

Mike Field wins Grand Prize

All the votes are tallied and, drum roll, please...the winner of the 2017 Friona Star Football Contest is...Mike Field. Mike took an early lead and held on to it to the very end and wins the \$100 Grand Prize.

Mike and his brother, Jon, broke the 100-point barrier to come in first and second place. Mike scored 103 and Jon had 101.

Ambrosio Rios, Jr., of Friona, took home the weekly 1st place prize this week with by being the only contestant to score 9 correctly. Jimmy Walker, of Canyon, takes home the 2nd place prize by scoring 8 correctly and only missing the Friona/Wall tiebreaker by one point. Sue Walker, of Canyon, was close behind Jimmy at 8, but missed the Friona/Wall game by seven points.

Also scoring an 8 this week were Quentin Shelby, Raymond Diaz, and Tyrone Shelby.

Earning honorable mentions were Claire Brown and Tim Elmore scoring 99, Sandra Berend and BaiLee Braillif scoring 98, and Enrique Rodriquez and Tyrone Shelby scoring 97.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for playing the Friona Star Football Contest. See you next August.

Caregiver Coffee Break Dec. 1

Are you a family caregiver or caregiver? There is a free community service available to you offered on the first Friday of every month.

Coffee Break for Caregivers is a good place to learn about potential resources for patients and family. Join them Friday, December 1 at the First National Bank Community Room in Friona at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts followed by a meeting at 10 a.m.

Coffee Break for Caregivers is sponsored by Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice. For more information call (806) 247-0057 and ask for the social worker.

Parmer Medical Center ranked in top 25 rural hospitals

Five of the eight Texas hospitals affiliated with Preferred Management Corporation were recognized nationally and at the state level in 2017 for outstanding achievement in operations, quality and patient satisfaction.

Kimble Hospital, Junction, Texas, and Collingsworth General Hospital, Wellington, Texas, were named among Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the U.S., for overall performance and patient satisfaction, respectively.

Culberson Hospital, Van Horn, Texas, and Kimble were recognized in the top 25 percent of all rural and community hospitals nationwide for quality of care, while Coleman County Medical Center, Coleman, Texas, Parmer Medical Center, Friona, Texas, and Collingsworth ranked in the top 25 percent of all rural and community hospitals in the U.S. for patient satisfaction.

"I could not be more proud of our physicians, advanced practice providers, and hospital and clinic staff for their accomplishments," said Andy Freeman, president and chief executive officer of Preferred. "This type of recognition lets them know their hard work has paid off in terms of patient satisfaction and quality of patient care - our highest priorities."

Kimble and Collingsworth were two of the three Texas hospitals named to the list of Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals by the National Rural

Health Association for overall performance; Kimble was the only Texas hospital to achieve Top 20 status.

The top 100 performing Critical Access Hospitals were identified by the National Rural Health Association through the "Hospital Strength INDEX," the first nationwide hospital rating system to evaluate rural and Critical Access Hospitals.

Hospitals in the top quartile of all U.S. facilities were announced by the Texas State Office of Rural Health. This ranking is also based on the Hospital Strength INDEX.

The INDEX was developed by iVantage Health Analytics, Inc., a privately held health care business intelligence and technology company, and uses market share, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient satisfaction and financial stability data to compare and quantify overall hospital performance.

"The challenges faced by rural hospitals are overwhelming, and success in the face of these challenges is a testament to the hard work, commitment and positive attitudes of our staff," noted Freeman. "During this holiday week, I am truly thankful for each staff member."

Preferred is a Shawnee, Oklahoma, based operator of Critical Access Hospitals located in Oklahoma and Texas. The company has served rural communities in the region for 30 years.

Up in Smoke



dana jameson photos

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of a fire in the cotton modules from Friona Farmers Co-op Gin around 1:15 p.m. last Thursday. The fire destroyed 43 standard modules and one round bale. The blaze was attended to all night and was completely out by 8:15 a.m. Friday. The gin was down for 36 hours due to the fire but are now back to full capacity. The bale count as of Tuesday, November 21 was 7,819 bales with 675 more bales to be ginned.



Christmas is a time for giving back

The Christmas season is upon us and there are many local chances available to show your Christmas spirit.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting **Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays!** All you have to do is shop locally and sign up to win \$25 in Friona Bucks at local businesses. The drawing will be held on Monday, December 18 for winners at each participating business. There will also be a grand prize of \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Participating businesses are A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Fast Stop, H&R Block, Hunan Star II, Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts, Kendrick Oil/Farm Store, KrafTee Gallery, Lowes Supermarket #3, Malouf's Fabrics, Milk House Market, Tasty Cream, and Vet Industries.

Project Christmas Card sponsored by the Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary has started collecting donations to benefit Parmer Medical Center.

Canisters can be found in local businesses. The donations will go to purchase a much-needed GlideScope, which is a portable video laryngoscope that is used on critical patients for inserting a breathing tube. Donations can be made at Friona InterBank. Deadline for donations is Saturday, December 16.

The Empty Stocking Fund provides clothes and a toy to local needy children as determined by school officials. Donations can be taken to Friona InterBank or co-chairpersons Holly Campbell and Jyl Grimsley.

Adopt a Resident! It is a wonderful time of the year when we all have the opportunity to bring joy a Christmas to the local elderly residents at Prairie Acres. If you would like to Adopt a Resident, please contact the Activity Department at (806) 250-3922 and talk to Elizabeth or Yvette.

The Chamber is sponsoring **Christmas in the Park** on December 4 in the City Park starting at 4:30 p.m. with the arrival of Santa escorted by Miss Friona Brooklynne Johnston and Little Miss Friona Abigail Guerra. Santa will be available to hear all the children's wishes until 6:30 p.m. when the Christmas Parade of Lights begins. Vendors will be in the park during Christmas in the Park.

Local churches, businesses, organizations and youth groups will decorate the City Park for the season. Adopt a Tree by calling the Chamber of Commerce (806) 250-3491. There will be two contests this year. All school related entries will be in the running for the Traveling Tomahawk Trophy. All other entries will be in vying for the Traveling Christmas Trophy. Those attending Christmas in the Park will get to vote for their favorite tree by donating

canned goods that evening. The Chamber will weigh the boxes and then take them to the Calvary Baptist Church. All donations will remain in Friona.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office sponsor the **2nd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights**. Line-up for the parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. between the Elementary and Primary School buildings.

Categories for the parade include commercial floats, organizational floats, antique autos and tractors, horse/pony, walking, or truck/trailer entries. All entries must be lighted. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The deadline for signing up is Friday, December 1. Entry forms are available at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office, 300 4th Street in Farwell and at the Chamber office.

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas in Friona this year.



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Evil Queen Ursula (Lydia Alexander), right, declared to Ariel (Brooklynne Johnston) she was all powerful after stealing the King Triton's trident during the FHS musical presentation of "Little Mermaid, Jr." Sunday afternoon. Also pictured are, l-r, Julian Cruz Cruz, Angel Mills, and Raul Silva. The students performed two presentations of the musical last weekend. For more pictures from the play see page 8.



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The 2017 2-3A All-District Volleyball team was announced last week and the Friona High School Varsity Volleyball team coached by Bryan Masse had a number of players named. Outstanding Hitter-Erica Barrera; Outstanding Defensive Player-Josselyn Castillo; District Newcomer-Carly Drake; All-District Selections-Bailey Pope and Emma Rector; and All-District Honorable Mention-Mariah Trevino, Megan Stone, Gabi Douglas, and M'Kenzie Hurst. Pictured are, l-r, back row, M'Kenzie Hurst, Mariah Trevino, Erica Barrera, Carly Drake, and Bailey Pope; front row, l-r, Emma Rector, Josselyn Castillo and Megan Stone. Not pictured, Gabi Douglas.

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

November 22

- FHS Choir Thanksgiving Meal
- Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

November 23-24

- No School

November 23

- THANKSGIVING

November 27

- Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Girls Basketball at Littlefield 5/6:15/7:30
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Boys Basketball vs Littlefield at home 5/6:15/7:30

November 28

- Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents
- JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Boys Ranch 4/5/6:30/8

November 29

- Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

November 30

- Simply Christmas Lunch and Learn at XIT Center in Bovina from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

November 30-December 2

- VB/VG Basketball at Nazareth Invitational
- 9G/JVG/JVB/9B Basketball at Friona JV Tournament

December 1

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.

December 3

- “A Harvey Christmas” performance at Friona High School Auditorium at 2 p.m.
- FBC Kids Choir will present “It All Happened in the Country” Sunday morning.

December 4

- Christmas in the Park at 4:30 p.m.
- Lighted Christmas parade
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Girls Basketball vs. Muleshoe at home 5/6:15/7:30
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Boys Basketball at Muleshoe 5/6:15/7:30

December 5

- Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m. The community is invited to come play games with the residents

December 6

- Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

December 7-9

- JVG/JVB/VG/VB at Farwell Tournament
- Bovina Christmas: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at XIT Rec. Center; Christmas in the Park at 5:30 p.m.

