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Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 2016 Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays. The promotion began on Monday, November 14.

Just shop at participating businesses in Friona and fill out one ticket per visit. The tickets will be collected on Monday, December 19 with a drawing at each business. Winners will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent at that business. The names from each store will be combined for one final drawing for \$100 in Friona bucks.

Participants businesses include A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Carniceria Hernandez, Creative Chaos, 5 Star Bistro, Fast Stop Convenience Store, Headquarter's Restaurant, Hunan's Restaurant, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil Farm Store, Lowe's Supermarket, Malouf's Fabrics, Milk House Market, Subway of Friona, Tasty Cream, Veterinary Industries.

FHS Thespians to present "Curtains"

The FHS Thespians will present "Curtains", a murder mystery musical, on Saturday, November 19 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 20 at 4 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

The community is invited to enjoy this delightful parody of 1950's "whodunnit" theater mysteries, where a lone detective, Lieutenant Frank Cioffi, investigates a series of murders that take place behind the scenes of a fictional cowboy musical. The cast is forced to stay inside the theater while Boston police detective Cioffi unravels the mystery, getting involved with the show and falling in love with ingenue in the process.

FBC Kids

Choir concert

The First Baptist Church Kids Choir, will be presenting a Thanksgiving musical drama called "Pilgrim's Praise" on Sunday morning, November 20 at 10:40 a.m. This contemporary musical traces God's guidance of our ancestors as they came to a new land centuries ago and also how they depended upon and gave thanks to their Creator for His care and love for them. Everyone is invited for this special program and church service. Call 806-250-3933 or go to fbcfriona.com for more information.

Annual Community

Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 20, at 6 p.m., at the Friona United Methodist Church. This is a service hosted by the Friona Christian Ministries, and is always a great time of worshipping the Lord as a community and taking up an offering that is used to help people throughout the year in our community with basic needs. Everyone is invited to attend this Christian worship service, followed by a time of fellowship.



ron carr photo

Miss Friona Sydney Frye welcomes World War II veteran Joe Mann during the FHS Veterans Day program in the high school gym Friday November 11. Mr. Mann and other area veterans were honored at the ceremony.

FISD trustees discuss campus goals

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 14 at the FISD Board Meeting Room of the FISD Administration building at 909 E. 11th Street in Friona. All members of the board were in attendance. The agenda included 19 items.

The board heard campus goals and progress reports from principals from the Primary, Elementary, Junior High and High School as well as the Athletic Director.

Elementary school principal Travis Victory assured the board that all was going well on his campus before praising his students that participated in UIL activities. His goals included improving STAAR scores, parent/school relations and organizing parent, teacher and child friendly activities.

"Everything is going very well," said Victory. "We appreciate all the support from the board."

Ashley Smith, Primary principal, announced to the board that she and her husband are expecting child number three. Her goals for the Elementary were to have attendance reach 94%, increasing parent involvement and continuing to keep the children safe.

Friona Junior High principal Mark Sundre declared they have had a great start and the time is going extremely fast. His goal for his campus was to set re-

alistic goals for math, reading, writing, science and social studies. He informed the board that they now have I-pads in every grade level and that safety is an important issue that they are working to improve.

Erika Montana, High School principal, stated, "Anything that could be thrown at us has been done" concerning a recent lockdown, fire drills, and a TEA audit. The TEA audit was the first in 10 years and the FHS passed. She stated that they have kept the same goals as last year but are making improvements. The Friona Literacy Project is going well. She explained changes they have made when dealing with students in crisis as well as using social media to contact parents.

Athletic Director Jimmy Arias informed the board of the 7th grade through Varsity football team records and what is being done to expand athletics into the 5th grade to aid the athletes in their learning of skills in all sports. He expressed praise for the Volleyball program and their successes.

The board approved the items on the consent agenda and payment of October bills before moving on to reviewing and approving appraisal forms for the Business Manager, Special Education Director, Technology Director, School Nutrition Manager, Technical Staff, Bus Foreman, Custodian, Maintenance, and Cafeteria.

Special Program Director Karen Barnes spoke to the board concerning the district plan for migrant programs and the goals set for the program. The goals were that 100 percent of students will meet TEA standards, 97 percent attendance rate, provide a healthy, safe, drug free classroom and work on teacher recruitment and retention.

They also approved an application for early graduation.

The board discussed the Specialized Public Finance Report concerning the upcoming wind-farm assets. It was agreed that the board will need to educate

the public and the formation of a steering committee to determine the best use of the funds.

Friona InterBank has offered a donation to the Friona Primary of two girl bicycles and two boy bicycles each semester to promote outstanding attendance.

The board approved a memorandum of understanding with Plainview Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for two students.

Barnes addressed the board about an upcoming audit by Guardian Security Solution, LC of Lubbock on Monday,

November 21. This is in accordance with a three-year audit for security. She has spoke with WT Services concerning phone systems.

Representatives of Guardian Security Solutions will be on hand for the next board meeting.

The board retired into a closed session after reviewing the Superintendents goals.

All school board meetings are open to the public. The next board meeting will be Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at the FISD Administration Building in the Board Meeting Room.



dana jameson photo

Friona junior high principal Mark Sundre gives his goals report at the Friona ISD school board meeting Monday November 14. All campus principals and athletic director Jimmy Arias gave reports at the meeting.

Council approves rate increases

The Friona city council met in regular session Monday November 14 with all members present. Mayor Rick presided.

City water rates and sewer rate increases were approved. The water meter deposit is \$155.00. Water rates will increase 10 % with an additional increase of \$0.25 cents per 1,000 gallons over 21,000 gallons. Sewer rates will increase \$2.00 per month.

A resolution was approved opposing revenue caps and legislation by the state. Friona joins many cities opposing state intervention in local

business as organized by the Texas Municipal League.

Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave the monthly police report. He said the department was still needing a night dispatcher. In October there were 25 arrests and 270 traffic stops. There were 336 calls for service including police, EMS, and fire department. There were 10 arrests for no driver license and so far in 2016 there have been 18 juvenile arrest compared to only three in 2015.

A variance to allow the Credit Union to build a fence

around their dumpster location was approved. Cris Ingram was re-appointed to the FSA board.

The council went into executive session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss personnel items relating to Librarian Darla Bracken. On returning to regular session the council approved Darla's vacation/sick days request. For more information about the city business see the Mayor's Minutes on page two.

The next meeting of the city council will be Monday December 12. All council meetings are open to the public.

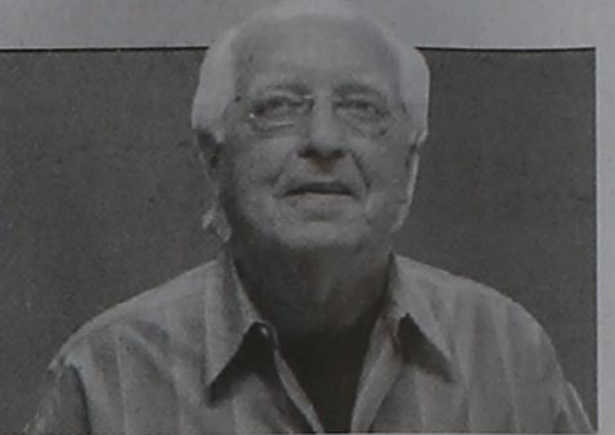


dr. gary cash photo

The moon was closest to Earth this week. Your chance to see it again will be in 2034

Out Here

By Ron Carr



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- Nov. 17-Homemade Bread Day
Nov. 17-Parmer County Cancer Coalition Survivors Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at XIT Rec Center in Bovina
Nov. 18-JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs. Texline at Home 5/6:30/8 p.m.
Nov. 18-C/JVG Basketball at Lazbuddie 5/6:30 p.m.
Nov. 19-Christmas is Friona Open Houses 10 a.m. to 4 pm.-Creative Chaos, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage, Milk House Market
Nov. 19-FHS Thespians present "Curtains" at high school auditorium at 7 p.m.
Nov. 20-First Baptist Church Kids Choir Thanksgiving musical 10:40 a.m.
Nov. 20- FHS Thespians present "Curtains" at high school auditorium at 4 p.m.
Nov. 20-Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Friona United Methodist Church at 6 p.m.

saying bye to old friends

John Kerry and Barack Obama are traveling while it is still free. Secretary of State John Kerry last week flew from Washington to New Zealand. He then took a military C17 Globemaster plane to Antarctica then back to New Zealand. From there he was on to two Arab Gulf States (Oman and Singapore), Morocco, then on to Peru where he will link up with President Obama.

1,327,715 miles and visited 90 countries. Other computations say Kerry produced 234.9 tons of CO2, more than 14 average Americans produce in a year. Kerry told folks in Antarctica that if a huge ice sheet breaks off and melts sea levels would rise 12 feet. Kerry is the top US diplomat but some critics say the stop in Antarctica had no diplomatic component. Think he just kinda wanted to go there while he still had the VP perks.

Lima, Peru to attend the Presidential Summit of the Forum of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). On the way to Peru the president will stop off in Greece and Germany. He will visit the Acropolis in Greece and stop in Germany to say goodbye to Angela Merkel. If I remember my travel agent days, Greece and Germany are not on the routing to Peru. Mr. Obama continues to utilize White House perks to travel the world. He admitted to a reporter the thing he will miss

the most about being president is Air Force One and the Marine One helicopter. They say this is his final and farewell international trip. It is said the Obama family will not spend Christmas in Hawaii this year so he can be in D.C. for the Trump transition. He will have plenty of time for Hawaii after January. But then here comes President Trump. I do not believe Trump will keep all of those promises he railed about over and over. I

doubt he will complete a great wall. I'm pretty sure he will not deport 11 million illegal immigrants. I'm confident he will not ban all Muslims from this country. We will be waiting to see his plan to destroy ISIS. And all of the other braggadocious promises he made. We will be waiting and watching. He campaigned as an outsider, anti-establishment but he may not be for long. The job looks different once you get it. No doubt he will provide ample column material.



