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Free pre-natal classes offered

The Healthy Baby Coalition of Parmer County provides free education to expectant mothers in Parmer County. The classes are for not only first time moms, but mothers who already have 1 or more children. Classes are available in both English and Spanish.

To sign-up for classes, please stop by the Parmer Medical Center conference room Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Classes are typically held on Saturday mornings once a month, but times can also be customized to meet special needs.

Mothers who participate in the classes earn points to use for free baby items for their newborn. The "Baby's Bin" has a great selection of items from car seats to diapers. Mothers who have been through the classes have a wide selection of items to choose from.

For more information about the coalition, see a HBC Board member or contact Heidi Eichenauer at (806)250-2754 or JoDonna Terry at (806)295-8291.

Public performance planned

The FHS Thespians will present a public performance of "The Curious Savage" on Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium.

The students will be performing the play at the District One Act Play competition in Tulia March 22 and 23.

"The Curious Savage" is a comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, an elderly woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately ten million dollars. Contrasting the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the avarice and vanity of "respectable" public figures, it calls into question conventional definitions of sanity while lampooning celebrity culture.

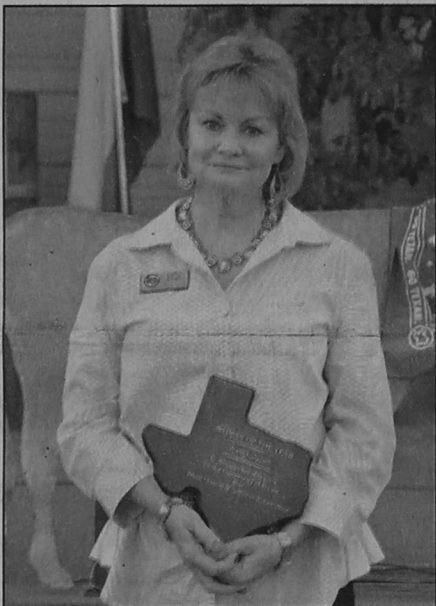
The community is invited to come and enjoy the talents of our local thespians.



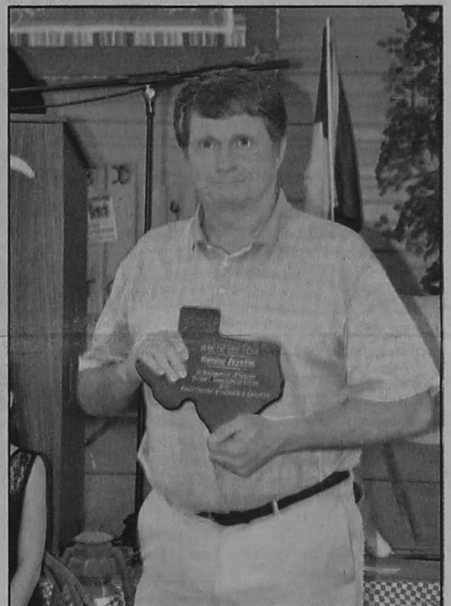
**Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Citizens of the Year**

From the left Josh Barnett, Danny Campbell, Glenn Reeve, Chance Lewellen, Heath Mc Elreath, Stephen Campbell, Riley Rector, Charlie Pope.

Chamber of Commerce Award Winners



**Kathy Rector
Woman of the Year**



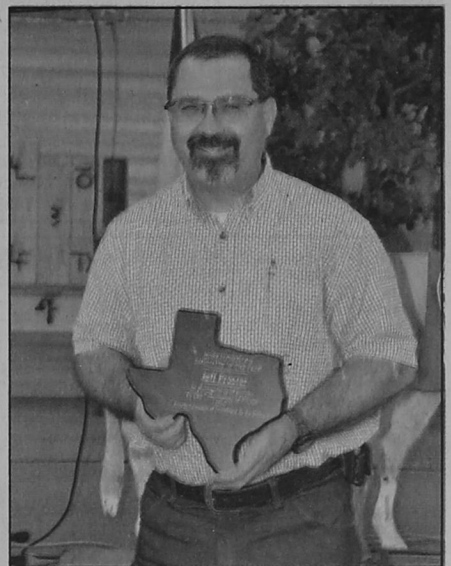
**Kenny Austin
Man of the Year**



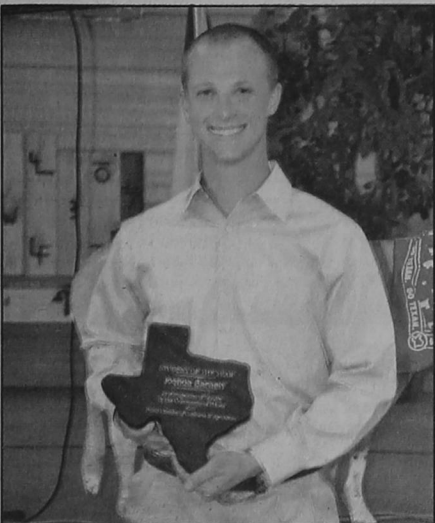
**Jasmine Rodriguez
Student of the Year**



**Kim Kimbrough
Teacher of the Year**



**Jeff Procter
Most Courteous
Employee of the Year**



**Josh Barnett
Student of the Year**

Council will hear city audit report, RV park changes

The Friona city council will meet in regular session Monday March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at 619 Main Street. All council meetings are open to the public.

A public hearing will be held to receive comments on a proposed forgivable loan and/or grant by the Friona Economic Development Corporation to Adriana Stowers/Creative Chaos. Any citizen wishing to voice an opinion

for or against will be heard.

After discussion and approval of the minutes of February council meetings the council will take up consideration of approving the expenditure by the FEDC for Adriana Stowers/Creative Chaos. A resolution that all candidates for city council are unopposed and the May 7 city election will be rescinded will be discussed and approved.

When rate increase requests are proposed by Xcel Energy

and Atmos, the city joins other cities in the Panhandle to oppose and negotiate the increases. This allows cities to hold down legal costs in opposing the increased fees. The council will discuss requests from Atmos and Xcel during Monday's meeting.

They will consider and take action on approval of the fiscal year October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 audit report presented by Randall Field, P.C.

The Friona police department will give their monthly report. The council will discuss and update changes to the city RV park rules and charges.

