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Bracken retirement celebration Dec. 17

The Friends of the Library will host a retirement reception for Friona Public Library Director Darla Bracken on Sunday, December 17 from 3-5 p.m. at the library. The community is invited to attend this celebration of Darla's 35 years of dedication. Darla began her library career in 1967 as a high school volunteer. She continued her library work with college work study and became a part time employee in January 1980. She became a fulltime employee in September of 1982 and ultimately being named Director in 1985.

Phipps retirement reception Dec. 29

The employees of the City of Friona invite the community to stop by and congratulate City Manager Patricia Phipps on her retirement. A come and go reception will be held Friday, December 29 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. We appreciate her loyalty and dedication to the city and thank her for 34 years of service.

FFA Toy Drive Dec. 4-13

It is the holiday season and the Friona High School FFA is once again hosting their annual Toy Drive for children in the Friona Community. Donate a new toy for a boy or girl under 10-years-old anytime between December 4-13. Toys can be dropped off at the FHS Ag building or at Ivy Cottage Flowers and Gifts.

Friona Farmer's Co-op Gin
Bale Count
15,994 ginned bales
80 modules on the yard
1,450 modules in the field



dana jameson photo

Dr. Robert Alexander, left, read the Christmas Story to his grandchildren and the audience during "A Harvey Christmas" program on Sunday at the Friona High School auditorium. The program included traditional Christmas music presented by members of the Friona community. The proceeds from the program are being used for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. More pictures can be found inside this edition.

Friona welcomes Christmas in a BIG way



dana jameson photos

Santa was a very busy, but jolly, elf on Monday evening at Christmas in the Park. He arrived on the Campbell Family antique fire truck accompanied by Miss Friona first runner-up Erica Barrera and Little Miss Friona Abigail Guerra. Santa heard Christmas wishes until he had leave to be the Grand Marshall of the 2nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Above, he spoke with Bostyn Pope and Velena Vazquez while they were getting their pictures taken.

It's official...the Christmas season in Friona was ushered in with beautiful music, bright lights and Santa this week.

"A Harvey Christmas" hosted by the Union Congregational Church got Christmas going with a program filled with holiday cheer on Sunday afternoon at the Friona High School auditorium. The event was held to raise funds for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

The program began with Dr. Robert Alexander reading the Christmas Story to his grandchildren and ended with the performers singing Christmas carols with the audience while Rev. Joe Schulte played the guitar.

A rousing rendition of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" was presented by Andy Alexander and the Methodist Church Choir performed a melody of Christmas hymns. The Alexander Family sang a melody of their favorite Christmas carols.

Cellist Miranda Parvin performed a Bach Concerto as well as accompanied the Alexander family. Victoria Williams played a piano solo of Carol of the Bells. The reigning Miss Friona Brooklynne Johnston sang "Grown Up Christmas List" and Debra Beauchamp sang "Breath of Heaven".

Santa arrived at the Friona City Park Monday afternoon on the Campbell Family antique fire truck and was greeted by jubilant children and their parents waiting to share their wishes with him. Santa was accompanied by Miss Friona first runner-up Erica Barrera and Little Miss Friona Abigail Guerra who handed out candy to the children after they sat on Santa's lap. The event was sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

The Friona City Park was lit up and ready for Christmas thanks to the many groups and

organizations that sponsored a tree for the event.

The National English Honor Society was the winner of the Traveling Tomahawk award. The judges commented that they liked the idea of the tree being interactive.

The Traveling Christmas Tree award went to Prairie Acres as the People's Choice winner with a total of 154 canned goods collected.

There was a total of 651 canned goods collected and they weighed 605 pounds. The Friona Junior High collected 184 cans at school for their own food drive.

Assorted vendors provided hot chocolate and delicious tamales to the crowds as they waited for the parade to begin.

Santa made swift work of hearing Christmas wishes and was whisked away to his sleigh (the fire truck) to join the 2nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Santa was the Grand Marshall for the evening being joined by Barrera and Guerra as well as all the elves that were on hand to help the jolly, old elf.

The parade began on Euclid Street and made it's way down Main Street the City Park before circling the park and giving all those in attendance a good view of all the floats and vehicles entered in the parade. Prizes and ribbons were given to the winners at the conclusion of the parade.

The Christmas season will continue to be evident in Friona as you drive down Main Street and enjoy the decorations that have been installed by the City of Friona. Merry Christmas to all!



dana jameson photo

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office was well represented in the parade with Frosty welcoming the Christmas season to Friona.



dana jameson photo

Parade-goers used the longhorn at the City Park as a windbreak Monday night.



holly campbell photo

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS...Santa posed with his 'sleigh' on Monday afternoon before he was whisked away to the Friona City Park to hear all the wishes of the children. He was also the Grand Marshall of the Lighted Christmas Parade later that evening.

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December 4-13

Friona FFA Annual Toy Drive

December 7-9

-JVG/JVB/VG/VB at Farwell Tournament

December 7

-PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

December 9

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

-Bovina Christmas: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at XIT Rec. Center; Christmas in the Park at 5:30 p.m.

-Annual Friona Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Supper at 7 p.m. at Senior Citizen's House

December 10

-FBC Adult Choir Christmas Cantata, Lottie Moon offering and Birthday Party for Jesus Fellowship at 6 p.m.

December 11

-Parmer County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. in Farwell

-7th/8th/Freshmen Girls Basketball at Dimmitt 5/6:15/7:30

-7th/8th/Freshmen Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt at home 5/6:16/7:30

-Friona City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

-FISD Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m.

-Parmer Medical Center Hospital Board meeting

December 12

-Friona Heritage Estates Game Day at 2 p.m.

-Prairie Acres "Resident Christmas Party" at 6:30 p.m.

-Friona Junior High Band Concert

-JVG/VG Basketball vs Idalou at home 5/6:30

December 13

-Retirement Luncheon for Patricia Phipps and Darla Bracken at noon at Senior Citizens building

-Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

December 14

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters-Gun Raffle drawing to be held

December 15

-Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m.

-JVG/VG Basketball at Shallowater 5/6:30

-JVB/VB Basketball at Highland Park 5/6:30

December 16

-Deadline for Project Christmas Card donations

December 17

-Retirement reception for Darla Bracken from 3-5 p.m. at Friona Public Library

-FBC Christmas Caroling at 6 p.m.

December 18

-Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays drawings

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

-7th/8th/Freshmen Boys Basketball at Slaton 5/6:15/7:30

December 19

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

-Prairie Acres Family Bingo Night at 7 p.m.

