

FCCLA Extends Gratitude to the Community

Celebrate FCCLA Week February 12-16. The members of FCCLA want to express their appreciation for this community. Without you, our efforts are meaningless. We want you to know what we have been up to this 2017-2018 school year; We currently have 35 members, we plan to go to Odessa for Regionals on March 1-3 and those who advance will go to State in Dallas on April 4-7. This year we had freshman recruitment, recognized cafeteria employees, hosted a hospitality room for Veteran's day, did UIL Debate and Chieftain Scholars, had a birthday party for Larry Gonzales (our bus driver who survived cancer), enjoyed new foods on International Day, and competed at the Tri-State Fair.

We also participated in recycling, donated to Hurricane Harvey victims, volunteered with "Snack Pak 4 Kids", and cooked a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family. We attended a Peer Education training in Dallas, a Dimmitt Fall workshop, and an Education workshop for future educators, had a program for 1st-graders about eating healthy and getting exercise, and held a door contest for Tobacco prevention. We had an anti-bullying theme for Trunk or Treat, a Winter Wonderland (promote positivity) for all Primary students, entered the Maize Day's Parade and had a fundraiser booth. Our goal is to grow our involvement with the community and school. We aim to be the best we can be and to make you all proud. (FCCLA is advised by Erin Barnett). **photos on page 9.**

Let them eat chocolate!



Dave Thompson and Gertrude Thomas were named the 2018 Valentine's King and Queen at the annual party held for residents of Prairie Acres.



ACTION FOR AN AMBULANCE

Hooray, Friona! Thank you! Donations are still coming in! The Action for an Ambulance Donors List will be published in next week's Friona Star. We don't want to leave anyone out! Donations still accepted Box 594, Friona, TX 79035

City Election Cancelled

The 2018 City of Friona election has been cancelled. Two city council seats and the mayoral post were open. Since only one candidate filed for each position, those individuals will be sworn in later in May. Ricky White will continue as Mayor and Greg Lewellen as a council member. Martha Barker chose not to run again this year. Brent Loflin will take her place on the council.

Texas Flags To Be Lowered To Half-Staff In Remembrance Of Rev. Graham's Legacy

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement following the death of the Reverend Billy Graham, who passed away in his North Carolina home this morning at the age of 99.

"The Rev. Billy Graham left an indelible mark on America and the world. His passion to serve God and share His love touched countless Texans over the years," said Governor Abbott. "From his first major event in Fort Worth in 1951 to his final event in Dallas in 2002, Billy Graham brought the message of God's love to stadiums and arenas across Texas. A counselor to many U.S. presidents - including those from Texas - he forever impacted the lives of everyday people around the world. The Rev. Graham's legacy of compassion lives on through those he touched -- including his son, Franklin, whose Samaritan's Purse ministry has been instrumental in helping Texans recover from Hurricane Harvey. Cecilia and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Graham family, and we celebrate the life of this humble servant of God."

In remembrance of Rev. Graham's legacy, Governor Abbott has ordered Texas flags to be lowered to half-staff on the day of interment, as determined by the family.

Coffee Break for Caregivers

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

Coffee Break for Caregivers is a great place to learn about potential resources for patients and family. Join them Friday, March 2 at the First National Bank Community Room in Friona at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts followed by a meeting at 10 a.m.

Their goal is to provide caregivers a time and place to come and care, share, and learn. The social workers will provide an educational component each time and will be screening for any potential need to link to potential resources for families.

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



Family Dollar is coming to Friona

Work has already begun for a new business coming to Friona. Family Dollar is in the process of building a store at 809 W. 11th. The pictures above and to the right show the removal of old concrete and site preparation for new construction.



USS Texas returns to Pearl Harbor after deployment

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) was welcomed home by friends and family awaiting their return at the historic submarine piers on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Feb. 14.

Texas successfully completed a six-month Western Pacific deployment while conducting operations in support of national security.

During the deployment, 31 officers and Sailors earned their submarine warfare qualification "dolphins" and 27 Sailors advanced in rank, including six to the rank of chief petty officer.

"Earning 'dolphins' symbolizes the completion of ship's qualifications and is a testament to

the hard work and dedication of not only the individual but also those other members of the crew who trained them," said Cmdr. Mike Dolbec, commanding officer of Texas and native of Manchester, New Hampshire. "I can say with a great deal of pride that these are the finest men and women that I have ever served with, and it is a great honor to be their commanding officer."

While deployed, Texas executed port calls to Guam, Sasebo, Japan, and Yokosuka, Japan.

"The crew enjoyed all of the port calls but there is always a little more buzz around the boat

when we get to Yokosuka," said Machinist's Mate Auxiliary Master Chief Daniel Kloepfer, from Portland, Oregon, and Texas' Chief of the Boat. "There is so much to do with Tokyo so close and many families flew out to meet the boat in Yokosuka."

Upon returning to Pearl Harbor, Dolbec, praised the crew for their hard work and preparation for the six-month deployment.

"The crew worked and trained tirelessly, preparing to execute any mission in defense of our nation," said Dolbec. "In my

opinion, every Texas Sailor is a hero, whose patriotism is evident daily."

Commissioned Sept. 9, 2006, Texas is the second Virginia-class submarine constructed and the first submarine to be named after the Lone Star State. The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, and mine warfare.



Water Weekly

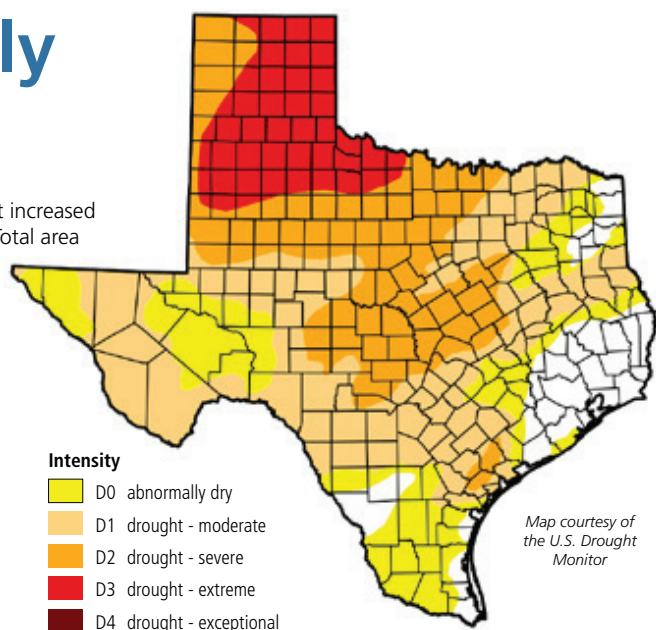
For the week of 02/19/18

Water conditions

In the last week, extreme and severe drought increased one and six percentage points, respectively. Total area impacted by drought (moderate or worse) expanded six percentage points and now covers 71 percent of the state, its largest extent since May 2014.

