Friona Police Department Sergeant Jesus San Miguel addressed the council, delivered the August reports of activities, and discussed the estimates for flashing lights in the school zone on Grand Avenue. (For more information on the Friona PD, reports see the Mayor's Minutes on page 2.)

Friona City Hall will be closed on Friday, September 29, 2017 for year-end procedures. The council also decided to move the Monday, October 9 meeting to Tuesday, October 10 due to the Columbus Day holiday.

The council approved a number of money transfers requested by City Manager Patricia Phipps.

An amended code of ordinances related to the collection of residential and commercial garbage as well as the costs of such services was approved by the council.

Mayor Ricky White was given approval to execute the Amarillo Area Foundation grant agreement for \$25,000 to support the purchase of an ambulance.

The council will meet again in Tuesday, October 10. All meetings are open to the public.

Crapemyrtle pest to be targeted by \$3.3 million grant

By Kathleen Phillips

The most popular flowering shrub in the U.S. has a new ally in a fight against a new, devastating exotic pest.

A \$3.3 million grant will fund the study "Systematic Strategies to Manage Crapemyrtle Bark Scale" to be led by Dr. Mengmeng Gu, associate professor and ornamental horticulturist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, College Station.

The study is one of 12 totaling \$35 million by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture for science-based solutions and new technology for the specialty crop industry.

Gu said crapemyrtles had a wholesale value of \$66 million in 2014, the latest year for which figures are available. But the bark scale could take a serious bite out of that.

"Crapemyrtle bark scale is severely impacting this industry, and poses a unique risk to other major crops including soybean, apple and pomegranate," she said. "Its newly reported infestation on the native American beautyberry may pose a threat to the native plant community and ecosystem."

Bark scale originated in Asia, and no one knows how it came to the U.S., Gu said.

"Crapemyrtle bark scale feeds on the plant's vascular system — the stems, branches, flower stems and leaves — sucking out

plant sap," Gu said. "That affects the overall plant health so it doesn't grow or flower. And in the pomegranate, that stops the fruit production and yield."

She said honeydew secretion from scale feeding also causes black sooty mold on trunks and branches, which significantly reduces the aesthetic value of trees in landscapes.

If a solution is not found, Gu said, the landscape industry likely would stop using them, and that would be a severe economic hit.

She said now that it has been reported on American beautyberry, which is a totally different plant family, it is very likely that the scale may start to attack other plants as well. It has been already documented on plants in six genus in 11 families, she said.

In Asia, crapemyrtle bark scale has been controlled by using both insecticides and biological control on crapemyrtles and pomegranates. This study will look at these control methods as well as new approaches, she said.

First, the team will evaluate non-chemical control methods such as biological, cultural and mechanical, Gu said. They also will evaluate chemical efficacy and the potential impact on beneficial insects and pollinators, based on the established understanding of crapemyrtle

bark scale biology.

"We also will evaluate alternative hosts and feeding preference for future plant selection and development," she said.

And ultimately, the study will seek ways to improve the understanding of consumer and industry preferences and how that impacts crapemyrtle sales, Gu said.

"We are going to develop a two-way information pipeline for monitoring this pest by training volunteers and commercial/professional stakeholders, having a Best Management Practices training curriculum and creating an outreach network," she added.

Gu said it's important to map where the crapemyrtle bark scale infestation is, including where it is on other plants, so volunteers will be encouraged to learn about the pest and how to report their sightings.

An infestation map has already been developed at <http://bit.ly/2f8Fpbi>, and learning where outbreaks are will help the industry be on the lookout and "nip problems in the bud" more quickly, Gu noted.

"The overall goal to manage this pest will contribute to the long-term profitability and sustainability of crapemyrtle production and landscape uses," she said. "And it will help protect against future risks to other commodities from this pest."



ACTION FOR AN AMBULANCE

Ambulance Trivia

UIL rules include the requirement that a designated emergency vehicle be present at athletic contests. If an ambulance is not available, another suitable vehicle should be ready for quick utilization. Friona EMS provides an ambulance for all home High School and Junior High football games. If the ambulance has to leave the game for a transport call from the hospital, the game has to stop until it returns. Transport calls mean that a patient is needing immediate transport to a higher level of care. The 911 ambulance can be used only for 911 calls and cannot go to the game or leave town for a transport call. A third ambulance would certainly alleviate this problem.

Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of September 18, 1977

*Debbie Menefee was chosen as Friona's Maize Queen Thursday night, and will have a place of honor in concluding events of the city's 21st annual celebration. First runner up was Priscilla Pruett and second runner up was Vickie Smiley.

*Teresa Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mann, Jr., was crowned Friona's 1977 Little Miss Tuesday night at the annual Maize Days Little Miss program.

First runner up was Brandy Ray and second runner up was Jenny Procter.

*Mary Ford has assumed duties as librarian at the Fri-

ona Public Library. She replaces Billie Fairchild, who has been the librarian for six years. Mrs. Fairchild will continue to work part time.

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Lions Club News



Friona Noon Lions Club held their regular meeting Thursday September 7 with 11 members, one prospective member in Greg Lewellen and two guests. The program was presented by FHS Athletic Director/ Head Football Coach Jimmie Arias and Coach David Townner.

Arias talked about the 2017 Chiefs, injuries this season and Homecoming this week. The Chiefs will play Bovina, which will be a big game to see where the Chiefs are at.

Cargill will be cooking free burgers and the Friona Noon Lions Club will be cooking fries at the Homecoming game.

Meetings are every first and third Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in joining are welcome to come on by and have lunch on us at Headquarters.

Earth Ranch Rodeo Sept. 15-16

The Earth Ranch Rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. nightly September 15-16 at the Earth Rodeo Arena. Events include team sorting, stray gathering, team branding, wild cow milking and bronc riding.

All participant are working cowboys from ranches from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas. There will be a free calf scramble each night.

In addition, the Earth Fire Department will be sponsoring a "Last Man Standing" contest. Contestants will put a hand on the fire ruck and remain there until only one man is left standing. Entry fee is \$50 each with the prize being a .458 Socom rifle or the same value gift card at Caliber Country in Muleshoe.

The rodeo is WRCA sanctioned. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children; children under five will be admitted free. Concessions will be available and will include hot dogs, drinks and a pulled pork plate, as well as other snacks.

Pena awarded scholarship

The University of Texas at Arlington proudly announces that Daniel Pena of Friona (79035) is a Maverick Academic Scholarship recipient for the 2017-18 academic year.

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Educational Fund for Gomez family

An Educational Fund has been established for Chelsie and Jessie Gomez at Friona InterBank in memory of their mother, Christine Gomez. Contact Friona InterBank for more information, (806) 250-5000.

Johnson, Braillif win Week 2

Hurricane Irma messed with Week 2 of the Friona Star Football contest. Contestants got a break on the Miami at Arkansas State and the Tampa Bay at Miami games due to the games either being cancelled or postponed because of the wrath of Irma.

Phillip Johnson of Shallowater guessed ten games correctly and hit the total of the Philadelphia at Washington game right on the mark with 47 to earn the first place prize this week. He missed the Jacksonville/Houston and the Arizona/Detroit games.

Raul Braillif also guessed ten games correctly but missed the total for the tiebreaker by two points to take home the second place prize. Raul missed the Canyon/Monahans and Jacksonville/Houston games.

The Jacksonville/Houston game was the most missed game of the week.

Leading the pack with 19 correct guesses after two weeks are Tim Elmore, of Kemp, TX, and Phillip Johnson.

Only one game behind the leaders are Raul Braillif, Scott Brown, Ronald Diaz, Jon Field and Rodney Shelby.

The field continues to bottleneck at the 16 games position with Laura Field, Eddie Gauna, Mal Manchee, Rusty McFarland, Harley Merritt, Blair Morris, Isabel Rios, Linvell Rose, and Kathryn "Beth" Tallant all tied at 16 games each.

The full results can be found on page 7.

Remember to enter every week to win the weekly prize and be in the running for the Grand Prize of \$100.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of August 31 through September 6, 2017:

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Sheriff's Report

In 28th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding: August 29, 2017

Michealle Grabowski, 22, of Clovis, NM, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (meth). Grabowski was sentenced to two years in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. She must pay \$429 in court costs, \$34 for DNA testing fee, \$2,000 in attorney fees, and \$180 in restitution.