December 7

- PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

December 9

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

December 10

- FBC Christmas Cantata at 6 p.m.

December 11

- Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Girls Basketball at Dimmitt 5/6:15/7:30
- 7th/8th/Freshmen Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt at home 5/6:16/7:30
- Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- FISD Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m.
- Parmer Medical Center Hospital Board meeting



The ‘froms’ of life

I am sure you have been asked, “Where are you from?”. But have you ever thought about how many ‘froms’ you have really been ‘from’?

The origin of the word ‘from’ is dated back to before 950. It is Middle English and began as ‘fram’. The definition of ‘from’ is “forward movement, advancement, evolving into sense of movement away, forward.”

For example, I was born in Altus, Oklahoma, so I am ‘from’ Altus.

I moved to Muleshoe when I was a year old, so I am ‘from’ Muleshoe.

I got married and moved to Friona, so I am ‘from’ Friona.

I moved to Dimmitt for a time, so I am ‘from’ Dimmitt.

I lived in Lubbock for four years, so I am ‘from’ Lubbock.

I ran the newspaper and lived in Hereford, so I am ‘from’ Hereford.

And a few years ago I landed back in Friona, so I am now ‘from’ Friona...again!

The same principle could be applied to schools. I graduated ‘from’ Muleshoe High School. I took classes ‘from’ the University of Texas.

Some believe that where you are ‘from’ is very important. It distinguishes how you are classified. If you are ‘from’ Friona, you are ‘from’ a rural community. If you are ‘from’ Dallas, you are ‘from’ the BIG city. And if you are from New York City, you are ‘from’ the REALLY BIG CITY.

If you are married, you add ‘froms’ to your personal message. Your spouse is ‘from’ somewhere and their family is ‘from’ somewhere else.

Some of us have ancestors ‘from’ across the ocean. Think of all the ‘froms’ they have.

If you are coming to Friona for Thanksgiving you are coming ‘from’ somewhere. If you are going somewhere for Thanksgiving, you are coming ‘from’ Friona.

If you travel for your job, the ‘froms’ become important. Your customers will want a card with your ‘from’ information.

When you are looking for a job the ‘froms’ are extremely important. Employers look at where you are coming ‘from’ and hope you really want to stay instead of going back to your ‘from’. Employers also look at the reference ‘froms’ with extreme scrutiny. The ‘froms’ can determine if you get that job or you keep looking.

There are ‘froms’ that are not as politically correct. To point at someone and say they are ‘from’ somewhere because of their skin color is wrong. Maybe they have never been ‘from’ there. We can all trace our roots back to a little garden and two people that came ‘from’ God.

I guess all my ‘froms’ have been forward movement and advancement. I would like to hope that I have many more ‘froms’ in my life. I hope you have many more ‘froms’ in your life.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving ‘from’ me to you. Think about all your ‘froms’...you might be surprised how many you have.

On-Campus Life

Special to the Panhandle Press, Walter V. Wendler

Every spring, countless families from across the nation make determinations about where students will live while attending college. Four-year institutions require one or two years of campus residency for new college students. Exceptions for veterans, students who live at home or with relatives often occur. These are typical campus living policies and exist for good reasons.

National studies indicate that students who live on campus perform better academically. Campus engagement networks increase the opportunity for students to participate positively with others. However, while detrimental distractions diminish, they do not disappear.

Jobs are healthy attractions and lead to academic success. Students employed between 10 and 19 hours per week while attending college perform better academically. A future-oriented university could give priority consideration for on-campus student employment to students that live on campus. Living plus working on campus has a greater impact on academic performance than off-campus work and provides a one-two punch for learning.

A library, Internet access, food service, bill paying, tutoring, recreation centers, healthcare, entertainment, cultural interaction and a number of other necessities and opportunities are included in on-campus living. Walking, bike riding and university shuttle services eliminate the need to use a personal vehicle on a day-to-day basis. This is all cost-saving and convenience generating. Millennial and younger populations tend to value convenience. In addition, the costs are competitive. Nationally, average costs of room and board for 2017-2018 at public masters’ universities exceeds that of West Texas A&M University, for example, by 25 percent. Check costs carefully – campus by campus.

When calculating the cost of on-campus living versus off-campus living, students and families should look at the whole picture. Putting four students in a two-bedroom apartment can provide a significantly lower cost alternative to on-campus room and board rates. But, the hassles of splitting bills, buying and preparing meals, transportation and other factors abound, and the total costs may not be as different as a cursory review indicates.

Some areas adjoining campuses have high crime rates. No campus is completely safe and a false sense of security is misplaced. Students need to walk in twos or threes at night whenever possible, stay in lighted and highly traveled areas and report activity suspected to be criminal, no matter which university they attend. I regularly read campus police reports and find that effective campus security provides a jump-start for safety, without which, academic experience is diminished.

Students who live off-campus are more likely to engage in risky drinking than students who live on-campus. This does not suggest that students who live in dorms will not drink, use drugs or engage in risky behaviors of every sort. They do. Risky alcohol consumption by university students, many of whom are underage, leads to significant

problems while attending college and sometimes long afterwards. As the number of drinks consumed in a week increases, the GPA’s of students decrease. An incontrovertible fact.

Typically, off-campus lease agreements are for 12 months, and premiums are paid for semester-by-semester arrangements with summer considered an additional contract. The lease approach creates transient arrangements, sublease and other complicating factors. On-campus living eliminates many of these complications for the students and parents.

Meal plans contribute to on-campus living costs. Frequently, as students advance from freshman to senior status, the number of meals eaten per week on campus decreases, reducing the cost of on-campus living. In addition, some universities may decide that a “cold food” meal plan would be of interest to students. This might include a menu with very limited options. In student-populated apartments, the four food groups are Cheerios, doughnuts, bologna and Top Ramen. Campuses should reflect on every opportunity to reduce costs and focus on the power of a good education, sans frills.

My university experience began in 1970 when I arrived at Texas A&M University as a community college transfer from Long Island, N.Y. I graduated from SUNY Farmingdale – 40 miles from midtown Manhattan, just off the Long Island Expressway. That’s a long leap to Texas A&M University, seemingly in a state of suspended animation – 40 miles from nowhere – somewhere between Houston and Dallas.

A Greyhound bus dropped me off at Ralph’s Pizza on Eastgate. As I trekked up New Main Drive toward the stately Administration Building, dragging my drab green footlocker and my mother’s pale blue Samsonite suitcase, I thought to myself, “What have I done?”

I headed for a dorm room, a new experience that began the transformational process of changing me from a “damn Yankee” to a born-again Texan. I would not trade my campus experience for the world, a dorm room without air conditioning, communal bathrooms, institutional food (that wasn’t bad) and a myriad of other elements that I experienced all so that I could become an architect. I didn’t know this was “going to college.”

The experience was priceless. “What had I done?” Made the third best decision of my life. One and two? Another time, another place.



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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Oldham County seat</p> <p>5 TXism: “packed like sardines in _ _ _”</p> <p>6 west of Beaumont on U.S. 90</p> <p>7 TX country singer, Mandrell (init.)</p> <p>8 TXism: “shoots from the _ _ _” (careless)</p> <p>9 in TX two-step, men lead, women _ _ _ _</p> <p>15 stop marching</p> <p>16 TXism: “jumped _ _ _ _ on a hook”</p> <p>19 TX Charley’s “My Eyes Can _ _ _ _ as Far as You</p> <p>21 TXism: “paddle your own _ _ _ _”</p> <p>22 _ _ _ _ Jill went up the hill</p> <p>27 TX Martha Hyer 1965 film: “The _ _ _ _ of Katie Elder”</p> <p>28 expurgator</p> <p>29 mother of ex-coach Jimmy Johnson</p> <p>30 TX “Babe” won several golf titles as this before turning professional in 1947</p> <p>32 TXism: “_ _ hill for a stepper”</p> <p>33 decisive political victory</p> <p>36 in Wood County on U.S. 69</p> <p>37 TX Buck Owens TV show: “_ _ Haw”</p> <p>38 Dallas’ “_ _ _ _ Historic District”</p> <p>39 TXism: “horse _ _ _ _” (nonsense)</p>	<p>41 TXism: “loud enough to wake the _ _ _ _”</p> <p>42 soup server</p> <p>45 charged molecules</p> <p>46 Mexican “si”</p> <p>47 preceeds Nehemiah in the Old Testament</p> <p>48 this TX-born Smith won 1984 Olympic gold in the pole vault (init.)</p> <p>49 combining together</p> <p>52 implant</p>	<p>10 TXism: “mighty fine”</p> <p>11 TX Ellerbee of former “NBC News Overnight” (init.)</p> <p>12 gash or cut</p> <p>13 TXism: “he’s got the morals _ _ _ _ alley cat”</p> <p>14 Dez Bryant is happy when the team _ _ _ _</p> <p>15 TXism: “_ _ _ _ the day is long”</p> <p>16 this Home was in TX-based “Death of a Gunfighter”</p> <p>17 OU players</p> <p>18 “Texas _ _ _ _ Monument” is in Galveston</p>	<p>26 TXism: “sling it on the wall _ _ _ _ if it sticks”</p> <p>28 Havana’s country</p> <p>31 Gen. Robert _ _ _ _</p> <p>34 “he _ _ _ _ me on a wild goose chase”</p> <p>35 TXism: “_ _ cahoots with”</p> <p>37 female chickens</p> <p>40 Gov. “Big Jim”</p> <p>43 in Tarrant County on highway 199</p> <p>44 expelled or ousted: “_ _ _ _ out”</p> <p>50 gasoline in Britian TX DL, e.g.</p>
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I owe Clarence Monroe and Joe Bob Mann apologies this week. I dropped an 'o' out of his name last week in the caption under the photo. Clarence, I apologize for misspelling Monroe.

