



No school on Labor Day Monday, September 5

County stock show dinner tickets on sale

The Parmer County Stock Show Dinner has been set for Saturday, October 8th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina. The annual event raises funds for Parmer County kids who will exhibit their animals in the livestock shows.

Tickets are \$100 each and include dinner for two. Dan Petterson will provide entertainment. Drive-thru and takeout meals will also be available.

You can purchase your tickets in Friona from Tracy Bunker by contacting him at 806-683-1319.

Tickets are also available from (Farwell) Vince Smith or Darren Haseloff, (Farwell/Muleshoe) Dusty Ramage or Guy Nickels, (Lazbuddie) Abby Kirby, and (Bovina) Al Kirby

Pink-Out Quilt Fundraiser Sponsored by Malouf's Fabrics



\$5 tickets on sale Friday available at Malouf's Fabrics

Cargill and Lions team up to provide free tailgate meal

This Friday evening, Cargill of Friona and the Friona Noons Lions Club will once again team up to serve a **FREE TAILGATE MEAL** for all fans prior to the first home game between the Friona Chieftains and the Panhandle Panthers. A Cargill cooking team will serve up awesome hamburgers with all the fixin's and the Lions Club will prepare their "World Famous" french fries. Serving usually begins around 5:00 p.m. The football game starts at 7:00 p.m.



Last year, the Cargill team cooked over 1,200 hamburgers and the Lions Club cooked 600 pounds of potatoes. Since the potato harvest is still underway this

year, the fries will almost be right from the ground to your mouth. Almost. The Lions Club would like to thank Barrett Potato Farms for supplying the "red" potatoes used

to make the fries.

Besides working together at the football games, Cargill and the Lions Club have also cooked at the Cheeseburger Festivals, Na-

tional Night Out events, All Sports Banquets, and the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Training Event in May. Cargill knows beef and Lions know fries. Be there!!!

Commissioners approve budget and tax rate

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday August 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

A public hearing was held at 9:30 a.m. to hear comments on the proposed 2022 tax rate. No individual(s) addressed the Court concerning the topic. Likewise, there were no comments from the public during the open forum.

Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the \$6,917,633.84 Parmer County Budget for fiscal year 2023. The proposed 2022 Parmer County tax rate of \$0.5120

per \$100 was also approved by an unanimous vote.

Minutes from the August 22nd meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners approved a request from the Lazbuddie Fire Department for \$79,820 to update a fire truck in order to obtain a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service to purchase it. The funds will be used to replace a stainless steel tank with the required fiberglass tank. Lazbuddie Fire Chief Justin Burris made the presentation to the Court. American Rescue Plan

Act funds will be used for the payment.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 25 inmates of which 13 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County. Consideration of a Sheriff's office vehicle to be used by the Juvenile Probation Department was tabled until more information concerning the sharing of costs between Parmer County and Bailey County could be obtained.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

Area Beef Community Raises Over \$100,000 for SP4K Beef Fund

The Amarillo area beef community presented a check for \$109,000 to the Snack Pak 4 Kids (SP4K) Beef Fund. The money will provide beef protein to hungry students through the Snack Pak weekend hunger program. The check was presented at the fourth annual Beef 4 Kids Classic golf tournament.

"Our local beef partners continue to step up to serve their communities," said Dyron Howell, SP4K founder. "Since this tournament started four years ago, this group has raised nearly half a million dollars for the Beef Fund." The SP4K Beef Fund launched in October 2017 and was designed to provide



SP4K founder Dyron Howell, center, receives check at golf fundraiser.

more protein for hungry students in the Texas Panhandle.

"Ten percent of the sticks we need for the entire year will be funded by this golf tournament," Howell said. "When we

first started, kids would get about 10-12 grams of protein in their bags each weekend, which is woefully inadequate. Today kids are getting 50 grams of protein in their bags. This is the protein

they desperately need to be successful both at home and school."

Each year Snack Pak 4 Kids surveys local teachers and students to see how the program is working. "One stu-

dent told me his tummy did not hurt anymore because of the food he takes home on Friday," said one teacher. Beef provides ten essential nutrients and vitamins, including protein, zinc and iron - three key nutrients that are essential for proper growth and development of children.