Drought conditions

- 71% now
- 65% a week ago
- 15% three months ago
- 4% a year ago



Friona Weather Feb. 22-28	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban:
								Month 0.12 Year 0.12	Yes
	55 26 SSW 15-25	63 29 SSW 20-30	54 26 WNW 25-35	59 23 WSW 20-30	60 29 SW 10-20	67 35 SSW 15-25	67 32 SW 20-30		

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



What does Friona mean to you? The Friona Star is collecting stories and remembrances of Friona for their 100-year celebration in 2025. Stories need to be 500 words or less and will be published in the Star. If you have any questions, feel free to call (806) 250-2211.

Local Beacon continues...FRIONA Star.

By Darla Bracken

Editor's Note: This article that Darla wrote is one of the main reasons that a group of us bought the Friona Star. We wanted to carry on the tradition. We love the community spirit and devotion to public service that the citizens of Friona exhibit on a daily basis. This attitude is sometimes referred to as the "Pioneer Spirit" but for most of us it is just doing what seems right. That is what Friona means to us.

By 1916, S. A. Harris established the Friona Sentinel as the first newspaper for the town. Imagine that early office with a hand-operated printing apparatus and the editor striving to produce the weekly 'news'. One page or multiple pages? Size?

There was also a local photographer's shop so there might have been some collaboration there. In 1915, the population of FRIONA was 200 and this was right after the the election for the location of the county [Farwell won, FRIONA contested and lost.]. Harris had served as Justice of the Peace for Parmer County as well as a commissioner. No copies of the Sentinel are known to exist.

In 1925 the FRIONA Sentinel became the FRIONA Star at the suggestion J. W. White, secretary of the local of commerce. A.W. Henschel, president of the FRIONA State Bank, est. 1908, named the Star. J.W., "Uncle John," as he later signed letters he wrote to all local boys serving in WWII, wore many hats in addition to chamber secretary, including Mayor

journalists might think of an electronic, online edition with color photos and active links! Plus it is archived and searchable online via Texas Tech.

Subsequent owners included Bert Neelley[Robert's Dad], 1950-1956; Joe Osborn and W. H. Graham, 1956-1962; Bill & Carol Ellis, 1962-2003 and Ron CARR, 2003-2017. The Osborn/Graham team bought an offset press to print the Star and it became the first of its kind to be printed by an offset press between Ft. Worth and Denver, pioneering the

effort. In 1958, the Star had the distinction of being the first newspaper to be printed by the offset press in West Texas. Earning many journalism awards the FRIONA Star is one in which we can take great pride. It has changed ownership just 10 times in its 93 year history. Located on Main Street for most of its 93 years, it was also briefly on 6th Street and later on Euclid before occupying its current location of 916 Main since 1968.

In 2018, as we get ready to welcome the new owners, a proud tradition continues.

White became the sole editor/owner in 1936 serving until 1940 when it sold to the Hereford Brand. White spent 25 years in association with the Star [Ron Carr, 22 years]. Production improvements included a 'good' Ben Franklin Press, a 'good' Chandler & Price Press, a Mentges Folder plus a good amount of body and job type face. Imagine what those early

Los esperamos, Gracias.

Annual St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner (Comida Mexicana anual)

We would like to invite you to our annual St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner. It will take place on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. We will be serving beef enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, chips, salsa, dessert, tea and coffee. Prices will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under.

Les estamos haciendo una invitación para nuestra Comida Mexicana anual el Domingo 4 de Marzo de las 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. en el Hall de la Iglesia de Sta. Teresa. Se servirán enchiladas de carne, tacos, arroz, frijoles, chips, salsa, postre, té y café. Los precios serán de \$12 adultos y \$6 niños menores de 10 años.

Los esperamos, Gracias.

Early Voting Polling Places, Dates and Times

Parmer County Clerk's Office
401 Third Street
Farwell, Texas 79325
February 20 thru March 2, 2018
Office Hours: Monday – Friday,
8:30 – 12:00, 1:00 – 5:00

InterBank
1105 Cleveland Ave.
Friona, Texas 79035
February 20, 22, 27 and
March 1, 2018
From 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Bank Bovina
101 Third Street
Bovina, Texas
February 21 and 28, 2018
Bank Hours
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Polling Places:

Precinct #101:
Calvary Baptist Church
1500 Cleveland, Friona TX

Precinct #201:
Bovina EMS Building
109 3rd Street, Bovina TX

Precinct #202:
Friona Community Center
601 W. 15th Street, Friona TX

Precinct #203:
Rhea Community Center
Rhea Community
Highway FM 213, 24 miles
North & West of Bovina, TX

Precinct #301:
Farwell Community Center
207 9th Street, Farwell TX

Precinct #302:
Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church
9 miles East of Farwell on Hwy 145
1/2 mile North on FM 1731

Precinct #303:
Ridgelea School
Highway 86, Bovina TX

Precinct #401:
Lazbuddie Methodist Church
Lazbuddie, TX

Precinct #402:
Friona Public Library
109 W. 7th Street, Friona, TX

February 23

• Deadline for Friona Chamber of Commerce nominations for annual banquet

March 1

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

March 2

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

March 8

• Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Annual Banquet at the Friona Community Center at 6 p.m.