I renamed Joe Bob and gave him the name Jim Bob last week. Joe Bob I apologize for renaming you.

I had a phone call this week that stated I had inadvertently relocated the new Friona City Manager Leander Davila. In the front-page article about the City Council meeting I stated that he was from Houston. I was corrected that he was from Austin. He will be relocating (the hard way) soon enough but I just moved him from one big city to another one with the stroke of a few keys. Leander, you have already moved twice and you aren't even in Friona yet.

The Friona Star Football Contest lost one of their longtime players last week with the death of Isabel Rios. She and her family have played the contest for a number of years and she was pretty competitive. We were very sorry to hear about the Rios family loss and our sympathies go out them. Isabel will be missed.

The Parmer County Commissioners will meet Monday, November 27, at 10 a.m. at the Parmer

County Courthouse in Farwell. All meetings are open to the public.

Basketball is in high gear. The 7th & 8th grade girls will be at Littlefield on Monday, November 27 and the 7th & 8th grade boys will host Littlefield the same evening. Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys and Girls will be at Boys Ranch Friday, November 28. Games begin at 4 p.m.

Make plans to attend the Simply Christmas Lunch and Learn at the XIT Center in Bovina on Thursday, November 30 from 12-1 p.m. They will be serving lunch and presenting ideas for Christmas entertaining.

"A Harvey Christmas" is set to premiere Sunday, December 3 at 2 p.m. at the Friona High School Auditorium. They have a number of local performers that will be on hand to bring the Christmas season to life. There will be a free-will offering with the money going to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

Speaking of Christmas...Christmas in the Park is coming up on Monday, December 4 and there are trees to be adopted. If you or your organization is interested in decorating a tree contact Chris at the Chamber, she can

get you set up.

The Lighted Christmas Parade is shaping up nicely. I talked to Ross last week and he says there are quite a few entries but there is always room for more. Contact Ross Paiz at the Parmer County Sheriff's Office or Chris at the Chamber to be a part of this growing tradition.

The First Baptist Kids Choir will be performing "It All Happened in the Country" on December 3 during Sunday morning services.

Gray Thursday, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday are looming on the horizon. Do you plan on participating? I haven't looked at the sales ads but I think I will pass on the crowds and enjoy the turkey, football and nap followed by a day filled with more turkey, football and naps.

Remember the United Way when you are giving this season. Donations will offer financial assistance to a number of local organizations and can be deposited at Friona InterBank.

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe will be open on Wednesday, November 29 from 3-5 p.m. for all your Christmas book shopping. If you have someone in your life that loves to read, the Book Shoppe is the place to go. All books are \$1 a bag and gift cards are free.

The holidays have a way of bringing some people down. If you are a caregiver, think

about going to the Caregiver's Coffee Break on Friday, December 1 at the First National Bank Community Room for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. and stay for encouragement.

Heritage Estates Game Day is Tuesday, November 28 at 2 p.m. Make plans to stop to play and visit. Stop by every Tuesday.

This Saturday is Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday encourages holiday shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local. Check out our local businesses and shop locally.

Noon Lions meet every first and third Thursday at Headquarters Restaurant at noon. If you are interested in becoming a Lion stop by and have lunch with the Lions.

Bovina will be celebrating Christmas on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center. They will have Christmas in the Park starting at 5:30 p.m. with the arrival of Santa.

If you have an upcoming Christmas event, give the Friona Star a call and we will put it on the calendar and mention it in Town Talk. If your church will be having special Cantatas, programs or services send those in and we will post them on the Church Page.

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving." -W.T. Purkiser

Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of November 23, 1961

*The Chieftains started their basketball season in style Friday night by trouncing Sudan 46 to 35 and by winning their first opening game in three years.

*The Squaws edged ahead of Sudan's basketball team to win their season opener 52-50 Friday night.

*Members of the Chieftain Basketball Squad are Billy Thomas, Gary Snead, Max Reeve, Cary Jackson, Charles Bass, Jim Lillard, Tommy Sanders, Don Stubbs, Bobby Daniel, Angel Aleman, Ranza Boggess, Floyd Reeve, Managers: Mike McKee and Lee Gibson.

*Final plans have been made for the Friona area-wide religious survey which will be conducted the first week of December

*Winners of the First Greenhand Division Farm Skill Demonstrations in Plainview Saturday, junior division, proudly displayed the winners' banner. Team members are Jimmy Snead, Melton Hargus, Don Collier, Dennis Howell, and David McVey, Instructor.

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Friona Star Football Contest Final Results

- 103-Mike Field
- 101-Jon Field
- 99-Claire Brown, Tim Elmore
- 98-Sandra Berend, BaiLee Braillif
- 97-Enrique Rodriguez, Tyrone Shelby
- 96-Rusty McFarland
- 95-Kayla Tallant
- 94-Frank Dominguez, Jr.
- 93-Wm. Gromowsky, Quentin Shelby
- 92-Jeremy Dearing, Mack McFarland, Linvell Rose
- 90-Scott Brown, Phillip Johnson, Mal Manchec
- 89-Raul Braillif, Laura Field, Robert Rios
- 88-Eddie Gauna
- 87-Teresa Shelby
- 86-Christen Stowers, Kathryn Tallant
- 85-Ambrosio Rios, Jr., Rodney Shelby, Dorothy Stowers
- 84-Raymond Diaz, James Phipps
- 82-Joy Morton
- 80-Harley Merritt
- 79-Jack Glover
- 78-Isabel Rios
- 77-Jessica Dearing
- 74-Lance Field
- 72-Yvette Garcia, Rosa Mendez
- 70-Greg Lewellen, Zachery McKenzie
- 68-Ronald Diaz
- 65-Brett Field, Steve Horrell
- 62-Elizabeth Field
- 49-Blair Morris
- 48-Mitchell Smiley
- 44-Jimmy R. Walker
- 33-Sue Walker

School Menu November 27 to December 1

- Monday**
Breakfast: Cereal, donuts, apple juice, pears, milk
Lunch: Chicken patty, roll, mashed potatoes, fresh tomatoes, pears, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, orange pineapple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Steak fingers, roll, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: Cereal, pancake breakfast sandwich, grape juice, applesauce, milk
Lunch: Ham & cheese sandwich, cheese broccoli, French oven potato, mixed fruit, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk
Lunch: Chili meat, Fritos, mixed California veggies, Ranch style beans, strawberries & bananas, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast: Cereal, pancake sausage stick, fruit punch juice, apples, milk
Lunch: Burrito, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot sticks, fruit salad, milk

Torres wins two Lone Star Emmys

Nataly Briana Torres recently won two Lone Star Emmy awards for Spot News Coverage and Best Morning Newscast, Large Market for her work at NBC Ft. Worth as the morning producer.

Nataly's parents are Ignacio and Margaret

Torres of Hereford. Margaret was born and raised in Friona and graduated from Friona High School in 1986.

Nataly was born and raised in Hereford. She graduated from Hereford High School in 2010 and attended UNT in Denton, Texas.



Lone Star Emmy Award winner Nataly Torres, center, is shown with her parents Margaret and Ignacio Torres of Hereford.

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



The Thanksgiving Star

In our part of West Texas, there are not many areas of high elevation among our gently rolling plains, but there are many tall grain elevators. They serve our communities well by storing our bountiful harvests. In fact, many small towns are identified by these landmarks, i.e. Friona's 'longest country elevator in the world'. And, although the wind turbines bring their own majestic presence to our area, many look alike and stand giant trees in a Paul Bunyan forest somehow lacking the character of the elevators.

Many traditions have sprung up from this elevated opportunity one being the star atop the elevator lighted during the holiday season and later serving as locations for network satellites. It is on a little early this year (or maybe I just failed to notice it that early before usually lighted at Thanksgiving.) Anyway, it made me think of those who have been responsible for the details of caring for and maintaining that star over the years. For many years, this yearly task fell to Efrain Arzate, a hugely personable employee at Friona Wheat Growers. He passed away this past July and although he was no longer at Friona Wheat Growers, but a self-em-

ployed truck driver, he still kept up with the many friendships he had made while employed there.

Many of our people are gone from our midst and it is nice to remember them for the many contributions they made to our community's success while we were on our journey in life together. So many gone, yet still so vivid in our memories of them. That is just one of the blessings of living in a small community for which we are so thankful.