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

Brittney Herbert & Tucker Lee
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School Menu September 18-22

Monday
 Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk
 Lunch: Popcorn chicken, crackers, mashed potatoes, fresh tomatoes, pears, milk

Tuesday
 Breakfast: Cereal, orange pineapple juice, banana, milk
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak, roll, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday
 Breakfast: Cereal, Pop-tarts, grape juice, oranges, milk
 Lunch: Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, French oven potatoes, mixed fruit, milk

Thursday
 Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk
 Lunch: Chili cheese fries, Doritos, Ranch-style beans, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday
 Breakfast: Cereal, pig-in-a-blanket, fruit punch juice, apples, milk
 Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, carrots, broccoli, fruit salad, milk

Milk House Market -Wedding Registry-

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September 16th
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Contact Joel Duffield 308.641.3034

September 16th
 Maize Days Celebration
 Parade @ 10 am, immediately following enjoy Quilt Show, Petting Zoo, food and fun in the City Park

Bridal Registry

Abby White & Alex Dunnam

Baby Registry

Baby boy Escamilla
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**“El Toro”
the Goat**

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

On my granddad’s farm we had a billy goat for a while that for lack of imagination we called “Billy.” One day while playing make believe, really showed up. It just so happened that day we were Great Bullfighters from Spain. Not having a bull and being the Great Bullfighters from Spain we pretended to fight the big black “El Toro.” At some point in the event we remembered Billy, I mean “El Toro”, and took turns “fighting” Billy, I mean “El Toro”, using the only thing red we could find, a red shop hand towel. The more we played the better El Toro got at coming close to getting us, and like all kids we decided to go play army instead.

We headed to find sticks for guns, when out of nowhere charged El Toro the goat. Apparently, he wasn’t finished with the Great Bullfighters from Spain game. Now I understand why they kill the bull. We took refuge in the water tank and learned a few things.

Rule #1 Do not provoke a goat.

Rule #2 Refer back to Rule #1 often.

Rule #3 Water does not always deter an angry goat, as Billy joined us in the water tank once he decided we weren’t coming out.

Rule # 4 What starts out as a game can become serious business in a hurry.

Rule #5 Stay close to your dad. He is bigger than the goat, of which we did.

Sometimes in a careless moment, we get ourselves into trouble because what started out as a game has become a real sin issue in our life.

Let’s cross apply our goat rules to life.

Rule #1 Do not provoke Satan.

Rule #2 Refer to Rule #1 often.

Rule #3 Just because you have been baptized doesn’t mean Satan is going to leave you alone.

Rule #4 Sin is serious business not a game.

Rule #5 Stay close to your Father in Heaven, He is bigger than Satan.

Hope that you have a blessed week.



**Trust God
and Don’t Worry**

By TEENA HUGHS

So much is going on these days—devastation from hurricanes, fires, tornadoes, earthquakes; senseless murders; so many people with cancer and other debilitating diseases; people not attempting to live God’s Word; and the list goes on and on and on.

Some people believe it is a sign of end times; some believe these are warning signs so we will return to God; some are so busy enjoying living in sin they don’t care what is going on.

I don’t know what God is up to. I can read the Bible, and like others, make a case for end times or warnings. I know a few things for sure: we are a country that is greatly divided; we are a country that desperately needs God; Christians are people who need to believe God’s Word, live it, and spread it to others.

So, how do we handle these days of uncertainty? First, we pray, and we pray, and we pray. Second, we don’t worry and fret over things we have no control over. God doesn’t want us to worry and fret; that accomplishes absolutely nothing. It does not make you or anyone else any better off. Third, Proverbs 3:5 tells us to trust in the Lord and lean not on our own understanding, and that is exactly what we need to do. We need to put all of our faith, trust and hope in Him, and let Him handle everything. And, we need to live as a Christian: live in relationship with God; study His Word and know who He is; and, be Christians in action, serving God, introducing others to Him, being His hands, feet and mouth.

I refuse to get upset by all that is going on in the world today. Do I pray? Yes. Do I trust that God is in control and has everything taken care of? Yes. Do I try to live my life as He wants? Yes, and I keep working at it every day. To be honest, I don’t have time for much else. Have a great weekend and enjoy Maize Days!!!

OBITUARIES

Rosalba Anaya

Rosalba Anaya, 45, of Amarillo, formerly of Bovina, died Thursday, September 7, 2017 in Amarillo. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona with Deacon Jose Correa of St. Teresa’s Catholic Church in Friona, officiating. Services and cremation arranged by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Rosalba was born July 23, 1972 in Muleshoe to Jesus Omar and Rosa Maria Balderrama Anaya. She attended college at Panhandle State and West Texas A & M Universities. She lived for some time in the Dallas area. She loved music, dancing and reading.

Survivors include her parents of Bovina; three sisters, Patricia Anaya of Canyon, Brenda Anaya



of Amarillo, and Magaly Merino of Bovina; and one brother, Jesus Anaya Jr. of Canyon.

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



Wayne Stone

Wayne Stone, 66, of Friona, longtime Parmer County resident, died Monday, September 11, 2017 in Friona. Celebration of Life services have been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter, minister of the church, officiating. Burial with military honors will follow under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Wayne was born November 26, 1950 in De Kalb, Texas to Louis Lloyd and Katie May Pounds Stone. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Mary Aills on July 31, 1971 in Sudan, Texas.

He was a heavy equipment operator for Parmer County that also loved hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends and family. He was a member of the 6th Street Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Barbara Trim.

Survivors include his wife Mary of Friona; one son, Charlie Stone and wife Yvette of



Amarillo; one daughter, Sunshine Scott and husband Chuck of Marshfield, Missouri.; three brothers, Jessie Stone and wife Alice of Bovina, Ronnie Stone of Rogers, Ark., and Gary Stone and wife Lawana of Clovis; one sister, Brenda Kay Corwin and husband Greg of Colfax, Iowa; three grandchildren, Matthew Scott, Noah Scott, and Shaun Stone.

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**~For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.~**

John 3:16

**~Psalm 48~
Measuring Greatness**

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Measuring greatness has become a pastime for many in our culture and there are various standards for measuring how great one is. Sports has a plethora of stats and categories to track performance, the music industry records sales and albums, salesmen measure deals and commissions, and car manufacturers track mpg and mph. What about with God? How do we measure His greatness? Honestly, human categories are unable to contain a full measure of His greatness, but in Psalm 48 there is a very clear description of a few ways His greatness is displayed in the Holy City on Mt. Zion.

First, God’s greatness is displayed in the beauty and security found in the Holy City. Here, His people in the Old Testament, when they walked in obedience to His covenant, enjoyed unparalleled security, prosperity and blessings. God’s blessing of His protection and care for them displayed His greatness through Israel. Further, God’s greatness is displayed through His steadfast love. In fact, God’s undeserved, abundant, sacrificial love is humbling! Next, God’s greatness is manifested in the scope of His creation and the massive universe He spoke into existence. The stars, mountains, sunrises and sunsets all attest to His glory, but His greatness is displayed most prominently through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! This truth is a cause for celebration, because at the cross Jesus Christ took our sin upon Himself so that we could be forgiven through Him!

**~For I know the plans I have
for you, declares the LORD,
plans for welfare and not for
evil, to give you a future
and a hope.~**

Jeremiah 29:11

Irresistible!

Good news for all chocolate lovers. The Swiss have come up with a fourth kind of chocolate to rival the flavors found in white, dark and milk chocolate, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It’s called Ruby Chocolate and it is made from the Ruby cocoa bean.

Ruby Chocolate “offers a totally new taste experience, which is not bitter, milky or sweet, but a tension between berry-fruitiness and luscious smoothness,” claims the chocolatier who concocted the new confection, Barry Callebaut. Callebaut says he is a purist and that it is real chocolate and that no berries, berry flavors or coloring are used to produce it.

**A different kind
of fish story**

Traveling can be a lonesome experience as any business traveler will tell you and so the Charleroi Airport near Brussels has devised a way to cheer you up. They’ll rent you a goldfish to keep you company for only a little more than \$4.00 a night, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

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No smoking

Here’s another reason to quit smoking. A driver in Southend, England blew the doors and roof off her car when her cigarette ignited an aerosol can of air freshener, says the Association of Mature American Citizens AMAC]. Luckily, she suffered only minor injuries.