March 10

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

March 11

• DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 12-16

• Spring Break

March 15

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

March 17

• ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 20

• SPRING BEGINS

March 25

• PALM SUNDAY

March 30

• No School

April 5

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

April 6

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

April 13

• Early Dismissal

April 14

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

April 19

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters

April 30

• GOOD FRIDAY

April 1

• EASTER
• APRIL FOOLS' DAY

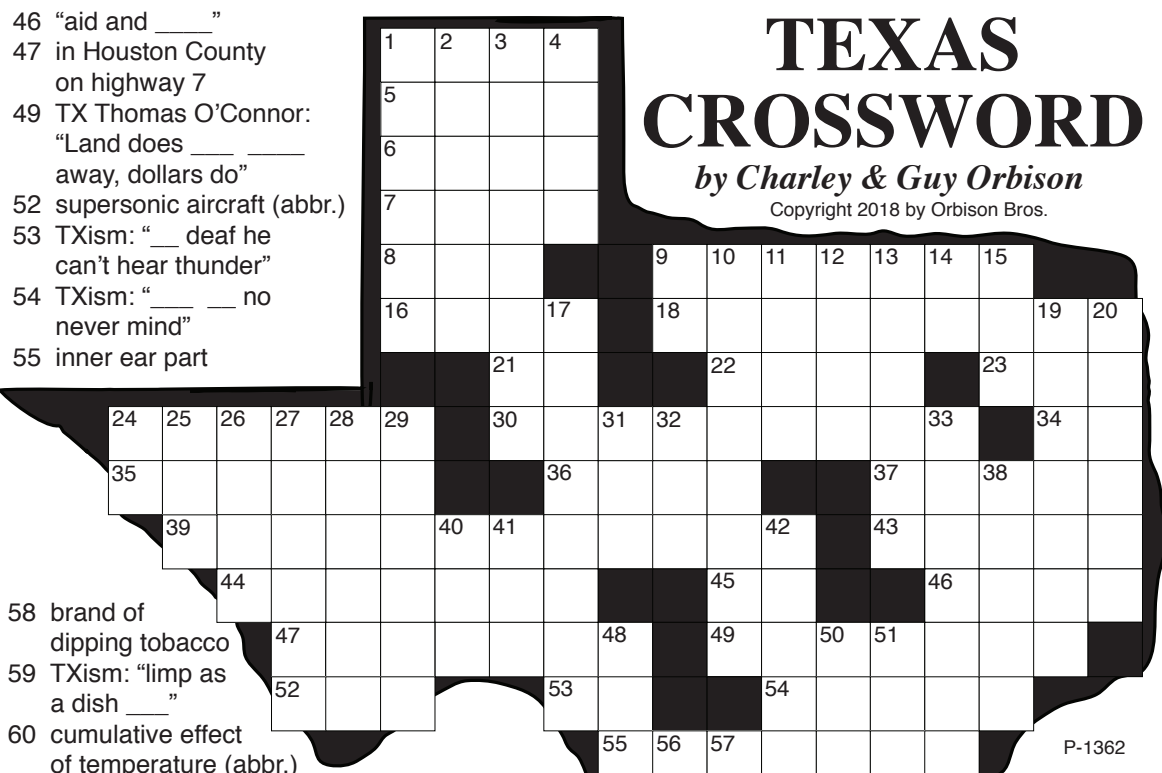
April 22

• EARTH DAY

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS
1 Iowa ____, TX
5 CSA general: Robert ____
6 TXism: "____ a yarn" (lie)
7 hair coloring
8 TXism: "I'm at the ____ of my rope!"
9 TXism: "come ____ the seams"
16 TX-born film critic, Rex
18 Adina de Zavala barricaded herself in the Alamo for this period in 1903 to save it (2 wds.)
21 TXism: "let '____ rip!"
22 TXism: "packed like sardines in ____"
23 TX Orbison sang "That Lovin' You Feelin' Again" with Emmy ____ Harris
24 blood component
30 actress star of 1950 film "Dallas"
34 international org.
35 "they deserve what's coming ____"
36 performer's journey
37 TX-born Evelyn Keyes book: "Scarlett O' ____"
39 TXism: "saddle ____"
(be independent)
43 make amends for
44 this Dorothy starred in TX-based 1957 film "Old Yeller"
45 TXism: "old ____ dirt"

46 "aid and ____"
47 in Houston County on highway 7
49 TX Thomas O'Connor: "Land does ____ away, dollars do"
52 supersonic aircraft (abbr.)
53 TXism: "____ deaf he can't hear thunder"
54 TXism: "____ no never mind"
55 inner ear part

DOWN
1 annoy frequently
2 home of Sul Ross University
3 TX-born Gene Autry sang about a red-nosed ____
4 this Clark is the civilian Superman
9 Austin's "Asleep ____ the Wheel"
10 in Hidalgo County: "____-____ Juan-Alamo ISD"
11 Dallas' "Energy Plaza" was built as the "____ Tower"

12 500 sheets of paper
13 in Shelby County on U.S. 84, 59, and 96
14 paid-for space in the Polk County Enterprise
15 this Smith was GM of the Astros (1975-80)
17 TXism for "preference"
19 TXism: "I'll slap ____ hat size!"
20 TX "B-western" star, Carson
24 popular TWU therapy program
25 this Myrna starred in 1930 film "Under a Texas Moon"

32 1959 film "Ben ____"
33 in Medina County on I-35
38 android
40 TX Charley Pride's "You ____ Again"
41 nat'l gun grp.
42 the gullet
48 physicians, informally
50 1953 western: "The ____ Texan"
51 "adios"
56 TXns love this vegetable fried
57 Mexican tejon

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ON YOUR PAYROLL

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Town Talk

By Megan Carr

The Friona Star would like to remind everyone that we are always accepting 'What Friona Means to Me' stories for the newspaper. We have enjoyed seeing the different perspectives of Friona residents, the histories and memories from young to old. Every tale is precious, so please feel free to share or encourage friends and family to share what Friona means to you. Stories should be 500 words or less and can be emailed to frionastar@wtrt.net or dropped off at the Friona Star office.

John Gurley reports the slight rain we had over the weekend. He reads .12 inches, which is

certainly better than none at all. John informed us today that the smallest reading you can take is .01 inches, and anything less than that is called a "trace." Makes sense, right?

It seems like a great time for small businesses in Friona, doesn't it? We have a newly opened Gems Salon, Pope Boys BBQ Truck, and now the Nutrition Spot! I haven't been able to try this new spot yet, but I have heard very good things about their teas and protein shakes, two things I love to drink. I noticed that their Facebook page posts are written in both English and Spanish, something very

accessible to the people in this community. The Nutrition Spot offers more than just what I have mentioned here, though! Head over to their Facebook page and give them a 'Like', and you will be able to see all the wonderful things they have to offer. Their business hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. They are located at 613 Main St. in Friona.

Congratulations to the Lazbuddie Lady Horns basketball team for winning the Bi-District Championship last week against Harley (59-57). The girls went

on to play McLean in Area, but unfortunately didn't take the win. We are proud of you, ladies!

Mighty Writers is an excellent program that has been developed and implemented by Annette Frye and Beverly Ingram. It is designed to encourage a love and excitement for writing for all ages and ability levels. We'll be sharing more information about this program and some of these children's stories in upcoming weeks, so keep an eye out for the Mighty Writers symbol.

The St. Ann's Catholic Church is hosting their 27th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This event will take place at the Parish Family Center in Canyon, Texas. The meal includes Czech sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, green beans, cobbler, and all the trimmings! Adult tickets are \$10, children ages 6-12 are \$5, and children 5 years and younger eat for free.

It is time to take your Box Tops to the Friona Primary School! All Box Tops turned in after this week will go into the next round of collections. Each Box Top counts as 10 cents toward the school and can be found on various products you already have in your home! These are among many important ways that we can help our Friona schools. For more information, please visit the Friona Primary Facebook page.

In the coming months as the weather starts to get consistently nicer, there will be some great recreational events and programs hosted at Caprock Canyon State Park. We will start listing these events in the paper throughout March, so be sure to check back for when that gorgeous weather happens upon us. Park admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors, and children 12 and under get in free. Programs are free with paid park entrance fee.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to 'Action for an

Ambulance'! Each donation is very much appreciated. There will be a donors list published in next week's Friona Star. Donations still accepted at P.O. Box 594, Friona, Texas 79035.

We send our deepest condolences to the family of Lucila Trevino. We hope and pray that as time passes, wounds may be able to heal. From the Friona Star and from me personally, please let us know if there is anything we can do. Our hearts are with you during this time of grief.