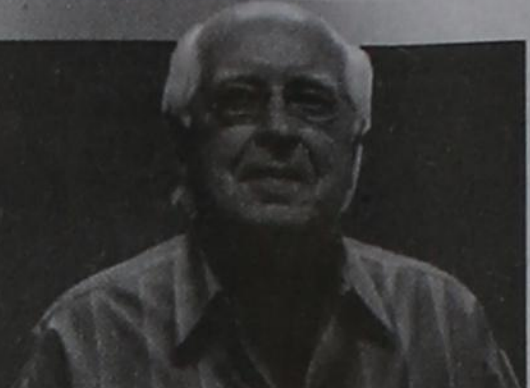
Action on accounts payable and the February financial statement will be taken. The above items are the tentative agenda for Monday's meeting and are subject to change. The final agenda is posted on the front window of city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Send Calendar information to:
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- Mar. 11-JV Baseball at Tulia-4:30
- Mar. 11-FHS Track Meet @ Chieftain Field
- Mar. 12- Free pre-natal classes at PMC
- Mar. 12-Boys Regional Powerlifting @ Sundown
- Mar. 12-V Baseball vs Tulia-Home-12:00
- Mar. 12- Kids Paint with Extension-10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Bovina
- Mar. 13-DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-SPRING FORWARD
- Mar. 14-Immunization Clinic in Bovina at EMS Building, 109 3rd St. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- MAR. 14-18-FISD SPRING BREAK
- Mar. 14-Friona City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ 619 Main St.
- Mar. 15- Quilting 101-6-8 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
- Mar. 17-19-V Baseball at Nazareth Tournament
- Mar. 17-ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Mar. 18-Girls Powerlifting State-Corpus Christi
- Mar. 20-SPRING BEGINS!
- Mar. 20-PALM SUNDAY
- Mar. 20-One Act Play Public Performance-3 p.m.-FHS Auditorium
- Mar. 22-DSEC Annual Meeting @ Hereford Bull Barn-5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22-JV/V Baseball vs. San Jacinto-Home-4:30/6:30
- Mar. 22-Celebrate Spring-6 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
- Mar. 22-7th/8th Track @ Dimmitt
- Mar. 23-24-FHS One Act Play @ Tulia
- Mar. 24-Easter Egg Hunt @ Prairie Acres/Heritage Estates 9:30 a.m.
- Mar. 24-Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church
- Mar. 24-FHS Track @ Dimmitt
- Mar. 24-FHS Tennis @ Levelland
- Mar. 25-GOOD FRIDAY
- Mar. 25-Prairie Acres Resident Easter Party-3 p.m.
- Mar. 27-EASTER
- Mar. 28-St. Teresa's Catholic Church Senior Dinner-6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29-WRTT Annual Meeting @ Hereford Bull Barn
- Mar. 29-Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet 7 p.m. @XIT Recreation Center-\$15 per person
- Mar. 29-JV/V Baseball at Shallowater 4:30/6:30
- Mar. 29- Quilting 101-6-8 p.m. in Bovina-\$15
- Mar. 31-7th/8th Track @ Lockney
- Mar. 31-FHS Tennis @ Levelland
- Apr. 1-APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- Apr. 1-2-Ogallala Quilt Festival-Dimmitt
- Apr. 1-2-Bowl for Kids' Sake 2016-Hereford-Sugarland Mall Lanes
- Apr. 1-FHS Track @ Lockney
- Apr. 1-2-Boys Powerlifting State @ Abilene
- Apr. 2-JV/V Baseball vs. Muleshoe-Home-2:30/12:00
- Apr. 2-FHS UIL Choir Camp 10 a.m.
- Apr. 4-FHS District Academic UIL Meet @ Muleshoe
- Apr. 5-JV/V Baseball at Littlefield-4:30/6:30
- Apr. 7-7th/8th Track District @ Muleshoe
- Apr. 8-FHS Track @ River Road
- Apr. 9-JV/V Baseball vs. Dimmitt-Home-2:30/12:00
- Apr. 10-FHS Senior Steak Dinner @ FJHS Cafeteria-11 a.m.
- Apr. 11-12-District Tennis @ Plainview
- Apr. 15-FHS Track @ Tulia-DISTRICT

Out Here

By Ron Carr



never too old

It was a historical day for me last Friday.

Not an event that will go down in any history books. In fact only about four people noticed and fewer than that really care.

After a lifetime of flip phones, last Friday in Amarillo I finally crossed over and got a smartphone. It was not an easy decision although my kids have been shaming me for years about my old-fashioned cell phone.

Pretty sure about now most of you are saying so what. It's not a big deal. Everybody has a smartphone. Up to now not everybody had one. I dreaded making

the change because I was sure the phone would be smarter than me and I was right.

However, I am pressing forward to try and outwit my new phone. In December down in Denton I upgraded my old flip phone to the only flip phone Sprint still sells. Upgrading requires a new two-year contract which was okay. I've had Sprint for 12 years now. At the time I wavered about getting a smartphone but chose the newer flip.

My new flip phone was not much better than the old one. Last Friday my brother Rick had a doctor's appointment in Ama-

rillo so I hitched a ride to go to the Sprint store to see if I could upgrade my phone. We went to the Sprint store near Westgate Mall. A young man with an "In Training" badge on his shirt told me I was just out of luck, come back in about 20 months.

Over the years I have had less than a good experience with the people at that particular Sprint store. Undaunted, we drove over to a Radio Shack on Coulter that has a Sprint desk. Once again I explained my goal to the young man there.

He said instead of an upgrade how about just buying a smartphone and replacing

the flip phone with it. No upgrade, no penalties, same phone number. Not sure why the other Sprint people didn't suggest that.

I settled for a Samsung model for about \$200. My brother Rick and my co-worker Dana both have Samsung and assured me that I wouldn't be able to tell the difference between Samsung and an iPhone. (Not sure that was a compliment.) Besides, the iPhones were pretty expensive to purchase outright.

The helpful young Sprint guy fixed me up with the new phone, a glass screen saver, a cover, and a car charger. He transferred my

phone numbers and we left all smug and happy.

I have learned enough so far to be able to text and call. I'm still in swipe training. Dana has helped me set up Channel 10 Weather and Facebook. I still haven't learned when you touch the screen things happen. It's a little scary and frustrating for an old guy.

So far I have not visited the App Store and have yet to take my first selfie. Looking forward to new experiences in the smartphone world but my interest is limited. Glad I made the change.

Anybody need an extra set of earbuds?