I cannot imagine what it must be like to change out those bulbs. I know that the star folds down, but still it is not something you would want to be doing especially on a windy day. When Rex worked there, I would watch him from my library office window as he was on top of the elevator across the street east from the larger one as he would be transferring grain from one column to another or down to a load-out spout. Very nerve-racking! Happy Thanksgiving!

So very sorry to hear of the cotton modules fire last week. DB

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Simply Christmas Lunch and Learn

Simply Christmas Lunch and Learn is a holiday-themed series to be conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in four South Plains counties the last week of November.

The noon to 1 p.m. programs, all with the same format, are slated for Castro, Bailey, Lamb and Parmer counties, said Dr. Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension family and community health state program leader at Amarillo.

Series dates, sites and associated counties will be:

Nov. 27, Our Place, 301 S. Ripley Ave., Littlefield, Lamb County.

Nov. 28, Bailey County Electric Co-op, 610 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Bailey

County.
Nov. 29, Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones St., Dimmitt, Castro County.
Nov. 30, XIT Recreation Center, 205 North St., Bovina, Parmer County.

"The focus of the Simply Christmas series is not only to demonstrate economical and great-tasting recipes, but also to help participants plan a holiday season focused on family and fun," Burkham said. "The family and community health agents in each of the participating counties will teach the classes. Among their topics will be instruction on how to properly use the new electric pressure cookers. The cookers are fast becoming the 'go-to' tool for many busy families and should see much use, es-

pecially now that the holidays are almost here."

Registration is \$15 due upon arrival and will include lunch, a cookbook and, according to Burkham, a full helping of holiday inspiration. To register and for more information, call Felice Acker at 806-647-4115.

"For over a century now, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has served as a reliable source for nutrition, meal planning, food safety and positive family relations," Burkham said. "The Simply Christmas programs are yet another example of that rich heritage. The programs promise to be fun, informative and inspirational, and since they only last an hour, they'll probably be over much too soon for some."

Granny Kat's Pumpkin Roll

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13 inch jelly roll pan or cookie sheet.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir in pumpkin puree, eggs, and lemon juice. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Spread the mixture evenly.

Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 15 minutes.

Lay a damp linen towel on the counter, sprinkle it with confectioner's sugar, and turn the cake onto the towel. Carefully roll the towel up (lengthwise) with the cake in it. Place the cake-in-towel on a cooling rack and let it cool for 20 minutes.

Make the icing: In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese, butter, vanilla, and sugar with a wooden spoon or electric mixer.

When the cake has cooled 20 minutes, unroll it and spread icing onto it. Immediately re-roll (not in the towel this time), and wrap it with plastic wrap. Keep the cake refrigerated or freeze it for up to 2 weeks in aluminum foil. Cut the cake in slices just before serving.

Oatmeal Craisin Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups quick cooking oats
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup dried cranberries

Beat butter, sugars, eggs and vanilla for 5 minutes. In another bowl, combine oats, flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Add to butter mixture 1 cup at a time.

Mix in raisins and cranberries.

Drop by spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets and bake for 12-14 minutes at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). These freeze very well.



Parmer County Cancer Coalition Survivor's Dinner



Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

November 14, 2017

Bryan Garcia, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on Randall County warrants. Garcia was bonded and released.

November 15, 2017

Jerry C. Prieto, 18, of Frióna, was arrested by the Frióna Police Department on a motion to revoke (criminal mischief) and charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. The case is pending in County Court.

November 16, 2017

Erasmus Vega-Ramos, Jr., 49, of Texico, NM, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The case is pending before the Grand Jury.

November 17, 2017

Alan Perez-Rivera, 28, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (possession of a controlled substance PG1 more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams). The case is pending in District Court.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of November 9 through November 15, 2017:

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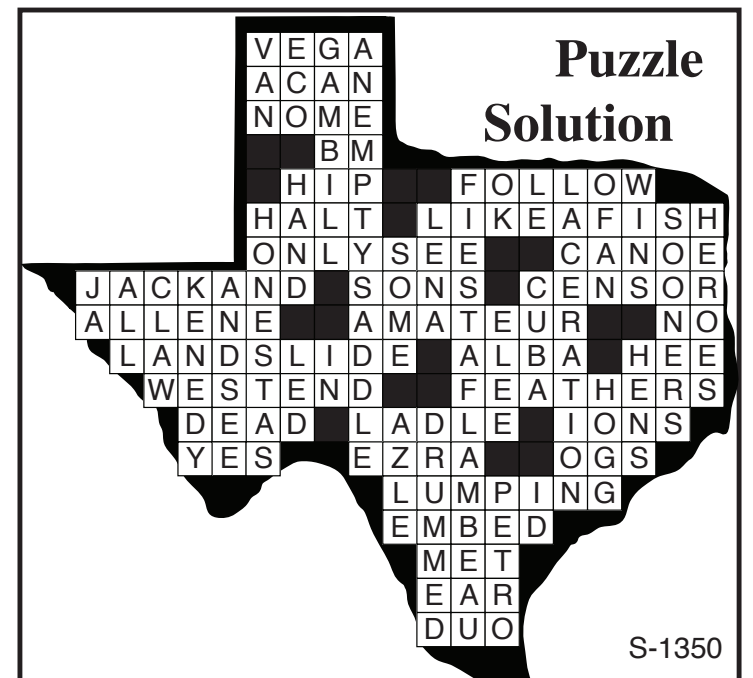
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BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

I take time to count my many blessings from the Lord often, but I rarely thank the Lord for what I don't have. Come to thank of it, I'm thankful for not having ebola, terminal sickness, or major health issues with my family. I am thankful for not having everything I want, which would probably turn my heart from the Lord, and I am thankful for not having just my basic necessities. I am also thankful for not having to visit the emergency room for myself while being in Friona. Although I could go on, I encourage you to be thankful for what you don't have.

Most of all, though, I am extremely thankful for who I do have. I have an amazing wife, four energetic children, an awesome church family, and a great community to live in. Most of all, though, I am thankful for Jesus Christ. Christ saved me from my sins when I was in 3rd grade, and that has forever changed me! In light of Him, I can truly say, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians 15:57!

This Thanksgiving, I pray you have a blessed day, and that you will give thanks to the Lord's many blessings on you, of which, the greatest of all is Jesus Christ.

No part was unimportant

REV. JOE SCHULTE, Pastor, Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

As many of you know, my congregation (Union Congregational Church UCC) is organizing "A Harvey Christmas" a program to raise money for hurricane relief in Texas. It has been a joyful experience, but one that has also reminded me of how much is involved in putting together such an endeavor. There are the obvious things: recruiting those who have musical talents that they would like to share to help others; arranging for a venue to host the event; arranging for publicity; putting the actual show together; rehearsing; and deciding how the financial gifts will be donated. Then there are always surprises, such as, finding sound monitors to help the performers hear themselves while they are on stage. I'm sure between now and the day of the event, December 3rd at 2 p.m. in the Friona High School auditorium, there will be even more surprises. But in the end, it will be worth all that everybody puts into the event.

"A Harvey Christmas" has been a wonderful reminder of how people can and should work together. Each person working on the event has a talent they are using for the good of others. It might be singing or playing an instrument, organizing, paying attention to details, or technical skills. All of these are important to our success. None is more important than another because if one part is missing the entire endeavor falters.

My experience with working with others to make this event a reality reminds me of the Apostle Paul's vision of the church as the body of Christ. No part was unimportant. If one part fails or decides not to function, the witness of the church is diminished. Paul also reminded us that what happens to one part of the body affects every part of the body.

Through his image of the body of Christ, Paul reminds us that each of us is important because we are created by God in the divine image. Our diversity is part of God's purpose because each of us has gifts to do different things that add to the whole.

Paul, and my own experience in the world God has created, remind me that none should be dismissed and that all should be treated with dignity. We need all God's people to work with God to make things happen.

Youth dies in agricultural incident

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office released the following last week: On Wednesday, November 15 at approximately 10 p.m. the Parmer County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an individual involved in an agriculture related injury and possible death. The response was to a cotton field located off County Road BB and County Road 12 in rural Parmer County to a field where cotton was being stripped. Upon arrival it was found that 15-year-old worker was deceased and had been found buried in a cotton module. It is believed that the death was a farm equipment related incident but the investigation is still ongoing. Parmer County Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Judge Haseloff has ordered an autopsy.

Take Care of Spiritual Needs

By TEENA HUGHES

I had to answer these questions in Bible study: "Do you tend to be more focused on your physical needs or your spiritual needs? Why is that the case?"

I never thought about the needs I focus on until I had to answer these questions. And, I hate to admit it, but I concentrate more on my physical needs than I do my spiritual needs.

I can put my spiritual needs on the "back burner" of life and deal with them later. But, my physical needs--food, rest, clothing and a warm house for winter, having enough Zyrtec to combat sinus allergies this time of year, etc.--are things I deal with on a daily basis for my so-called physical, on-Earth survival.