Friona Flashbacks



News from the archives of the Friona Star in 1980

FEBRUARY 10 - A 24-year-old Friona man was found dead at his apartment on Wednesday. Police Chief Bill Denney said that Celestino Galicia was discovered by his roommate, Steve McCume, when he returned from work Wednesday afternoon. Justice of the Peace Frances Euler pronounced Galicia dead of unknown causes.

MARCH 30 - Friona High School got off to a good start in the Spring UIL competition on Tuesday when their contest play was named co-district champion in competition at Dimmitt. Two plays are selected annually to further represent the district in UIL competition. Winning in 1980 were Friona's production of "Livin' de Life," and Muleshoe High School's "Mother Courage and Her Children."

JUNE 1 - A vicious storm system moved across Parmer County on Wednesday afternoon, May 28, depositing rain and up to tennis ball-sized hail, leaving considerable damage behind in a strip a couple of miles wide, running mainly north of Highway 86 across the entire county. It was the same cloud system that spawned tornadoes that did considerable property damage at Nazareth in Castro County, and Tulia in Swisher County, as the storm virtually followed the state highway for almost 70 miles.

JULY 6 - Rudy Trevino, minister at Templo Bautista, has been re-elected for a second term as first vice president of the Mexican Baptist Con-

vention, which was held June 23-25 in Abilene, Texas. Rev. Trevino was elected last year as a 26-year-old, which made him the youngest minister to be elected for this post. He is the first also to be re-elected since 1974.

AUGUST 10 - Sharla Duggins, the reigning Maize Queen, will enter the "Miss Wheatheart of the Nation" pageant this week in Perryton. Sharla is sponsored in the event by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Duggins of Friona.

OCTOBER 5 - The Country Club Restaurant opened in Friona this week. It is located at the Friona Country Club, in the former T-Box Restaurant location. Gerald and Carole Beauchamp are the proprietors of the new restaurant. "We will specialize in good steaks and seafood," Beauchamp says. The restaurant will feature charcoal broiled beef, and will use choice, aged local beef. A big salad bar will also be featured at the dinner hour.

NOVEMBER 9 - Adams Drilling Company was hit with a destructive fire in the early morning hours Monday, November 3. The fire completely destroyed the company's shop area, ruining machinery, tools, etc. The fire was discovered about 2:30 a.m., and by the time the Friona Fire Department arrived, the wooden structure was beyond saving. Firemen did prevent the blaze from consuming the other portion of the building.

FLiP Unit 15 Word List

- Dictate**-- to speak aloud in order that one's words may be copied or recorded; to give an order; to make necessary
- Malediction**-- a recital of words intended to harm; a curse
- Benediction**-- a blessing
- Locution**-- style or action of speaking
- Eloquent**-- powerful and expressive; articulate
- Colloquial**-- of or related to informal speech; conversational
- Evocative**-- calling forth a vivid image or impression
- Equivocate**-- to use misleading or confusing language
- Advocate**-- to argue in favor of; someone who argues for
- Exclamatory**-- having a forceful, excited, or emotional tone
- Declaim**-- to speak loudly and with feeling
- Clamorous**-- characterized by a loud noise or outcry

Fundraiser for High School Band KRISPY KREME DONUT SALE

Saturday, March 3, 2018
 10:00a.m. until sold out
 in Malouf's parking lot
\$10 per dozen



Vote Sharon May for

Parmer County Treasurer



I would very much appreciate your vote for Parmer County Treasurer, on March 6, or Early Voting has began Feb 20 - Mar 2 at:
Parmer County Clerk's Office - Farwell
InterBank - Friona
First Bank - Bovina

Remember - you will have my EARS!
Experience, Accuracy, Responsibility, & Stability.

Ad Paid for by Sharon May

Scissor Sharpening



Wednesday, Feb. 28
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Malouf's Fabrics
 503 W. 11th Friona TX
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*limitations apply

The Panhandle Gives 2018 Registration is NOW OPEN!

It's TIME! Time for what you ask? It's time to register your organization for the 2018 Panhandle Gives campaign! You can help spread the word by making sure your favorite nonprofit is participating.

Two years ago, the Amarillo Area Foundation started a giving day that coincided with #GivingTuesday, an international day of philanthropy on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year we're going bigger. We are excited to announce that the Amarillo Area Foundation has contributed \$100,000 to enhance your organization's fundraising efforts during this campaign. This means your favorite organization could qualify for a portion of this contribution by participating in The Panhandle Gives 2018.

Encourage your favorite nonprofit to register to learn how their organization can benefit from the \$100,000 contribution from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Here's where to register: bit.ly/panhandlegives. Complete the online registration and return the agreement via email: thepanhandlegives@aaf-hf.org or mail to Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, STE 700, Amarillo, TX 79101 by 3/30/18. The \$75 registration fee is due by 4-25-18.

Organizations with questions can visit our FAQ page: https://www.amarilloareafoundation.org/file/GT_Nonprofit-FAQ-2018.pdf

Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

- On Feb. 12,** Marcus Salinas, 17 of Friona was arrested by Friona police on charges of forgery, pending grand jury.
- On Feb. 14,** Conrad Sifuentes, 32 of Dalhart was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of probation violation (possession of controlled substance PG1 less than 1 G DFZ IAT), pending district court.
- On Feb. 14,** Jerry Conley, 55 of Lubbock was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of DWI, pending county court.
- On Feb. 16,** J.D. Pringle, Sr., 30 of Albuquerque, NM was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of forgery, pending district court.
- On Feb. 16,** Martin Mendoza, Jr., 29 of Friona was arrested by Friona police on charges of abandonment/endangerment of a child, pending grand jury.
- On Feb. 16,** Dustin D. Houston, 25 of Abilene was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of motion to revoke (aggravated robbery), pending district court.
- On Feb. 18,** James Perez, Jr., 24 of Amarillo was arrested by Friona police on charges of DWLI, pending county court.
- On Feb. 18,** Jorge Castillo, 33 of Friona was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of unauthorized use of vehicle x2, pending grand jury.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of February 8, 2018 through February 14, 2018:

Dan Eugene Ray – Meeks Land Holdings LLC, All NW/4 S38 BLK B.

Diversified IRA LLC – Via Real Estate LLC, L7-10 B1 Baxter Addition Friona.

Dubuque Bank and Trust – Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Tract NE/4 of SE/4 S5 BLK E.

Glenn E Reeve Jr. – Antonio Rocha, Tract out of 3 tracts NE/4 S1 T3S R3E.

Glenn E Reeve Jr. – Linvell Rose & Nora Rose, Tract out of 3 tracts NE/4 S1 T3S R3E.

Carolyn L Veretto & Estate of Bobby Frank Veretto – Carolyn L Veretto & Estate Trust Bobby Frank Veretto, 160AC SE/4 S16 T10S R2E.