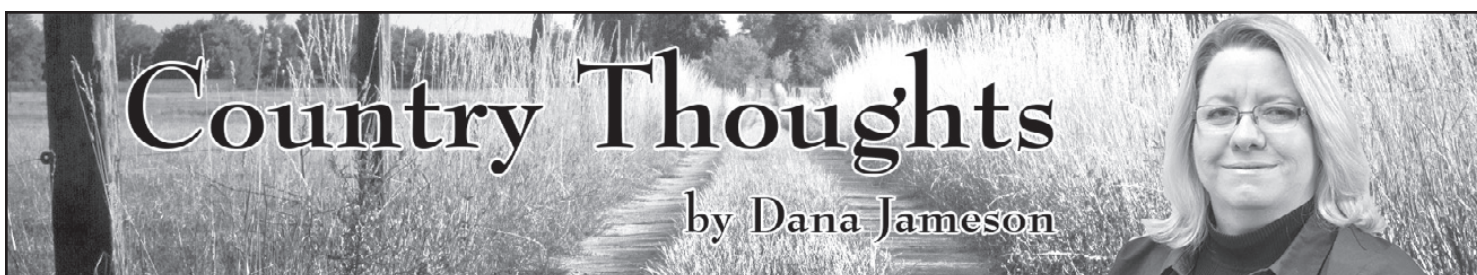
-JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Roosevelt at home 5/5/6:30/8

December 20

-Friends of the Library Book Shoppe open

-Early School Release

-FBC Youth Christmas Party at 7 p.m.



Shhhh...

The old saying, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!" could be applied daily these days.

When I was a little girl, I remember that after a family meal, the men retired to the living room to watch football and talk men stuff and the women congregated around the kitchen table and women talk.

I was given two choices...staying with the women at the table or go outside to play. My little brother was given the choice of watching football or go outside.

The men would hoot and holler for their favorite team and need constant supplies of snacks and beverages.

The women would finish cleaning up the kitchen before sitting down to enjoy dessert and a good old-fashioned hen party.

The lines were drawn and you knew exactly where you were supposed to be.

As time went on, and I grew up, I found that I enjoyed football (watching, not playing). I was the one that hollered for the underdog. When I hollered for the Washington Redskins against the Dallas Cowboys, you could have heard a pin drop. I had just committed the ultimate of sins and was banished to the other room.

Today, we are allowed to voice our opinions and state them at whatever volume that will get them heard. We can state them on video and in print. We can state them on

internet. We can state them on Facebook and Twitter. We can even stand up before the whole world on television and declare our opinions as being the best and only RIGHT opinions.

Lately, the men of this country are taking a beating. Men that 30 or 40 years ago said and did whatever they wanted are now being called on the carpet for things they no longer remember by women who have VERY long memories when it comes to sexual harassment and abuse.

The next to take a beating will be women when men starting having memories of the women that have sexually harassed or abused them at their present or old jobs.

These people come out of the woodwork daily.

I do not have any issues with those that have been legitimately sexually harassed or abused. In fact, I am filled with compassion and empathy for them. However, it seems like there are people jumping on the bandwagon for every little thing and every little word that has been uttered between men and women from the beginning of time.

Where does the line get drawn and not erased for convenience?

I have had my experiences with this issue but found that legitimate proof was hard to prove when there are only two people in a room or on the phone and no one hears or

sees the harassment or abuse. It becomes a he-said, she-said situation. There is no clear side to take in that situation.

Am I taking the men's side in this issue? NO!
Am I taking the women's side in this issue? NO!

People are losing their jobs, their dignity, their pride and most of all their reason to live as each of these allegations are blasted repeatedly from daily news reports.

Some of these people have built respectable reputations that could have been mentioned in history books. Now they will be remembered for a scandal that, in some cases, are nothing more than unfounded allegations. Their reputations are in tatters and when all is said and done those lives will never be whole again. Moreover, who deals with the tattered remnants? Not the accusers.

If these men and women are guilty then they need to be called on the carpet. If they are not guilty and the bandwagon has already convicted them, what happens next?

Watch what you say and do around the opposite sex...it could be your own undoing.

"Self respect by definition is a confidence and pride in knowing that your behavior is both honorable and dignified. Therefore, when you harass or vilify another person, you not only disrespect them, but you also. Respect yourself by respecting others." — Miya Yamanouchi

Resource Flows - Higher Education

By Walter V. Wendler, President at West Texas A&M University

State funding to universities over the past 50 years has decreased. As one example of this state and national trend, West Texas A&M University received 49% of its total budget from the state treasury in 1968. By 2017, the state contribution had been reduced by half, accounting for 24.4% of all expenditures. Tuition and fees in 1968 accounted for 15.2% of total spending. That number has more than doubled to 35% in 2017. Gifts, grants and contracts, (philanthropic income, research income and other contracted sources of revenue) have risen from 7.2% to almost 19%. Auxiliary income (room and board) has decreased from 24% in 1968 to a little over 10% in 2017. Sales, services and interest have increased from 4.4% to 11.4% in the same period. Resource flows are changing. When state contributions decrease, other resource flows must increase, or services and offerings are changed.

Trends are universally clear and neglecting these changing patterns is a liability leading to ineffectiveness.

The need for increased tax dollars to support federal aid and a more robust state support of higher education is real. In addition, primary and secondary education needs, healthcare costs, public safety, infrastructure and other demands on government coffers are persistent, universal and immediate.

Recent proposals to tax tuition waivers and graduate student stipends create unintended consequences, according to University of North Carolina System Chieftain and former Secretary of Education under President George Bush, Margaret Spellings. Opportunity for all comes from reducing tax burdens, not increasing them. Taxing stipends and scholarships could lead to taxation of other charitable giving to universities and evaporate a critical resource stream in higher education. The idea of taxing university attendance is chillingly antithetical to a strong republic. Even more troubling — churches and temples, the American Heart Association, the United Way, the UNCF and hundreds of sundry enterprises intended to stimulate positive personal, social and community well-being may be next.

Universities tend to present an unsympathetic public face. For decades, as student debt has risen with underemployment and unemployment of college graduates increasing and the fiscal viability of college de-

grees appearing to decrease, colleges seemed indifferent. My experience in numerous university settings does not support that perspective. However, too often, perception equals reality.

The single greatest impact on resource flows is reducing absolute costs to students, families and universities. Rigorous engaged assessment of every resource and its use — state appropriations, tuition and fees, gifts and grants, auxiliary income, sales and services and family savings — is required. Flexibility and innovation might be attractive to an increasingly wary population of students. The need for access to higher education is real. Over the next decade, 65% of the workforce will require some form of market responsive, postsecondary educational experience. Study for the sake of study, disconnected from economic reality, will not work. Nearly 70% of the student population must borrow to attain a college education.