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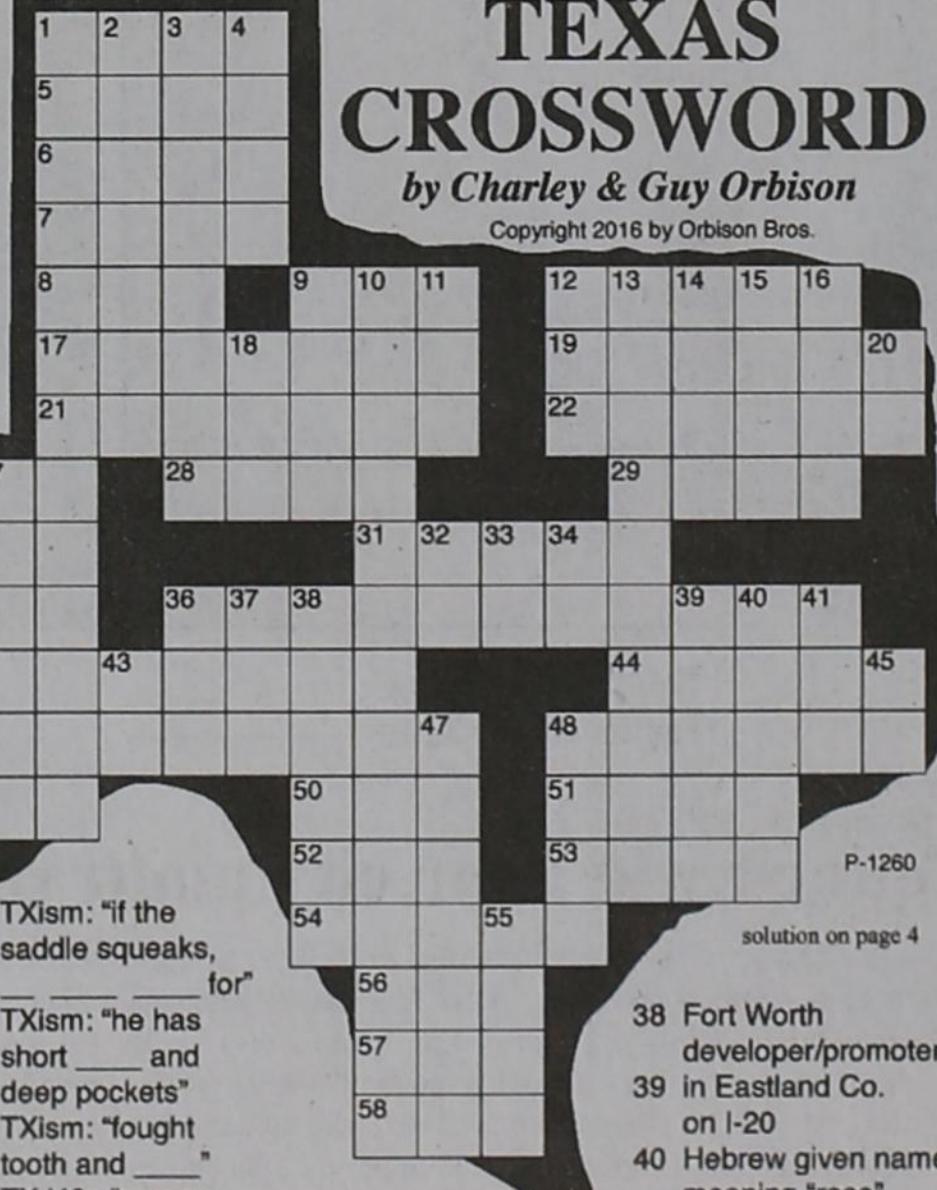
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- 5 "those" south of the border
- 6 TXism: "boose" (jail)
- 7 Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "neither here ___ there"
- 9 TXism: "it don't ___ up"
- 12 Paul Anka hit
- 17 UT grad distance runner
- Larriou-Smith
- 19 Galveston's Ave. B nickname
- 21 sign over a check
- 22 historic TX trail: "El ___ Real"
- 23 ex-cafeteria chain started in TX
- 28 TX 6-man football
- 29 former LA casino for East TXns: "___ of Capri"
- 30 some TX chill? (2 wds.)
- 31 TXism: "___ as the top line on an eye chart"
- 35 this Moore starred with TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- 36 TXism: "hot as ___"
- 42 Chevy truck
- 44 TXism: "___ his cards close to the vest"
- 46 certain land auction (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 San Saba event (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "rough ___ cob"
- 3 ___ City, TX
- 4 San Antonio TV
- 9 TX land measure
- 10 TXism: "___ a coyote with a rubber chicken"
- 11 Sandra of TV film "Houston, We've Got a Problem"
- 12 a combat medal won by TX Audie in WWII (abbr.)
- 13 TXism: "if the saddle squeaks, ___ for"
- 14 TXism: "he has short ___ and deep pockets"
- 15 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
- 16 TX '40s "scream queen" Gwynne
- 18 ___ led gas
- 20 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- 23 Cowboy Dez Bryant position (abbr.)
- 24 "___ Olde Shoppe"
- 25 TXism: "do my sums" (plural)
- 26 belief in God
- 27 co-author of "The King Ranch"
- 32 Yo ___ Digo Creek
- 33 TXism: "grabbin' ___ straws"
- 34 TXism: "get while the gettin' ___ good"
- 36 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- 37 poppa
- 38 Fort Worth developer/promoter in Eastland Co. on I-20
- 40 Hebrew given name meaning "rose"
- 41 TXism: "beats a poke in the ___ with a sharp stick"
- 43 ___ Paso, TX
- 45 Ranger Elvis Andrus' position (abbr.)
- 47 TXism: "a ___ and a short"
- 48 DA's bargain
- 55 tick bite disease

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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"I care about one thing and one thing only and that is how to use every minute of the remaining 1,276 days of my term to make the country work for working Americans again. That's all I care about."
President Barack Obama
July 24, 2013 Galesburg, Illinois



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Town Talk II

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Spring forward one hour this weekend. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday March 13. Next week is spring break too. Might be the only quiet week we have between now and graduation. Churches let us know the date of your senior banquets please or we will be calling you.

Sure enjoyed the St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Sunday. Enchiladas, taco, beans, rice, homemade dessert, chips, salsa, and iced tea. Sunday dinner doesn't get much better. They were selling jars of the homemade salsa too. It is the best salsa in town and I took home a jar. Always enjoy the politeness and efficiency of the volunteers, especially the youth. Their smiling service picking up plates and refilling glasses and helping an old guy pick out a dessert makes for an even more pleasing experience. Thank you all for a great meal.

Congratulations to Mia and Buddy, a/k/a, Jyl and Jayson Grimsley on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. Hope you have many more.

Hi-Pro Feeds is again raising money for the Friona SnackPak4Kids program. They hope to expand the service this year to all of Parmer County. This is their 2nd annual dinner and auction fundraiser. It will be Saturday April 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Rose on FM 1057 in Summerfield. Individual tickets are \$25 each and available at the Hi-Pro front desk or from Hi-Pro employees. You can sponsor a table for \$400 and receive 8 tickets or you can make a straight donation. Go by Hi-Pro and participate. Make checks payable to Snack Pak Friona. Questions call 806-250-6820 or 250-6831.

The city is expanding the RV Park at Reeve Lake. They will be adding 10 more spaces for a total of 20. Sewer lines are installed and it should be done soon. City manager Phipps says TXDOT contractors will soon begin US Highway 60 repair from Fast Stop in Friona to Farwell. Wind turbine crews will also be starting work soon. The extra RV spaces will no doubt be filled for

quite a while as all of these workers will need housing.

I'm told by Sharon White that a Texas Historical Marker has been approved for Friona's first barber shop. The marker will not be available until early 2017 and will be placed at the location of Chuck's Barbershop on Main St. It is noted that Jack Anderson is believed to be Friona's first barber back in the early 1900s. He sold the shop later to the late Lee Gibson and it is now owned by Chuck Mills. More info as it is available.

Congratulations to Erika Montana who has been named as the Friona High School principal. She has been serving as assistant principal. She will assume the duties after the May graduation when current principal Dr. Pam Ray assumes the superintendent duties. Karen Barnes, assistant junior high principal, will be taking over As Special Programs Director and move to the administrative office. As of now the district will be looking to hire two assistant principals and two

coaches. Chieftain head basketball coach David Woods will be giving up his coaching positions. He was also assistant football and baseball coach.

We have begun working on our Class of 2016 graduation special edition which we plan to publish Thursday May 26, the day before graduation. We have a list of the seniors. This year there will be 77 graduates. The senior banquets sponsored by local churches will begin Monday March 28 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m.

The senior steak dinner will be Sunday April 10. Details later. The trailer to collect aluminum cans is there in its usual place on Main St. by the police department and Kendrick. Proceeds from the dinner and the cans go toward the all-night drug free party after graduation.

Official weather guy John Gurley says a Basic Spotter Training program presented by the National Weather Service Meteorologists from Lubbock is offering this free course. It will be held Tuesday March 15 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the XIT Recreation Building in Bovina. All interested weather spotters are invited to attend.

Another great time at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday evening. Thanks to Charlie Pope and his Cargill crew for cooking the prime rib. Girls from the Squaws athletics served the plates and the Boy Scouts posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Chris and Raquel for coordinating the event. Many, many volunteers worked hard to decorate


and coordinate. Thank you Chamber, Chamber board, volunteers, award winners and special thanks to everyone that bought a ticket or auction item and all who attended the banquet.