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Bennie Ray Case Jr. & Kathryn Darlene Case – Jeff Harkey & Susan Harkey, W 23' L3 E 57' L4 B1 Lakeside Addition Friona.



James and Sue Procter celebrated with family last weekend their 73rd wedding anniversary, which was February 20 (Courtesy Photo)

Friona Birthdays for March 23-28

23 Matthew Kendrick Ryan Lopez Doyce Barnett	26 Sholby Reeve Amy Rushing
24 Joe Bob Johnson Carmela Hernandez Sharon Retor	27 Raye Jean London
25 Hollis Gurley Alex Gurley David Stephens	28 Corbin Neill Cindy Alexander Sam Mears



Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

Taryn Jamerson & Joey Scott

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2018 Valentine's Senior Citizens Queen and King, Donita Martin and Bob Naylor. (Courtesy Photo)

Friona Primary School Menu for February 26- March 1

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, apple frudel, grape juice, pears, milk
Lunch: Chicken patty, roll, fresh tomatoes, mashed potato, pears, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, apple juice, banana, milk
Lunch: Corn dog, Doritos, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, eggstravaganza w/ toast, orange pineapple juice, peaches, milk
Lunch: Ham & cheese sandwich, cheese broccoli, French oven potato, mixed fruit, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, peaches, milk
Lunch: Taco salad, mixed veggie California, ranch style beans, strawberries & bananas, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, French toast sticks, fruit punch juice, oranges, milk
Lunch: Bean & cheese burrito, lettuce & tomato salad, carrot sticks, fruit salad, milk

Milk House Market Wedding Registry

Kyler Steinbock ♥ Chelse Henderson
Weston Wily ♥ Courtney Mahoney

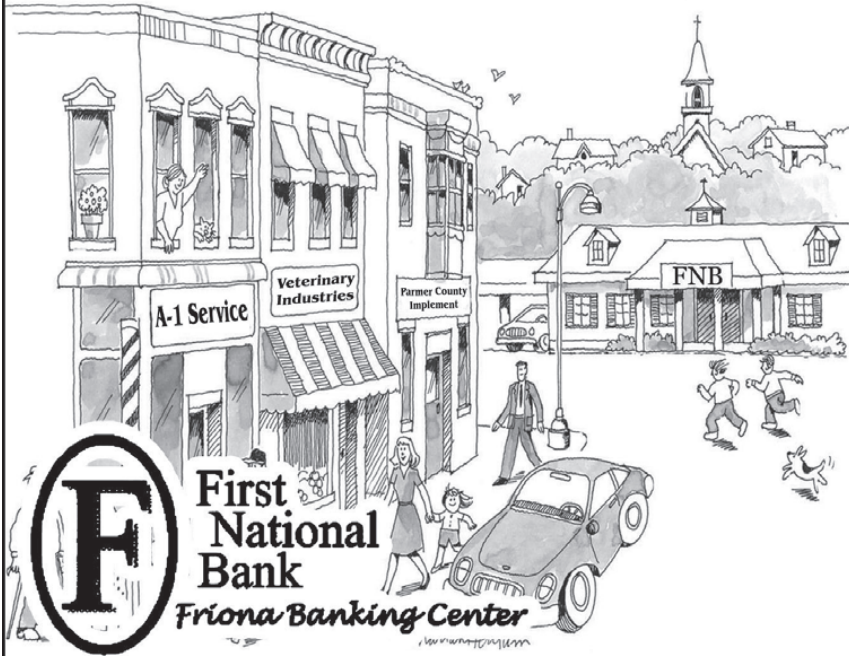
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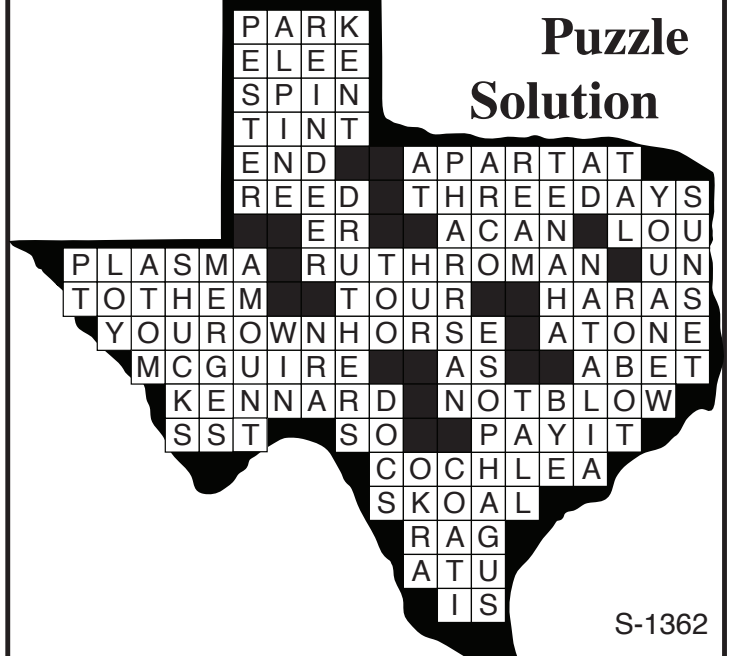
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Going For the Gold, Part 2

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

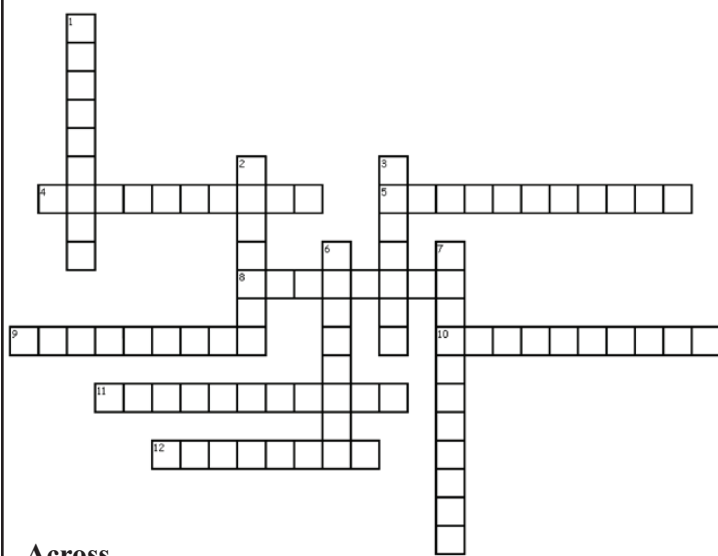
We are now into week two of the Olympics. I had no idea there were 37 different figure skating formats in which one can compete! Still relying on my one hour's experience. I felt there was more I could share, as you can experience a lot of things, particularly pain, in one hour of ice skating. So tonight, I watched the ice dancing. I noticed just a few differences between their four minute and 30 second-long program, and my sixty-minute marathon on ice.