"TCFA members in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are grateful for the strong partnership with Snack Pak and the opportunity it provides our members to give back to their communities," said Madeleine Bezner, TCFA Director of Communications. "Cattle feeders have a commitment to

serve their communities, and it has been an honor to be a part of this partnership in order to help our neighbors."

TCFA would like to thank the sponsors and golfers who made this event possible. Major sponsoring organizations include Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, Amarillo National Bank, Baptist Community Services, Bezner Beef, Cactus Cares, Cargill, Caviness Beef Packers, Champion Feeders, CoBank, Elanco, Five Rivers Cattle Co., Friona Industries, Hi-Pro Feeds, Jax Transport, Kemin Industries, Kirkland Feedyard, Micro Technologies, Nutra Blend and Tyson Foods.

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Community Calendar

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

- September 1**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- September 2**
• Caregiver Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Friona Banking Center
- September 5**
• Labor Day
• NO SCHOOL
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- September 8**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- September 11**
• Little Miss / Miss Friona Pageants
- September 12**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- September 13**
• Snack Pak 4 Kids packing at 3:00 p.m. at North end of Methodist Church
- September 15**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Flooding prompts disaster declaration

Heavy rains through Texas last week caused flooding, particularly in the Dallas area, prompting Gov. Greg Abbott to issue a disaster declaration for 23 affected counties. Texans who were affected by the rain, which dumped more than 10 inches in Dallas, are encouraged to file insurance claims with their providers and to complete the voluntary Self Reporting Damage Survey issued by the Texas Department of Emergency Management by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov. The survey helps the state identify damage across Texas to gain an understanding of what areas were affected during the recent severe weather.

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Camp, Culberson, Dallas, Duval, Ellis, El Paso, Henderson, Hopkins, Hudspeth, Kaufman, Kerr, Live Oak, Marion, Montague, Navarro, Pecos, Rains, Smith, Tarrant, Upshur, Van Zandt, Webb and Wood. Additional counties could be added as damage is assessed.

Burn bans lifted; fire danger drops

The heavy rains across a chunk of the state have reduced the wildfire risk, with the Texas A&M Forest Service for the first time in months not responding to any active wildfires. The number of counties with burn bans has dropped to 166. At its high point, 224 counties in the state were under burn bans.

The number of counties under extreme or exceptional drought has dropped as well. The percentage of Texas in the "exceptional drought" category dropped by more than half to 12.4%, according to kut.org.

Battleship Texas headed to Galveston for repairs

The Battleship Texas will leave its home at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site on Aug. 31 and make its way to the Galveston Shipyard for repairs, weather and tides permitting.

A livestream video of the departure will be available to the public on the Battleship Texas Foundation's YouTube channel and Facebook group page.

The former U.S. Navy battleship was launched on May 19, 1912, and saw action in World War I. It also escorted war convoys across the Atlantic during World War II, fought at Normandy on D-Day, and provided naval gunfire support in the Pacific during the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. The ship was decommissioned in 1948.

While in dry dock, the ship's hull will be repaired or replaced from four feet above the waterline down to the bottom, thanks to \$35 million in funding provided by the 2019 Texas Legislature. The grand reopening of Battleship Texas is expected to be sometime in 2024.

Coastal policyholders protected by emergency rule

An emergency rule issued by the Texas Department of Insurance will protect Weston Property & Casualty Insurance Company policyholders who live along the Texas coast. Weston, a Florida insurance company licensed in Texas, is in liquidation and has been ordered to end its operations by Sept. 7, possibly leaving Texas policyholders in danger of not being covered against wind and hail damage.

More than 23,000 Weston policyholders live in possibly affected areas, according to TDI. They will be eligible to be insured through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association for free for three months, after which a payment plan can be set up. Homeowners are encouraged to work with their insurance agent to find coverage.

Conditions heating up for dove season

An especially scorching summer might make it trickier for dove hunters with the season opening just around the corner. "Hunters will likely see larger concentrations of birds at watering holes and food sources than they have in the past due

to limited resources," said Owen Fitzsimmons with Texas Parks & Wildlife. "Agriculture production has been hit hard by drought so birds may be more reliant on native foods this September. Look for stands of common sunflower, croton and other native annual forbs and grasses."