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Chieftains stomp Booker 48-7

The Friona Chieftains traveled to Stinnett Saturday, September 9 and took on the Booker Kiowas. The battle of the Indians ended with the Chieftains defeating the Kiowas 48-7.

Sergio Flores led the Chiefs with 13 carries for 126 yards. Marco Monreal carried 9 times for 64 yards. Julius Orozco carried for 66 yards with seven carries. Rodrigo Munoz had two carries for 22 yards.

Monreal had 16 completions of 22 passes for 329 yards and four

touchdowns.

Rocky Barrios had two receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown. Damar Sermenio had one reception for 25 yards and a touchdown. Julius Orozco had two receptions for 22 yards and one touchdown. Jose Rodriguez had one reception for 9 yards and a touchdown.

Jonathan Hernandez had three receptions with 65 yards. Marco Maldonado had four receptions for 49 yards. Angel Hernandez had two receptions for 82 yards. Rodrigo Munoz had one reception for

12 yards.

The offense carried out 58 plays for a total of 602 yards which is an average of 10.4 yards. The Chiefs had 24 first downs against the Kiowas.

The Chieftains will celebrate Homecoming 2017 this Friday, September 15, at Chieftain Field. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen before the game.

Freshmen fall to Mustangs, 30-16

The FHS Freshmen football team played its first away game of the season against the Bovina JV. The offense had 230 yards with scores from 17 and 9 yards. Runningback Malachi Torres and Quarterback Luis Garcia ran in two touchdowns. The Chiefs lost to 16-30 but played exceptionally well in the second half, according to Coach Jake Ebeling.

The Freshmen are 1-1 for the season and will travel to Idalou, Thursday, September 14 to take on the Wildcats in their third non-district match-up.

JV Chiefs defeat Sundown 28-8

The FHS JV football team hosted the Sundown Roughnecks at Chieftain Field Thursday, September 7 and came away with a 28-8 win.

Jonathan Barrios scored the first touchdown with a 4-yard run to put the Chieftains on the scoreboard. The point after attempt failed.

In the second quarter, Jose Grado passed to Elian Mendoza for a 22-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was good from Grado to Omar Garcia.

Eduardo Chavez ran in a 7-yard touchdown in the third quarter. The defense scored a safety.

"The offensive line played an excellent game," stated Coach Tommy DeLeon. "The quarterback had plenty of time to throw and the running backs had huge holes to run through. Again, the defense played an excellent game only giving up 8 points. In two games they have only given up 14 points."

The JV squad will travel to Bovina on Thursday, September 14 to take on the Mustang JV at 5 p.m.

Friona Squaw Volleyball Update

By Coach Bryan Masse

The Friona Squaws opened their season with a dual match in Amarillo with victories over Holy Cross and West Texas.

Later in the opening week, the ladies' traveled to Shallowater for a tournament. In pool play, the Squaws were 3-0 with victories over Lubbock Christian, Plains and Denver City.

In bracket play, the Squaws defeated Post 25-17, 25-18 but lost to 4-A Graham 17-25, 25-20, 10-25 and Denver City 20-25, 16-25.

After a long weekend, the ladies' traveled to Childress for a dual match. Opening up with a loss to a talented Sanford Fritch team the Squaws rebounded with a 3-0 victory over Childress.

August 18: Thursday the Squaws traveled to Levelland for pool play. It was not a good day for the ladies' as they suffered three defeats at the hands of Lubbock Christian, Lubbock All-Saints and Levelland.

In bracket play Saturday, the Squaws redeemed themselves with victories over Post and Lubbock Christian and lost a close match to Plainview 25-20, 23-25, 23-25 in the Silver Bracket finals.

August 22: The Squaws hosted Lubbock Christian and Brownfield in a dual match. The Squaws repeat-

ed their success with a 3-0 victory over LCHS and Brownfield.

August 24: The Squaws traveled to Denver City for pool play. The ladies' play well going 2 and 1. The Squaws lost to 4-A Monahans 25-23, 11-25, 19-25, but rebounded with victories over Brownfield and Lovington. On Saturday in bracket play the Squaws defeated Ft. Stockton 25-15, 25-15, but lost to 4-A's Midland Greenwood 25-22, 12-25, 22-25 and Andrews 25-13, 19-25, 22-25.

August 29: The Squaws were finally home again and hosted the Olton Fillies. The ladies used good passing and serving to cruise to a 25-11, 25-13, 25-9 victory.

While the varsity was off over the Labor Day weekend the JV, C, 8th and 7th graders participated in the Border Bash Tournament in Friona. The C team made it to the Championship bracket for the first time and the JV, 8th and 7th grade teams all made it to the Championship with all three teams finishing in second place.

September 5: The Squaws High School volleyball teams traveled to Lubbock Estacado to play the Lady Matadors. All three teams came back with sweeps of the host team.

Cross County Update

By Cindy Moreno

Clovis 8/25/2017

Varsity Girls – 3 Mile Race

58 total runners
Jackie Legarreta–21:26.84–11 Medal

Kylee Sifuentes – 22:31.69 – 27
Emily Amaya – 27:09.87 – 54

Sandra Gonzalez–31:02.79–55
Verenice Mendoza–31:34.16–56

Vivianna Rivera – 31:37.94 – 57
Valerie Ramirez – 32:48.76 – 58

Varsity Boys – 3 Mile Race
Adrian Legarreta–20:26.09–44

Damian Rodriguez–24:22.40–61
Amarillo Thompson Park 9/8/2017

JV Girls – 2 Mile Race

95 total runners
Aneesa Amaya – 20:15.25 – 90

JV Boys – 3 Mile Race

93 total runners
Tim Ally – 21:02 – 21 – Medal

Alan Martinez – 22:21 – 48
Stef Ally – 23:52 – 67

Eduardo Jimenez – 29:04 – 91
Varsity Girls – 2 Mile Race

138 total runners

Jackie Legarreta–13:50.42–10 Medal

Kylee Sifuentes–14:41.20–34
Emily Amaya–89–6:17.42

Vivianna Rivera–18:06.60–125
Verenice Mendoza–18:32.35–128

Valerie Ramirez–22:37.10–138
Varsity Boys – 3 Mile Race

75 total runners
Adrian Legarreta–20:28.65–29

Zeke Garcia–21:43.45–43
Damian Rodriguez–24:03.30–65

Omar Estrada–26:31.32–69

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- 18-Raul Braillif, Scott Brown, Ronald Diaz, Jon Field, Rodney Shelby
- 17-BaiLee Braillif, Jeremy Dearing, Lance Field, Mike Field, Jack Glover, Jordan Kelly, Enrique Rodriguez, Tyrone Shelby, Kayla Tallant
- 16-Laura Field, Eddie Gauna, Mal Manchee, Rusty "John" McFarland, Harley Merritt, Blair Morris, Isabel Rios, Linvell Rose, Kathryn "Beth" Tallant
- 15-Sandra Berend, Scott Brown, Jess Dearing, Frank Dominguez, Tyson Neill, Ambrosio Rios, Jr., Christen Stowers
- 14-Brett Field, Elizabeth Field, Mark Galan, Greg Lewellen, Zachery McKenzie, Joy Morton, Robert Rios, Teresa Shelby
- 13-Wm. Gromowsky, Mitchell Smiley, Dorothy Stowers
- 12-Quentin Shelby
- 11-Raymond Diaz
- 9-Rosa Mendez, Erika Montana
- 8-Steve Horrell, Andy Montana, Drew Montana, Tenna Montana, James Phipps
- 7-Clint Mears, Amy Montana
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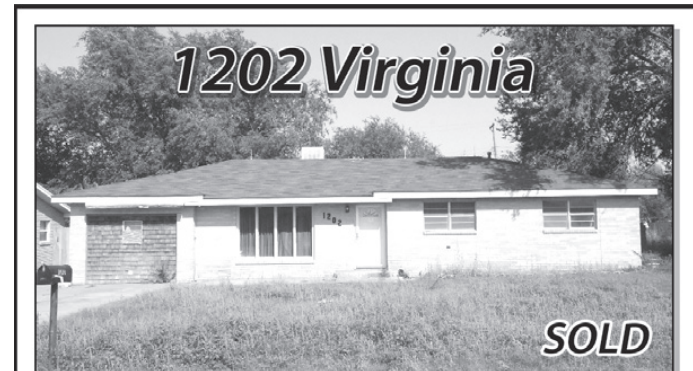
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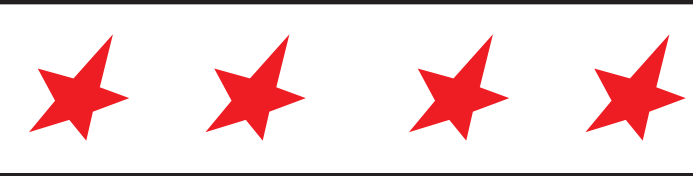


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Wedding

Methvin, Welch united in marriage

Ariana Adair Methvin and Dillon Gene Welch were united in marriage on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 6 o'clock in the evening at Eberley Brooks in Lubbock, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by the couple's fathers, Kevin Methvin and Kevin Welch.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Sharla Methvin. She is the granddaughter of Patsy Methvin & the late Bill Methvin and Donnie Webb & the late Laquita Webb, all of Levelland, Texas.