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

- Nov. 22-JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Bovina at Home 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.
Nov. 23-Early School Dismissal
Nov. 24-THANKSGIVING
Nov. 29-JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Boys Ranch at Home 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 1-3-VB Basketball at Nazareth Invitational
Dec. 1-3-VG Basketball at Melrose Invitational
Dec. 1-3-9G/JVG/JVB/9B Basketball at Friona JV Invitational
Dec. 5-Christmas at the Park at 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5-Christmas Parade of Lights at sundown
Dec. 6-Carol Around Friona
Dec. 7-Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec. 8-10-JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball at Farwell Tournament
Dec. 10-Area Choir Clinic at Wayland Baptist University
Dec. 12-FHS Choir Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church
Dec. 13- Prairie Acres Resident Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13-JVG/VG Basketball at Idalou 5/6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13-JVB/VB Basketball vs. Lorenzo at Home 6:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 16-JVG/VG Basketball vs. Shallowater at Home 5/6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20-JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball at Lubbock Roosevelt 5/5/6:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 21-WINTER BEGINS!
Dec. 21-Early School Dismissal
Dec. 22-Early School Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 8-Christmas Break
Dec. 25-CHRISTMAS
Dec. 28-30-VG Basketball at Texico Invitational
Dec. 28-30-VB Basketball at Littlefield Invitational

Greetings!!! A big thank you to all of the veterans for your dedication, commitment and service during your time at war. We live in the "land of the free", thanks to you... "the brave". Thanks to all of the women that prepared and served breakfast to our veterans at the Redeemer Center on Veterans Day. The city council voted and approved to increase the water and sewer rates during the council meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016. The basic water rate will increase approximately 10% depending upon the size of meter you have. The basic sewer rate will increase approximately \$2.00/month. The water and sewer rates have not been increased since 2012. This rate change will go into effect the next time the meters are read by the Public Works employee's. Judge Campbell had 78 new cases in October. There were 54 trials by judge that pled guilty and 13 cases were dismissed. There was one community service filed and 5 new juvenile cases filed.

Total fines collected were \$8,088.73 and court cost totaled \$3,762.15. We want to thank all of the Public Works employee's for their hard work and commitment, stepping up and getting the job done while being short-handed. They have done a very good job with their regular duties and the extra duties they inherit. They have done a fantastic job at the Redeemer Center with the addition of more parking spaces and the new sidewalk added. Also, adding the decorative rock on the corner. There will be more decorative rock placed on the ground around the flag pole next to the building. Also, they are spending a lot of time at the old credit union getting the inside of the building ready for the Police Department to move in eventually. They have made good progress on the work to be done, but are several months away from being totally completed. EMS had 27 total runs in October. There were 10 calls for 9-1-1, 12 transfers and 5 calls resulted in "no transport". Payments collected equaled \$13,575.07

and billing totaled \$25,891.80. The Volunteer Fire Department responded to 3 emergency calls in October. One call responding to the High School cafeteria with smoke coming from the ventilation system. The issue was resolved quickly and no harm done. There was a grass fire located near Cattle Town Feed Yard, controlled quickly. Also, there was a wreck in front of the Cargill facility. Luckily, only minor injuries occurred. Cargill has been working diligently with TXDOT for many months on ways to improve driver's awareness of excessive traffic entering and exiting the facility. Currently, there is an agreement that TXDOT will install a sign on each side of the highway that will have yellow flashing lights and also rumble strips will be installed on the highway. This will be done by December 1. The city pumped 17,465,100 gallons of water and sold 13,292,000 gallons during October. Payments collected equaled \$66,166.17 with 1,437 accounts billed.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 336 calls on October. There were 170 stops, 105 warnings, 65 citations and 25 arrests. (10-no driver's license, 7-warrants, 1-driving while license invalid, 1-family violence, 3-possession of marijuana, 2-terroristic threat and 1-driving while intoxicated). The officers drove a total of 4,863 miles patrolling and protecting our city. Accounts payable equaled \$159,248.61 for October. There was an interest payment made to American State Bank, Lubbock, TX totaling \$41,781.52. October was a good month and our city continues to be in good standings. The library had a total of 847 patrons visit in October an average of 45 per day. There were 812 items circulated and 87 new items added to the inventory. Darla Bracken has been out due to a hip replacement, but everyone has stepped up and handled the responsibilities in her absence. Thanks to Lucy and Ruby for their work in Darla's absence. Your Mayor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We received a subscription renewal from Darlene Harper along with this letter: Dear editor, Mother fell and broke her hip 10/3/16. She is recovering well but is still in rehab so I am handling her finances. I don't know if there are many people in Friona who Dear Editor, When another fatal wreck occurred at the Hub intersection last June, many local residents expressed concerns to TxDOT via their website. As a result, TxDOT workers recut rumble strips on SH 214 north and south as it intersected with SH 86 on June 28. In September, a petition asking for additional improvements was circulated. TxDOT executive director, James M. Bass, responded to the petition stating that studies and improvements are underway. LED "intersection ahead" signs will soon be posted. A speed study has been conducted, and another one regarding stop signs is scheduled. In each instance (internet requests and pe-

tion), TxDOT officials responded in a courteous and thoughtful manner. Mr. Bass suggests sending further questions or comments to Lubbock District Engineer, Steven Warren, by email at Steven.Warren@txdot.gov. The final result of these studies remains to be seen. At the very least, we may be more cautious as we approach this intersection. And of course, no sign, light, or speed limit can replace alert, defensive driving. These efforts do not, in any way, lessen concerns about other dangerous intersections (such as 2397 and 1172), Highway 60 and the Cargill entrance, or even the blind corners of county roads. We are so grateful to TxDOT and to all the individu-

Friona news. Here is a snapshot of our family: Clifton and Charlene Harper, children David Harper FHS grad 1967, Lowery Harper FHS grad 1969, Darlene Harper and Donna Harper Doebbler (twins) FHS grads 1973. Go Chieftains! Best wishes, Darlene Harper

- ACROSS
1 album by group including TX-born Stephen Stills: "___ Vu" (1970)
5 expression of grief
6 silicate mineral
7 TXism: "the fat ___ in the fire" (trouble)
8 45th TX governor, Richards (1991-95)
9 TXism: "mad as a wet ___"
15 Monte ___, TX
16 a TX lieutenant looted several pieces of this in WWII (2 wds.)
19 bluebonnets
21 kitchen floor layer
22 software improvements
27 TXism: "___ a line" (fish)
28 line in TX Tanya's "Somebody to Care": "Then ___ low"
29 brother of Gulf pirate Jean Lafitte
30 craftsman
32 she was Sarah Connor in "The Terminator" (init.)
33 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't ___ in Texas"
36 TX Roddenberry
37 TX Willie's "Farm Aid ___" was in 1987
38 in Uvalde County on U.S. 90
39 TXism: "if a hog ___ he'd be an eagle"

- 41 anchorman, TX Rather
42 Levis have copper ___ at stress points
45 Bugs Bunny, e.g.
46 bigger than sm. or med.
47 TXism: "___ your poison" (choose)
48 TXism: "he's afraid of his ___ shadow"
49 TX Vikki Carr: Florencia Bisenta de Casillas-Martinez
52 poker stakes
53 TX Evans wrote "___ San Antone!"
54 this Smith was Astro GM in 1975
55 junior naval off.
DOWN
1 TX "Buchanan ___"
2 UT grad & actor, Wallach
3 newspaper: "San ___ News-Times"
4 TXism: "got as much chance ___ hell"
8 bib over ___
9 TXism: "___ bark on a tree" (frugal)
10 TX-based 2016 film: "Hell ___ High Water"
11 this TX Matson won gold in shot put in 1964 (init.)
12 this guard won 3 Super Bowls with the Cowboys
13 OK town
14 1953 western: "The ___ Texan"
15 TX B.J. Thomas sang "Hooked on ___" (1969)
16 a TX Ranger is in film "True ___"
17 UIL at times has to ___ TX schools
18 TXism: "___ hand at" (attempt)
20 star RB Campbell who played for UT and the Oilers

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Town Talk II

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Victory Family Worship Center pastor Robert Kerby says the church still has lots of new winter coats left after their Coats for Kids event. He said families that would like a warm coat for their children can come by the church office at 914 Main St. during business hours Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for a free coat. They have all sizes available.

Last week we gave info of a love fund at Interbank for 7-year-old Jazlynn Simein. Her great grandmother Emma Davila said her heart surgery went well. They put stents in her heart and she has been released from the hospital. She will remain in the Dallas area to recover until she has her brain surgery in 6-8 months. The love fund is available and donations are needed to help with the family's expenses.

Happy anniversaries to Stormi and Brent Choate married 7 years and to Glen and Carolin Reeve who celebrate 37 years this week. All the best.

I want to say a special thanks to the ladies in the Friends of the Friona Library for the veterans breakfast last Friday. Not a complicated menu. Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice. All just like mom used to make.

Once again the school district held a very inspiring Veterans Day program at the high school. The 5th grade choir, high school choir, high school band, and school officials are to be praised for their annual Veterans Day program. The FCCLA students also who provided cake and refreshments after the program. We have included several photos of the day in this Star. Thank you all very much.

It was noted by several of us that the number of veterans participating seems to get smaller each year. Thank you veterans for your service and for attending the breakfast and the program.

Our hope for a speedy recovery to County Judge Trey Ellis who had another back surgery this week at BSA in Amarillo. Hang in there Trey. Our thoughts are with you. We also send best recovery wishes to former Friona resident and 6th St. Church of Christ minister Leon Talley who underwent open heart surgery in Lubbock this week.

Construction is underway on the former credit union building on 6th St. which will become the new home for the Friona Police Department.



dana jameson photo

Work is continuing on the former credit union building on 6th St. The building is now owned by the city and is being remodeled to be used as the new location for the police department.

The Chamber of Commerce "Ho Ho Home for the Holidays" promotion is underway. The program encourages residents to shop local during the holidays. Canisters have been placed at 18 businesses around town. You can sign each time you visit and have the opportunity to win \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent at that merchant. All tickets will be com-

binated for a final drawing to win \$100 in Friona Bucks to be spent at any merchant. The drawings will be Monday December 19.