A degree with high debt and low employment utility is a wolf in sheepskin's clothing. (For younger readers, "sheepskin" is an old colloquial expression for a diploma.)

Responsive universities should help lead the way out of this quagmire. Students and families should be well informed of the costs and benefits of a particular degree from a particular university before enrolling. Generalizations fail. A commitment to clearly communicating degree costs and potential starting salaries, in response to realistic debt loads, is required. A recent bipartisan

proposal from U.S. Senators Rubio, Wamer and Wyden—the "Student Right to Know before You Go Act"—has value, but it will surely be imperfect. If a student changes majors or stops or opts out to get married and/or tend to a family situation, resource requirements, time to degree and starting salaries all may change.

Students should be encouraged to investigate alternatives to the traditional four-year university experience. Resource implications follow if community college or dual-credit opportunities through high schools are exercised. Viewing the experience in concert with work and family life, even if it takes eight years to complete a degree, might work best for some. A professional internship might be a degree requirement. Work experience heightens the possibility for discipline related employment upon graduation, and resource flows change. There are no panaceas here. Every strategy requires careful analysis of short- and long-term costs and benefits. Students are not customers, but the timeless rejoinder of caveat emptor, or buyer beware, applies. Every one of these suggestions require a reconfiguration and an individualized partnership between student and institution.

One size fits only one, not everyone.

My father and my father-in-law advised me to "get any college degree because it is worth it." That advice was rock-solid in 1968. However, a half-century later, that counsel may not hold water. This reality is the truth of contemporary cost and value equations in higher education.

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ACROSS

- 1 event at Texas Motor Speedway
- 5 TX Vikki Carr song: "___ Hombres"
- 6 Brad Paisley's 2nd album: "___ II"
- 7 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby Don't Get Hooked ___"
- 8 field corn for human eating (2 wds.)
- 17 what a caretaker dispenses (abbr.)
- 18 Hereford is "The Town Without ___" because of natural flouride
- 21 LBJ appointed this TX Clark to be ambassador to Australia
- 22 TXism: "easy as falling off ___"
- 23 more cozy
- 24 a noisy sleeper
- 29 West TX ranching firm: "___ R. Swenson Cattle Co."
- 30 TXism: "vaya con ___" (go with God)
- 31 TXism: "costs ___ arm and a leg"
- 32 Jewish Passover meal
- 33 strong beers
- 34 in a truck: gun ___
- 35 TX Kenny sang a version of "You ___ So Beautiful"
- 36 feeble and infirm
- 38 objectives for Astro batters
- 39 Houston's "Museum of Fine ___"

DOWN

- 1 newspaper: "Abilene ___-News"
- 2 TXism: "comfortable ___ boot"
- 3 this McCarthy wrote TX-based novel "No Country for Old Men"
- 4 Billy Sol ___ was a TX wheeler-dealer
- 9 tall Texas ___
- 10 TXism: "put ___ the back burner"
- 11 X-mas drink egg ___
- 12 TXism: "don't ___ off half cocked"
- 13 TX Gib Lewis did not contest ___ charges in 1992
- 14 TXism: "let's go wet ___" (fish)
- 15 Dodge trucks
- 16 TX Roddenberry created ___fi series "Star Trek"
- 19 TXism: "got a ___ big as TX" (kind)
- 20 TX singer Tubb
- 22 TXism: "does ___ stink?" (yes)
- 24 pos. of Astro Carlos Correa
- 25 "Jim ___ Creek" lyric poems
- 26 a shotgun's backward movement
- 28 Astro mistakes
- 29 TXism: "___ hash" (serve food)
- 30 movie and a meal?
- 33 academic writing style and format
- 34 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't ___" (determined)
- 35 indoor football
- 37 ensign abbr.
- 38 TX J. Frank Dobie was folklorist & this
- 39 TX McConaughy won an Academy ___ in 2014
- 41 "___ nickel"
- 42 "I've ___ better"
- 45 lovers' quarrel
- 48 "___ Aggie, Always an Aggie"
- 50 song: "Froggy ___ -Courtin'"

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Congratulations go out to Prairie Acres Resident of the Month Veda Prather and Employee of the Month Lacy Hall.

Happy Birthday wishes to the Prairie Acres and Heritage Es-

tates residents and staff. Those celebrating birthdays are Melinda Brownlow (Dec. 6), Mario Carrasco (Dec. 11), Maria Rodriguez (Dec. 14), Elthie Hand (Dec. 17), Thomas Gertrude (Dec. 21), Benito Arizmendez (Dec. 23), Victoria Hollis (Dec. 23), and Eneida Brito (Dec. 30).

Friona Heritage Estates has added a number of new activities including water color painting and Wii bowling. New Housing Manager Cortney Pena says the water color painting is allowing the residents to explore their creative sides and the Wii bowling is bringing out friendly competition.

The Prairie Acres Resident Christmas Party is planned for Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Santa will be there with lo-

cal entertainment. Community Bingo is planned for Saturday, December 30 at 3 p.m. The community is invited to join in the fun.

Bring some joy into a residents' life at Prairie Acres by adopting a resident. Contact Elizabeth or Yvette in the Activity Department (806) 250-3922 to learn more.

There are many chances in Friona to give back during the Christmas season.

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

Project Christmas Card is accepting donations to purchase a GlideScope for Parmer Medical Center. Project Christmas Card is sponsored by the Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary. Donations can be placed in canisters found in local businesses or at Friona InterBank. Deadline for donations is Saturday, December 16.

The FFA Toy Drive is going on from December 4-13. The FFA is collecting toys for boys and girls under 10-years-old. Toys can be dropped off at the FHS Ag building or at Ivy Cottage Flowers and Gifts.

The United Way is accepting donations to assist local organizations. Donations can be deposited at Friona InterBank.

The Ambulance Action Fund is still accepting donations for a new ambulance. Contact Kitty Gallman, Sharon White or Kathryn Goddard for more information on donating.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is once again hosting Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays encourage everyone to shop at home. By shopping at home and signing up at participating businesses you could win \$25 in Friona Bucks and possibly win the Grand Prize of \$100 in Friona Bucks. You have until Monday, December 18 to sign up. Participating businesses are on page 7.

If you haven't signed up for Chieftain Choices on Friday, February 9 contact Allison Johnston at Friona High School (806) 250-3951 or ajohnston@fisd.com

Chieftain Choices is a College and Career Fair offering students a chance to explore their options for careers.