The groom is the son of Kevin and Linda Welch. He is the grandson of Mildred Welch & the late Gene Welch all of Friona, and Shirley Wise & the late Frank Wise, of Dimmitt, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory and magnolia gown designed by Sophia Tolli, crafted from misty tulle with Chantilly lace appliques, a strapless silhouette with a sweetheart neckline and a lace-up corset back, a voluminous trumpet skirt with a scalloped lace hem and a chapel length train. To complete the ensemble, the bride wore an ivory one-layer silk illusion cathedral length veil. A gold headpiece by Lottie-da Designs was worn in the bride's hair. She carried a bouquet of red and pink roses, orchids, dusty miller and eucalyptus.

Following tradition, for some-

thing old the bride wore her mother's wedding veil, something new was her dress, something borrowed was a turquoise ring from her sister, Aleece, that had belonged to her late grandmother, Laquita Webb, something blue were her shoes.

Audra Methvin, of Dallas, Texas and Aleece Methvin of Austin, Texas, sisters of the bride, shared the title of Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Brooke Shaffer, of Dallas, friend of the bride; Stevi Foster, of Levelland, cousin of the bride; Karleigh Porterfield, of Lubbock, friend of the bride; Kelsey Welch, of Amarillo and Katy Welch, of Friona, both sisters of the groom. Kitzy Welch, niece of the groom, of Friona., served as junior bridesmaid and flower girl. She carried flower petals in a cowboy hat belonging to the late Gene Welch, grandfather of the groom and her great grandfather. Kitzy also presented the rings.

All attendants wore flowing long gowns in various styles, designed by Mumu Weddings Collection. The dresses were silver sage color and each attendant carried a bouquet of red and pink roses with eucalyptus and greenery. The bridesmaids had garland halos of eucalyptus in their hair.

The groom wore a Kenneth Cole suit in gray, with a Mercury gray tie and leather suspenders.

Duncan Welch of Friona,



Mr. & Mrs. Dillon Welch

brother of the groom, was the best man, Groomsmen were, Sawyer Reed, of New Braunfels, friend of the groom; Garrett Clark, of Friona, friend of the groom; Jared Boyd, of Lubbock, friend of the groom; Kaison Graham, of Houston, friend of the groom; Landon Kitten, of Lubbock, friend of the groom; Tolby Wilcox, of

Friona, cousin of the groom; and Levi Methvin, of Austin, brother of the bride.

Serving as ushers were Zane Anderson, of Hobbs New Mexico, friend of the groom; Tyler Tupman of Seminole, friend of the groom; Clayton Cerday of San Marcos, cousin of the groom; and Dillon Webb, of Fort Worth, Texas, cousin of

the bride. The groomsmen and ushers wore Pronto Uomo gray suits with mercury gray ties and leather suspenders

The venue was decorated with candles and flowers of many varieties and different shades of pinks and reds with greenery throughout the room arranged in antique vases and trays of crystal, brass, silver and copper belonging to various family members, all flowers and decor were designed by the groom's aunt, Varla Wilcox. Two large grapevine wreaths covered in greenery hung from the timber beams. A curtain of lights covered the back wall from cathedral height to the floor.

"The Prayer" was sung by Audra Methvin, and a duet rendition of "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You" sung by Audra and Levi Methvin, also accompanying on the guitar.

A dinner of beef fajitas were cooked by friends, Steve Jones, Robbie Phillips, L.D. Pugh and Matt Taylor. Carla Jones catered the meal with the help of Caycee Taylor and Cyanne Jones.

After the meal and the introduction of the wedding party, the couple cut the cakes and made a toast with goblets that the bride's parents had used in their wedding. The bride's table featured a tiered white cake with sage colored icing on a gold stand, decorated with cascading pink and red roses. The groom's cake was a chocolate Texas Tech theme. Punch was served from

an antique copper punch bowl.

The band Element provided the music for dancing. Photography was by Aric and Casey Photography, and videography by Cre8ive Wedding Films.

The bride is a graduate of Levelland High School, and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Communications, she is currently completing her real estate license.

The groom is a graduate of Friona High School and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's in Petroleum Engineering and minor in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed with Mewbourne Oil Co. in Hobbs, New Mexico.

After a honeymoon trip to the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Seminole.

Kevin and Linda Welch, parents of the groom, hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday, August 25, at 7 o'clock in the evening at Eberley Brooks Great Room, the meal was prepared by special friends of the Welch family, Mark & Deirdre Osborn, of Friona.

The bride and groom were honored with a shower in the home of Lisa Reed, of Friona, on June 17 and a wedding shower in the home of Jill Roberts, of Levelland, on July 8. A bridesmaid's luncheon was hosted by Patsy Methvin, Laurie Williams, Toni Methvin, Penny Webb and Shawn Davis at the Funky Door on August 25.

Xcel Energy withdraws plans for temporary fuel cost surcharge

Xcel Energy has notified the Public Utility Commission of Texas that it is withdrawing an application to start a temporary fuel cost surcharge on Texas customer bills, originally planned to begin October 1 and run through September 30, 2018.

The charge would have added an extra \$1.48 per month to a residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours.

"Our fuel accounts remain undercollected, but that deficit has narrowed enough since we announced the surcharge in June that we have decided it won't be necessary to start the surcharge," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - Texas. "We will continue to watch the fuel account and make necessary adjustments if the deficit widens."

Fuel charges make up about a third of a typical residen-

tial customer bill. They collect the cost of coal and natural gas used in Xcel Energy generating plants, and costs related to purchasing electric energy from other producers. These costs are collected each month through a fixed fuel cost factor that can be changed up to three times per year to reflect changes in fuel market prices, and Xcel Energy only collects enough to cover those costs dollar for dollar. Xcel Energy makes no profit on the costs it collects in its fuel factor.

Xcel Energy lowered its monthly fuel cost factors in March 2015 and again in February 2016. In November 2015, the company issued \$18.6 million in refunds to Texas customers to balance an overcollected fuel revenue balance. Natural gas prices began to rise shortly after the 2016 fuel factor reduction, which led to increases in the

fixed fuel cost factors in October 2016 and again in February.

The volatility of natural gas is a driving factor behind the company's recent announcement it plans to add 1,230 additional megawatts of wind energy to its regional power generation mix. Wind energy has no fuel costs associated with it, and by adding these new wind facilities, the company expects it can save customers \$2.8 billion in power generation costs over 30 years by displacing a percentage of its natural gas and coal generation with more wind energy.

The wind projects are being reviewed by utility regulators in both Texas and New Mexico, with anticipated approvals coming in 2018. Once the necessary approvals are obtained, construction on the 478-megawatt Hale

Wind Project in Hale County, Texas, would start immediately with a planned completion in 2019. The other facility - the 522-megawatt Sagamore Wind Project in Roosevelt County, N.M., would be in service by 2020. An additional 230 megawatts of wind energy would be purchased from two facilities being developed in Texas by NextEra Energy Resources - one in Cochran County and the other in Hale County.

More information about Xcel Energy's wind proposal can be found at www.xcelenergy.com/ourenergy/futuresw.