Don't forget Saturday November 19, four of our local merchants are having a Christmas in Friona special shopping day. They are Creative Chaos, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage, and Milk House Market. The shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buy your tickets for the Friona Noon Lions Club fundraiser drawing to give away a Henry 45-70 lever action rifle with the serial number Parmer 2016. Plus a one-of-a-kind Ruger Bearcat prototype 22 long rifle pistol. There will be two winners.

Tickets are \$10 and the drawing is at the Noon Lions meeting Thursday December 15. Contact any Noon Lion or Andy Montana or Clint Mears for tickets.

Parmer County Commissioners accepted a Texas AgriLife recommendation at their meeting Monday and hired Wendy Case as a county extension agent. She lives in Clovis and her husband is a Methodist preacher. Reminder that the county extension office is located in Bovina.

The Community Thanksgiving Service is Sunday November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited. An offering will be

gathered that will benefit the Friona Christian Ministries who assist people in need throughout the year.

Been told the new Burger King in Hereford will be next to the Love's Truck Stop that is under construction. The Love's will have a Carl's Jr. burger shop. Need to rename that stretch of Hwy 60 the burger mile with McDonald's, Burger King, and Carl's.

Next week the Star will be distributed on Wednesday because of Thanksgiving. We hope you all have a sumptuous Thanksgiving holiday. Until then!

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



Music and age

It is official...I AM OLD!!
I came to this realization last week while I was looking for music to add to my phone.

As I was cruising through the ringback tones, I could not help but realize I did not have a clue who these artists were. Furthermore, when I clicked on them I did not want to know who they were.

I finally managed to find some country singers and classical music that rang a bell. It has come down to two categories: country and classical. I AM OLD!

I thought that since I was looking at music I would try to find something to walk to or at the very least listen to when I was waiting somewhere.

I typed in Hall and Oates and got a HUGE question mark as an answer. Oh! Guess that means clarify my search. Darryl Hall and John Oates. That got me not only Hall and Oates but also a number of rap artists spouting lyrics that would have made a sailor blush.

I quickly downloaded two songs and still needed three more to get the special deal of five for \$5.

While hunting music I was watching "Spectre" (the latest James Bond movie) and I liked the song by Sam Smith. (I did not know who he was until now.)

So, I typed in Sam Smith and got about 200 entries. Wow! He must be pretty popular. I located the song and clicked on it.

Two more to go.
Boz Scaggs was next. Major question marks for that one.

All I want is two more songs...

Justin Timberlake was next and he is a very popular young man. There were about a thousand songs listed. I chose one and still needed one more.

Darn, I did not think finding music I knew was

going to be so hard.

I finally found one more song after half an hour of looking and quickly left the app feeling extremely OLD!

I guess it is no surprise and shouldn't be to me. I listen to the oldies in my car and zip past the newer stuff. Rap has never been one of my favorites and after having listened to some of the lyrics from Jay-Z and Beyoncé I don't think I will be anytime soon.

My daughter-in-law introduced me to Andy Grammer and he has one or two songs I don't mind listening to in the car.

Years ago, my mother came to this same conclusion when she went to buy CDs for her grandsons. She had the list in hand and marched into Hastings with no idea what section of the store she would find these wonders of music. On the list were Red Hot Chili Peppers and Barenaked Ladies. I was with her when she approached the salesclerk and had to stifle a giggle when she very pointedly asked for Red...Hot...Chili...Peppers and Bare...Naked...Ladies.

The salesclerk was very nice, took her to the selections and asked if she wanted "Californication" or another title. Mother turned bright red, looked at me, I quickly nodded and she added the CD to the bottom of her pile before moving on to the next CD. She found that it did not have bare or naked ladies on the cover.

There was a long conversation about today's music on the way back from Lubbock that day.

I now know how she felt...OLD and a little embarrassed!

Now where did I put those new songs on my phone? Oh, yes, remember to write down the app you downloaded the songs to because they could be floating around on your phone for years before you find them again.

Where are my kids when I need them?

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



BLESSINGS...

I first met this young man when my daughter tore her ACL while playing basketball in high school. She was in therapy after surgery. It was during Coach Morton's time at Friona and his wife, Megan, was Julie's therapist. This young man was also working in therapy and I was very impressed by his character, his demeanor and his personality. It was a sad and difficult time as Megan died suddenly while Julie was still in therapy.

Later, I could hardly believe Friona's good fortune when he came to coach here. It was also an opportunity for more of our friends and family to get to know him.

Fast forward to the 2016 4A Div. 2 Football playoff game at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview between the Seminole Indians and the Perryton Rangers. After my fall in September caused me to miss 8 of my oldest grand-

son's senior games, I began to think that I might be able to make this game. But to sit outside in 50 degree night air, maybe not... "Maybe we can park the vehicle at the end and watch from our vehicle," but we would have to get permission. And guess who happened to now be the Head Coach/Athletic Director of the Plainview Bulldogs?! None other than Ryan Rhoades, that same young man I had met years before. (My daughter knew that, but I didn't know it). He and his staff were so gracious and welcoming.

We had a great view at the end of the field where Rex, Melba, my youngest grandson, Jordan, and I could be warm to watch the game. Ryan has the same Christian values, same quality character and engaging personality as before. I was indeed greatly blessed and felt like some kind of celebrity.

Seminole won 33-7. Congratulations to the Perryton Rangers on their winning season and on being a gracious opponent: athletes, band and fans alike.

Blessings...still counting them.

New-on-the-Bookshelf: No Man's Land by David Baldacci, Order to Kill by Vince Flynn, Award by Danielle Steel, Sleeping Beauty Murder by Mary Higgins Clark, Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood and A Truck full of Money by Tracey Kidder. Non-Fiction: History of Isis by Gerges; Pigskin Rapture Four days in the life of Texas Football by Ron Jenkins, Get What's Yours for Medicare by Moeller.

Memorials have been received by Mickey Wilsons for NEITHA SLAGLE, JeDon Gallmans for ABE LANE, Rex Brackens and JeDon Gallmans for LOIS MILLER, Friona ISD Board of Trustees for ANTONIO ROCHA, SR.

Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of November 15, 1981

*Kenneth Moore, longtime Friona groceryman, held a grand opening this week for his new Jack & Jill Super Market in Friona.

*A.L. Black, chairman and one of the founders of Friona Industries in Friona, has contracted to buy the firm's steel fabrication and erection company in exchange for essentially all of his stock in the parent company.

Black will step down as chairman of Friona Industries, but will remain on the board of directors.

*Mark Neill continues to hang tough in the race for grand prize in the Friona Star's football contest. Neill posted a score of 15 for the contest's tenth week, and leads the field with a score of 155.

*If fans notice a resemblance between the coach of this year's Squaws' team and the coach of the Chieftains, it's because he

will be one and the same person—Coach Tom Johnson.

*The Friona Chieftains Junior Varsity won the District 2-AAA championship, scoring wins over every district opponent.

*Dr. and Mrs. Paul Spring and Johnny, the Wesley Barnetts and the George Fries were among the Frionans who attended the football game at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Saturday. Didn't hear any report from anyone except Dr. Paul and his comments indicated that he wasn't very happy with the final score.

*Maureen Jesko, of Laz-buddie, and Shain Rhodes, of Friona, were honored as the "high point" winners from their work in the Parmer County 4-H Achievement Day.

*Workers on the Parmer County History book have finished reading proof, and delivered the complete book to the printers, it was announced this week. At the same time, the deadline for buying a book also passed. Proofer were Allo Reeve, Orma Flippin, Grace Whitefield, and Paula Mc-Broom.

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Lions Club News



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FISD School Board President Ricky Barnett and Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray spoke to the Friona Evening Lions Club last Thursday evening.

FISD School Board President Ricky Barnett and Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray attended the regular meeting of the Friona Evening Lions Club November 10. Canna Ray, owner of the Country Rose, catered the evening meal.

The subject of the evening was the economic impact of the wind power projects. Barnett explained that the impact would be realized in the next decade as projects are added to nearly completed Mariah Wind Project north of Friona.

The three completed projects could add \$1.2 billion dollars to the Friona school district tax base. This would change the district from a poor district to a rich one. The change would create multiple possibilities for improvements and upgrades.

Barnett then gave a summary of the complicated laws that the district has to comply with to manage tax money expenditures. He held up a notebook sized study of tax regulations done by an Amarillo law firm to guide the board and superintendent to illustrate the complexity to the Lions and their guests.

Local tax receipts down

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$737.9 million in local sales tax allocations for November, 0.8 percent more than in November 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

"The cities of San Antonio, Fort Worth and Plano saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Midland saw significant decreases in sales tax allocations."

Friona will receive a payment of \$36,188.32, which is a decrease of -9.61 percent as compared to the 2015 payment of \$40,038.98. To-date Friona has received \$366,952.88, which is an increase of 2.30 percent over the 2015 payments of \$358,677.98.

Bovina will receive a payment of \$16,117.56, which is an increase of 23.59 percent as compared to the 2015 payment \$13,040.69. To-date Bovina has received \$133,360.91, which is an increase of 11.05 percent from the 2015 payments of \$120,089.71.

Farwell will receive a payment of \$11,865.27, which is an increase of 5.35 percent as compared to the 2015 payment of \$11,262.48. To-date Farwell has received \$120,947.31, which is an increase of 2.58 percent over the 2015 payments of \$117,901.38.

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

www.frionaonline.com

Love Fund established for Jazlynn Simein

A love fund has been established at Friona InterBank for 7-year-old Jazlynn Simein. Jazlynn was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation in January. She also has Syringomyelia and Pulmonary Valve Stenosis. She underwent heart surgery on Thursday, November 10 in Fort Worth for a hole in her heart and was released on Monday, November 14. She will also undergo brain surgery in the next 6-8 months.