Once again, I have placed my focus on the here-and-now, and not on the eternal. I have forgotten that taking care of my spiritual needs helps me so much more in my day-to-day living and survival than having all of my physical needs taken care of.

I do not need anything physical right now. God has provided everything I need to live out every day of my life comfortably. And, He has given me a Son who provides for my spiritual needs. The only problem is, I do tend to put Him on my "back burner," especially at busy times of the year, like right now. I know He will always be there, so when life slows down, I can always move Him to a "front burner" and deal with my spiritual life at a later time.

That is not what He wants. He wants to be the number one priority in our lives; He wants us to be in relationship with Him; He wants us to study His Word and be His hands and feet; and, He never wants to be on the "back burner" of our lives.

We are entering the Christmas season. It is a fun time, a BUSY time, and a time where we should be thinking about Jesus being born. Enjoy this time of year, with Jesus and our spiritual needs being the focus of our lives. I believe that if we do, it will be the best Christmas ever!!!! Take care and enjoy the season!!!!

Panhandle Parables

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

I can hardly believe another year has come and gone. It has been a good year in many respects and a hard year in others. I would like to thank the staff of the Friona Star for allowing me this little space each week. I would also like to thank you who take the time to read these little bits. Finally, I would like to ask you to join me in prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has seen us through this year.

Father God, Creator of our universe, how majestic is Your name throughout all time. Lord we give You praise and are thankful for the many ways You have blessed us.

We thank You Lord, for the rains this year, for the bountiful crops and a good harvest.

We thank You Father, for this community and the people who live here that make it a special place to raise a family.

We thank You for the families and ask Your blessing on each of them this holiday season and the year to come.

We thank You for faith, hope and love, may we always pursue them as we serve You and each other.

Father, we are mindful that we have lost some great folks in our community and we pray for their families as they move through these first holidays without their loved one here. May You be a source of comfort and may we share the comfort You have given us to share.

We thank You Father, for our nation. It's not perfect, yet help us to see that our diversity can make us stronger and may we seek peace instead of strife and division.

Lord we thank You for your Son, may we strive to imitate the love He has for us and show others that love in sacrificial ways to Your glory.

Guide us always Lord and forgive us where we have failed You and each other. It is in the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all ye lands.*

*Serve the LORD with gladness:
come before his presence
with singing.*

*Know ye that the LORD he is God:
it is he that hath made us,
and not we ourselves;
we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.*

*For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth
to all generations.*
- Psalm 100



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Chieftains post record-breaking season

The Friona Chieftains had a record breaking 2017 season that ended with a loss to Wall in bi-district competition last Friday, November 17 in Sweetwater. Wall defeated the Chieftains 55-22 in four hard fought quarters.

Against Wall, Sergio Flores added 29 carries for 120 yards and two touchdowns to his yearly statistics. Marco Monreal carried 15 times for 35 yards. Julius Orozco had 58 yards for 13 carries. Marco Maldonado carried six times for 14 yards.

Jonathon Hernandez had four receptions for 30 yards. Rocky Barrios had 22 yards for three receptions and Orozco had two receptions for 16 yards.

Monreal completed 9 of 18

passes for 68 yards. Hernandez punted four times for 136 yards and Flores punted once for 37 yards. Jose Rodriguez punted three times for 99 yards. Maldonado completed two extra point attempts.

The Chieftains seven wins this season were the most wins in eight years and in the process broke a number of Friona High School records.

The Chieftains scored 392 points this season, which is seven more points than the 1997 Chieftains 385 points.

Sergio Flores beat the record for single season scoring that was set in 1996 by Andy Kendrick. Flores had 137 points. Kendrick's record was 130.

Marco Monreal eclipsed the

passing yards in a game set by Blair Burney in 1992. Burney passed for 1,511 yards while Monreal now holds the record of 1,856 yards.

Monreal also holds second place in career passing with 2,902 yards. First place is held by Blair Burney in 1990-1993 with 3,080 yards. Third place is held by Kyle Grimsley with 1,944 yards in 1995-1996.

The Chieftains ended the regular season as the #2 Offense behind the Bushland Falcons in the Amarillo Globe News area in not only the 3-A division but in all classifications 2A-6A. Chieftain offensive statistics include 2,891 in rushing, 1,788 in passing, 4,660 total yards with an average of 39.2 points per game.

Chieftain Statistics for 2017 Season Statistics

Rushing Statistics	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg.	
#2 Marco Monreal	154	670	15	4.4	
#44 Sergio Flores	251	1,455	19	5.8	
#24 Julius Orozco	69	506	6	7.3	
#28 Rodrigo Munoz	17	199	1	11.7	
#10 Marco Maldonado	37	281	2	7.6	
#22 Eduardo Chavez	1	2	0	0.0	
#34 Gerardo Trejo	2	5	0	0.0	
Rushing Totals	531	3,118	43	5.9	
Receiving Statistics	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg.	
#13 Jonathon Hernandez	35	541	4	15.5	
#20 Rocky Barrios	28	347	2	12.4	
#10 Marco Maldonado	25	404	3	16.2	
#14 Damar Sermen	5	73	1	14.6	
#24 Julius Orozco	15	247	1	16.5	
#28 Angel Hernandez	6	107	0	17.8	
#1 Rodrigo Munoz	2	25	0	12.5	
#11 Mario Hernandez	1	6	0	6.0	
#44 Sergio Flores	4	80	1	0.0	
#3 Jose Rodriguez	4	26	1	6.5	
Receiving Totals	125	1,856	13	14.8	
Passing Statistics	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TDs	INT
#2 Marco Monreal	125	226	1,856	13	8
Passing Totals	125	226	1,856	13	8
Offensive Totals					
Plays 778	Yards 4,955	Avg. per game 451.0			
Penalties	First Downs-184				
# 63 Yards 477	Avg. 7.6				
Punter	Punts	Yards	Average		
#13 Jonathon Hernandez	29	993	34.2413793		
#3 Jose Rodriguez	4	136	34		
#44 Sergio Flores	1	37	37		
Kicker	Extra Points	Attempts			
#44 Sergio Flores	22	29			
#10 Marco Maldonado	15	18			



courtesy photos
Arlisa Denton is headed to the State Championship for the American Motorcyclist Association. She qualified first in Region 42. The race will be in Conroe, Texas December 1-3. Arlisa is the granddaughter of Larry and Sharon Rector. Good Luck, Arlisa!



Applesauce Bars

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan. In a medium bowl, mix together the butter, brown sugar and egg until smooth. Stir in applesauce. Combine the flour, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice; stir into the applesauce mixture until well blended. Spread evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are golden. Cool in the pan over a wire rack. In a small bowl, mix together the confectioners' sugar and margarine. Stir in vanilla and milk until smooth. Spread over cooled bars before cutting into squares.