"We will use wind energy to build in more predictability in our future pricing," Hudson said. "Because of substantial federal tax credits and the absence of fuel costs, we can lock in affordable energy prices for decades to come."

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FISD Board approves school improvements, positive accountability reports

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2018 at the FISD Administration Building board room.

"Things are off to a good start," said FHS Principal Erika Montana as she addressed the board Monday evening.

High school enrollment is at 299 students with 63 Freshmen, 91 Sophomores, 73 Juniors and 72 Seniors.

Montana announced that FHS had received five distinctions on the latest Accountability Ratings from the Texas Education Agency. (The Accountability Ratings for all the schools and FISD are on page 12)

"I am so proud of our staff and students," stated Montana. "We are working across the board to raise testing scores and earning more distinctions."

Montana discussed the 2018-19 certifications that will be required in the CTE classes. They are collecting data to possibly find a viable sound plan for implementing Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Medical Assistant classes by acquiring at \$75,000 grant for funding.

Montana thanked the board for the Ag Farm renovations, which are being done at this time.

Athletic Director Jimmy Arias informed the board that the Varsity football program has been ranked 55 in the state of Texas. He went on to discuss the upcoming meetings on district alignment and the re-seeding of the High School baseball field.

Friona Junior High Principal Jesse Galdean announced that enrollment at the Junior High is 223 with 98.1 percent attendance. He told the board that they are have ongoing tryouts for UIL activities.

Galdean explained that they are working with the students that are struggling during the last period of the day and seeing improvements.

FISD Board of Trustees President Becky Riethmayer praised Galdean for shaking hands with every student.

The trustees approved the items on the Consent Agenda before moving on to the payment of \$17,932.65 to JEM Services, LLC for the lamb barn remodel, \$27,000 for the pig barn remodel and \$25,000 for air conditioning units for the Elementary Cafeteria to Friona Heating and Air.

A gift of four bikes from InterBank to Friona Primary was approved. The bikes are given as incentive, two in the Fall

and two in the Spring.

The trustees appointed Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) members. Members of SHAC are Co-Chairs Danny Finch and Sharon Rector, members: Devin Carpenter, Joel Rejino and Karen Barnes.

The board approved the adjunct faculty status of Wendy Case and Sergio Mendez representing Texas AgriLife Extension Service for Parmer County.

A shortlist of architect/engineering service firms was discussed and presented. Three firms will be considered and interviewed on Monday, October 9 at 5 p.m.

FISD Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray reported to the board

that the FISD District Steering Committee met on Wednesday, September 6, with Vince Vialle at the FISD Board Room to discuss the possibility of a bond election. Members of the committee are Ricky Barnett, Holly Campbell, Harry DeWit, Tracy Ellis, John Gurley, Cris Ingram, Greg Lewellen, Rosa Mendez, Pamela Nelson-Ray,

Chuck & Esmeralda Mills, Sharon White, Kevin Wiseman and David Davila. The committee will next meet with the architect/engineering service on Wednesday, October 11 at 4 p.m. at the FISD Board Room.

The FISD Trustees will meet in regular session on Monday, October 9. All meetings are open to the public.

Updated DPS Driver Handbook now available

Effective Sept. 1, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Driver Handbook was revised and transitioned to a printable, online-only format. Handbook revisions include information on texting while driving and several other clarifications passed by the Texas Legislature during the 85th Legislative Session.

Additionally, the handbook includes practical suggestions on what the public should expect and actions to follow when pulled over by law enforcement. The information in this section of the book, beginning on page 68, was compiled through input from a working group of interested stakeholders, including advocacy attorneys, civil liberty organizations, law enforcement and legislative members. These practical suggestions in the handbook will also serve as a base foundation for the educational curriculum that will be developed as a result of Senate Bill 30.

All of these revisions and additions to the handbook were made in order to further assist new Texas drivers in learning the rules of the road and enhancing public safety for all Texans by making our roadways safer.

To view the Texas Driver Handbook online, please see <http://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/FormDetail.Id=304&FormNumber=DL-7.pdf>.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Brief Explanatory
Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election,
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Proposition Number 1
(HJR 21)
HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."**

Proposition Number 2
(SJR 60)
SJR 60 proposes a constitutional amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: re-define what is excluded in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."**

Proposition Number 3
(SJR 34)
SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain office-holders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."**

Proposition Number 4
(SJR 6)
SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such statute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 100)
HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more detailed definition of "professional sports team" for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."**

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 1)
SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

Proposition Number 7
(HJR 37)
HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently, the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to authorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union's or financial institution's customers.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."**

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The FHS Junior Varsity Chieftains toppled the Sundown Roughnecks 29-8 last Thursday. The offensive line opened up a wide hole for Jonathan Barrios #32 and Eduardo Chavez #5 to make some yardage. The Junior Varsity will travel to Bovina Thursday, September 14 at 5 p.m.



The FHS Junior Varsity defensive line held the Sundown Roughnecks to only 8 points last Thursday.



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FRIONA ISD 2017 ACCOUNTABILITY SUMMARIES

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2017 Accountability Summary FRIONA J H (185903041) - FRIONA ISD

Overview of 2017 State Accountability System June 2017

Shaded areas are new for 2017

	Index 1: Student Achievement	Index 2: Student Progress	Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps	Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness
Performance Index Framework	Measures Satisfactory Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students Combined over all subject areas evaluated (reading, mathematics, writing, science, and social studies) Credit given for meeting Approaches Grade Level standard on STAAR (with and without accommodations) in grades 3-8 (including Spanish versions where applicable) STAAR Alternate 2; and EOC assessments (with and without accommodations) administered in the spring and the previous fall and summer 	Measures Student Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten student groups evaluated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students African American American Indian Asian Hispanic Pacific Islander White Two or more races Students served by special education Current and monitored English language learners (ELL) Combined across both ELA/reading and mathematics STAAR and ELL progress measures for reading and mathematics in grades 4-8, Algebra I and English II EOCs ELL progress measure only for reading and mathematics in grade 3 and English I EOC 	Achievement Gaps Measured for Satisfactory and Advanced Levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economically disadvantaged students and two lowest-performing racial/ethnic groups based on the Index 1 student achievement indicator data reported in the prior year Same assessments as used in Index 1 except for EOC substitute assessments Credit based on weighted performance by subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One point given for each percentage of tests meeting the Approaches Grade Level standard or above One point given for each percentage of tests meeting the Masters Grade Level standard 	Measures Postsecondary Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit based on four postsecondary components STAAR Postsecondary Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eight student groups evaluated: all students and each race/ethnicity Credit given for meeting the Meets Grade Level standard on two or more subject-area tests Same assessments as used in Index 1 High School Graduation Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four-year or five-year graduation rate (or annual dropout rate if no graduation rate) Ten student groups evaluated: all students, each race/ethnicity, students served by special education, and ELL (at any time in high school) High School Diploma Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percent of annual graduates that either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met College-Ready Graduates criteria Earned credit for two advanced/dual-credit/dual-enrollment courses, or Enrolled in a coherent sequence of two or more career and technical education (CTE) courses as part of a four-year plan of study.
	Additional Evaluations	Distinction Designations for Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness Districts and campuses earn distinctions for postsecondary readiness, and campuses earn distinctions for student progress and closing performance gaps.	Distinction Designations for Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Campuses earn distinctions for outstanding academic achievement on indicators, such as SAT/ACT participation/performance, AP/IB participation/performance, and advanced (Masters Grade Level) performance on STAAR in four subjects.	System Safeguards Evaluate performance by individual student groups and subject areas and require interventions focused on specific areas of weak performance

Accountability Rating

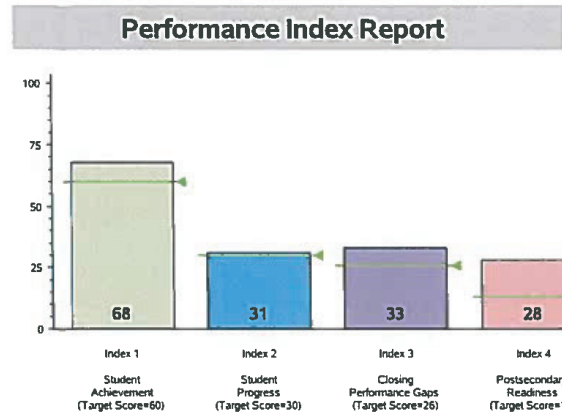
Met Standard

Met Standards on	Did Not Meet Standards on
- Student Achievement - Student Progress - Closing Performance Gaps - Postsecondary Readiness	- NONE