She is the daughter of Amanda Villanueva, granddaughter of Ruben and Laurie Villanueva and great-granddaughter of David and Emma Davila.



Davila.

Donations will go towards medical, travel, and so her mother can take time off work to care for her. The family thanks and extends their prayers to the community for their help.

Christmas in the Park tree lighting

Christmas in the Park will be Monday, December 5 with the arrival of Santa at 5 p.m. to the depot at the city park.

Santa will arrive with Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona will be available for children to deliver their lists until 7:30 p.m.

Churches, businesses, organizations and youth groups are asked to come together to make the city park shine. Trees can be adopted and decorated with decorating beginning several day before December 5.

Booths are available for \$30 and \$60. Vendors can start setting up at 4 p.m. on December 5. Deadline for attaining a booth is Friday, December 2.

For more information on adopting a tree or booths contact the Chamber office at (806) 250-3491.

Parade of Lights Dec. 5

The Christmas Parade of Lights is new this year and will be incorporated with Christmas in the Park on Monday, December 5. The Parmer County Sheriff's Office and Friona Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to bring more joy to the festivities during Santa's visit.

The parade will begin staging at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. The parade will begin at sundown and wind its way past the city park for everyone that is visiting with Santa can enjoy the lights. All entries must be lighted.

Entries can be commercial, organizational, antique auto, antique tractor, horse & pony, walking unit, truck/trailer or other. Deadline for entries is Friday, December 2.

Please return forms to the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at 300 4th Street in Farwell, ross.paiz@parmercounty.net, (806) 481-3303 or fax (806) 481-3305. Forms may also be sent to the Chamber office at 621 Main Street in Friona, fedc@wtrt.net, (806) 250-3491, or fax (806) 250-2348.

Commissioners hire county agent

County Commissioners met Monday November 14 in Farwell. County Judge Trey Ellis had back surgery in Amarillo Monday. Commissioner Kirk Frye presided at the meeting.

Texas AgriLife Extension recommended Wendy Case as the new county extension agent. Commissioners approved the hiring. She lives in Clovis where her husband is a Methodist preacher.

Next meeting dates will be November 28 and December 21. The county auditor will audit County Attorney and Sheriff's forfeiture funds. The cleaning contract for the courthouse and Sheriff's Office was renewed.

Sheriff Gerries reported there were 29 jail inmates, 25 male and 4 female. He has hired two new Sheriff Department employees. He also reported that the Sheriff's office continues to work on a system that would allow people to contact 911 them by text.



Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
November 11, 2016

Adrian Vasquez, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a Drug Free Zone IAT. The case is pending in County Court.

Jerry Prieto, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a Drug Free Zone IAT. The case is pending in County Court.

**In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:
October 18, 2016**

Atilano Garcia, 42, of Bovina, was charged with violation of community supervision (assault family violence-enhanced) and was sentenced to community supervision continued. Garcia must serve a term of confinement in a substance abuse treatment facility and pay \$114 in court costs, a \$376 fine, and \$140 in restitution.

November 1, 2016

Eugenio Rodriguez-Rodriguez, 38, of Friona, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and was sentenced to four years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated four years. He must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine and \$180 in restitution.

Leobardo Cervantes, 36, of Farwell, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and was sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated ten years. Cervantes must pay \$423 in court costs, a \$1,500 fine and \$180 in restitution.

Johnny Baca, 32, of Friona, was charged with violation of community supervision (DWI 3rd or more), and was sentenced to community supervision continued and extended. Baca must serve a term of confinement in a residential treatment center and pay \$80 in court costs.



Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of November 3 through November 9, 2016:

Lydia Ann Delventhal, Denise Teel and William Dave Buske-Reba Buske, E 5' L33 B2 Western Addition Friona.

Reba Buske-John Darrel Ray and Pamela Nelson Ray, E 5' L33 All L34 W 55' L35 B2 Western Addition Friona.

Octavio Saucedo-Ricardo Cano and Yaneth Cano, SE 70' L1 B101 OT Bovina.

Rex Wells and Sue Wells-Bonifacio Cruz and Olivia Cruz, 2.00 Ac. S31 T1N R4E.

Juli Thurston and John Thurston Pro Forma Only-Ernesto Vallejos, Jr. and Lindsey Vallejos Pro Forma Only, 31.40 Ac. W/PT 179.86 Ac. S40 Doud and Keefer.

B.K. Buske and Janet Buske-Luz Elena Tarango Marquez, L19 B6 Lakeview Friona.

Notice of Public Meeting

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-Open Hours-



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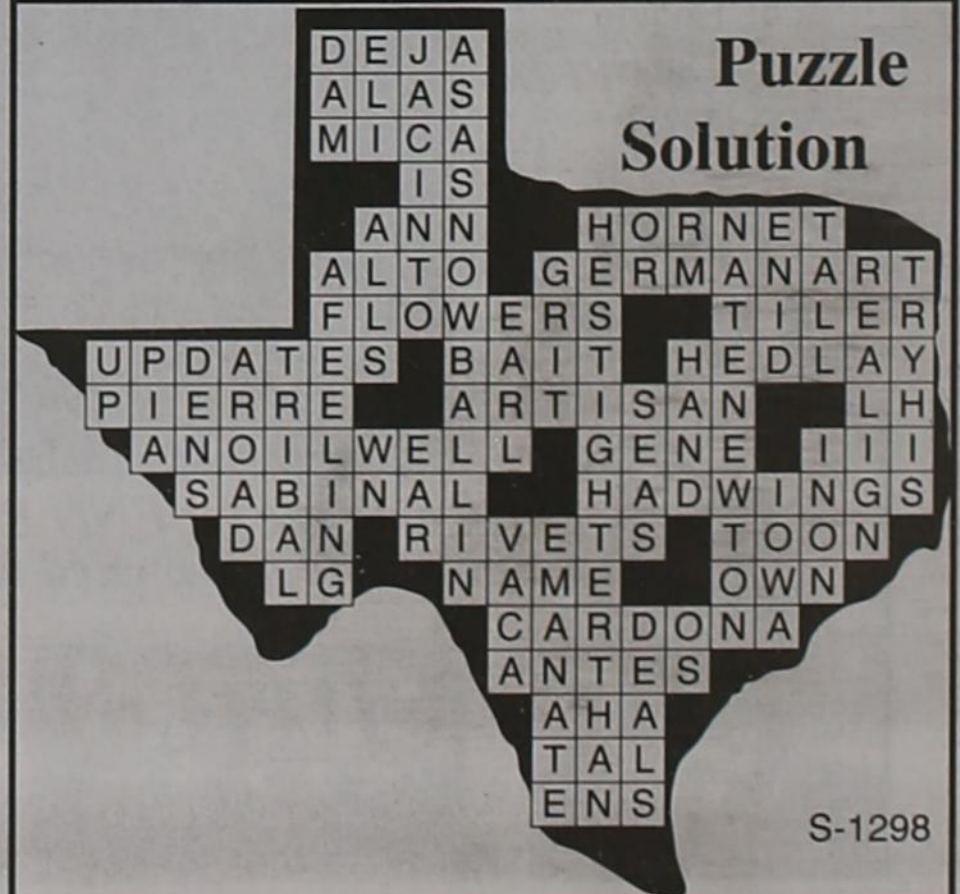
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Psalm 19— God's Reveal Party

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Reveal parties seem to be catching on today. Whether it is to reveal the gender of a baby, or a home improvement show revealing the remodeling of a house, they are fun and exciting. Psalm 19, though, is the original reveal party, as God lays out how He has revealed Himself to us. First, God reveals Himself in general through creation. The stars in the sky, the mountains, the ocean, the sunrise and sunset, the sun and moon and much more detail the reality that our universe is so precisely designed that it requires a designer to create and sustain. Although the creation reveals that God exists, God's Word reveals who He is specifically. From God's Word we learn that He is the great, almighty, awesome and loving God, who shows mercy each day, and provides salvation to all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. God reveals Himself so clearly in His Word because He wants you to know who He is and live with Him forever. This only happens, though, when you come to Him in repentance of your sins, and place complete faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Psalm 19 is clear about God's revelation of Himself in general through creation, and specifically through His Word, but the final three verses beg the question, "What's your response?" Do you love Him or loathe Him, seek Him or shame Him, or maybe you just ignore Him? Whatever your response, you will have to live with it for eternity after you stand before God, but as for me, my response is to follow Jesus Christ.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31 NIV

God is Amazing

By TEENA HUGHS

When the college football schedules came out last spring, we planned a trip to Silver City, NM to see Feller's older brother and watch my cousin play his last game for WT.

We took off Thursday, and on Friday, we went to Morenci, Arizona, where Feller's family ranched for 11 years. Morenci is a copper mining town, and this was my third trip to see the copper mine. I am always amazed at how much it changes from visit to visit.

This trip, I was in awe of God's creation and the knowledge and ability He gave man to dig a hole in a mountain to mine copper ore. From where we were, it looked like a huge amphitheater, but the seats were 50 feet deep and 50 feet from one seat down to the next. The mine is 9 miles across and probably 3000 feet into the ground from the original height of the mountain. Trucks carry 340 tons of rock in one load. Tires on a truck cost about \$250,000 each, and there are six tires on a truck.

It is amazing how God put copper out in the middle of nowhere; someone discovered it, and God provided everything needed for a mining town and operation. He probably had this planned even before He created it.

Forests lie just north of Morenci. The leaves were changing, and the colors were above and beyond beautiful. Plus, the air was so clear and crisp, and it was a perfect day to experience God and His creation.

I was reminded that God is so, so much larger than my little world here in Friona. I cannot do any justice to what I saw last week, but God is an amazing God, and I needed this weekend to remind me of that.

By the way, with less than two minutes in the game, WT scored two touchdowns to tie the game and win in overtime. I can't say God wanted WT to win, but it felt like He did. He is amazing, just like that too!