REMEMBER that the Burn Ban is still in effect. If you must burn contact the Sheriff's Office at (806) 481-3303 and your local fire department to advise them you will be doing a controlled burn. If the wind gets up over 10 miles per hour or if the fire gets away from you, you are in violation of the burn ban and liable for any damages caused by the fire.

Bovina will be celebrating Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 9. The day will start at 9 a.m. at the XIT Recreation Center with arts, crafts and food and run until 4 p.m. Santa will be arriving at the City Park at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate Christmas in Bovina.

The flamingos are still fluttering about. Facebook reported that there was a sighting of flamingos on Greg and Jamie Lewellen's yard last week.

The Muleshoe Journal reported last week that the Mules Head Coach David Wood and his wife will be retiring after 23 years. He stated, "This is such a God thing that I know it's time."

Important note to parents and grandparents: The Friona Star will publish Santa Letters in the December 21 edition.

If you enjoy "American Pickers" and have a unique collection then your chance is coming the week of January 14. Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz will be coming through Friona. See the full article in this edition of the Star.

As I was getting ready to start my week on Monday, I heard a familiar name on the news. Former Friona police officer Houston Gass had been nominated for Law Enforcement Today's Citizen of the Year award. If you remember, Houston was shot in the face on January 6, 2015 while responding to a domestic disturbance in Pampa. Houston has gone through two years of surgeries and intensive therapy. He just recently took the job of Police Chief of Fritch.

According to the report, Houston is one of 19 national nominees. Each nominee has a unique story. To vote for Houston, log on to Law Enforcement Today's Facebook page and place your vote and read all the nominees stories.

Congratulations to Houston!

According to the Association of Mature American Citizens, not everyone wants to be trendy, particularly at Christmas time. As one frustrated shopper tweeted recently: "The upside-down Christmas tree is exactly why I don't bother to keep up with trends-it looks ridiculous." No kidding-upside-down Christmas trees are all the rage for some people this Christmas and stores are catering to the demand. In fact, Target department stores are selling them for as much as \$1,000. It turns out, however, that the topsy-turvy trees for the holidays are not a whim of some self-proclaimed fashionista; they are a centuries old tradition in some Eastern European countries.

This time of year is not the easiest time for many people. Remember to give hugs if they are needed...it might make a persons pain easier to handle.

Houston Texan J.J. Watt and Houston Astro Jose Altuve have been named 2017 Sports Illustrated Sportspersons of the Year.

"Christmas is the season of peace and goodwill until you go shopping and get the bill!"

Retired Teachers Update

By Connie Slagle

The local unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet on January 2, 2018 at 12:00 at the Frio Draw Driving School in Friona. The guest speaker will be Patty Haile, PT, DPT. Following a lunch of soup, stew, and cornbread, Tracy Ellis, President, will conduct the business meeting and present a possible service opportunity to the group.

Members are reminded to bring their volunteer hours to the meeting. Anything done for others without pay, even family and church, is considered volunteer. In 2016, TRTA members contributed 6,058,769 hours of community volunteer service valued at \$152,135,690.

All Parmer County retired school employees are invited to join TRTA. Friends, relatives, and current educators can join as associate members. Contact Tracy Ellis, Sue Wells, or Connie Slagle for more information.

School Menu • December 11-15

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, grape juice, oranges, milk
Lunch: Combo sub, lettuce & tomato salad, French oven potato, mixed fruit, milk

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Loved...at Peace

My youngest grandson found a book at my house (imagine that!) and said 'I want to read you something in it...' And he did.

From: **The little people's guide to the big world c. 1996. Dealing with death**

"When someone you love suddenly dies, everyone hurts and everyone cries.

It helps to talk to your mom or your dad about that person and the life that they had.

Sometimes it's better things happen that way for those who are sick and in pain everyday.

It's not your fault if someone is dead, don't let that thought even enter your head.

Death is sad for grown ups too; it doesn't seem fair and it hurts through and through.

It can make you angry, it can make you reel, but the more time passes the better you'll feel.

When you think of that person, just say a small prayer and know that their memory will always be there."

I had seen that book many, many times it was a gift from several of our care organizations, but I had never really read it. 'Always read the book or you'll never know the story it holds.' How many times have I said that to kids at the library?!

Most of you know that I lost my son Cody last week. So many of you have called, visited, brought food, flowers or cards. What blessings you have been for our family and the Gallmans. Our sons were classmates and friends.

As we were thinking of Cody's life and how much he loved people, had many friends, and two daughters he LOVED as well as

close family, we celebrated his life and his short journey among us. Each of us have our own special memories. Did he value life? Yes! Did he tell others he loved them? Yes, often! Did he help others whenever he could? Yes! Was everything perfect in his life? No! But there was much love and many blessings and he was looking forward to more. IF you knew him well enough to have your own special memories, then I am blessed by that.

So many precious memories: just seeing his name written

out, brings to mind a lifetime of memories for me. So many of you have suffered losses also and you were among the first to offer prayers, comfort and a loving embrace. Please continue to keep Daylen's family and ours in your prayers for the difficult days ahead. Thanks to the FRIONA High School Class of 1989 for their loving tribute, flowers and the gift of their presence.

"Friends: Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart."

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Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of December 8, 1966

*The future of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association is in jeopardy, according to A. W. Anthony, Jr., unless grain farmers take the initiative in making their membership dues payments to two pounds per thousand, which is needed to keep the organization going.

*The Friona Chieftain basketball team finally tasted defeat Tuesday night at Muleshoe, in their

third encounter with the Mules, having scored breathtaking wins earlier.

*Frank Spring, Chairman of the Parmer County Savings Bonds Committee, has announced that bond sales in Parmer County totaled \$2,057 during the month of October. Sales for the first 10 months totaled \$32,577, which is only 33 percent of the 1969 sales goal.

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Christmas or Santamas

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Will you make a big deal about Jesus this month? After all, it is the month in which his birth is celebrated, His incarnation is focused upon and our ears will receive a flood of songs bearing the message of His birth. Actually, though, in the culture, and even in some churches December seems more about presents and Santa, sales and selfishness, fables and fabrications all in the name of peace and joy. Who will you worship with month, Jesus or Santa?

It is not sinful to look forward to giving and receiving presents, seeing family, hugging grandkids and consuming great food, but all these things pale in comparison to the greatness of Christ. The glory of Christ is that He is Immanuel, which means God with us (Matthew 1:23). Christmas is about God coming down to us, in Jesus Christ, with the purpose of rescuing us from our sin. Ponder this; God was before anything else, He spoke every molecule into existence, breathed life into you, and still chose to come to this dirty wicked earth in the form of a man so you could know Him and delight in Him. All the other stuff is good, but it is not great, only God is infinitely great. So, back to the question, will you celebrate Christmas or Santamas this year?