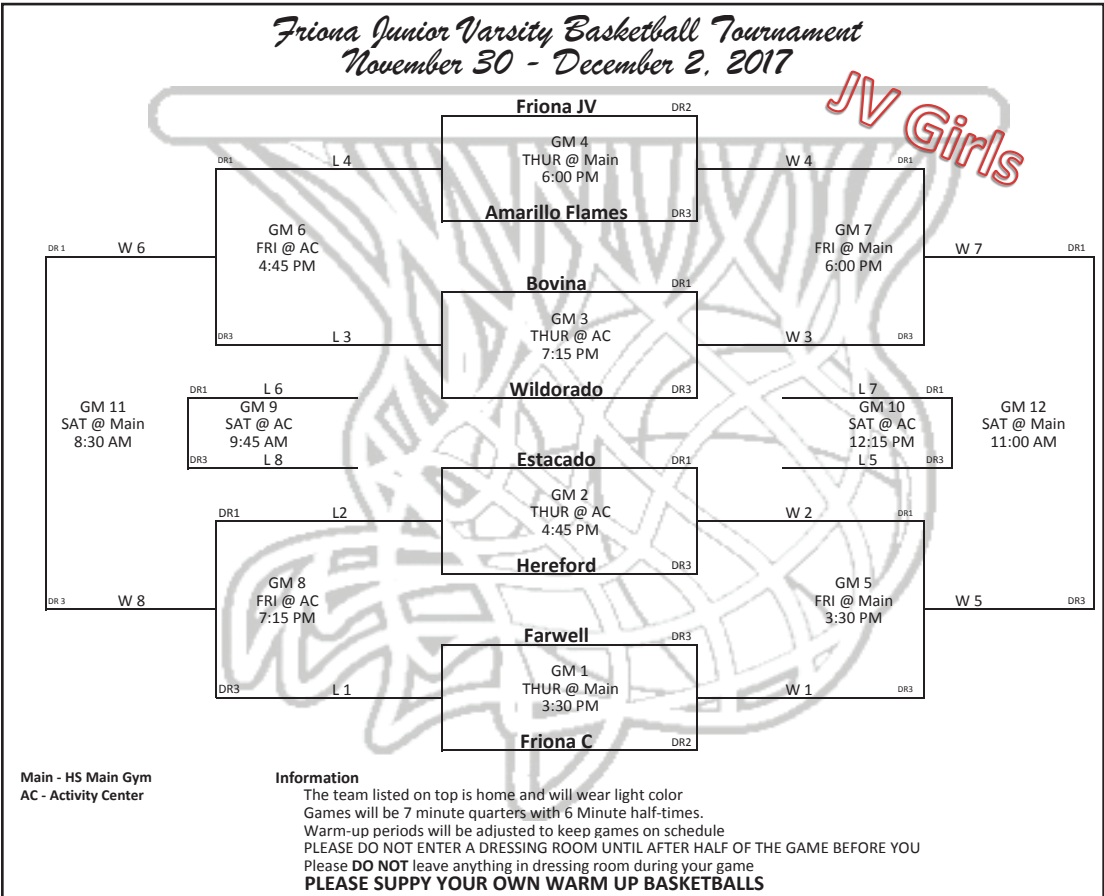
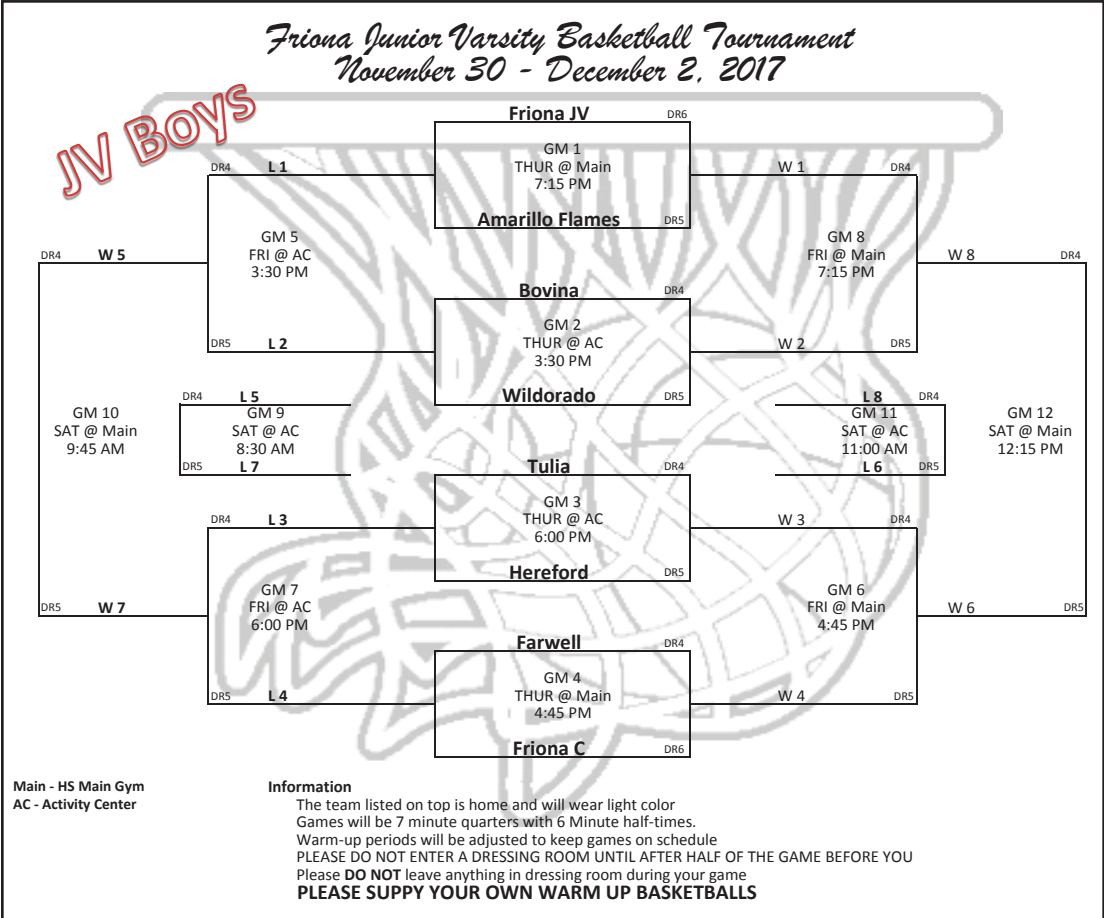
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1/2 cup milk
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Bake for 1 hour.

Holiday Cranberry Sauce

4 cups fresh cranberries
1 1/2 cups water
5 whole cloves
5 whole allspice berries
3 cinnamon sticks
2 cups white sugar
Place fresh cranberries and water in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
Wrap cloves, allspice berries and cinnamon sticks in a spice bag. Place in the water with cranberries.
Cook until cranberries begin to burst, about 10 minutes.
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2017 Pheasant season may be some better but not like yesteryear

By Jim Steiert

Summer rainfall had hopes sprouting like elongated ring-neck tailfeathers, but apparently didn't help Panhandle pheasant numbers recover in 2017, based on preliminary 2017 pheasant population survey findings by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists who have been driving 20-mile standard survey lines across 44 routes in the Panhandle this month. Surveys have been conducted since 1976 and have shown annual population fluctuations.

The preliminary prediction for the 2017 Panhandle pheasant season that opens December 2 and continues through December 31 is that it will be "better than last year" overall, but nothing resembling the great heyday of pheasant hunting in the Panhandle decades ago. That sort of years-past standard may well be impossible to ever achieve again.

That's the observation of Calvin Richardson, Canyon-based Texas Parks and Wildlife Department District 2 wildlife leader.

"The northeastern Panhandle is not too good--for some reason the birds haven't come back. One survey route in the Pampa area that had four birds last year had seven this year--the birds just aren't doing a great comeback like quail did the last couple of years. The northwestern Panhandle is a little better," Richardson said.

Lest we think we're alone in the pheasant downturn locally, it's a disappointment felt even in primo pheasant country in the Great Plains. Tom Carpenter of Pheasants Forever says absence of drought can help bring birds back, but the challenge is a daunting one, and even South Dakota has seen a decline in pheasant numbers this year.

Prime pheasant country in Texas is a 13-county area that had average rainfall this summer," reports Robert Perez, Upland Game Bird Program Leader at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"Anecdotal evidence is that we had decent pheasant reproduction this year," says Perez. "With upland game bird surveys just finishing up in late November and early December, don't have hard data yet. We run 44 routes, giving each one only one shot."

Perez says the pheasant trend has been good the past few



years on the heels of the drought leading up to 2012 and 2013 that was catastrophic for habitat and reproduction. The years 2014, 2015 and 2016 were rebuilding times for Panhandle pheasants.

"We came into 2017 with decent precipitation as well," he adds. That helped the habitat. "Our pheasants are not yet up to those pre-drought levels, but there are definitely birds.

Still, that said, our pheasant populations haven't responded to the rain like Texas bobwhites did the past two seasons. That's common, pheasants just don't respond as fast

as quail. But still, there has been a steady increase from those all-time pheasant lows in 2012 and 2013."

Texas has fairly strong pheasant harvest numbers considering the small area that actually holds birds. From a low of 18,000 birds in the worst drought year of 2013,-014, last year's estimated harvest was about 28,000 pheasants.

Top tier counties include Dallam, Hartley, Hansford, Sherman, Ochiltree, Deaf Smith, Moore, Carson and Roberts," says Perez. "Swisher, Briscoe, Castro, and Parmer counties will be supporting birds in localized situations."

Richardson says better findings in this year's survey have seen 20 pheasants counted across standardized 20 mile routes. While that exceeds the paltry four to seven birds per route seen in places, it's a far cry from the 200-plus bird routes of the salad days of pheasant hunting here. While survey routes show generalized trends, they don't discount the fact that there are scattered pheasant hotspots across the region, usually involving available water, dense cover, and nearby food. Weedy feedlots and farm perimeter outbuilding areas are among places where concentrations of birds might be found.

Locally, routes in Deaf Smith, Castro, and Parmer counties have shown "just a few more birds" than some other routes in this year's survey, says Richardson.

"We've just never seemed to recover the pheasant numbers of old, once furrow irrigation went out of the farming picture here in the High Plains," observed Richardson. "When crops were row watered there was lots of tailwater, wet playas, weedy ditches and overgrown tailwater pits that really favored the birds, and there was a near-constant source of moisture for nesting hens to come in contact with so that they could bring crucial humidity to nests. Abundant green matter meant there were lots of insects for chicks to feed on in the early weeks of their lives when insects are vital to their survival. All of that is much harder for broods to come by now," Richardson observes.

Jim Steiert is an award winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.



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ALL HANDS ON DECK...The FHS Drama Department unloaded meat orders last Thursday.

Sweet Potato Rolls

- 1 (.25 ounce) package active dry yeast
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- 1/2 cup canned sweet potato puree
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- 3 tablespoons margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Add all ingredients to list

Dissolve yeast, warm water, and 1 tablespoon sugar in a mixing bowl. Let stand 5 minutes.