The first thing I noticed is that not once did they grab the wall. In fact, it was as if they were avoiding it altogether. The second thing I noticed is that, although they waved their arms not much different than I, they seemed deliberate. The third thing I noticed is the gal could climb all over the guy and he didn't fall, nor did she cut off an ear in all those acrobatics. Other than that, we looked the same to me. (Just kidding)

Okay, so not exactly, but take this spiritual walk or skate with me. Relationships both with God and with each other require a level of trust. You don't enter the ring with just anyone off the street. That trust comes in the form of submission. The more I trust God with my life, the more I learn how God works, what is His will. Those Olympians didn't start last week. In many cases, you are seeing lifelong pursuits. Hours on the ice, thousands of falls and get-back-ups, hundreds of sore muscles and sacrifice that few can understand.

Christianity is really very similar. I see faith of some folks and marvel, pondering to myself how I can attain such faith. I can't have what I am unwilling to pursue. If I want that faith, then I must do the things that grow it. It will take hours, days, years, in fact it will take my whole life. Paul told the Galatians to "keep in step with the Spirit," (Gal. 5:25) This is a journey, not an event. If you want to do ice dancing in the Olympics, great, get you a good partner and move to Odessa where there is an ice rink. If you want a relationship with God that looks like Jesus, then choose Him as your partner and start that journey too! It will not always be easy, there will be falls, but keep going. Going for the Gold!

FLiP Unit 15 Puzzle



Across

- 4. of or related to informal speech; conversational
- 5. having a forceful, excited, or emotional tone
- 8. to argue in favor of; someone who argues for
- 9. calling forth a vivid image or impression
- 10. to use misleading or confusing language
- 11. a recital of words intended to harm; a curse
- 12. powerful and expressive; articulate

Down

- 1. characterized by a loud noise or outcry
- 2. to speak aloud in order that one's words may be copied or recorded; to give an order; to make necessary
- 3. to speak loudly and with feeling
- 6. style or action of speaking
- 7. a blessing

Psalm 65—Harvest Blessings

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Living in a community that is deeply rooted in agriculture, Psalm 65 is a Psalm that we can really relate to. This celebration of a bountiful harvest was not a call to worship the harvest or those who brought it in, but was a call to praise the Lord who gives the harvest. Praising the Lord is to be an intentional habit, and this Psalm incites your heart to praise Him.

From the start of the Psalm one is reminded to praise the Lord for what He does toward His people. God is a God who hears our prayers, atones for our sins, blesses abundantly, and satisfies our souls. Humanity deserves none of these blessings, yet He gives them full and free anyways because of His love and grace. From there, the Psalm shows how one can praise God for His awesome deeds. God's awesome power is revealed in creation, but most of all, God displays His awesome power in the gospel. It really is no surprise that God created the world by the power of His word, and commands the wind and waves with the sound of His voice, but what is surprising is the fact that God laid down the life of His own Son on the cross, that lost sinners like you and I could be saved. His saving work and power is awesome and amazing!

Finally, though, Psalm 65 Praises God for the abundant blessings that made the harvest so fruitful. Namely, the rain that led to exponential growth, and multiplying flocks grazing on the hillside. What is interesting, is that the thrust of this Psalm is about harvest blessings, but before praising God for the harvest, the psalmist praises God for the most important blessing, which is having a personal relationship with God through faith.

Blessings for Obeying God

By Teena Hughs

Last week I was reading Exodus 39:32-43. For some reason, verses 32 and 43 caught my eye: "And so at last the Tabernacle was finished. The Israelites had done everything just as the LORD had commanded Moses...Moses inspected all their work and blessed them because it had been done as the LORD had commanded him."

I know verse 43 says that Moses blessed the Israelites, but I started thinking about God blessing those who live their lives obeying Him and following His commands. It seems many people today live by their own version of a bible, doing what feels good or right to them; doing whatever is fun or pleasurable; thinking only about themselves with no regard to God's Word, because it doesn't go along with the way they want to live. Now, I know that no matter how hard we try, we can't obey God's Word 100% of the time.

However, I know people who try to live their lives according to God's Word. They read it, study it, and try their best to live it. Sometimes it isn't easy when you see people having all the "fun", getting all the attention, seeming to have the perfect life according to the world's standards.

So when you are trying to go against the world and live according to God's Word, what is the reward, where is the blessing? Part of the answer is found in Proverbs 3:1-6: "My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor and with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."

Living a life that is satisfying, finding favor with God and people, and having a good reputation are three great reasons to obey God's Word. The world cannot take these things away from you unless you let it happen by not obeying!

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2001 Friona graduate, John Fitzgerald, is a part of the team from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper that attended the School Board meeting earlier this month. He is shown here with unofficial building options for the Board to look at while working on proposals.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



**Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application
General Permit Authorization No. TXG921420**

Application. Friona Farming Enterprises, LLC and Del Rio Dairy, LLLP, 1380 Highway 214, Friona, Texas 79035 have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to expand an existing dairy cattle facility from 10,000 head to 20,500 head, of which 9,000 head are milking cows in Parmer County, Texas. The notice of intent and the nutrient management plan were received by TCEQ on November 7, 2017.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All manure and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located at 1380 Highway 214, Friona, Parmer County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.492777&lng=-102.72722&zoom=13&type=r>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

A copy of the notice of intent, the nutrient management plan, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the concentrated animal feeding operation general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Parmer County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas 79325.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

Public Comment. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the Applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The Applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the Applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

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SPORTS

Lazbuddie Sports Schedules

Track – Coach Chad Larkin

Junior High	High School
March 1 – Kress	March 2 – Kress
March 6 – Springlake-Earth	March 8 – Springlake-Earth
March 22 – Farwell	March 23 – Farwell
March 27 – Sudan	March 29 – Sudan
April 5 – District at Springlake-Earth	April 6 – Springlake-Earth
	April 17 – Area at Vega
	April 27-28 – Regional at SPC Levelland

Tennis – Coach Todd Nichols

Junior High	High School
April 21 – Levelland	February 27 – Levelland
April 23 – District at Hart	March 1 – Levelland
	March 22 – Amarillo
	March 29 – Levelland
(About two more meets will be scheduled before District)	April 4-5 – District at Hart
	April 20-21 – Regional at SPC Lubbock

Golf – Coach Ken Hoskins

- Plains – Boys- Feb. 27, Girls- Feb. 28
- Farwell – Boys- March 5, Girls- March 7
- Olton – Boys- March 19, Girls- March 20
- Sundown – Boys- March 26, Girls- March 28
- District – April 3 at Olton
- Regional – April 23-24 at Lubbock