Spring break next week. If you are traveling please be careful. Another reminder to spring forward an hour before going to bed Saturday night. Until then!



dana jameson photo
Enjoying the Chamber banquet are Karen Barnes, left, the new Friona ISD Special Programs Director, and Erika Montana, the new Friona High School Principal. Mrs. Barnes was assistant principal at the junior high and Erika was assistant principal at the high school. Congratulations ladies.

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



Drifting thoughts

What do you do when the electricity suddenly goes out? Do you check to see if you paid the bill? Do you look around to see if someone is playing a joke on you? On the other hand, do you put your head down on your desk and take a nap until the lights and computers come back on?

The electricity went off at the office this week. Not for a long time and not throughout the office. My first thought was that some fool ran into a pole and took out the transformer. (It happened in Hereford a few years ago.)

Then I thought maybe I had clicked the wrong combination of keys and shut down the entire office and city of Friona. (A little far fetched but if you believe the movies...it could happen!)

After those thoughts went scampering through my brain I began to wonder if everything I had typed was gone. I had a computer once that if you did not save the content after every sentence you dared the computer gods to erase all of your thoughts and send them to wherever erased computer items go to hide.

Luckily, I had saved my documents and did not have to retype anything.

All is well and we did not have to fight off suspicious terrorists trying to steal the Friona Star secrets and share them with the Stateline Tribune.

Nancy Reagan passes away. Peyton Manning retires. Mitt Romney considers run for president. Solar eclipse darkens Alaska and Pacific. North Korea threatens nuclear strikes. "I'm talking!" says Sanders.

So many other subjects out there to write about but so many headlines just demand to be elaborated upon from time to time.

Mrs. Reagan was a strong woman when

she needed to be. I remember the ruckus that was raised when she bought new china for the White House. You would have thought she had just committed a crime. Mr. Reagan summed it up with "The White House hasn't had new china in a very long time."

Peyton retiring was a pretty much foregone conclusion. At 40, it is probably time to pack it in while you can still walk and recognize your children. I am sure we will see him in the commentator booth and many more Nationwide commercials.

Mitt is playing the boogiemani hoping to scare Mr. Trump straight. Sorry, Mitt, that ain't happening. He is scarier than you will ever be.

I remember a solar eclipse that happened when I was a little kid. We were given a piece of cardboard with a hole in it to view the eclipse. We were warned not stare at the sun because we WOULD go blind. Where is my piece of cardboard with a hole?

North Korea's Kim Jong Un has little man syndrome but has the capability of being the one that ends the world if he has a bad day. The news said that North Korea threatens nuclear strikes on a regular basis but what happens if this is the one time we turn a blind eye and Kim pushes the button to teach us a lesson?

Bernie Sanders has been coming along nicely. He has a grouchy grandfatherly way of putting Hillary in her place. I enjoyed the fact that when she started to interrupt him he held up his hand and said, "I'm talking!" Maybe he needs to do it more often. Do you think Mr. Trump would listen to him?

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Cowboy Up!!

Many of you have heard of the Big Texan and perhaps your mouth waters at the thought of their 72 oz. steak and 'all the fixin's'...free if eaten in one hour since 1960. However, another icon goes back even further—to 1959 to be exact.

If you are like me, one of my favorite childhood memories included a visit to the Big Cowboy at Canyon (and also my children's and grandchildren's). You cannot miss him, the 'Biggest Texan' as he once was known, is right on Highway 60. He has welcomed visitors to our area of the Panhandle for nearly 60 years now.

I remember when he wore real clothes—Levis, a neckerchief and a western shirt along with his boots, belt and hat which were probably painted. Well, you can imagine what our west Texas wind did to his clothes—yep, shredded even the denim and canvas; so that the clothes had to be replaced every so often. Nevertheless, he is a tough dude and the strong wind doesn't seem to bother him—he has never lost his hat—how many cowboys can say that?

He used to smoke, at least

he had a cigarette in his right hand, and he leans into the wind (maybe that's the secret) with his right arm resting casually on his knee. That all changed when he was hit by a truck that crashed into his left boot and shot the cigarette right out of his hand—that's one way to quit smoking.

He is 47 feet tall and weighs 7 tons. William Wheeler, a Canyon high school industrial arts teacher, built him of concrete and steel and made sure that he was also well anchored against the wind with cables.

Mr. Wheeler will not see TEX restored, as he passed away in 1997 at age 82, but the new TEX will look very much like the 1959 version.

After the dilemma of the real clothing and the crash, they began to paint on his clothes. After several more years passed, local leaders rallied to mount a campaign to 'save the big cowboy' and he became TEX RANDALL, named for the county of his birth in 1989. He got a facelift, an added moustache and they put a spur into his hand.

Saving the cowboy proved to be an expensive proposition and after one business-

man discovered that it would take \$50,000 just to relocate him, interest waned and TEX deteriorated again.

In 2010 Canyon Main Street Project started raising money to repair and restore the big cowboy and to date they have raised over \$350,000 to save Tex Randall. He will have a nice park area around him to welcome visitors and to help promote other Canyon attractions.

Despite his rather weathered appearance, engineers pronounced him to be sound and repairs began in the summer 2015.

Rudd-Palmer, a specialty contractor from Amarillo has repaired, resurfaced and waterproofed Tex so that he is now a ghostly white and the pigeons roosting on the brim of his hat almost appear to be fringe.

The new TEX RANDALL is due to be unveiled July 4, 2016.

You can find TEX on Facebook and if you wish to donate, there's still time...Cowboy Up! Save Tex Randall Project, Canyon Main Street, 1604 4th Ave. Suite 21, Canyon, TX 79015. Thanks TEX for hanging in there.

Check out our new items at www.frionalibrary.org

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

News from Sunday, March 9, 1986

*Friona's new Dairy Queen is hosting its Grand Opening during the coming week, and the Friona Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new restaurant last Saturday.

*FHS Forensics team members won third place at the Canadian Speech Tournament last Saturday. Team members are Michael Griffin, Marc Hamil, Wendy Hinkle, Tricia Ichtertz, Lory Tannahill, Leslee Upton, Teresa Allen, Jeff Procter and Jason Vaughn.

*Shannon Cochran and Daylen Gallman, Friona 4-H Club members, won \$600 calf purchase certificates at the February 24 performance of the 1986 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

*Bill Stovell will be installed as 1986 president of the Chamber board. Bud Rainey will serve as the new vice president. Bob Welch is the ex-officio board member.

*Twenty years ago this month this foursome was honored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet. Jay Claborn was honored as Man of the Year and Eufaula Ethridge, Woman of the Year. Ralph Shirley was honored as Most Courteous Employee and Benny Pryor, Teacher of the Year.

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PCRTSP Update

By Connie Slagle

This has been the year of the Friona graduate for Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel. They ended their year February 29 with an informative program explaining the services available through Parmer Medical Center by Gayla Quillin and Jeff Procter, 1988 Friona High graduate.

Staying in the late 1980's, Michael Griffin presented September's mental health program, a comical spoof of the Church Lady. His former classmate, Deena Willard Sellers discussed visual perception in November.

Dropping back a few years, 1969 graduate Connie Slagle explained the methods she used to research the history of a 1930 era autograph quilt in January.

PCRTSP typically has four meetings per year centered on these topics: health, history, legislation, and education. An ice cream supper each summer welcomes new members.