Add remaining sugar, sweet potato, butter or margarine, salt, and slightly beaten eggs. Stir to mix well. Stir in 3 cups of flour. Turn out on a lightly floured surface. Knead 2 to 3 minutes, adding just enough of remaining flour to prevent sticking. Do not knead too heavily; when smooth, shape into a ball. Place in an oiled bowl, and turn to coat the surface. Cover, and let raise about 1 hour or longer.

Punch down, and allow dough to rest for 2 minutes. Divide into 16 to 20 balls, and place on a greased cookie sheet or in a 9x13 inch pan. Allow to rise until doubled.

Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 12 to 20 minutes. Serve warm.

Yummy Sweet Potato Casserole

- 4 cups sweet potato, cubed
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Put sweet potatoes in a medium saucepan with water to cover. Cook over medium high heat until tender; drain and mash.

In a large bowl, mix together the sweet potatoes, white sugar, eggs, salt, butter, milk and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish.

In medium bowl, mix the brown sugar and flour. Cut in the butter until the mixture is coarse. Stir in the pecans. Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potato mixture.

Bake in the preheated oven 30 minutes, or until the topping is lightly brown.

Grandma's Green Bean Casserole

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/4 cup onion, diced
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 (14.5 ounce) cans French style green beans, drained
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled buttery round crackers
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth, and cook for one minute. Stir in the salt, sugar, onion, and sour cream. Add green beans, and stir to coat.

Transfer the mixture to a 2 1/2 quart casserole dish. Spread shredded cheese over the top. In a small bowl, toss together cracker crumbs and remaining butter, and sprinkle over the cheese.

Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top is golden and cheese is bubbly.

Carrot Casserole

- 2 1/2 cups sliced carrots
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease a 1 quart casserole dish.

Place carrots and enough water to cover them in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, and cook until carrots are very tender. Drain. Using a blender or food processor, puree carrots to a smooth consistency.

In a medium bowl, mix together the carrots and butter. Beat in the eggs, sugar, milk, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla. Spread mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until set.



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Did the first Thanksgiving happen on the Llano Estacado?

By Jim Steiert

Thanksgiving lore—real or alleged—gives historians much to argue. Some proclaim Plymouth as the rock of the celebration of thanks, but chronicles of history also make the case that the first ceremony of Thanksgiving may well have happened on the fringes of the Llano Estacado long before a hapless turkey found itself on the business end of a Pilgrim blunderbuss.

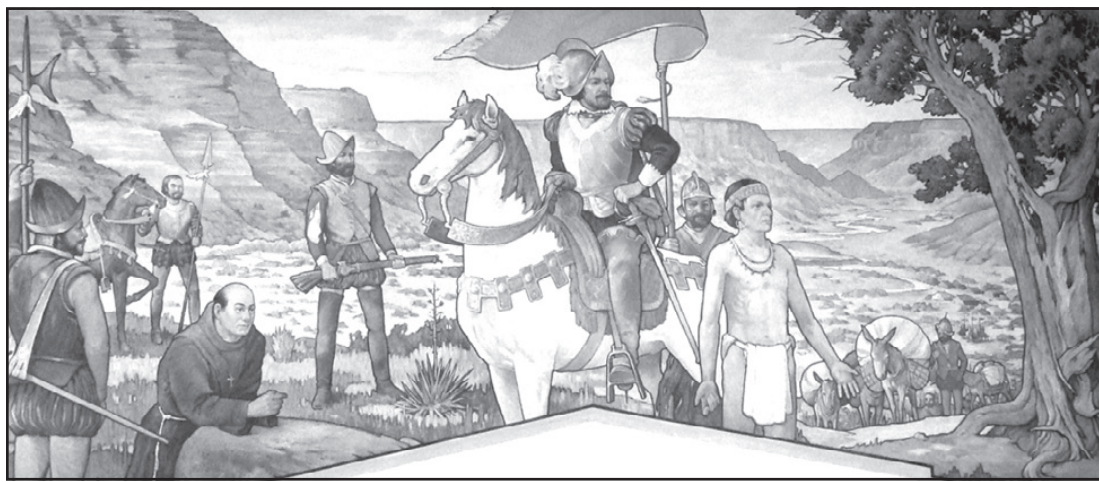
Modern tradition holds the first Thanksgiving observance was strictly New England born and bred, dating from roughly the first to second decade of the 1600s. The celebration and the modern day art depicting it is generally centered around harvest and the gathering of game. A little digging discloses that ironically, at least some of the early day celebrating went on to such an extent that colonists literally ate into their corn seed stocks and struggled with further hard times of hunger later. The wild turkey became closely linked with Thanksgiving festivities, but was actually whitetailed deer and the venison they provided that provided table fare for early colonists, though turkeys were eventually taken for the table in large numbers.

Despite Thanksgiving's deeply rooted association with the New England states, it's hard to argue with the fact that Spaniards such as Francisco Vazquez de Coronado and Juan de Onate were already exploring the Southwest long before the Pilgrims landed.

A case can be made that one or another of the Spaniards' observances in Texas predates the Pilgrims by as many as 69 to as little as 10 years. That's a broad span to talk turkey over.

Texas has a claim to the first ceremony of Thanksgiving that is among the earliest of those asserting primacy for the initial observance. In fact, the Texas Society of Daughters of American Colonists placed a marker just outside of Canyon in 1959 that pronounced the Coronado expedition on the Llano Estacado celebrated the first feast of Thanksgiving in the Palo Duro Canyon in 1541.

Friar Juan de Padilla is thought



Ben Carlton Mead completed two New Deal murals for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. One, "Coronado's Coming," shown here, was painted in 1934 with funding from the PWAP. The general events it depicts dating to 1541 could have included the observance of the first Thanksgiving on the Llano Estacado following a battering of the expedition by a severe hailstorm, long before the observance of Thanksgiving in New England in the 1600s. (Photo by Michael R. Grauer courtesy of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum)

to have said a Mass at the observance, and there are stories of grapes and pecans being gathered by the celebrants for a feast. Inconveniently, pecans don't grow in the canyon, and though wild grapes can be found at points in the Panhandle, there likely weren't any in the canyon, particularly at that time of the year.

Still, possibilities exist. Questing for Quivira—the proverbial gold at the end of the rainbow—the Spaniards wandered the Llano at the beckoning of an Indian prisoner they called "The Turk." History hints that this Turk was probably employing a tactic to rid the Plains of the Spaniards that would in latter days also be used by Comanches leading hapless U.S. cavalrymen on a waterless chase across the Llano—but that's another story.

At any rate, the goldless Spaniards did—in the Turk and found themselves lost, hungry, and thirsting. Some think they may have followed Tierra Blanca Creek or the Frio Draw to do so, or it could have simply been happenstance, but allegedly, the Spaniards finally found either the main Palo Duro Canyon or one of its array of finger canyons, and made a descent.

Modern historians say the event may have even happened

in Blanco Canyon, farther south, but in any event, on their first night in the canyon, the Spaniards were pounded by a hailstorm that stampeded their horses and destroyed much of their equipment.

Master Plains historian the late Fred Rathjen, on page 60 of his authoritative work "The Texas Panhandle Frontier," lends credence to at least part of the story.

"While the Spaniards were encamped in the canyon on the eastern edge of the Llano Estacado, a frightful hailstorm, apparently a new experience, occurred and injured horses, destroyed equipment, and battered bewildered men.

"The necessity to subsist on buffalo and the ease with which men strayed from camp and became lost must surely have challenged the mettle of the cavalier tradition."

Lost, hungry, hammered by hail, bewildered by their surroundings, there's no doubt members of the expedition would have reason to give thanks upon finding food and water, and some relatively sheltered respite from their wanderings. Their observance, on May 23, 1541, naysayers maintain, may well have occurred on the Feast of the Ascension, and may have

happened on a fork of the Brazos River farther south and not in the Palo Duro Canyon. Still, it was in Texas—and with a little fortuitous scrounging, the Spaniards could have conceivably even found a turkey—as some of these birds were present in parts of the Panhandle. Doubtless, they had buffalo—no historic word on how that meat went down sans dressing and giblet gravy.

About 1989, El Paso laid claim to the first Thanksgiving in North America per the exploits of Juan de Onate, who in March of 1598 led an expedition of 500 including soldiers, colonists, wives, children, and 7,000 head of livestock on a trek across the Chihuahuan Desert that spanned 50 days. They were bound for the Rio Grande and New Mexico. Surprisingly, Onate failed to garner information on potential difficulties from an early exploration party. Amidst the hardships of a much-deprived march the expedition in its last five days ran out of food and water—and had to scrounge in the desert for vegetation to eat. Ultimately, reaching the Rio Grande saved the expedition.

Following 10 days of recuperation at a site near present-

day El Paso, Onate ordered a day of thanksgiving for the survival of the expedition.

Fittingly, a feast was staged, including game gathered by the Spaniards and fish supplied by natives of the region. Mass was said by Franciscan missionaries traveling with the expedition. Not to be deterred from empire building by the celebration, Onate also laid claim to all of the land drained by the Rio Grande in the name of the King of Spain. The Onate expedition eventually traveled up the Rio Grande, settling near Santa Fe.