Pray Before Arguing

By TEENA HUGHES

One of Feller's relatives posted "12 Truths About Life No One Wants to Admit" on Facebook. Number 12: "Most of the arguments we have with one another are pointless. Be selective in your battles. Oftentimes peace is better than being right. You simply don't need to attend every argument you are invited to."

Jesus illustrated this in Matthew 12. The Pharisees were looking for anything they could to criticize Jesus. They wanted to kill Him, but Jesus knew it wasn't His time yet; so, He left. He didn't indulge them in an argument; He didn't try to convince them He was not the person they thought He was; He continued to do what His Heavenly Father called Him to do—to heal, teach, and spread the Good News.

How many times have you wanted to argue with someone; wanted to stand your ground and change someone's mind about someone or something; or, how many times have you wished you had the courage to stand up to someone and say something? How many times have you had regrets over speaking up, or not speaking up?

Jesus knew He wasn't going to change the Pharisees' minds about who He was, so He just went about His business being obedient to His Father.

There is a time to argue, to persuade, to stand your ground, and a time to walk away. The 12th truth is correct: most arguments are pointless, and we should be selective in the battles we choose to fight. If we ask and listen, the Holy Spirit will guide us in the direction we need to go and what we need to do. There is no shame or embarrassment in walking away from an argument; there is bravery, courage, obedience to God, and no regrets.

The next time you find yourself in a possible argument, pray about it and see where the Holy Spirit leads you. Being obedient to Him will save you many regrets and much heartache.

Sometimes there are no words...especially words that can adequately express grief, joy, love, and gratitude. And our words fall short of what our hearts feel. We loved Daylen so much. Our grief is hard to bear. We have joy that he is singing in the very presence of our Almighty and Loving God. We are grateful that he will always be ours, and we will see him again.

We are thankful for the love that has surrounded us and held us tight while we've cried. Please accept our deepest and most heartfelt "Thank You" for every act of kindness, love and compassion. There just aren't words to describe what you've meant to us.

May God richly and abundantly bless you.
Daylen's Family,
JeDon and Kitty
Melanie and Jerry
Jessie and Oran

OBITUARY

Nellie Kate Jackson

Nellie Kate Jackson, 77, of Friona, died Monday, December 4, 2017 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life services have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Friona Cemetery Memorial Chapel in Friona with Rev. James Brady of Dalhart, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona.

Nellie was born May 22, 1940 in Groesbeck, Texas to Jimmy and Nellie Donnell Brady. She married James Huey Jackson March 5, 1957 in Clovis. She loved canning and cooking, playing dominoes, especially with her family whom she dearly loved.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Larry Jackson; three sisters, Edna Pearl Scott, Minnie Whiteside, and Della Mercer; three brothers, Charlie Brady, Jimmy Brady Jr. and Eugene Brady.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Jackson, and Carol Jackson; six sons, Willie Jack-



son, Robert Jackson, Edward Jackson, Tony Jackson, Bobby Jackson and Billy Jackson, all of Friona; two brothers, James Brady of Dalhart and Willie Brady of Mineral Wells.

Viewing will be Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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



Barbara Maynard

Barbara Maynard, 77, of Friona, died Sunday, December 3, 2017 in Friona. Celebration of Life services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

Barbara was born January 26, 1940 in Fort Worth, Texas to Ernest Christian and Maureen Paxton Hock. She married Jimmy Maynard September 5, 1957 in Friona.

Barbara was an employee of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union for 35 years, the last 25 years serving as manager. She is a past member of the Friona City Council and New Horizon Study Club. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of Friona. She was an avid reader, especially her Bible, loved to cook and spend time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Peggy Jean Hock.

Survivors include her husband Jimmy of Friona; two sons, Don



Maynard and wife Diane, and Mike Maynard, all of Amarillo; one daughter, Shauna Winters and husband Mike of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Murphy Maynard and McKenna Maynard.

There will be a family visitation Friday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

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



Panhandle Parables

Darkness Fell Over The Land

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

Throughout history there have been times where darkness seemed to prevail against God's people. At the close of the Old Testament, Malachi looks to the future and the need for his people to return to those things set out by God through Moses in the law. In the traditional canon of the Bible you turn the page and it is Matthew. But in that page turn 400 hundred years have passed with them living, dying and waiting for a Messiah. The whole of humanity living in darkness in some sense.

Then God sends an angel to talk to Mary and Joseph. Both are asked in essence to trust what God is doing. They would, but I can only imagine as to how difficult a thing that would be...not yet married, Mary with child (actually The Child), the journey to Bethlehem, staying in a barn, yes trust God, I am sure a doubt or two crosses their mind, but then it happened. God came, in the form of the Christ child. No need of a prophet or an angel. Light dispelled darkness and all eternity paused. Because of that Light, there will always be light. Darkness will never prevail, because darkness cannot put out the light that became the Light of men.

We know the story well. John said, "...and the Word became flesh..." Jesus was born and Jesus would die as a ransom to purchase the sins of the world. Once sins were purchased in the sacrifice, God completed His plan with Jesus on resurrection, never again to die. Thus, ushering in not only light but hope.

If you know this story and believe all that Jesus did to restore us to Himself, then you know hope. The world that likens this to fairy tales and mythology not only remains in the dark, but does so with out hope. We eagerly await His return, he will not come as a child, but as the King and darkness will never again fall over the land.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 NIV

Thank You

The family of Illyanna Perez would like to thank everyone who came together for our family. For the prayers, condolences, and visits and for helping put such a beautiful ceremony together for her. Special thanks to Patsy Castillo for opening up her home for us and our extended family and friends. To Ricardo Goff and his wife Tonya, and his parents for all they did in our time of need.