The local unit volunteered a total of 13,704 hours during 2015 and received recognition for promoting healthy life-

styles within the membership. They award a scholarship each year, this year in honor of Tom and Bettye Jarboe, and presented 354 books to kindergarten and first grade students in the county as well as one hundred more to the hospital, county clinics, and the bookshop.

"Retiring" officers honored during the meeting were President Sharon White, Secretary Mickey Griffin, and Treasurer Karen Renner.

Friona ISD has generously provided their newly retired teachers' first year dues, but everyone is invited to become a member of PCRTSP. Current teachers, family, and friends of retired teachers can become auxiliary members for a very low fee. Businesses are also welcome. Please support your local retirees as they continue to contribute to education in our community.

Texas Retired Teachers Association, the state organization, is the voice of retired teachers in protecting annuities, health care funding, and other important matters. It is to everyone's benefit to keep this organization strong.

Students in UIL meet

Allison Johnston sent us this info from a UIL practice meet in Plains.

Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments at the Plains UIL practice meet Saturday March 5.

News Writing: Brooklynn Johnston 9th place, Hadley White 10th place.

Feature Writing: Brooklynn Johnston 4th place.

Editorial Writing: Taylor Stallings 6th place, Kendall Barnett 10th place.

Headline Writing: Taylor Stallings 4th place, Kendall Barnett 5th place, Brooklynn Johnston 7th place.

Mrs. Johnston said there were over 40 entries in each event.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of February 25 through March 3, 2016:

Alvenia Nimmo Revocable Trust-Alvenia Nimmo, E 160 Ac. S13 Harrah.

Jewell L. Wells Estate-Wells Partnership, B1 Otis-Ford FRIONA, W/2 S32 T1N R4E 312 AC. CSS, S/2 S24 T3S R3E 320 Ac. CSS.

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

March 2, 2016
Anthony Nunley, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. The case is pending in County Court.

March 4, 2016
Lionel Guerra, 46, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Tom Green County warrant. Guerra is pending transport.

Adrian Rivas, 29, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on charges of burglary of building, failure to register as a sex offender and assault. The case is pending in District Court.

March 6, 2016
John Faudoa, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated 2nd. The case is pending in County Court.

Tomas Castro-Juarez, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of public intoxication. The case is pending in Justice of the Peace Court.

Horse owners invited to participate in equine study

By Blair Fannin

Texas horse owners are invited to participate in a study of the Texas equine industry. The online survey can be accessed from the link: <http://bit.ly/1R61UuH>. Texas horse owners are invited to participate in a study of the Texas equine industry.

The survey will remain open through May 1. Survey participants must be at least 18 years old. The Texas Department of Agriculture along with industry professionals are sponsoring the study through the Texas A&M Equine Initiative to identify trends and issues in the Texas equine industry and to document the industry's contribution to the state economy.

The current study will reflect changes within the industry and the statewide economy over the past 20 years.

A comprehensive economic impact study on Texas' equine industry has not been done since 2005, prompting a new survey to collect the most recent information, according to survey organizers.

"The purpose of this study is to gather information about respondents' horses and facilities, demographics, participation in the industry, horse-related expenditures and economic impacts," said Dr. James Heird, executive professor and coordinator of the equine initiative at Texas A&M University in College Station. "Results of this study will be used by industry representatives, the Texas Department of Agriculture and other policy makers to respond to current needs of the state's horse owners and related businesses."

The study asks about horse ownership, participation in horse-related activities, boarding facilities, and horse-related expenditures. Owners of businesses that serve horse owners, such as feed stores, training facilities, farriers, and veterinarians, are also invited

to participate in the survey.

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AgTexas announces \$14.3M in patronage

AgTexas Farm Credit Services recently announced a \$14.3 million qualified patronage distribution with \$11.9 million paid in cash to its member patrons. This year's average patronage check is just over \$3,600 and that amount varies in direct proportion to the amount borrowed by each member.

"This patronage payment represents the results of profitable operations from AgTexas Farm Credit in 2015," says AgTexas CEO Tim McDonald. "As a farm cooperative, our members are our owners, so whenever we do well as a company, we share our earnings with our members."

McDonald added, "Agriculture is a major economic driver here in Texas, placing food on the consumer's table and producing the fibers that make our clothes and so many of the conveniences we enjoy in life."

Every year, the AgTexas Board of Directors reviews the co-op's financial position and determines the amount of patronage that can be distributed to its members. This is the 22nd consecutive year that AgTexas has distributed patronage to its customer-owners.

AgTexas Farm Credit has made quite an impact in the West Texas area by developing the AgYouth of the Month program that recognizes outstanding 4-H and FFA members from area high schools. AgTexas had four goals in developing this award program. First is to raise the profile of 4-H and FFA by selecting outstanding junior and senior class leaders who

have distinguished themselves in school and in the community.

The remaining goals are to showcase the monthly recipients on social media and the AgTexas website, to bring the monthly honorees to an annual banquet, and to present scholarships that will help graduating seniors afford a college education.

"We are proud to honor so many of the best and brightest young minds in West Texas," continues McDonald. "We have set our banquet for the Panhandle Region to take place on Wednesday, May 4. We want to recognize and support Ag youth while building relationships in the communities we serve."

Each AgYouth of the Month has received a commemorative certificate and gift card, and is inviting his or her parents and FFA or 4-H advisor to the event. The AgYouth Banquet will provide these exceptional young leaders the opportunity to interact with each other and form stronger relationships while AgTexas Farm Credit pays tribute to their character and achievements.

AgTexas Farm Credit Services is a rural lending cooperative, providing financing for real estate and operating capital, as well as insurance, leasing and cash management services for the Ag industry since 1934. Today, AgTexas serves over 3,300 members in 43 counties with 12 branch office locations. Branch offices in the Panhandle Region are located in Amarillo, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona and Plainview.

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Crock Pot Judgment

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Slow cookers, such as crock pots have a way of simmering food for hours on end leading to a delicious delicacy that satisfies one's hunger. Whether it's a BBQ roast, crock pot pizza, or your favorite dish, the lengthy wait is definitely worth it, although it may seem to take forever. When cooking food, a slow, steady simmer is pleasant, but when it comes to God's judgment, a slow, steady simmer is agonizing to say the least.

People and nations today who reject God's Word, and His good ways revealed therein, are headed toward judgment. Sometimes this judgment is executed suddenly, as with the Flood and Sodom and Gomorrah, but in other instances God's judgment takes a slow, more progressive path. The nation of Judah in the Old Testament had this experience with God's judgment. They had gone too far in their sinfulness, so God promised judgment upon them. His judgment manifested itself through a series of devastating attacks in 605bc, 597bc and 586bc (2 Kings 24-25). With each attack, the nation would be brought to its knees, humiliated and people carried off into captivity. The final attack carried off all that were left in the nation, to a dreadful captivity.

Although God could have carried out His judgment immediately, in His grace He allowed a slow, progressive judgment. With each debilitating defeat was the opportunity to turn to Him, yet the nation refused to do so. Today also, our nation and many people are experiencing a downward progression and I wonder if you will be like Judah, who refused to turn to God, or if you will turn to Him with all that you are, trusting Him to lead you day by day.