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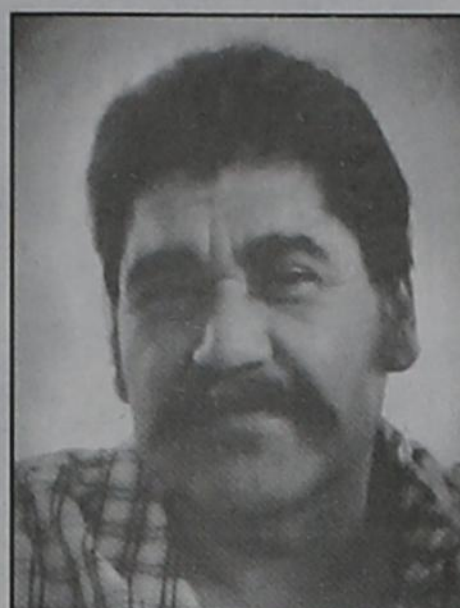
Francisco Z. Estrada

Francisco Z. Estrada, 57, of Bovina, formerly of Perryton, died November 11, 2016 in Bovina. Celebration of Life Services were held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Iglesia Santa Pentecostal Tempo Getsemani in Bovina, Texas, under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona and Thursday November 17, 2016 at Iglesia Pentecostal Unida in Perryton with burial following in the Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Francisco was born November 9, 1959 in Mexico to Francisco and Rosa Zamarripa Estrada. He was a pipeliner in the Perryton area for many years before moving to Bovina. He also was a mechanic, a very talented cook and loved his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rafael Estrada; and a sister, Celia Villesquas.

He is survived by his wife, Isidra Morales Gonzalez of Bovina; three sons, Juan Estrada of Amarillo, Fabian Estrada of Perryton, and Francisco Estrada of Pampa; eight daughters, Yvette Garcia of Friona, Crystal Zapa-



ta of Dumas, Jeanette Varela of Clovis, Rosa Estrada of Perryton, Marisol Estrada of Perryton, Maria Garcia of Bovina, Rocio Amparan of Clovis, Jessica Maldonado of Clovis; three brothers, Salvador Estrada of El Paso, Luis Estrada of Mexico, and Dionicio Estrada of Perryton; two sisters, Lucia Galvan of Oklahoma, and Eva Estrada of Mexico; and 26 grandchildren.

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Carmel Robason

Carmel Robason left this world on November 14, 2016 to join the company of the Redeemed. She is out of pain and made whole at the feet of Jesus.

Carmel was born on December 10, 1937 in Lamesa, TX and was named after her father. She was saved at an early age, and spent her whole life learning and growing in the Lord. She married her high school sweetheart, D.O., on May 16, 1954 and was a supportive wife and mother for 62 years.

She stayed at home for D.O. and his sons as he managed several different ranches in Texas. They lived on the Island Grove Ranch west of Grandview for more than 40 years. She enjoyed handcrafts and was a member of Sew & Sew Quilting Club in Grandview for years - leaving behind many beautiful quilts for the family.

Carmel loved the Lord, and had a special place in her heart for those less fortunate, and strived to minister to them. She enjoyed participating in Bible studies, read her Bible daily, and was a prayer warrior. She strongly encouraged personal growth in others - and felt that reading Bible studies, biographies, commentaries, and Christian fiction were great ways to grow in one's faith. Therefore, she helped start and manage libraries for the churches they attended.

Carmel was preceded in death by her husband D.O. of 62 years.



She is survived by three sons, Ricky Dean Robason of Covington, TX, Michael Ross Robason (Laura) of Lamesa, TX, and Troy Don Robason (Christine) of Elizabeth, CO; six grandchildren, Zachary Dean Robason (Melissa), Rebecca Caitlin Robason, Andrea Nicole Orht (Jared), Bryan Ross Robason (Ericka), Trevor Don Robason, and Samantha Mei Robason; and one great grandson, Ethan James Robason.

Carmel will be buried at Green Acres Memorial Park in Cleburne, TX in a private ceremony.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 - Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Morris Deaton

Morris Deaton, our Dad and Pop, 72, of Friona, passed away in Amarillo, on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Graveside services will be held Friday, November 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor of First Baptist Church of Friona, officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Morris Deaton was born and raised in Friona on May 17, 1944 to Everett Ector and Myrtle (Rule) Deaton. Morris was a very hard working man. He loved computers, golf and politics. Morris was a long time bull hauler and took great pride in doing his job well. We, his family, will miss the debates, his smile and his loving arms.

He leaves behind a wife, Gale Deaton of Amarillo; two sons, Michael Deaton of Friona and Clint Deaton of Amarillo; one daughter, Sheila King and her husband Kelwin of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Michael and Emily King of San Antonio,



Kandi and Tyler Phillips of Lubbock, Spur King of Amarillo, Andrew Deaton of Amarillo, and two great-grandson's, Tucker and Tyson Phillips of Lubbock; one sister, Zayden Rossier of Lubbock; and one brother, Bernie Deaton of Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by his parents.



Panhandle Parables

November Challenge Phase 4

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

This month we are focusing on being thankful. I know last week's challenge was not the easiest. Yet, I hope you have continued to write down that which you are thankful. We have been given many blessings in this life that pertain to our physical wellbeing. I want you this week to think about and write down your spiritual blessings.

Paul says, "[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places," (Ephesians 1:3 ESV). What are these blessings? I will give you a clue to a lead off blessing. It is found in the very next verse of Eph. 1:4. Yes, you must look it up, but at least it is a start. When you stop, and think in terms of eternity it helps us keep perspective on the finite things of this world.

This article is very short, but hopefully your list is getting longer. As we move through the last half of this month things will start getting a little crazy. The holiday season will be in full swing and Satan will challenge your resolve to remain thankful as stress levels rise. Stay the course and hang in there. May God bless you in the pursuit of humble gratitude. After all, you have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Have a great week.

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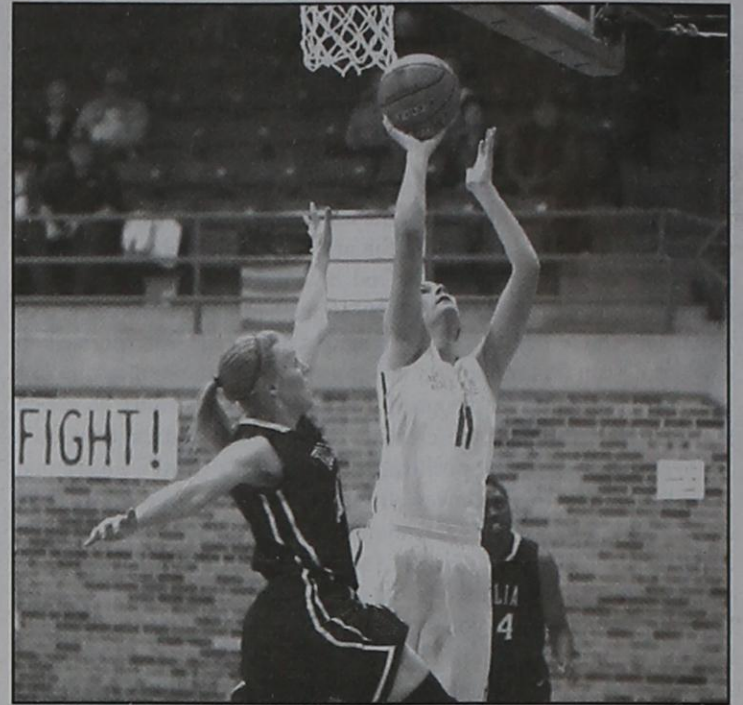
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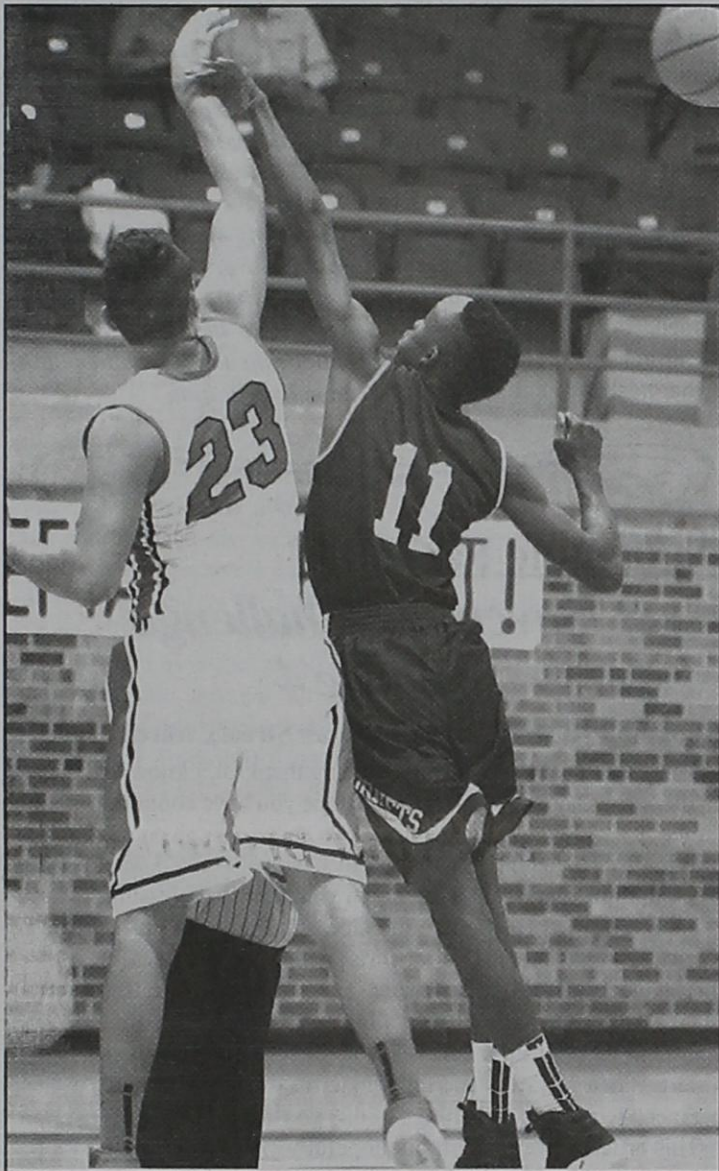
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Sydney Frye battles a Tulia Lady Hornet for the ball in Tuesday night action. Megan Stone (3) and Mariah Trevino look on. The Squaws beat Tulia 59-47.