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FJHS does very well in recent UIL competition

Friona Junior High participated in UIL Team and Individual events on Wednesday, November 15 in Muleshoe. The results are as follows:

MATHEMATICS

8th Grade
3rd place team-Magdalena Licerio, Anahi Gonzales, Ahtziri Soltz, and Katherine Avila
6th place individual-Anahi Gonzales

6th Grade
2nd place team-Dieter Ally, Justin Chavira, Jonathan Gonzalez, and Alejandra Rodriguez
2nd place individual-Dieter Ally
3rd place individual-Alejandra Rodriguez

6th place individual-Justin Chavira

MAPS, GRAPHS, AND CHARTS

8th Grade
2nd place team-Tim Ally, Ahtziri Soltz, Moises Pina, and Jacob Bautista
3rd place individual-Tim Ally

7th Grade
1st place team-Mario Bautista, Kimberly Martinez, Stef Ally, and Maria Nunez
2nd place individual-Stef Ally
3rd place individual-Maria Nunez

4th place-Mario Bautista

ART
8th Grade
3rd place team-Caden Bunker, Luis Campos, Humberto Cruz, Xavier Guerra, and Annacaren Salas

6th Grade
2nd place team-Johanna Campos, Reagan Daniels, Alexis Escobedo, and Ellie McEuen

DICTIONARY
8th Grade
2nd place team-Katherine Avila, Annacaren Salas, Alan Martinez, and Isaia Olmos
2nd place individual-Annacaren Salas

5th place individual-Katherine Avila

7th Grade
3rd place team-Renata Mendoza, Elaney Azarte, and Janessa Garcia
3rd place individual-Elaney Azarte

6th Grade
3rd place team-Amy Montana, Natasha Gonzalez, Gabriel Rocha, and Francisco Perez Castro
6th place individual-Amy Montana

NUMBER SENSE

8th Grade

2nd place team-Anahi Gonzalez, Tim Ally, and Airick Bautista
3rd place individual-Anahi Gonzalez

SOCIAL STUDIES
8th Grade
3rd place team-Juan Lawas, Caden Bunker, and Tim Ally
3rd place individual-Tim Ally

7th Grade
1st place team-Carter Gilley, Gael Garcia, Anthony Guerrero, and Josiah Dominguez
1st place individual-Carter Gilley

5th place Anthony Guerrero

6th Grade
1st place team-Dieter Ally, Reese Stowers, Francisco Perez Castro, and Reagan Daniels
1st place individual-Dieter Ally

5th place individual-Reagan Daniels

MUSIC MEMORY
8th Grade
1st place team-Lluvia Reyes, Katelynn Ortega, Alexandra Rueda, and Caleb Geske
1st place individual-Lluvia Reyes

5th place individual-Alexandra Rueda
6th place individual-Katelynn Ortega

6th Grade
1st place team-Spencer Stokes, Adynaih Dominguez, and Naara Saucedo
1st place individual-Adynaih Dominguez

4th place individual-Naara Saucedo

CALCULATOR
8th Grade
4th place individual-Anahi Gonzalez

SPELLING
8th Grade
5th place individual-Annacaren Salas
6th place individual-Katelynn Ortega

7th Grade
5th place individual-Azarel Gutierrez

SCIENCE I
7th Grade
1st place team-Maria Nunez, Vickie Rojas, Carter Gilley, and Jorge Chavez

2nd place individual-Maria Nunez
4th place individual-Vickie Rojas

6th place individual-Carter Gilley

SCIENCE II
8th Grade
3rd place team-Cason Stallings, Juan Lawas, Andrew Rivera, and Moises Pina
3rd place individual-Juan Lawas

LISTENING
8th Grade
3rd place team-Esperanza Santiago, Alexandra Rueda, Lluvia Reyes, and Luis Campos

7th Grade
2nd place individual-Airick Bautista

6th Grade
4th place individual-Jarrett White

CHESS

8th Grade
1st place team-Juan Lawas, Chayton Caywood, Anthony Abarca, and Alan Martinez
1st place individual-Anthony Abarca

5th place individual-Juan Lawas

7th Grade
1st place team-Caleb Geske, Heston Grimsley, Gabe Abarca, and Carter Gilley
1st place individual-Heston Grimsley

5th place individual-Gabe Abarca

IMPROMPTU
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6th place individual-Kamryn Riethmayer

6th Grade
2nd place individual-Naara Saucedo

ORAL READING
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READY WRITING
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5th place individual-Audry Trevino
7th Grade
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6th Grade
1st place individual-Jennyfer Munoz
4th place individual-Valeria Corralez



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Franky Summerlin (3rd chair Bass 2), left, Damian Rodriguez (2nd Chair Bass 2), center, and Brooklynne Johnston (2nd Chair Alto 2), right, auditioned for the Region 1 Pre-Area Choir auditions on Saturday, December 2 at Canyon High School. Johnston, a senior, has been a member of the Texas Small School All-State Choir for the past three years. "These students have put in several hours of practice, going above and beyond, to reach their goals thus far," stated FHS Choir Instructor John Bonner, left, "When you see them, take the time to congratulate them for their exceptional work."

SPORTS

FHS C-Team Update

JV Tournament November 30-December 2

November 30
The C-Team Chiefs fell to Farwell, 11-39, in their first game during the Friona JV Tournament. Scoring were: Lorenzo Herrera (3), Marc Mendoza (3), Luis Garcia (2), Alex Montes (2), Juan Diego Salinas (1).

December 1
Friona got stung by Tulia Hornets, 44-30, in the second day of play.

Scoring were: Juan Diego Salinas (15), Marc Mendoza (7), Alex Montes (3), Luis Reveles (2),

Colton Riethmayer (2), Luis Garcia (1).

December 2
Chiefs tamed Wildorado, 40-34, in the final game of the tournament.

Scoring were: Juan Diego Salinas (18), Luis Garcia (11), Marc Mendoza (8), Alex Montes (3).

December 4
The Chiefs fell to Muleshoe on Monday, December 4, 38-18.

Scoring were: Luis Garcia (5), Marc Mendoza (5), David Martinez (4), Juan Diego Salinas (2), Colton Riethmayer (2).

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4-H livestock/showmanship clinic

By Steve Byrns

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual District 2 Showmanship Clinic from 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 16 at the Texas Tech Arena in Lubbock.

Admission is free to 4-H and FFA exhibitors who are urged to bring their livestock projects – cattle, lambs, goats and hogs – for a morning of hands-on training, said Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County.

For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1740, rj-scott@tamu.edu, or Wade Howard, AgriLife Extension agent in Lynn County, at 806-561-4562, wade.howard@ag.tamu.edu.

“This clinic is a prime opportunity for youth and their families to gain valuable experience directly from older 4-H members who have been successful in the showing,” Scott said.

“The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors who will be conducting much of the instruction are high school-aged 4-H members who receive in-depth instruction and are selected to represent the agricultural industry in Texas. They must commit to 40 hours of service annually and many comply by helping novice 4-H families with their livestock projects.

“We’ve selected almost a dozen of our district’s top ambassadors to conduct this training,” he said. “They are all longtime 4-H’ers and veterans of the showing. They know first-hand what it takes to compete successfully. This is a real opportunity for youngsters just getting started to hear from the ‘old pros’ in a relaxed setting. The clinic is the perfect primer for the upcoming stock show season, which will be here before you know it.”

Be aware of unsuspecting insects in Christmas trees

By Blair Fannin

This holiday season, consumers should be aware of unwanted critters that may find their way into homes clinging to a freshly cut Christmas tree, said a Texas A&M University entomologist.