OBITUARIES

Billy Wayne Sisson

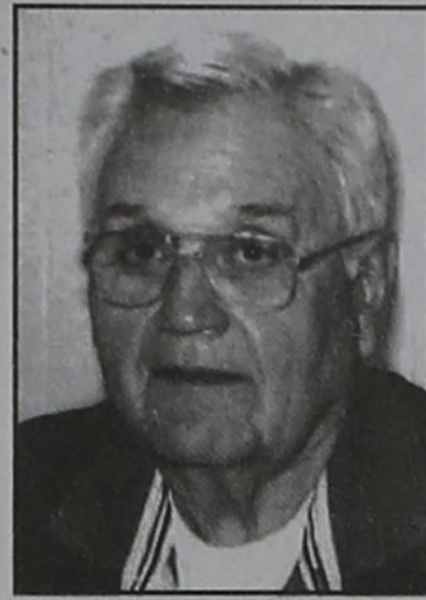
Billy Wayne Sisson, 86, of Hereford, died Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Friona. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at First Baptist Church Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, Senior Pastor, officiating. Burial was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Billy Wayne was born on March 2, 1930 in Tahoka, Texas to H.C. and Lula Mae Altman Sisson. A multi-talented athlete, he played football, basketball, and track from 1949 - 1953 for McMurry University, earning the All Texas Conference second team honors in 1949 and the first team honors in 1951. In 1952, he served as a co-captain and gained second place in the Texas conference. In 1988, Billy Wayne was inducted into McMurry University Athletic Hall of Honor. He earned numerous honors off the football field including serving as the junior class president, Big Chief and senior class favorite of the Physical Education Majors in 1952 - 1953. Billy Wayne graduated from McMurry University in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and history.

After graduating, he became a manager at the cotton gin in Plainview and later chose to be a farmer and rancher near Hereford. He married DeAun LaNoe Kinkler on December 2, 1950, in Littlefield.

As a Littlefield native he served on the High Plains Underground Water Conservation where he was director, vice president, and secretary treasure.

He was also a former member of the Wheat Growers



Association, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Pioneer Natural Gas Association and served on the board of Friona Cotton Gin.

Throughout the years his civic activities included the Hereford Lions Club, Golf Association, and coaching both little league baseball and softball. He was a loving, caring husband, father, and grandfather. He never met a stranger and always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed by many friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, H.C. Sisson and Lula Mae Altman Sisson.

Survivors include his wife DeAun LaNoe Sisson of Hereford; two daughters, Shalyn S. Clark and husband Al of Arlington, and Shavon Sisson of Amarillo; and grandson Landry Lloyd and wife Kacy of Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th St., Amarillo, Texas 790101-3228 or McMurry University Athletic Department, 1400 Sayles Blvd, Abilene, Texas 79605.

An online guest register book is available: www.blackwellmullins.com



Messiah in the Passover

Messiah in the Passover, a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona starting at 6 p.m. Dr. Gregory Hagg of Chosen People Ministries will be conducting the demonstration. A love offering will be received.

Messiah in the Passover begins with the traditional Passover Seder table-complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper the Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemption significance of the crucifixion.

The Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 Cleveland would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend. For more information please call (806) 250-3000.

Panhandle Parables

When The Wind Blows...

By JEFF PROCTER

Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

I have spent the majority of my life in the Texas Panhandle. There are several things I have noticed over the years. One is a long time ago a very good salesman must have come to our area and sold a great deal of Chinese Elm trees. Yes, we have a few oaks, maples and various fruit trees that don't lose their fruit due to a late frost about every hundred years or so. (kidding) Yet, for the most part Chinese Elms reign supreme. I know I have 6 in my yard alone.

I also thought it strange they all grow leaning to the north-east. I thought all trees grew leaning to the northeast until I visited places where their trees grew straight up. I suspect if we had Giant Redwoods they would grow leaning to the north-east, as well.

Why, well that brings me to another observation of the Texas Panhandle. When the wind blows, it blows and it blows often. The wind has been our constant companion, along with the Chinese Elms, of course.

So after years of observation this is what I have learned from all the northeasterly leaning Chinese Elms.

Lesson #1 Be tough, if you are going to live here it requires a certain level of toughness, especially when the wind blows.

Lesson #2 Anchor deep. Life throws a lot at you and sometimes all at once, so you must have deep roots of conviction, especially when the wind blows.

Lesson #3 Share. Share your Lord, share your life, share the journey. I am thankful for all those little yellowish seed pods shared from the afore mentioned trees that have been shared in my carport, especially when the wind blows.

Lesson #4 Resist even if you have to lean a little northeast. There are lots of things that could cause us to lean, especially when the wind blows.

What I love about here? People are tough, they anchor deep, share what they have and know how to lean on each other, especially when the wind blows.

My encouragement for you this fine March is to see the beauty of God's creation, especially when the wind blows.

Accountability, Part 2

By TEENA HUGHS

Last week, I talked about accountability and how it is our responsibility to hold people accountable. We have to hold people accountable based on God's Word. If our thoughts and opinions are formed on His Word, we will be giving Godly correction and advice. Once again, we are reminded how important it is to know God's Word and live it.

Last week I talked about a young man being corrected and how it changed his life for the good of God's Kingdom. Sadly, not all stories end like that one.

Lauren corrected a dear friend one time for his behavior; it did not good. Unfortunately, their friendship, which was already strained because of his behavior, pretty much ended. She corrected another friend, and it made him mad. At the time, he wasn't close to Jesus. When he came back to Jesus, he admitted she made him mad, but with Jesus, he was able to see what she was doing, and he thanked her. What an amazing difference having, or not having, Jesus makes in our lives.

If you pray and ask God to help you correct someone in a loving way, you cannot help how they respond. You will have done what is required of you, and God will handle the rest. Satan wants us to feel like failures; he wants us to be disappointed. And, he wants people to continue their un-Godly behavior, because that takes them farther and farther away from Jesus. All we can do is be obedient to God and His Word, and let Him handle the rest.

Trust me when I am say, these last two columns have been more for me than anyone else. I am the world's best at not holding people accountable. There is no justification for it, because I know I am wrong.

May God help us all become bold and confident, and learn how to correct in a loving, Christ-like way. I truly believe correcting others can aid in correcting our nation.

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The family of Pat Fleming would like to express our sincere gratitude for everyone's care, concern, thoughts and prayers, during this difficult time. We would like to give a "Special Thanks" to the staff at Parmer County Hospital and Dr. Jubay for their excellent care, the staff of Prairie Acres for their love, care and support over the years, and to the Methodist Church and Pastor Skip Hodges for a wonderful celebration of life service. We are humbled by all the love and affection and blessed to be a part of the Friona Community.