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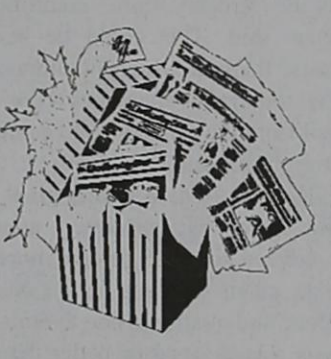
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1. anecdote (n.)	a small story, usually entertaining and frequently amusing
2. dearth (n.)	lack; scarcity; shortage
3. economical (adj.)	frugal; thrifty; not wasteful
4. grave (adj.)	somber; dignified
5. infinite (adj.)	without limits; unbounded; endless
6. mode (n.)	manner; method
7. precarious (adj.)	not certain; suggesting danger
8. relieve (v.)	to free from burden; to remove a pressure
9. steer (v.)	to direct the course of; to pilot
10. unconscious (adj.)	unaware

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High tunnel-grown tomatoes go to Amarillo supermarket

By Kay Ledbetter

Dr. Charlie Rush is claiming success – tomatoes from a Texas A&M AgriLife Research high tunnel project are being sold in an Amarillo grocery store.

And now the real work begins. “We delivered tomatoes to United Supermarket in Amarillo, and they were thrilled to get them,” Rush said. “The next day we delivered jalapenos and poblano peppers. We can produce a quality product and there is clearly a market for the produce.”

“Now, we need to work on maximizing yields, cropping systems and pest management, provide an economic analysis and convince a few growers to give it a go.”

Rush, an AgriLife Research plant pathologist in Amarillo, said the project is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Ogallala Research Initiative and the Texas Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. The project’s goal is to provide locally grown tomatoes and other high-quality vegetables to the public.

This year’s crop, which suffered setbacks in its inaugural

season, has produced about 1,500 pounds of tomatoes, of which almost 500 pounds were marketed through United, along with almost 500 pounds of jalapeno and poblano peppers, he said.

Rush started construction of four high tunnels in April. Dr. Kevin Crosby, an AgriLife Research tomato breeder in College Station, and a breeder with a private company in California each identified the best varieties for the project and provided seed for the study.

Those seeds were planted in a greenhouse first, then transplanted in early May. Drip tape was installed to water the 20 plants of each line in each of the four tunnels.

The trial provided learning opportunities, Rush said. Rabbits ate early crops so fencing was installed. There were initial difficulties getting water and electricity to the high tunnels. Extreme heat in the high tunnels caused a number of the newly planted seedlings to die, and the entire study was replanted May 16. That was followed by a high

incidence of tomato spotted wilt in the transplants, so the entire study was replanted again on June 30.

Rush said a typical high tunnel has six rows in cultivation, but only two rows were planted this year in two different high tunnels. An exact replica of the high tunnel experimental design was planted in a field adjacent to the tunnels for comparison.

The first tomatoes were harvested on Sept. 27 and the fruit was picked weekly, divided into marketable and unmarketable, and weighed, he said. Then it was sent to the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center at Texas A&M University in College Station for quality analysis.

Tomatoes purchased from local retail grocers were included in the quality analysis as comparative commercial controls, Rush said. The tomatoes from all four cultivars raised in the high tunnel plots were evaluated in a blind test for taste and appearance.

Tomato yields have been higher in the high tunnel plots than in the field, he said. Of the four cul-

tivars, the three from the Texas A&M program have significantly out-yielded the commercial entry from California, possibly because the Texas A&M entries were developed for Texas growing conditions and the California entry was not.

In the taste and appearance test, the Texas A&M cultivars grouped together in the results and all were judged to taste significantly better than either the California entry or commercial control, which also grouped together statistically in the rankings, Rush said.

He said the testing allowed participants to rank the five entries first on looks, then on taste, as well as do another taste comparison between tomatoes grown inside and outside.

“The taste test is really what it is all about, because it gets down to the consumer and what they like and what they don’t like,” Rush said.

The California entry also was significantly different in quality parameters measured at the Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center from the Texas A&M cultivars, but it was the same as the “grocery store” controls, Rush said. This could be because there is a high likelihood that tomatoes obtained as a control from the grocery store came from California.

He said tomato plants growing inside the protected area produced about 25 percent more than plants growing in outside plots, and quality inside the tunnels was as good or better than those grown outside.

“That means you can get more tomatoes inside the high tunnels and get just as high quality of a product as trying to grow a tomato outside,” Rush said. “Often you hear that greenhouse-grown tomatoes are not very good. And certainly tomatoes that are shipped from hundreds if not thousands of miles away and end

up in the grocery store are often not very tasty, especially when they have to be picked green and shipped so far.”

“We demonstrated this year that it is possible to produce good yields of very high-quality, locally grown vegetables and market them to local retailers,” he said.

United Grocery Markets began collaborating with Rush in the middle of the project, stating they were looking for a steady and constant supply of high quality, locally grown produce. The first AgriLife Research-produced tomatoes from the high tunnels were delivered to their store Oct. 27, and peppers grown in the high tunnels followed a couple days later.

“In the coming months, we will complete analyzing and graphing of the data from this project,” Rush said. “We will compare how the tomato varieties differed in the incidence and abundance of major pests and beneficial insects.”

“We will also quantify seasonal pest pressure, which will be useful in providing recommendations for planting time and pest scouting efforts in the High Plains,” he said. “Quality and yield data will be analyzed to compare the cultivars used in this study and high tunnel and field production.”

Another aspect Rush is monitoring is water savings.

“Tomatoes are fairly water intensive in their requirements, but you are able to get so many more tomatoes in such a small area compared to an acre of corn, so way more income with a lot less overall water.”

Rush estimated, based on limited production the first year, that a high tunnel with six rows, about 240 plants, could produce almost 2,300 pounds of tomatoes. These could be sold for \$1 to \$3 per pound, depending if they were sold to a retail grocery store or at

a farmers market.

“To get that yield this year, we applied 38,000 gallons of water,” he said. “Although that sounds like a lot of water, is isn’t much when compared to what is required to grow a corn crop. For instance, the average yield of corn is approximately 175 bushels per acre and it takes about 21 acre inches or about 570,000 gallons of water to grow it.”

“At today’s market price of around \$3.50 per bushel, that means a farmer would gross a little over \$600 for an acre of corn, and he would need 21 acre inches of water to do that. At just \$1 a pound, growing tomatoes in just one high tunnel could gross \$2,300 for only 1.4 acre inches of water.”

Rush said he thinks he can increase tomato yields and use less water than he did this year, but he also acknowledges that labor costs for production of high-value vegetable crops will be much higher.

He has recruited Dr. Bridget Guerrero, an agricultural economist from West Texas A&M University, to conduct an economic analysis of high tunnel vegetable production.

“Her analysis is the type of information required by farmers to determine whether they are willing to try this new venture,” Rush said. “It won’t be for everyone, but because of the declining water table in the Ogallala Aquifer, small farmers and those with limited irrigation capabilities may consider giving high-value vegetable production a try.”

“We are convinced this research will reveal a number of new business opportunities for agriculture in the Texas Panhandle,” he said. “We are very excited about its potential for the future. We are saving water, producing a commodity that people like and that is locally grown, so it looks like it is a win-win for everybody.”

Top Legislators to keynote Texas Wheat Symposium

The Texas Wheat Symposium will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. The free event offers one continuing education unit and will begin at 9 a.m.

The symposium, which is hosted by the Texas Wheat Producers Association, will conclude with the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, presented by the association and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Council.

“This year, we are looking forward to an outstanding program focused on issues facing wheat farmers. We are extremely proud to have two powerful legislators from Texas who understand and speak out for agriculture contributing to the luncheon,” said Texas Wheat Executive Vice

President Rodney Mosier.

U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway, who serves as the chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, will address the crowd with a recorded message, and State Senator Charles Perry, the current chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs, will present the keynote address during the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. The discussion will focus on the future of agricultural policy on both the state and national levels.

“This event is designed to help address the growing concerns about the profitability of our farms,” said TWPA President Ben Scholz. “From farm policy to marketing, we have stacked the agenda with issues that impact all farmers and their bottom line.”

Additionally, the symposium

will feature updates from key organizations, including the National Association of Wheat Growers, Farm Service Agency, and National Resources Conservation Service. Texas A&M AgriLife officials will examine crop production issues and provide an important discussion about current and future market conditions.