Dr. David Ragsdale, head of the university’s entomology department in College Station, said it’s not uncommon for insects to sometimes make their way into homes after a tree has been purchased from a tree farm or retailer.

“It should be no surprise that when a living plant is brought into the house it has hitchhikers,” he said.

It’s not uncommon for spiders to take refuge on trees, Ragsdale said. And where there are insects, there are likely spiders.

“For example, the black widow likes dark places and they do not build the classical spider web,” he said. “They instead have a rather chaotic web, and attack an insect that gets tangled in their web. Their strategy is to sit and wait for their meal to walk by.”

Ragsdale said consumers need to use common sense and be mindful live trees “are just like bringing fresh cut flowers from the garden into the home.”

“Does it surprise anyone that you might have insects in a live tree growing on a large Christmas tree farm? Where there are green plants there will be insects and insects are the natural prey of spiders and other predators.”

“You just need to be vigilant,” he said. “Before cutting off the base to place in the stand, give the live tree a good shake outside before bringing indoors. This knocks off the dried needles and could dislodge insect hitchhikers.”

Same goes when purchasing a live tree and temporarily storing it in the garage. Ragsdale said it’s always a good idea to inspect the tree for any unwanted insects before taking the tree inside and decorating.

“You don’t have to go to an extreme and use an insecticide,” he said. “Just give it a good visual inspection before bringing it into the home. All in all, a live Christmas tree is the centerpiece of Christmas tradition.”

AGRICULTURE

Low grain prices bad for farmers but good for livestock producers

By Adam Russell

Plentiful grain supplies likely mean low crop prices for farmers but lower costs for livestock producers looking for feed options through winter, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist, College Station, said the expected drier weather pattern through winter could cause problems for cattle producers’ winter pastures and potential grazing. But abundant supplies of grains and subsequent low prices could mean lower feed costs for all livestock.

Corn prices should remain low and steady, he said, following heavy yields at harvest for U.S. and Texas producers.

“There was a whale of a corn crop this year,” he said. “Acreage was down, but with the varieties we have now and the techniques that farmers employ, those acres brought unprecedented yields.”

Sorghum, another important grain that creates feed, fuel and food for Texas and U.S. markets, also had a banner production year but is expected to garner low prices, he said. Corn and sorghum acres were lower in 2017 compared to the year before, but above-average yields contributed to high supply numbers and, therefore, lower price trends.

Those above-average yields for the two major grains would be good for livestock producers who will find lower feed prices on various nutritional sources that could supplement traditional forages, Welch said. But grain producers will likely continue to see stagnant prices.

“It’s been a doldrum for corn prices the last few years,” he said. “We’re seeing \$3.40 to \$3.60 per bushel, and going into 2018 I don’t see that trend changing much from a producer’s price outlook.”

Grain from other producing nations could depress prices further, or be a catalyst for a rise in domestic prices, Welch said.

Corn prices reacted positively for farmers in June and July with the news of fewer planted corn acres nationally and dry conditions in the western portions of the Corn Belt and wet conditions in eastern portions of the Corn Belt, Welch said. But concerns were abated and the price jump was short-lived.

The same could happen if South American grain crops face problematic weather or some other misfortune during their growing season, which is now underway, Welch said.

“Our harvest gets us to February-March, but if there is anything that could derail the price trends it would happen in South America,” he said. “Any problems and we might see firming prices, but if they bring in above-average yields like we did you could see prices continuing at relatively depressed levels.”

Welch said oilseed production continues to expand as stressed producers view soybeans, sunflowers, canola, and sesame as potential alternatives to feed grain and wheat production.

Cattle producers should also see good prices on oil seeds as feed, including cottonseed and soybean meal.

Low feed prices could mean further expansion of already record production numbers in the livestock industry, Welch said. U.S. poultry and pork producers set production records last year and cattle markets are still good for ranchers.

“Feed prices could support expansion of the industry that is at an all-time record high for production,” he said. “The cost component of feed will only help profitability.”

Southwest Beef Symposium set January 17-18 in Odessa

By Steve Byrns

The Southwest Beef Symposium, jointly conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, is set Jan. 17-18 at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 5200 E. University Ave. in Odessa.

“Looking to the Future” is the theme of this year’s conference, said Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist in Fort Stockton.

“Cattle prices have adjusted downward after some very favorable years for cow-calf and stocker producers,” Carpenter said. “Consequently, various segments of the industry are now looking for opportunities to add income with improved production and/or marketing.”

Individual early registration is \$75, which includes a prime rib dinner on Jan. 17, lunch on Jan. 18 and refreshments and symposium proceedings. Early registration is required by Jan. 12.

To register, or for more information go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/Beef> or contact Carpenter at 432-336-8585, or Steve Paz, AgriLife Extension agent in Ector County, at 432-498-4071. Late and onsite registration is \$95.

The opening session from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 17 will address big-picture emerging issues in the global beef industry, Carpenter said.

Issues and speakers will be: -The U.S. Cattle Market Outlook, Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

-International Market Outlook and Source Verification. Lee Ann Saunders, IMI Global, Castle Rock, Colorado.

-Ranch Business Planning and Marketing Options for Cattle Type, Dennis Braden, Swenson Land and Cattle, Stamford.

-Economics of Trichomoniasis, Dr. John Wenzel, NMSU Cooperative Extension veterinarian, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

-The 2017 National Beef Quality Audit, Dr. Dan Hale, AgriLife Extension meats specialist, College Station.

Topics on Jan 18 will focus on beef quality and health.

The morning program will feature a discussion on the physiology of stress by Craig Gifford with NMSU Cooperative Extension.

Dr. Ashley Stokes, deputy director of Extension at Colorado State University and former University of Hawaii Extension veterinarian, will provide insights on what they learned about transportation of Hawaiian cattle by air or sea to the mainland – as well as other transportation related information.

Dr. Tom Hairgrove will talk about how the bovine immune system responds to stress.

The afternoon program will follow lunch at the Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway.

“We are very excited to have three of the top stockmanship people in the country join us this year,” Carpenter said.

Curt Pate from Ryegate, Montana, and Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist at College Station, will demonstrate and discuss techniques for effective stockmanship and animal handling.

“Pate and Gill have worked together for years, and have traveled all over the U.S., conducting clinics in partnership with the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and the National Beef Quality Assurance program,” Carpenter said.

He said the trio will also include another well-known stockman, Charlie Trayer from Seymour, who is scheduled to demonstrate and discuss how to effectively use stock dogs.