Bovina Track Schedule

Middle School	Varsity
February 22 – at Olton	February 23 – at Olton
March 1 – at Vega	March 2 – at Vega
March 8 – at Friona	March 9 – at Friona
March 22 – at Farwell	March 17 – at Hamlin
March 27 – at Sudan	March 23 – at Farwell
April 5 – District at Lockney	March 23-24 – at San Angelo
Coach Rick White (Boys)	March 29 – at Sudan
Coach Yoshi Rueda (Girls)	April 11 – District at Sudan
	April 19 – Area at Abernathy
	April 27-28 – Regional at Odessa
	May 11-12 – State at Austin
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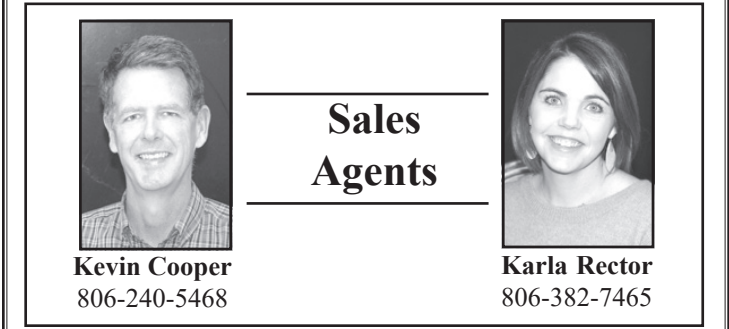
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Lucila Andrade Trevino

Lucila Andrade Trevino, 58 from Friena passed away February 18, 2018 in Amarillo. Viewing and Celebration of Life Service has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Victory Family Worship Center in Friena with Pastor Robert Kerby and Pastor Daniel Hidalgo, officiating. Mass of Christian Burial Service at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friena with Father Henry Wilson Echavarría Rodríguez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by the Hansard family at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friena.



drade and wife Selina of Pueblo, CO., Alfredo Andrade and wife Devi of Westminster, CO., Rogelio Andrade and wife Arlene of Denver, CO., and Ever Andrade and wife Silvia of Friena, 3 sisters- Laura Venzor and husband Reyes, Manassas, VA., Hortencia Andrade de Montes and husband Jesus Manuel of Mexico and Claudia Venzor and husband Ismael of Shawnee Mission, KS., 5 grandchildren- Fernando Moreno Jr., Zaylee Dominguez, Aylen Moreno, Nehemiah Martinez and Josue Moreno.

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Maria Aurelia Robledo

Maria Aurelia Robledo, 82, of San Antonio, formerly of Bovina, passed away February 14, 2018 in San Antonio. Rosary Services have been set for 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina with Father Henry Wilson Echavarría Rodríguez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by the Hansard family at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friena.



Mrs. Robledo was born December 25, 1935 in San Juan, Texas to Nicolas and Manuela Villa Barboza. She married Javier Robledo February 17, 1957 in San Juan, Texas.

Her family described Maria as being a very strong, Godly woman. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina. She loved quilting, taking care of her family, cooking for them and others.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 son- Eleazar Robledo, 1 daughter- Martha Fabela, and 3 grandchildren- Jude Javier Robledo, D.J. Robledo and Emmanuel

Robledo.

Continuing the legacy are 5 sons- Roel Robledo and wife Yolanda of Bovina, Rolando Robledo and Hector Robledo, both of San Antonio, Roberto Robledo and wife Nellie of Amarillo, Victor Robledo of Colfax, Iowa, 1 daughter- Gracie Murillo and husband Martin of San Antonio, 1 sister- San Juanita Rodriguez of Wilmar, MN, 23 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

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Maria Mendoza Guillen

Maria Mendoza Guillen, 96, longtime Bovina resident, passed away Sunday February 18, 2018 in Bovina. Rosary Services have been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Henry Wilson Echavarría Rodríguez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by the Hansard family at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friena.



Maria was born July 21, 1921 in Candelaria, Texas to Valentine and Trinidad Estrada Mendoza. She married Enrique Guillen May 27, 1939 in Bahmorhea, Texas. The family has lived in Bovina for 38 years.

She was a homemaker and a longtime active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She was a person of great faith and had a servant's heart. She cherished her family and friends.

Preceding her in death is her parents, her husband, 1 daughter- Gloria Guillen Chavez, 1 granddaughter- Norma Chavez Seda, 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

To carry on her legacy are 5

daughters- Esperanza Guillen, Blanca Guillen, Elida Villarreal and husband Richard of Bovina, Trinidad Sanchez and husband Ramon Sanchez of Wolforth, and Rosa Rios and husband Ramon of Eunice, NM, 3 sons- Arturo Guillen and wife Alicia of Morton, Texas, George Guillen and wife DeEtte of Friena, and Henry Guillen and wife Yesenia of Eunice, NM, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Parmer County FSA Updates

Parmer County Producers Urged to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage before Crop Sales Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of March 15, 2018.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in Parmer County have a NAP application deadline of March 15, 2018:

Forage Sorghum for grazing and hay.

Pecans
Pumpkins

Producers can determine if crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP by visiting <https://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformation-browser2017/CropCriteria.aspx>.

NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price, including coverage for organics and crops marketed di-

rectly to consumers.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost

Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Parmer County FSA office at (806) 481-3311 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

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Museum of Texas Tech University Hosts Spring Break Camps

Camps will cover various interests and will be for students ages 4-13. The Museum of Texas Tech University will be hosting various camps for students ages 4-13 over spring break.

Available camps include:

Around the World

- Campers will travel the world without ever leaving the museum.
- Ages 4-6
- 10 a.m. to Noon March 12-14
- Cost: \$30

Mad Science!

- Campers will conduct kid-friendly science experiments at the museum.
- Ages 7-9
- 10 a.m. to Noon March 12-14
- Cost: \$30

Mythology!

- Campers will learn about various heroes, villains and creatures from around the world.
- Ages 10-13
- 2 -4 p.m. March 12-14
- Cost: \$30

Registration for all camps is open. The deadline to register for the spring break camps is March 9.

Caprock Canyons March Events

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of March. We have many different activities scheduled during Spring Break so make your plans to join us at the park for lots of fun activities, games, and more!

Tours:

- **"Trailway Tours"**: Join us for a guided vehicle tour down the historic Caprock Canyons Trailway. This abandoned railway of the Fort Worth and Denver, now turned rails to trails system of Caprock Canyons State Park offers beautiful scenery, lots of history, and one of the last remaining railroad tunnels in Texas. Space is limited so reservations are required. Tour is \$10 per seat. Call the park at (806)455-1492 to make reservations. **Dates are March 13 @ 10:00 a.m., March 15th @ 2:00 p.m., and March 31st @ 3:30 p.m.**
- **"Tour of the Park"**: Join a park ranger in our park van to learn all the ins and outs about Caprock Canyons State Park. Space is limited so reservations are required. Please call the park at (806)455-1492 to make reservations. Tours are free with paid park entrance fee. **Dates are March 16th @ 2:00 p.m. and March 17th @ 2:00 p.m.**
- **"Prairie Safari Tours"**: Join us for a tour of the prairie ecosystem of Caprock Canyons State Park. Ride in our open air shuttle and view prairie wildlife from bison to the Black-tailed prairie dog and even the burrowing owl. Space is limited so reservations are required. Please call the park at (806)455-1492 to reserve your spot! Tours are free with paid park entrance fee. **Dates are March 14th @ 10:00 a.m., March 16th @ 10:00 a.m., and March 24th @ 2:00 p.m.**