In general, dove season begins on Sept. 1, depending on the geographic zone. Go to the TPW website at tpwd.texas.gov for specific dates.

PUC creates Office of Public Engagement

The Public Utility Commission has created an Office of Public Engagement to "provide a single point of contact for consumers, stakeholders, legislators, and other affected parties to make their voices heard at the PUC."

"We're very excited to build a team dedicated to bringing together all the parties and all the resources necessary to resolve what are often complex issues in a way that emphasizes collaboration among everyone involved and ultimately benefits customers and rate payers," Peter Lake, PUC chairman, said.

COVID-19 cases, deaths drop slightly

The number of documented COVID-19 cases during the past week in Texas dropped again, with 53,874 reported along with 192 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That number is almost certainly underreported with the prevalence of home tests, whose results are not usually included, according to numerous health officials.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 2,733 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, down about 10% from the previous week.

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- TX Tommy Lee Jones 1978 film: "Eyes of Laura _____"
- TXism: "get your ducks in _____"
- weather's "El _____"
- El Paso's first female mayor Suzy _____
- Mills County seat
- popular Dallas area "West _____"
- mineral springs (2 wds.)
- Gov. "_____" Ferguson
- TX Farr of the "Sons of the Pioneers"
- Kiowa chief "Orator of the Plains"
- hair style foam
- TXism: "at my _____ end" (frazzled)
- TX Helmond's role on "Who's the Boss"
- European political org. (abbr.)
- TX LeDoux's "_____ Dollar"
- a rapper's "dog"
- TXism: "_____ as a boardinghouse cat"
- art in oil
- it's scored when an Astro crosses the plate (2 wds.)
- TXism: "nip _____"
- TX "Bandit Queen" Starr
- TXism: "not a lick"
- Lou Gossett role on Texas-based "Return to Lonesome Dove"
- TXism: "keep your eyeballs _____"
- noted TX poet Crowell (init.)
- 19th governor, Ross (init.) (1886-90)
- TXism: "the _____ in the fire" (in trouble)
- in Seguin: "Texas _____ University"
- _____ Park, TX
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- "neither" sidekick
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- TXism: "he couldn't beat a _____"
- Marble _____, TX
- these are now illegal in Texas
- TXism: "he shoots _____ eye bullets"
- TXism: "me casa _____ casa"
- TX barbed wire tycoon: John "_____ Million" Gates
- "chute" or "graph" prefix
- less than
- Dallas Cowboys' "Ring of _____"

Bovina man dies in Parmer County crash

A Bovina man died after his vehicle collided with a semi tractor-trailer early Thursday morning (August 25) approximately eight miles east of Friona.

According to a press release from the Department of Public Safety, a 2000 Freightliner truck tractor towing a semi-trailer and a 2016 Jeep Cherokee were westbound on US 60 at approximately 12:40 a.m. The Jeep was traveling behind the semi. The driver of the semi slowed to enter the turning lane when the driver of the Jeep collided with the semi's trailer.

The driver of the Jeep, Eric Fierro, Jr., 34, of Bovina, was pronounced deceased on the scene by Parmer County Justice of the Peace Rhonda Wilkins. The driver of the semi, Sergio Acosta-Rocha, 60, of Perryton, was not injured.

The posted speed limit was 75 mph, and road and weather conditions were dry and clear. Both were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash, which remains under investigation by the Texas Highway Patrol Troopers.

FHS Class of '82 to hold 40-year reunion

The FHS Class of 1982 will celebrate its 30-year reunion during the upcoming 66th Annual Maize Days celebration. Plans include a pre-game meal at the Senior Citizens Center, going to the Homecoming football game, and riding on a trailer in the Maize Days parade. For more information or to RSVP, contact Mark Osborn at 806-576-6360.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(8/24/22) Giovanni Ponce Gonzalez, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Terroristic Threat Interrupt Public Place.