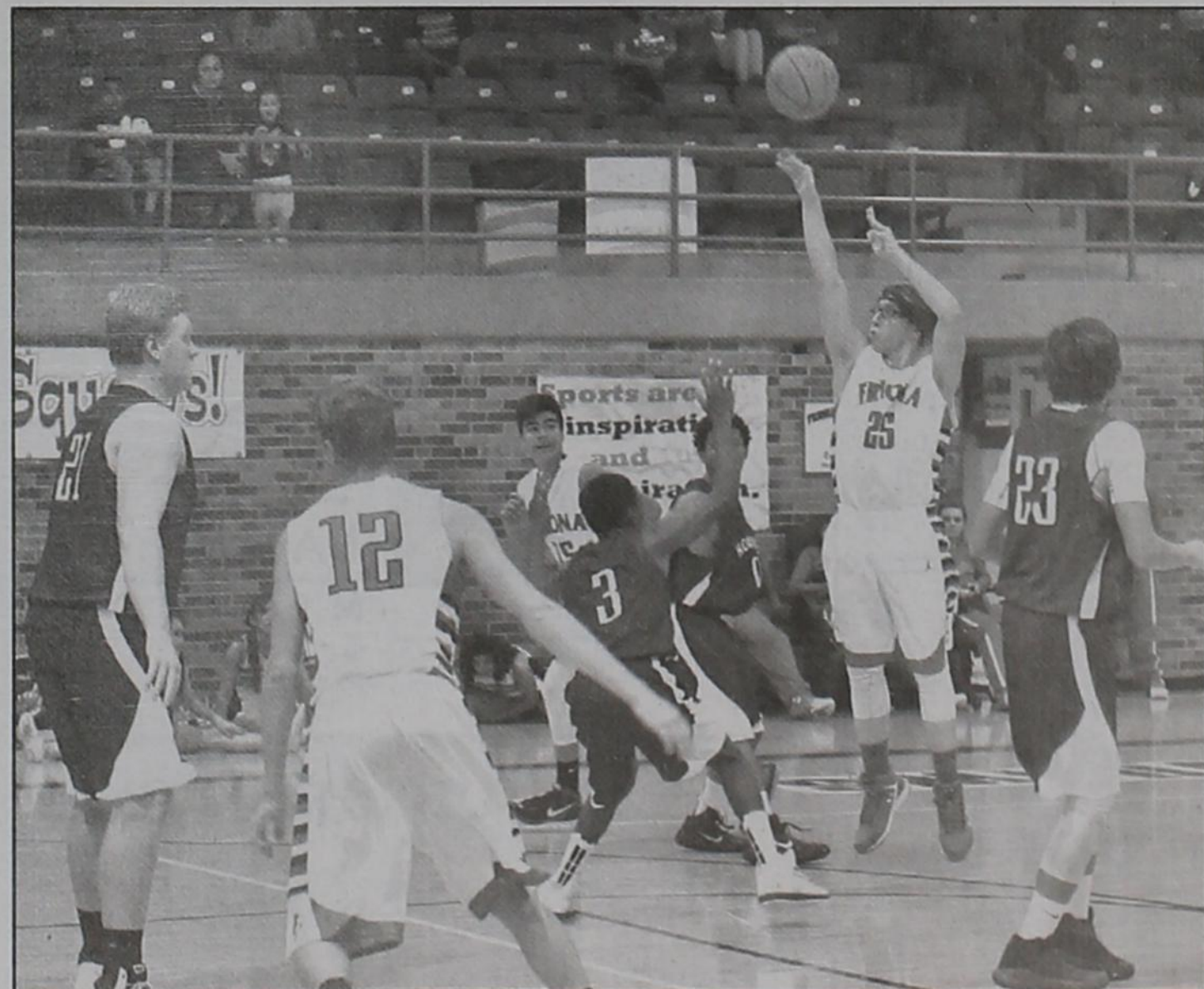
The event is made free of charge for attendees because of the generous support of the event’s sponsors, including Ag Texas, Atebury Grain, BNSF Railway, Capital Farm Credit, First United Bank, High Plains Water District, KGNC AM, Plains Land Bank, Texas Cattle Feeders, and West Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences.

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JV Squaw Carly Drake heads in for a shot against the Tulia Lady Hornets Tuesday evening. They travel to Lazbuddie Friday, November 18.



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JV Chief Mason Stanberry goes for two against the Tulia Hornets. The JV Chiefs meet the Texline Tornados Friday, November 18 at 5 p.m. at the FHS Gym.

High Plains Ag Conference set Dec. 9

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual High Plains Ag Conference from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, December 9 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294, Lubbock.

“This program will offer a wide variety of crop and pasture-related information pertinent to producers across our region,” said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County. “We’ll also

be offering five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for those with a valid private pesticide applicators license.”

The Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units offered will be two integrated pest management, one laws and regulations, and two general.

Individual preregistration, which includes lunch, is \$35 by December 7 and \$45 thereafter with no lunch guarantee. For

more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1740 or rj-scott@tamu.edu.

Topics and presenters will include:

Preview of New Cotton Varieties and Traits, Dr. Seth Byrd, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock.

Brush and Weed Management, Dr. Tim Steffens, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Canyon.

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

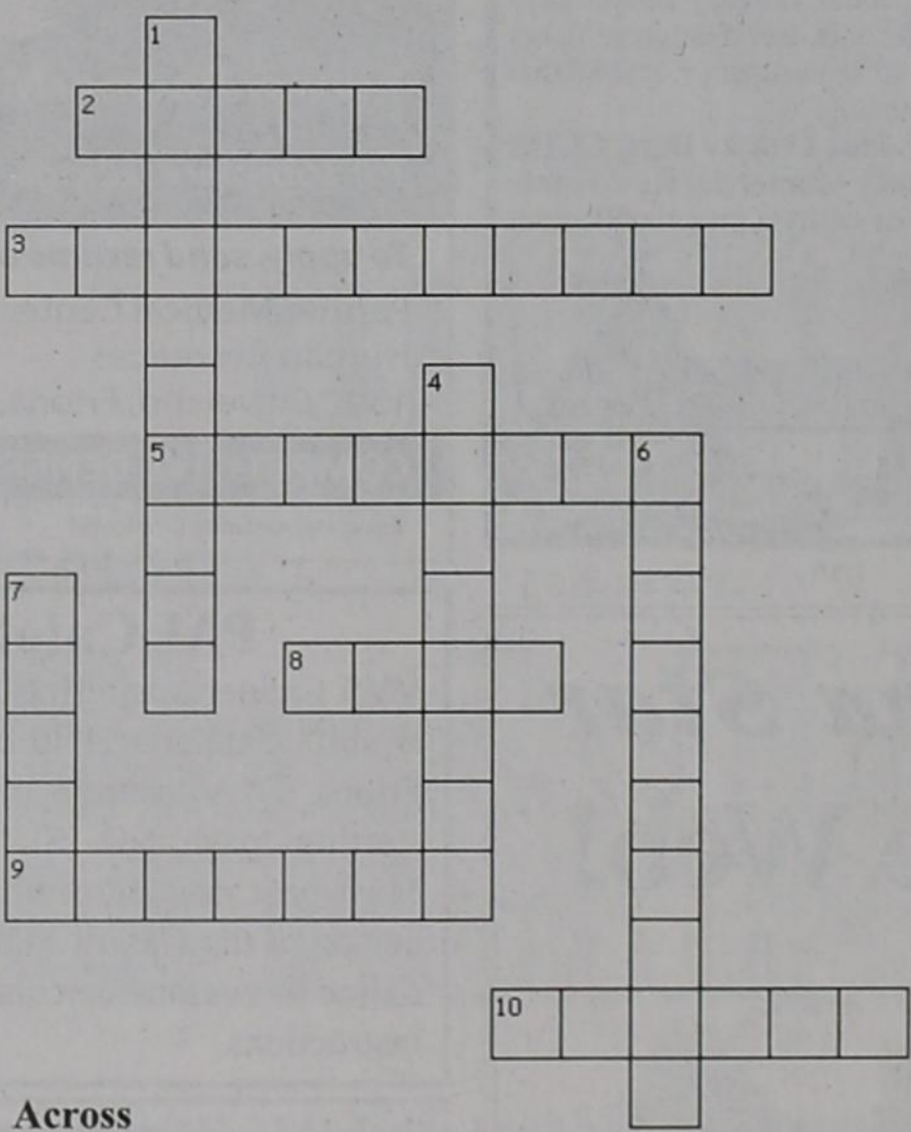
2017 AgriLife Extension Program Updates for Lubbock County, Scott and Dr. Mark Brown, agriculture and natural resources agents, and Dr. Katelyn Kowles, integrated pest management agent, all serving Lubbock County.

Corn Herbicide Trial Results, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

Drift Prevention, Dr. Wayne Keeling, AgriLife Extension systems agronomist and weed science project leader, Lubbock.

Disease Management on the South Plains, Dr. Jason Woodward, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist and state peanut specialist, Lubbock.

Friona Literacy Project Lesson 14



Across

- 2. somber; dignified
- 3. unaware
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- 8. manner; method
- 9. to free from burden; to remove a pressure
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Down

- 1. not certain; suggesting danger
- 4. a small story, usually entertaining and frequently amusing
- 6. frugal; thrifty; not wasteful
- 7. to direct the course of; to pilot

School Menu Nov. 21-25

Monday
Breakfast-Cereal, grape juice, banana, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, cheese tomatoes, peaches, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, diced peaches, milk.
Lunch-Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit salad, milk.

Wednesday
NO SCHOOL

Thursday
NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING

Friday
NO SCHOOL

Moralez named WTAMU's 2016 Intern of the Year

For more than a year, West Texas A&M University student Magali Moralez has been reconciling bank accounts and reviewing daily cash reports for the City of Amarillo and on Tuesday, November 15, she was as WTAMU's Intern of the Year for 2016.



Moralez, a graduate student in accounting from Friona, will receive a \$750 scholarship for the spring semester, courtesy of Phillips 66, at a special reception in the College of Business. Her name also was submitted for the National Cooperative Education and Internship Association's Academic Intern of the Year award.

This year's award marks the fourth time for WTAMU to recognize an Intern of the Year. The award is designed to honor an outstanding student who has participated in an internship and made a significant contribution to the employer. Moralez was selected for the honor from a field of 21 nominees.

Moralez has been working for the City of Amarillo since June of 2015 as an intern in the accounting department. She has been assigned a variety of projects and assisting other accountants within the department. The experience has given a greater understanding of governmental accounting and the relationship between various funds.

"This has been an extraordinary experience that has made me grow as an individual," Moralez said. "Being able to connect all that I have learned in the classroom to real life situations finally makes sense. It is one thing to study a subject and another thing to get hands-on experience. This internship is the beginning of my career as an accountant."

The internship has given Moralez invaluable experience in all facets of accounting. She is getting hands-on experience in everything from bank reconciliations and daily reports to learning accounting software and the ability to use it for research. The internship has sparked her interest in the work so much that she is currently taking a graduate course in governmental accounting.

"Magali has been a great asset

to the department," Valerie Kuhnert, city auditor for the City of Amarillo, said. "She is always eager to take on new responsibilities and maintains a positive attitude throughout. She prioritizes her work and is eager to try anything that is given to her."