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Distinction Designation

Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Mathematics	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Science	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Social Studies	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Top 25 Percent Student Progress	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Postsecondary Readiness	NO DISTINCTION EARNED



Campus Demographics

Campus Type	Middle School
Campus Size	221 Students
Grade Span	06 - 08
Percent Economically Disadvantaged	79.2
Percent English Language Learners	21.3
Mobility Rate	12.3
Percent Served by Special Education	10.9
Percent Enrolled in an Early College High School Program	0.0

System Safeguards

Number and Percentage of Indicators Met	
Performance Rates	10 out of 17 = 59%
Participation Rates	8 out of 8 = 100%
Graduation Rates	N/A
Total	18 out of 25 = 72%

Performance Index Summary

Index	Points Earned	Maximum Points	Index Score
1 - Student Achievement	417	615	68
2 - Student Progress	308	1,000	31
3 - Closing Performance Gaps	329	1,000	33
4 - Postsecondary Readiness	280	N/A	28
STAAR Score	28.0		
Graduation Rate Score	N/A		
Graduation Plan Score	N/A		
Postsecondary Component Score	N/A		28

For further information about this report, please see the Performance Reporting website at <https://rptsrv1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2017/index.html>

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2017 Accountability Summary FRIONA H S (185903001) - FRIONA ISD

Accountability Rating

Met Standard

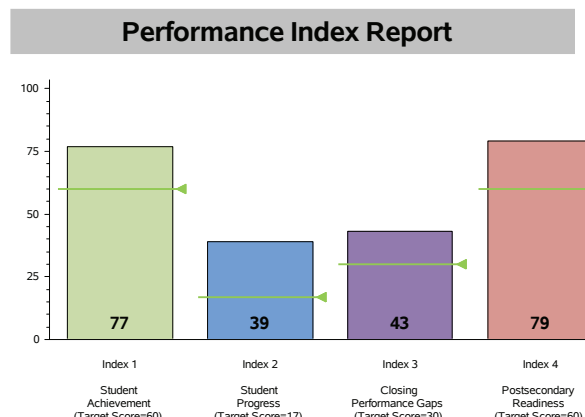
Met Standards on	Did Not Meet Standards on
- Student Achievement - Student Progress - Closing Performance Gaps - Postsecondary Readiness	- NONE

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Distinction Designation

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Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading	DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Mathematics	DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Science	DISTINCTION EARNED
Academic Achievement in Social Studies	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Top 25 Percent Student Progress	DISTINCTION EARNED
Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps	NO DISTINCTION EARNED
Postsecondary Readiness	DISTINCTION EARNED



Campus Demographics

Campus Type	High School
Campus Size	323 Students
Grade Span	09 - 12
Percent Economically Disadvantaged	60.4
Percent English Language Learners	11.1
Mobility Rate	10.9
Percent Served by Special Education	10.8
Percent Enrolled in an Early College High School Program	0.0

System Safeguards

Number and Percentage of Indicators Met	
Performance Rates	12 out of 13 = 92%
Participation Rates	8 out of 8 = 100%
Graduation Rates	3 out of 3 = 100%
Total	23 out of 24 = 96%

Performance Index Summary

Index	Points Earned	Maximum Points	Index Score
1 - Student Achievement	408	529	77
2 - Student Progress	157	400	39
3 - Closing Performance Gaps	342	800	43
4 - Postsecondary Readiness	13.4	25.0	79
STAAR Score	13.4		
Graduation Rate Score	25.0		
Graduation Plan Score	23.9		
Postsecondary Component Score	16.4		79

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TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2017 Accountability Summary FRIONA ISD (185903)

Accountability Rating

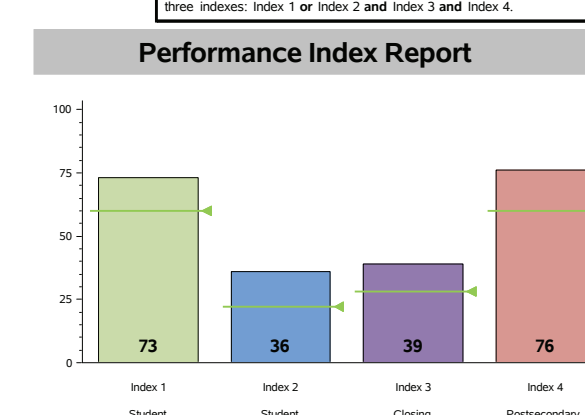
Met Standard

Met Standards on	Did Not Meet Standards on
- Student Achievement - Student Progress - Closing Performance Gaps - Postsecondary Readiness	- NONE

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Distinction Designation

Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Mathematics	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Science	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Social Studies	NOT ELIGIBLE
Top 25 Percent Student Progress	NOT ELIGIBLE
Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps	NOT ELIGIBLE
Postsecondary Readiness	NOT ELIGIBLE



System Safeguards

Number and Percentage of Indicators Met	
Performance Rates	17 out of 25 = 68%
Participation Rates	12 out of 12 = 100%
Graduation Rates	3 out of 3 = 100%
Met Federal Limits on Alternative Assessments	1 out of 1 = 100%
Total	33 out of 41 = 80%

Performance Index Summary

Index	Points Earned	Maximum Points	Index Score
1 - Student Achievement	1,258	1,726	73
2 - Student Progress	356	1,000	36
3 - Closing Performance Gaps	772	2,000	39
4 - Postsecondary Readiness	10.8	25.0	76
STAAR Score	10.8		
Graduation Rate Score	25.0		
Graduation Plan Score	23.9		
Postsecondary Component Score	16.4		76

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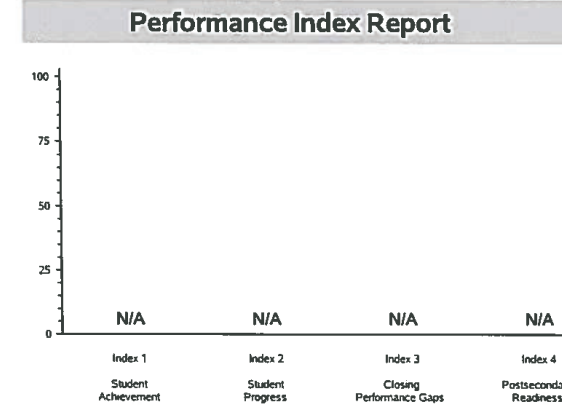
Accountability Rating

Met Standard

This campus is paired with FRIONA EL (185903101)

Distinction Designation

Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Mathematics	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Science	NOT ELIGIBLE
Academic Achievement in Social Studies	NOT ELIGIBLE
Top 25 Percent Student Progress	NOT ELIGIBLE
Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps	NOT ELIGIBLE
Postsecondary Readiness	NOT ELIGIBLE



Campus Demographics

Campus Type	Elementary
Campus Size	256 Students
Grade Span	EE - 01
Percent Economically Disadvantaged	72.7
Percent English Language Learners	45.7
Mobility Rate	11.2
Percent Served by Special Education	6.6
Percent Enrolled in an Early College High School Program	0.0

System Safeguards

Number and Percentage of Indicators Met	
Performance Rates	N/A
Participation Rates	N/A
Graduation Rates	N/A
Total	N/A

Performance Index Summary

Index	Points Earned	Maximum Points	Index Score
1 - Student Achievement	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 - Student Progress	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 - Closing Performance Gaps	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 - Postsecondary Readiness	N/A	N/A	N/A

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2016 Miss Friona Sydney Frye, center, was escorted to the stage by official pageant escorts Hadley White, left, and Erick Prieto, right.



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2017 Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona judges Tyleen Caffrey, of Clovis, NM, Elizabeth Sheets, of Lubbock, TX, and Kim Parmenter, of Clovis.