Thank You so very much.
The Howard Fleming Family

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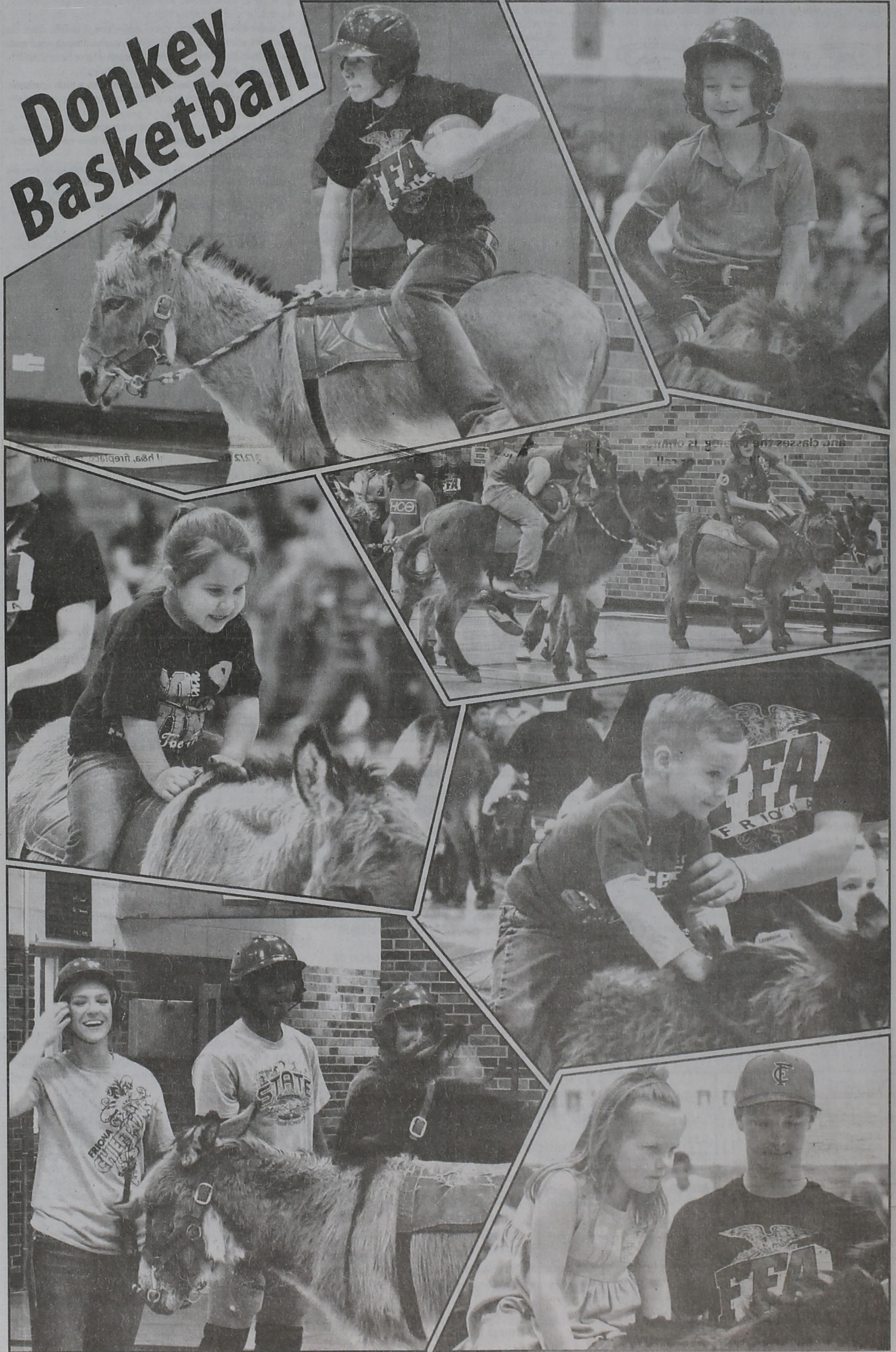


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Mercedes Willams and the St. Teresa's Catholic Church ladies preparing their annual Mexican dinner held Sunday March 6 in the parish hall.

Friona Star publisher Ron Carr received help from, l-r, Andy Romero, Rosa Zamora, and Brenda Jaramillo selecting a dessert from the many options at Sunday's St. Teresa's Catholic Church Mexican dinner. The youngsters were polite and helpful and the Mexican food was delicious as usual.

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What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2016 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

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Cargill held their annual service awards banquet on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Hereford Country Club. Honored for 25 years of service were, back row, l-r, Santos Lozoya, Chris Lewis, Epifanio Soltero, Robert Munoz, Alfredo Chavez, Jose Chacon, Sam Garza, and Luis Gonzales. Seated, l-r, Jose Rodriguez, Fermin Vela, Nicolas Vela, Graciela Saenz, Alicia Lara, Jose Quintero, Jessie Hutson, and Oscar Rubio. Not pictured were Pedro Leon, Debby Ponder, Enrique Degollado, Juan P. Vela and Javier Garcia.



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Honored for 30 years of service to Cargill on Saturday evening were, back row, l-r, Carlos Delgado, Rosendo Salazar, Maria Pena, Adam Cisneros, Don Donovan, Michael Nance, and Tony Noble. Seated, l-r, Sue Humberg, Guillermo Chavarria, Epifanio Santillan, Salud Tirado, Margaret Renteria, Fausto Mendoza, Victor Espinoza, and Alejandro Espinoza. Not pictured were Angie Gomez, Raymond Ramos, Jr., Rondee S. Clark, Felimon Salazar, Guadalupe Estrada, Robert O. Lancon, Benita H. Salazar, Mario P. Carrasco and Rudy Sifuentez.



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Cargill employees honored for 35 years of service were, back row, l-r, Joe Dominguez, Jose Chairez, Jesus Chairez, and Silvino Silva. Seated, l-r, Elias Sigala, Juan Herrera, and Javier Cabral. Not pictured were Marcial V. Limas, Jesus J. Parra, Ildefonso Garcia, Elisandro Bautista, Silverio J. Hernandez, Khamila Somlitta, Fatima M. Alvarado, Boney C. Chavez, Leroy Martinez.



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Cargill honored their employees on Saturday evening at the annual Service Awards Banquet held on Hereford. Four employees were honored for being with Cargill for 40 years. Those employees were, back row, l-r, Juan Alfaro and Mariano Rodriguez. Seated, l-r, Apolonia Murillo and Jerry Barela.

DPS reminds Texans to drive safely during Spring Break

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers on Texas roadways to adhere to all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving during the weeks of Spring Break, when highway traffic can increase.

"Safe driving practices and complying with traffic laws help drivers avoid dangerous or life-threatening situations on Texas roads," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is encouraging individuals to always drive sober and distraction free in an effort to help keep travelers safe during the busy Spring Break travel season."

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles

stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.

DPS troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will also be keeping our roads safe by enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, looking for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>

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Members of the FHS Girls Powerlifting Team competed at the Regional Girls Powerlifting meet in Mertzon, TX on Friday, March 4. Regional qualifiers and their places were **Claudia Correa (6th)**, **Marissa Villanueva (9th)**, **Chelsie Gomez (7th)** and **Lupita Hernandez (7th)**. Pictured, l-r, are Manager **Gabbie Trevino**, **Gomez**, **Correa**, **Villanueva** and **Hernandez**.



Miss Friona Taylor Stallings and Little Miss Friona greeted guests at the Chamber banquet Tuesday.



Gayla Quillin welcomed everyone to the banquet.



Rev. Brett Hoyle offered the invocation before the meal was served at the Chamber banquet.



Jill Wyatt Marshall, speaker at the banquet, spoke with God about Living, Laughing and Loving life.



Cub Scout Pack #3056 led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the pack are Scout Master **Darrin Gilley**, **Elijah Robledo**, **Josiah Dominguez**, **Emmanuel Gonzales**, **Carter Gilley**, and **Stef Ally**.



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Citizen award winners

Here are the comments from the Chamber of Commerce banquet for the citizen award winners.

Jasmine Rodriguez, Girl Student of the Year

This young lady is a wonderful student and a delight to be around. She is very involved in numerous activities at Friona High School: Choir, One-Act-Play, Band, Speech and Debate, Student Council, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor society, and National English Honor Society. In band and choir, she has been a state qualifier and earned a medal at state. She is currently ranked #1 in her class and worked to achieve this goal throughout high school. Further, she was selected to attend the national Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists in Washington, D.C. Her mother is Celsa Rodriguez.