A re-enactment of this Thanksgiving celebration was staged at the Chamizal National Memorial miles from the original celebration site in 1989, in the presence of officials from the United States and Mexico.

Outside of early Texas links, the celebration of Thanksgiving has roots in the British harvest festival and a day of religious giving of thanks as first observed by Pilgrims in New England.

Ancestors of modern Virginians may well have observed the first East Coast ceremony at Jamestown in 1610, in thanks for survival of a harsh winter, but Maine claims a happening preceding the Virginia event on the basis of a service of thanksgiving for a safe voyage on the part of colonists on August 9, 1607.

Only months after their arrival from England in 1621, Plymouth residents celebrated a harvest festival similar to harvest festivals in Britain, and secular in nature other than the saying of grace before the meal. Just two years later the governor of the Plymouth colony called for a special day of religious thanksgiving at the end of a drought.

Special religious thanksgiving days were called in assorted locations throughout the colonial period.

Puritans who established the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630 observed a special day of prayer sometimes referred to as the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving celebra-

tions spread from state to state throughout the 19th century, and George Washington called for the first national observance in 1789.

Meanwhile, back in Texas, Sam Houston proclaimed March 2, 1842 as Texas Independence Day, a day to celebrate freedom and thanksgiving. Governor George Wood later made the first Thursday in December, 1849 the first designated Thanksgiving observance in Texas.

President Abram Lincoln launched the tradition of a national annual day of thanksgiving during the Civil War in 1863.

After tinkering with the date, and giving way to the sentiments of merchants who wanted extra shopping days before Christmas, President Franklin Roosevelt in 1941 signed the law making the fourth Thursday in November the official national Thanksgiving Day. However, Texas held onto some independence in the matter since there were a succession of five Thursdays on the November calendar in 1944, 1945, 1950, 1951, and 1956. Texas observed a final last Thursday in 1956, but the state legislature made the fourth Thursday in November the official state Thanksgiving Day in 1957.

Historians can quibble over who started the observance first, how, and why they did it. Modern day folks, who didn't walk in the caravan of Francisco Coronado, or Juan de Onate, or skulk through the New England woods clad in black cloth and buckles in search of deer and turkey, can't know beyond a doubt just who staged the celebration first. Ultimately, it's far more important that across time there were those who remembered to return thanks.

We can all agree that however it started, Thanksgiving remains an occasion well worth celebrating to acknowledge our abundant blessings.

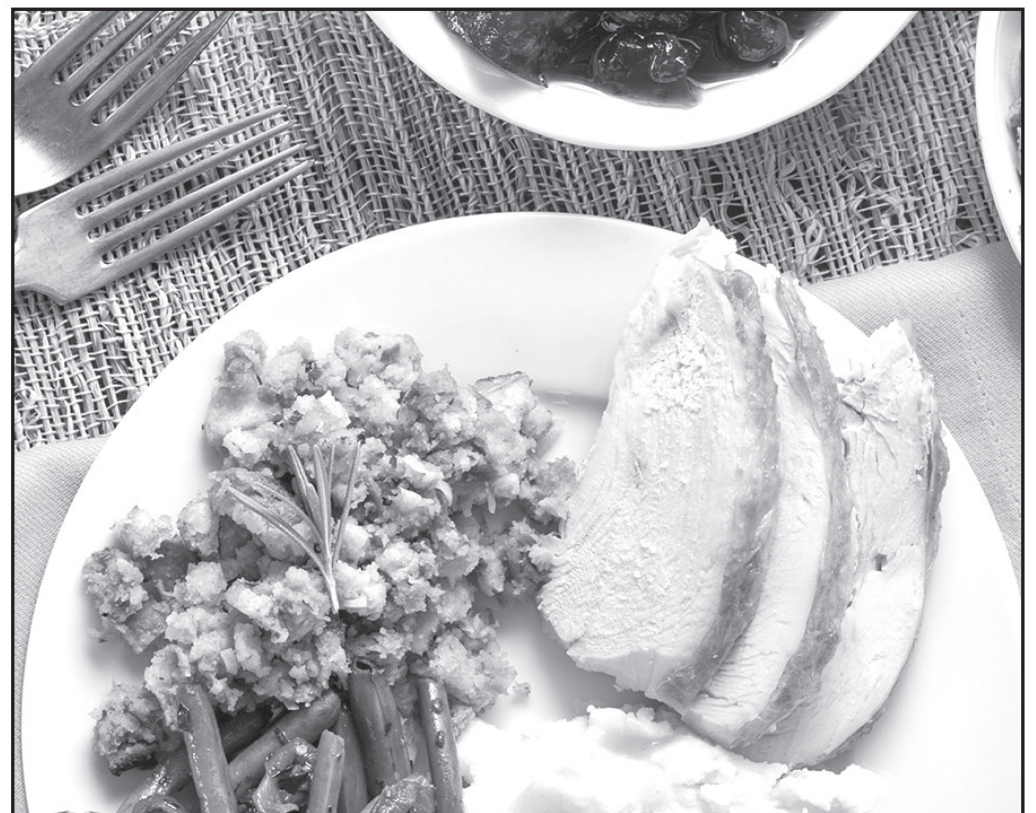
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By Steve Byrns

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- Pesticide Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector, Lubbock.
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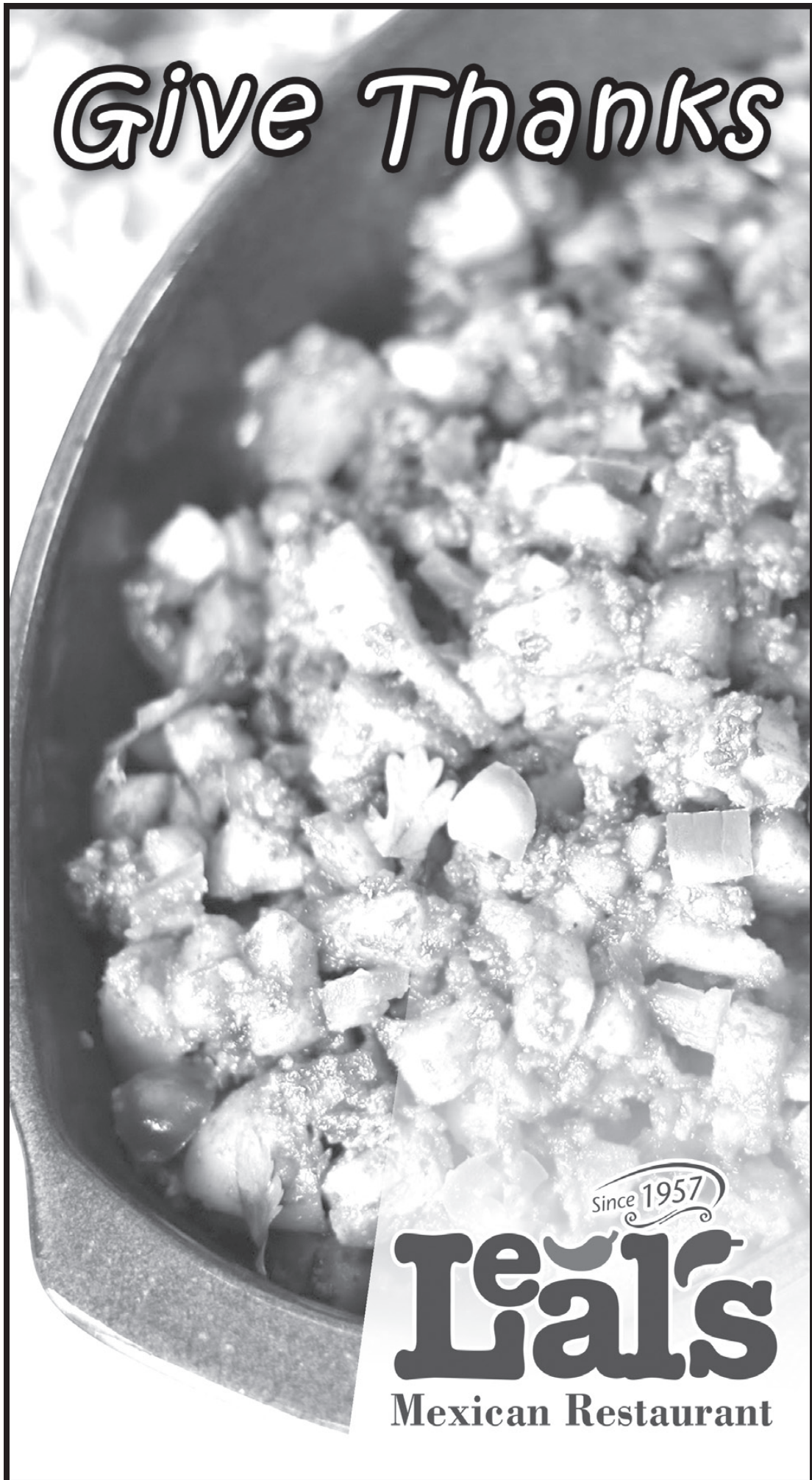


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