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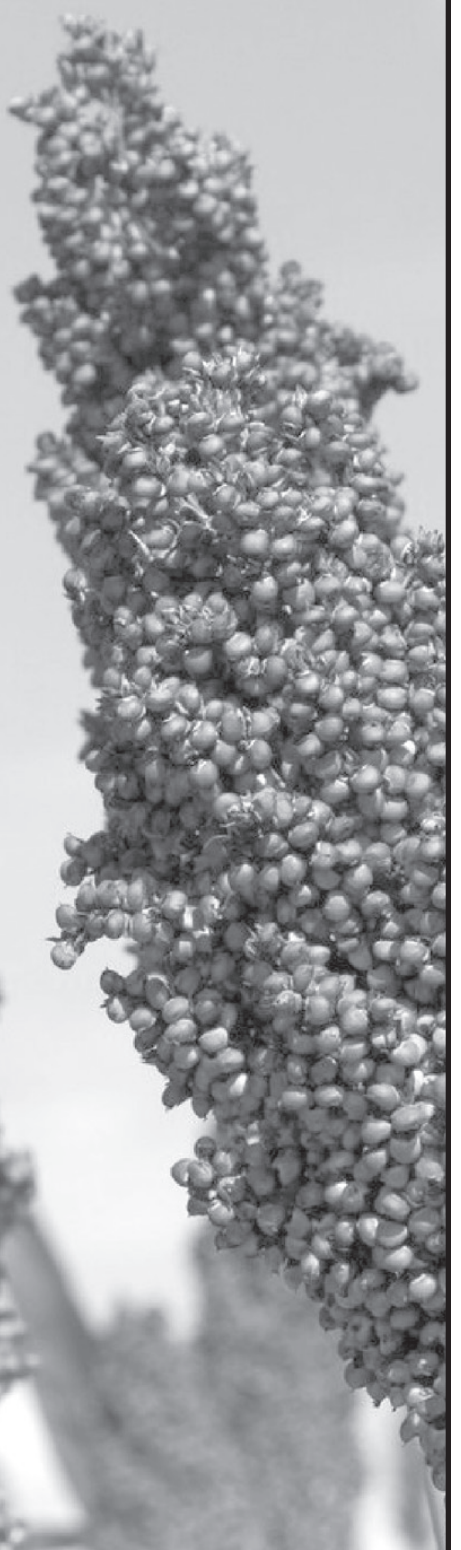
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The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will raffle this Mossimo ATV with the trailer. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 16 during the Maize Days celebration at the City Park. Tickets are \$10 and available from any fireman or come by their booth at Maize Days. Proceeds from the raffle will go to purchase equipment, training and the purchase of another firetruck.

Commissioners approve keeping Bovina JP Office

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the County Courtroom in Farwell. After the routine housekeeping, the commissioners considered the consolidation of the Justice of the Peace Precincts.

The issue was brought to the courts attention in recent months due the impending retirement of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Bonnie Clayton in Bovina. After a discussion with all the Parmer County Commissioners in attendance, it was determined, after a 3-2 vote, in favor to keep the current system of three precincts in place.

Larry Johnston was once again appointed as the County Auditor with an approved salary of \$54,075.

The commissioners also voted to approve compensation of \$42,500 for the Official Dis-

trict Court Reporter. Sixty percent of this salary would be paid by Parmer County and forty percent would come from Bailey County.

The commissioners also considered changes to the proposed employee handbook. Those changes included adding that all new full time road hand hires would be required to have a CDL license, new hires in the Sheriff's Office would no longer have to wait 60 days for medical insurance, and county employees who wished to receive their vacation in monetary value would have to have it approved by the Commissioners Court.

The Parmer County Commissioners will next meet on Monday, September 25 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell. All meetings are open to the public.

Cotton gin trash finding new life for electrical power

By Blair Fannin

Finding sustainable markets for gin trash, wood chips and other waste products could be viable in producing more electrical power for a growing global population, according to researchers.

A demonstration was held recently on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station showcasing a biomass-fueled fluidized bed gasifier, utilizing cotton gin trash and wood chips to power an electric generator. The fluidized bed gasification system was developed in the 1980s when a patent was issued to Drs. Calvin Parnell Jr. and W.A. Lepori, who were both part of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station now Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

Cotton gin trash and other biomass feedstocks have been used as fuel to generate heat energy for power production. The technology has been a focal point for Dr. Sergio Capareda, AgriLife Research agricultural engineer in the department of biological and agricultural engineering at Texas A&M, who researched the technology while working on his graduate degree during the late 1980s. Parnell and Lepori were Capareda's graduate advisors.

Cotton gin trash is produced in abundance at cotton gins across Texas and usually left unutilized, Capareda said. During harvest season, piles of cotton gin trash can be found at gins throughout the state.

"The process is gasification," Capareda said. "We limit the amount of air to thermally convert the biomass so the products are combustible gases. These are collectively called synthesis gas. Carbon monoxide and hydrogen, plus a little methane, ethylene, these are a combustible mixture. Combustible in a sense that you can feed it into an internal combustible engine coupled with a generator so you can turn this fuel into electrical power."

"It's easier said than done, because you have

to remove the biochar and all the tar in the syngas before it goes into the engine. We have cleaned up the gas very well in this technology."

The technology converts biomass into electrical power, making it an attractive opportunity for the ag, processing industry and electric utilities.

"For this particular demonstration, we used the conversion of cotton gin trash into electrical power," Capareda said. "We also used wood waste and turned it into electrical power. With the price of electrical power at 10 cents per kilowatt-hour, the economics are very simple. If you run a 1 megawatt system and sell power for 10 cents per kilowatt an hour, your gross revenue is \$1 million. If you find some countries overseas where power is very high, this technology is very attractive."

Capareda said the biomass used in the system has to be consistent, meaning whether you are using cotton gin trash or wood chips, it has to be relatively dry and clean without soil, rocks or metals.

"That's how you begin, make sure it is dry and consistent," he said. "Then you can run this system 24/7. We need 1.5-2 tons per hour or about 36 tons a day to generate 1 megawatt depending on the type of biomass. High-energy content biomass would need a little less than that. It also depends on heating value and moisture content of biomass." Bob Avant, director of corporate relations for AgriLife Research, said. "(This technology) has taken a very evolutionary approach going from a very basic system to one that is computerized. We're very excited about it and think it has some good applications. We have a number of very big companies interested in this intellectual property."