Josh Barnett, Boy Student of the Year

In his efforts to excel academically, he has maintained a 90 or above average throughout his high school career. He is a National Honor Society and National English Honor Society member. He is unselfish and willing to make life better for others whether they are the elderly or little children...and everyone else in between. His list of volunteer activities include: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Jr. Counselor at Camp New Dawn, City Church in Amarillo, and Habitat for Humanity and Friona Volunteer Firefighter. His parents are Erin and Ricky Barnett.

Most Courteous Employee, Jeff Procter

Has lived in the area for over 25 years. An example of the giving spirit was during the blizzard, shoveling snow, helping get vehicles out of the snow and helping taxi people from point to point. He does so much for the public that is never seen. When asked to do a task it is always done with a smile and good attitude. The employee of the year is known by the coworkers as "memo man" because he delivers memos and a lot of them. He even dressed up as "memo man" for Halloween. There is a genuine interest in how you are doing and how your day is going. We are so thankful wife Monica, Elaina and his church family are so willing to share him with us. He is a gem.

Teacher of the Year, Kim Kimbrough

Our teacher of the year is one of our most devoted teachers at Friona Elementary. Our teacher is constantly finding new and innovative strategies to address the needs of each student. There are many overtime hours spent preparing for the students. Our teacher has been involved in the community for 16 years. Volunteers for youth activities at church, help coach various sports and helped with the scouting program. Our teacher of the year is truly a master teacher who is dedicated to her job and her students. She is married to Kody and has two daughters Kendall and Kambree.

Man of the Year, Kenny Austin

Our man of the year has been in Friona over 30 years. He has been supportive of the community, parents, students, teachers in so many ways. He will always go the extra mile to make sure everyone was taken care of. Our man of the year has helped support the schools, Chamber of Commerce, Jump Rope for Heart, Parmer County Cancer Coalition and others. He has invested time in CASA. Our man of the year makes education for our children his number one priority. He and our board, with the support of our community, has made strategic, positive decisions that make our school a better place. As a result, our school is a selling point for our community. Whether people meet him in Amarillo or in Austin, they leave with a positive impression of Friona. His wife Lori and daughters Erin and Lacy are very proud of our 2016 Man of the year.



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These lovely young ladies served the meal at the Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Tuesday evening.

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The 1959 Friona firetruck that was recently purchased by the Campbell family and returned to Friona was on display at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Holly Campbell gave a brief history of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department and recognized Glenn Reeve who has served as a fireman for 60 years. Glenn was a fireman when the 1959 firetruck was delivered new. The FVFD was later recognized with the Citizens of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Woman of the Year, Kathy Rector

The woman of the year has had her fingers in lots of pies throughout her lifetime. She is well educated and highly thought of in all of her business adventures. She has been on several advisory boards and volunteers in her community whenever and where ever she is needed. She always has a smile on her face and has a very positive outlook on life. On occasion she will help with hair care at Prairie Acres, she volunteers at her church and with many of the community events throughout the year.

It has been noted that her husband has said it is okay to say no on occasion. Her hobbies consist of traveling, skiing, going to the lake and spending as much time with her family as she can squeeze in. Another one of her hobbies in between all the other hobbies is quilting and you guessed it more quilting. All together she is the mother to 8 children, and is Nonni to 11 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She is married to her school buddy, best friend and sweet heart Ricky Rector.

Citizen/Volunteer of the Year, Friona Volunteer Fire Department

My goodness where do we begin???? The dedication and service to Friona is immeasurable. The amount of time that is devoted to training, learning and helping in any situation. Operational volunteer department members receive some form of training, either in a formal or informal setting, this depends on the state and regulatory authority. The level and type of basic and specialty training varies across the country.

Many volunteer departments have training programs equal to that of paid departments. New members are referred to as "recruits," "rookies," "probies" (short for "probationary"), or even "red hats" in some departments that require the recruit to wear special gear or markings (such as a red helmet in some departments) to denote their ranking. Some departments allow (or even require) new recruits to ride along as observers before undergoing the rigors of further fire training.

Specialty training can include wildland firefighting, technical rescue, swift water rescue, hazardous materials response, vehicle extrication, and others. These volunteers spend MANY hours protecting our community and basically on call 24/7. These individuals are trained and give up the time with family and attend regular training meetings.

I don't know what else to say except let's give the Friona Volunteer Fire Department a round of applause for being our Citizen's and Volunteers of the year.

Cargill eliminates 20% of shared-class antibiotics

Cargill is eliminating 20 percent of shared-class antibiotics, those deemed important for human medicine and farm animals, from its four feed yards in Texas, Kansas and Colorado, and four additional feed yards operated by Friona Industries, which is a strategic business partner that supplies the company with cattle. The total number of cattle involved annually is approximately 1.2 million. This move comes after Cargill evaluated both existing third party research and research previously conducted by the company regarding reduced antibiotic use, and evaluated customer and consumer input. For the beef cattle covered by this announcement, Cargill does not use any antibiotics for growth promotion that are medically important for human health.

"Our decision to eliminate 20 percent of the antibiotics used in our beef cattle, which are also used for human health, took into consideration customer and consumer desires to help ensure the long-term medical effectiveness of antibiotics for both people and animals," stated John Keating, president of Cargill's Wichita-based beef business. "We need to balance those desires with our commitment to ensure the health of animals raised for food, which contributes to the production of safer food."

Implementation of this decision builds upon Cargill's 2014 decision to eliminate growth promoting antibiotics from its U.S. turkey busi-

ness, which was completed in time for the 2015 holiday turkey season and underscores the company's stated commitment to reduce the use of human antibiotics in food production. Cargill will also continue to explore alternatives to antibiotics that could further reduce their use in beef cattle.

"Scientific research and yet-to-be-discovered, innovative, technologies could certainly help us further reduce, or eliminate, the need for antibiotics in the beef supply chain," stated Keating. "We have an obligation to ensure that sick animals do not suffer, and that we prevent them from becoming ill, and we will use ongoing research efforts as the basis for any future additional reductions in antibiotic use. We've listened to consumers and our customers, we've taken this first step, and we believe there are more steps coming in the not-too-distant future."

Cargill will also increase to 90 percent the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certified feed yards that supply it cattle by 2018, becoming the first major beef processor to establish such a target. BQA is a stewardship certification program created by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), and includes training for cattle producers in best practices. Additionally, the company is working with the Canadian beef industry to create a similar program.

Cargill is collaborating with cattle ranchers, researchers, universities and

allied partners to identify production practices and viable alternatives that could result in further reduction in the use of medicines for food animal production. Research projects are underway with the focus on topics ranging from nutrition to feeding practices, including work done by Cargill Animal Nutrition, a leader in the development of feed ingredients and formulations that have the potential to reduce the need for antibiotics.

"As part of the consumer research we've conducted, we learned that we need to be more transparent about practices such as use of antibiotics," explained Keating. "We will use our newly created webpage (www.cargillfreshmeat.com) to communicate our beef antibiotic policy, in addition to any newsworthy milestones that we have the potential to further reduce antibiotic use in beef cattle. We will also engage with customers and other important stakeholders on a continual basis to better understand their expectations regarding antibiotic use in beef production, and how we can better meet those expectations. Accountability and credibility are crucial to the success of our long-term efforts to produce nutritious, affordable, wholesome and sustainable beef products our customers and consumers want to purchase and enjoy."

Cargill also offers its customers antibiotic-free beef options through an affiliation with a strategic business partner that markets branded products.