Kids Programs:

- **"Track Trackin'"**: Join us for this hands-on program where you can be a nature detective and make your own plaster cast of an animal track to take home with you! **March 10th @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **"Skins & Skulls"**: Join us for this hands-on program to learn about predator and prey relationships, adaptations, and much more! **March 10th @ 2:00 p.m.**
- **"Go in Batty"**: Go "batty" playing some bat games and learning all about bats! **March 13th @ 2:00 p.m.**
- **"Caprock Bingo"**: Join us to play Caprock Bingo where we will have fun, learn about some of the animals, history, plants, geology, and more and win some fun prizes! Fun for the whole family! **March 14th @ 2:00 p.m. and March 31st @ 2:00 p.m.**

Guided Hikes:

- **"The Park after Dark"**: Join us for a hike at night to discover all the different sights and sounds of Caprock Canyons State Park after dark! Due to the nature of the trail and hike, there will be a limit of 30 participants. Reservations are required. Please call the park at (806)455-1492 to reserve your spot on the hike! Hike is free with paid park entrance fee. **March 14th @ 8:30 p.m.**
- **"Canyon Walk & Talk"**: Join us for a guided nature hike where anything from the history, geology, flora, and fauna of the park will be discussed. **March 17th @ 10:00 a.m. and March 24th @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **"Little Habitat on the Prairie"**: Join us on a nature hike along the prairie to discover the diversity and importance of the prairie ecosystem. **March 31st @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **"Blue Moon Hike"**: Join us for a hike at night to discover all the different sights and sounds of Caprock Canyons State Park after dark! But, this one's a little different... We'll be hiking by the light of a blue moon! Do you think we'll hear or see any "crazy" animal behavior on this hike?! Join us to find out! **March 31st @ 8:30 p.m.**

Evening Programs:

- **"The Dirt Storm Drifters"**: Join us for the musical antics of Roger, David, and Jan of the Dirt Storm Drifters band. This musical trio puts a different spin on music and combines folk, country, and Americana all together with even a little bit of rock stirred in for spice! **March 10th @ 7:30 p.m.**
- **"Bats of the Texas Panhandle"**: Join us for a slide-show presentation about bats in general and the many different species of bats that frequent the Texas Panhandle area including the iconic Mexican Free-tailed bats of Clarity Tunnel. **March 13th @ 8:00 p.m.**
- **"The Texas State Bison Herd"**: Join us for this slide-show presentation as we discuss the Texas State Bison Herd, their unique history and beginnings, and what makes them important to the conservation of bison throughout North America. **March 15th @ 8:00 p.m., March 17th @ 8:00 p.m., and March 30th @ 8:00 p.m.**
- **"Caprock Critters"**: Join us for this slide-show presentation to learn about many of the wildlife species you could see in the park and the different roles each animal plays in the park ecosystem. **March 16th @ 8:00 p.m.**
- **"Pioneer Women of the Texas Panhandle"**: Join us for this slide-show Women's History Month presentation where we will honor a few Texas women who blazed their own trails into the Texas Panhandle. **March 24th @ 8:00 p.m.**

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

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Battling drought and desertification by building the soil

By JIM SEIERT

Kelly Kettner farms in an area of high Ogallala Aquifer decline in Parmer and Lamb counties. He has become a disciple of no-till farming and cover crops in recent years of necessity and harsh reality.

Simply put, he sees no-till, cover crops and crop rotation as vital means to conserve water on the South Plains of Texas. He told an attentive audience of his experiences at the first annual No-Till Texas Soil

Health Symposium February 13, 2018 at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

"I farm 4,000 acres at 3,800 to 4,000 ft. altitude in an area of some of the highest Ogallala aquifer decline in the

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. I'm facing challenges of bad wind erosion—we all know there's no good time to run a sand fighter. Water is declining, and I want to be able to spend some time with my kids' activities," Kettner explained.

"No-tilling takes a different way of thinking, increased management, and downright commitment. It takes five years to see the biggest benefits of no-till and cover crops, and a lot of people give up on it too soon. No-till is based on not plowing, crop rotation, cover crops, and maintaining a residue layer on the soil surface at all times."

"Studies show that drought led the collapse of entire civilizations, and that deserts are essentially man-made. I don't want to be one of those civilizations that collapses due to drought," said Kettner.

A key factor in battling drought is increasing the organic matter in the soil. Upping soil organic content allows water to better infiltrate the soil and that means better crop yields. One of Kettner's philosophies of no-till farming is that he is always trying to help the next crop with the preceding one.

Crop residue is vital in saving soil moisture, he says.

"A cover of residue keeps soil in place and buffers temperature. Carbon is a principle component. Residue has to be uniform to do its job so that there is enough fertility for soil microbes. A residue layer on the soil surface keeps the soil warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It takes out extreme temperature and moisture variations and means less stress on crops," he said.

Mixed cover crops also play a role in maintaining a surface mulch to feed microbes and



Andy Carthel & Kelley Kettner

keep them thriving in the soil. Cover crops help to maintain the soil carbon balance, harbor beneficial insects and to link everything together. "What we do today has an impact on tomorrow," Kettner stressed.

He's the first to admit that utilizing cover crops isn't without challenges, chief among them the fact that cover crops use water—a sometimes hard to overcome hurdle.

"Covers will ultimately save more water than they use because of the surface mulch that they create. All of the fibrous roots from cover mixes do great things for the soil," he said.

He explained that there is no "perfect blend" of cover crops—he uses what is cheap and readily available.

Among cover crops that Kettner has used are winter wheat, winter rye, proso, German, and pearl millet, mung beans, sunnhemp, radishes, sunflower, barley, black oats, canola, winter pea, and crimson clover.

"Uniformity is the key to successful no-tilling. You faces challenges such as maintaining even residue distribution, cool soils at plant-

ing time, slow corn growth in May and June, stunted cotton due to the cool soils, weeds blown into your residue, and eroded soil blowing into your cover from conventional-tilled neighbors."

His rotation includes cotton, wheat and winter cover or corn and winter cover under irrigation, and under dry land it encompasses cotton, summer cover, wheat, summer cover, and sorghum.

"I try to use animals in association with my no-tilling as much as I can, particularly in grazing cover crops," he explained.

Among the challenges facing many farmers attempting to utilize no-till and cover crops is educating landlords that an attempt is being made to build soil organic matter, something not accomplished overnight.

"No-till takes a different way of thinking, increased management and commitment. You have to stay committed, but flexible to take advantage of weather and markets. You also need to quit trying to please everyone, fearing change, living in the past, putting yourself down, and overthinking," he said.



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