To learn more about Pate and Trayer go to <http://curtpates-tockmanship.com/> and <http://charliescowdogs.com/> respectively.



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TxDOT's 'Plan While You Can' campaign aims to reduce crashes

During last year's holiday season,* approximately one in four deaths on Texas roadways were alcohol-related. In an effort to reduce these fatalities, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds drivers to make planning a sober ride part of their holiday celebrations.

"Tragically, there are many families who experience the holidays without a loved one due to a drunk driver," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We need to remember that each time someone dies or is seriously injured on our roadways, it affects a family and an entire community. Don't make a bad decision that could cause heartache for your family and others. Make a plan to get home safely. It could save lives."

In 2016, there were 2,321 alcohol-related crashes in Texas during the holiday season.* Those crashes killed 82 people and seriously injured another 199.

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game where participants avoid incoming "snow balls" as virtual drinks are added to the screen. As more drinks are added, participants experience how drinking can slow their reaction times as on-screen avatars begin responding more slowly to their players' movements. The experience will visit eight Texas cities during December.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail

time and loss of their driver's license. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver.
- Contacting a cab or ride-share service.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

*Dec. 1, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017
The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3). This information was received and processed by the department as of Oct. 30, 2017.

New look carbon fiber license plate released

Just when you think you've seen it all on a Texas license plate, now MyPlates.com, the State's specialty plate vendor has released a new look Carbon Fiber pattern.

This new plate adds to the 100+ designs My Plates offers Texas drivers, adding yet one more choice in the fun decision-making process for customers.

For those who are wondering whether the plate is made from actual Carbon Fiber graphite materials, we advise that it is not. Instead, a computer-generated digital image of the Carbon Fiber pattern along with the final plate message is transferred onto a roll of adhesive-backed reflective vinyl sheeting that's affixed

to a like-size strip of aluminum. The aluminum is then sliced into the plate-size rectangles that are shipped out to local county tax offices for collection.

Today in Texas, all license plates are digitally printed and completely flat, except for a raised edge that serves as a frame. The numbers and letters are no longer stamped. All Texas license plates are manufactured by offenders at the Wynne Unit in Huntsville, who produce about 65,000 plates a day.

Like all proposed designs, the new look Carbon Fiber plate had to go before the TxDMV Board for consideration and then had to achieve a minimum of 200 pre-orders before it could move to

production and final release.

Having achieved more than 300 pre-orders, the Carbon Fiber plate has now moved to production and is available for all Texans to purchase. "The Carbon Fiber look is very popular with many automotive customization products, as well as many other products, including laptops and phone cases, so we thought why not the license plate" said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates.

Texans wishing to order the new Carbon Fiber look or any one of 100 other choices with or without personalization, can visit www.MyPlates.com or call the My Plates customer service center at 888-769-7528, M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIONA ISD NOMINATIONS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Frona ISD students in Kindergarten-12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented Program offered by Friona ISD for the 2018-2019 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2018. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission to the program.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en los grados de K-12 tienen el derecho de ser nominados por padre o maestro para el programa que se ofrece en nuestro distrito de niños Talentosos por el año escolar 2018-2019.

Los padres que desean de nombrar a su niño para este programa pueden hablar con consejera o el principal de la propia escuela para pedir las formas necesarias.

Las formas necesitaran ser completadas y entregadas a la oficina del principal para el 31 de enero de 2018. Los estudiantes nominados seran considerados y tomara evaluaciones las cual determinaran admision al programa.

**Frona Independent School District
Calendar of Events
December 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 -Frona JV Tournament -Nazareth Invitational	2 -Frona JV Tournament -Nazareth Invitational
3	4 -English I Testing -7 th /8 th /9 th Boys Basketball @Muleshoe -7 th /8 th /9 th Girls Basketball vs Muleshoe -HS All Region Tryouts @Panhandle -Choir:Christmas at the Park	5 -Biology & US History Testing	6 -Primary, Elementary, JH Picture Retakes	7 -Algebra I Testing -3 rd Grade Music Program @2:30pm & 6:30pm (Christmas) -Farwell Tournament (JVG/JVB/VG/VB)	8 -Farwell Tournament (JVG/JVB/VG/VB) -5 th Grade to Nutcracker @Amarillo	9 -Farwell Tournament (JVG/JVB/VG/VB)
10	11 -7 th /8 th /9 th Boys Basketball vs Dimmitt -7 th /8 th /9 th Girls Basketball @Dimmitt	12 -JVG/VG Basketball vs Idalou @5pm/6:30	13	14 -Choir:Christmas Concert @FUMC @7pm -4 th Grade to Christmas Spectacular @Amarillo	15 -JVG/VG Basketball @Shallowater -JVB/VB Basketball @Highland Park -5 th Grade Science Fair @Gym	16
17	18 -7 th /8 th /9 th Boys Basketball @Slaton -7 th /8 th /9 th Girls Basketball @Slaton -Elem. Math Benchmark	19 -JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs Roosevelt @5pm(DISTRICT) -Choir:Carol Around Friona -Daycare Christmas Party @9am -Elem. Reading Benchmark	20 -Early Release -Primary Christmas Parties: Daycare@9am, PreK@9:30am, Kinder@11:30am-12:15pm, 1 st Grade@10am -Elem. Science Benchmark	21 -Early Release	22 -JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball @Littlefield @5pm(DISTRICT) -Christmas Holiday/Winter Break-No School	23
24	25 -Christmas Holidays/Winter Break-No School	26 -Christmas Holidays/Winter Break-No School	27 -Christmas Holidays/Winter Break-No School	28 -Christmas Holidays/Winter Break-No School -Littlefield Invitational (VB/VG)	29 -Christmas Holidays/Winter Break-No School -Littlefield Invitational (VB/VG)	30 -Littlefield Invitational (VB/VG)
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Prairie Acres

Christmas in the Park
& 2nd Annual
Lighted Parade
Monday, December 4

It's the Holiday Season and the Friona FFA is hosting our annual toy drive for children in the Friona Community.

If you would like to donate we are asking for new toys for both boys and girls, under the age of 10.

You can drop them off at the Friona High school Ag building or at Ivy Cottage.

We are collecting December 4-13.

Thank You!



First Baptist Church Friona

Christmas Cantata, Candlelight
Worship, Mission Offering,
and Birthday Party for Jesus
Sunday, Dec. 10th @ 6pm

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior through an inspiring choir program, an update from one of our international missionaries, a mission offering and a time of candlelight worship followed by a Birthday party for Jesus.

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*Thank you to all
the first responders
and neighbors who
responded to our
fire at Bootleg
on Monday,
November 27.*

- David Brumley