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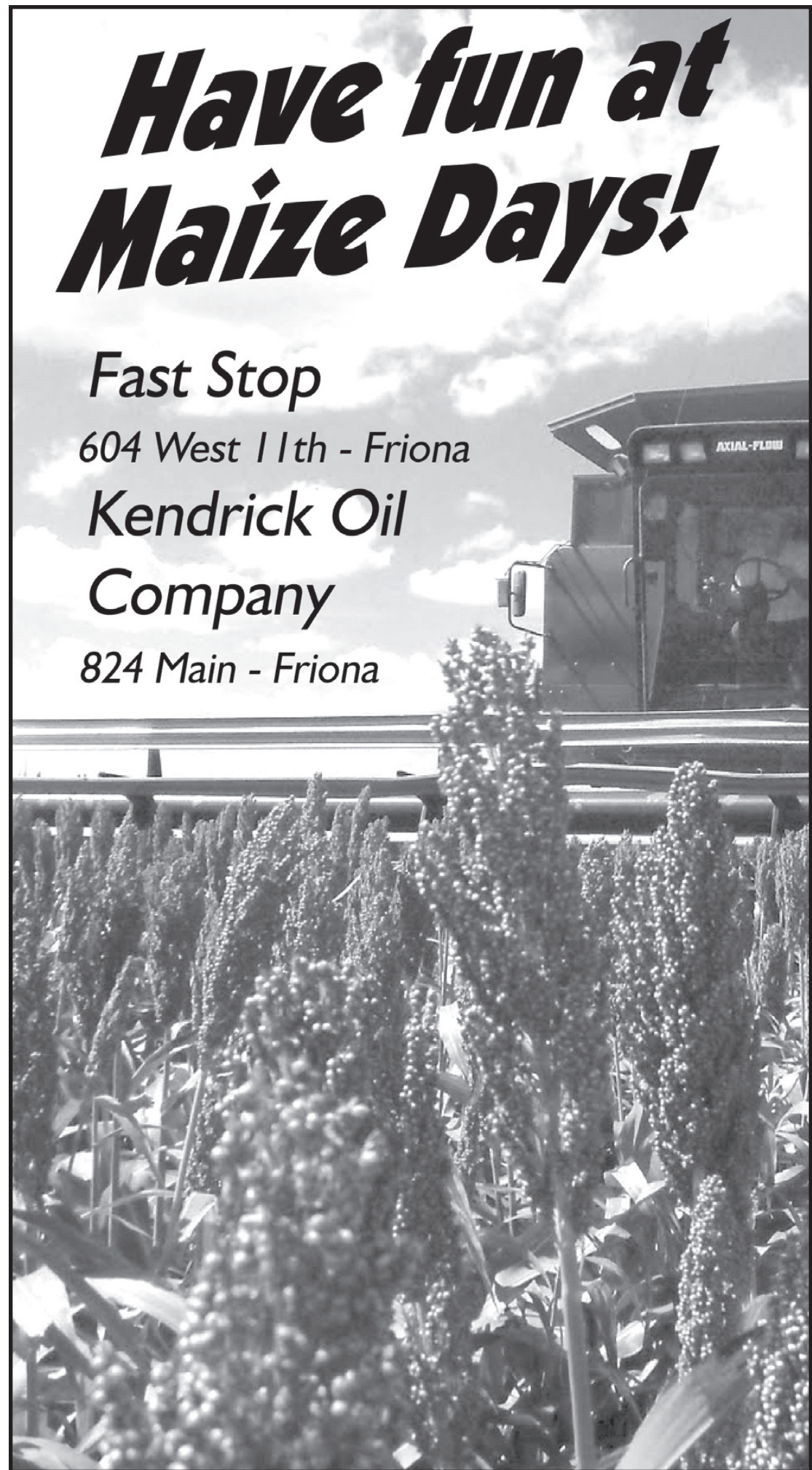
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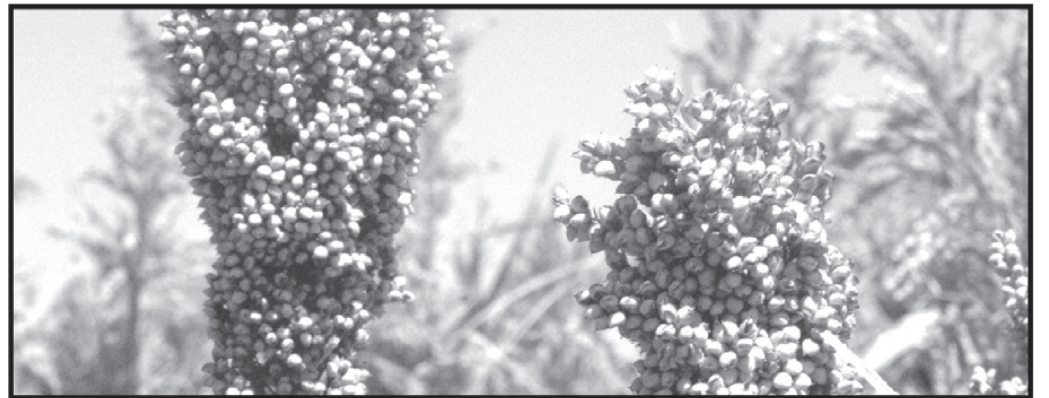


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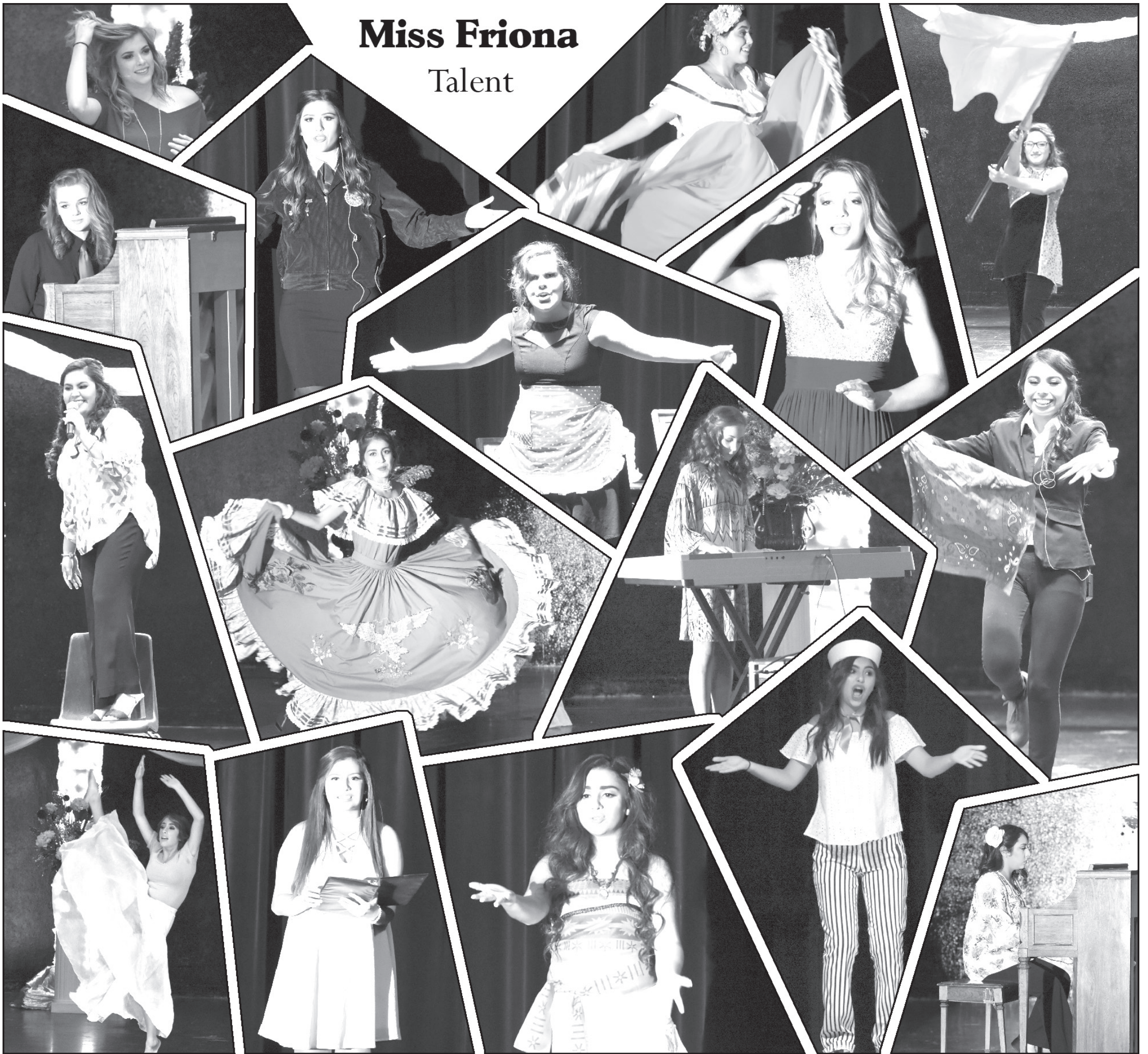
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Friona Elementary students and staff raised \$1,077.22 for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The money will be used to purchase school supplies for students in the affected areas. Congratulations to the students and staff for having the Texas spirit and their support of fellow Texans!



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Jose Grado #7 cuts through a hole made by the offensive line to gain yardage against the Sundown Roughnecks last Thursday.

Have a Great Maize Days!



4-Way Pump Service
1400 West Hwy 60 Friona 250-2241

Happy Maize Days

The employees and residents of Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates say THANK YOU to the community for the kindness you bring us.



Prairie Acres Skilled Nursing Facility & Friona Heritage Estates Assisted Living
201 East 15th Street, Friona
(806) 250-3922

Join us for Maize Days!




It's Time to Celebrate Maize Days



We'll see you at the game Friday night and at the park on Saturday!

Parmer County Implement
W Hwy 60 250-2721



Little Miss

***Welcome to
Maize Days!***



***We Scream
for Ice Cream
A-Tex Dairy***

***Join the Maize Days
Fun and Thank you
for Shopping at
Lowe's***



Friona Texas

250-3913

1205 Hwy 60 W





Congratulations
to
Brooklynne
Johnston
&
Abigail Guerra
the 2017 Miss
&
Little Miss
Friona



*We are proud to be a part of Friona and the Maize Days celebration.
See you at the parade. Come out and enjoy the activities in the city park.*

Cargill Cares!