Moralez plans to complete the master's program in accounting and pass her CPA exam. In addition to classes and the internship, Moralez is active in Mortar Board, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Chi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Enactus and the Accounting and Finance Association. Volunteer activities include Amarillo Food Bank, Patsy's Home, Habitat for Humanity and the Ronald McDonald House. She is the recipient of several scholarships including the Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship and the Student Endowment Leadership Scholarship. In spring of 2016 she was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

"Being the first member of my family to attend a university and attaining a master's degree has set the bar high in aspirations," she said. "Aspirations of those much like me that come from a family where English is not spoken in the home; a home that by socioeconomic standards is low income. Aspiration of becoming anything that they set their minds to be, I've become that example in that with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible. I am forever grateful to be a Hispanic and even more grateful to be able to represent my race as a proud, successful accountant."

Xcel Energy raises awareness to protect customers from scammers

Wednesday, November 16, has been named the North American Utilities United Against Scams Day, and Xcel Energy is joining more than 80 gas and electric companies across the United States and Canada to protect customers from long-running scams that target utility customers.

Utilities are kicking off a week-long campaign today that will provide information to customers about what they should do if they suspect scam activity. The collaborative effort encourages the public to share prevention messages.

"Customers are getting the message that if they think they are being targeted by a scammer to simply end the conversation and call us to verify their account status," said Pat Boland, Customer Policy and Assistance manager at Xcel Energy. "It is difficult to identify scammers, but by raising awareness we can foil their plans."

The most common traps

During a typical scam, a customer receives a call from an individual who falsely claims to be an Xcel Energy representative—or a representative from another utility. The caller claims that the customer's account is past due and that electric service will be disconnected if the customer doesn't pay.

Often, the scammers will demand payment via a prepaid debit card or money order. And they'll ask for payment within a specified time frame—usually an hour or less. The scammers use technology to "spoof" an Xcel Energy phone number so when a customer views call ID, it appears the call is actually coming from Xcel Energy—when it is not. In some cases, the scammers have tricked people into providing their bank account information after they falsely claim that the customer overpaid a bill and they will receive a refund.

Red flags for scam activity

•The scammer becomes angry and tells the customer his or her

account is past due and service will be disconnected if a large payment isn't made—usually within an hour.

•The scammer instructs the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit card or a pre-paid credit card. The customer is instructed to call back to supposedly make a payment.

How to protect yourself

•Xcel Energy never asks a customer with an overdue account to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid disconnection. Customers have several payment options.

•Xcel Energy customers who are behind on their bill will receive an advance disconnection notification with their regular monthly billing. Customers never receive a single notification one hour before disconnection.

•NEVER give out personal information, debit/credit card numbers, or wire money as a result of an unexpected call or email.

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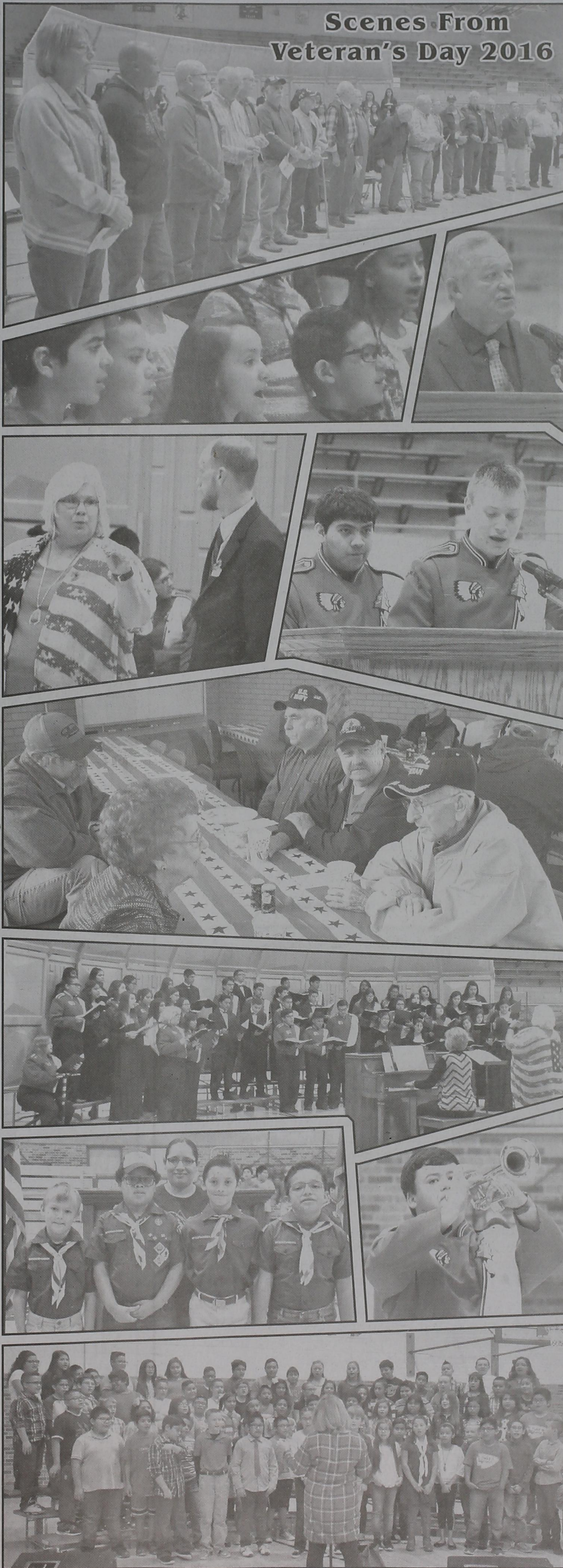
•To report a theft or attempted theft due to a scam, contact your local police and then call Xcel Energy Customer Service to report the incident.

Efforts to protect customers

Xcel Energy continues to enhance its efforts to educate the public. Previous communications aimed to combat scammers and protect customers include bill messages and alerts, customer letters, online alerts, public service announcements, advertising, and prevention outreach at community events. Xcel Energy continues to work with law enforcement, other utilities, and the media to denounce scams.

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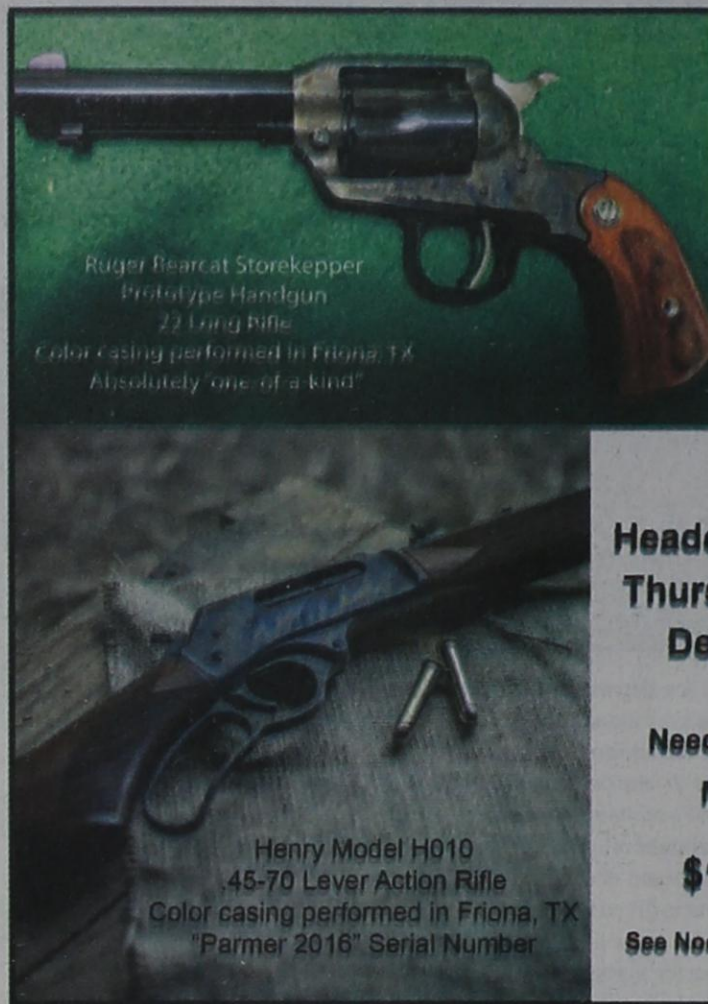
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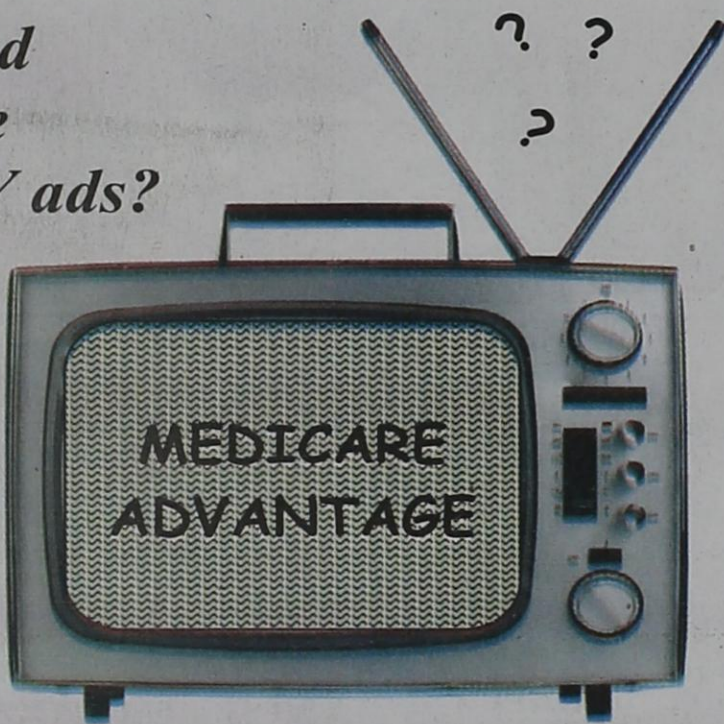
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