(8/26/22) Andrew Jayme Garcia, 20, of Hereford, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Unlawful Carry Weapon w/Felony Conviction, and on a Curry County, New Mexico Bench Warrant as a Fugitive from Justice.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 18, 2022 to August 25, 2022

(8/17/22) Robert Clint Hurst Jr., Shannon D. Hurst — Mauricio Garcia Ortiz — Tract A out of Two Tracts of Land in Section 17, T1N, R5E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Capitol League No. 465, Parmer County Texas

(8/19/22) Josef Steenbergen, Grace Ma Steenbergen — Keegan Ross Cook — All of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 5, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(8/22/22) Manuel Aguilar, Maria Aguilar — Carlos Vaquera, Sonia Martinez — A Tract of Land out of 13.05 Acres Land described in Special Correction Warranty Deed Recorded in Volume 245, Page 328, Deed of Records, Parmer County Texas

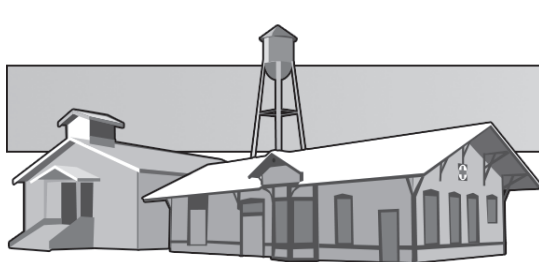
(8/22/22) Shannon McKenzie Fell — Darin Keith McKenzie — A Tract of Land out of Section 70, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

(8/22/22) Brandon Hyland Foster, Jalaina Renay Foster — Titus Plomaritis DBA High Plains Refuge — A Tract of Land in the NE 1/4 of Section 49 and the NW 1/4 of section 48, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

(8/24/22) Stanley Ott, Carrie Ott — Optima Dairy LLC — A 2.997 Acre Tract of Land in the SE 1/4 of Section 11, T4S, R4E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

Puzzle Solution

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TOWN TALK

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Enter today — the deadline to enter the Little Miss or Miss Friona pageant is 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 2nd at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office.

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About September — Before the Julian and Gregorian calendars, September was the 7th month of the Roman calendar. September means seven in Latin. At the time, there were only 10 months. In 700 BC, Numa Pompilius added January and February to the calendar. This change more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth. As a result, September became the 9th month on the calendar. September's full moon is appropriately named the Harvest Moon. However, the Harvest Moon occasionally lands in October. When it does, September's full moon is named the Corn Moon.

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50for'72 — The FHS Class of '72 Class is planning a reunion. They are looking for addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails for Class of '72 members

in order to get information out for the 50th Reunion. The event will be held October 7th & 8th at Horseshoe Bay, Texas. More information to follow. Please respond with your information to Kathy Rector at diamondkat54@gmail.com or Rickey Rector at rickeyrector53@yahoo.com.

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First alert — The Friona Volunteer Fire Department's "50 for 50" fundraiser drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Saturday, September 17th at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

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Sports Poster update — work is continuing on the 2022-23 FHS Sports Poster. This year the cheerleaders sold so many ads that the poster is having to be redesigned. Hopefully the sports posters will be ready to pass out in a couple of weeks.

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Coming attractions —

The Little Miss & Miss Friona pageants will be held on Sunday, September 11th at the FHS Auditorium. Little Miss will begin at 2 p.m. and Miss Friona will start at 6 p.m. Homecoming football game is Friday, September 16th with festivities starting at 6:30 p.m. 66th Annual Maize Days Celebration is Saturday, September 17th.

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Sounds fishy — The Friona Economic Development Corporation has announced that Sunday, September 11th is Youth Fishing Day. The event will be conducted by the Texas Junior Anglers, Inc. and will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake just south of the Friona Community Center.

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Be alert to phone scams — Xcel Energy has received several reports of attempted phone scams against Texas and New Mexico customers and is reminding business and residential customers how to protect themselves from falling victim to scams. Xcel Energy

customers will initially be contacted by U.S. mail about past due bills, not over the phone. You will also be sent a disconnection notice in writing before your power is actually turned off. Customers should never wire money, provide bank card numbers, or social security numbers over the phone. Customers with any doubt about someone claiming to be from Xcel Energy and asking for payment should hang up immediately.

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Talking trash — the roll-off box is almost full so it will not be open this Saturday.

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National Days

September 1:
Burnt Ends Day

September 2:
Food Bank Day

September 3:
Tailgating Day

September 4:
Pastors' Spouses Day

September 5:
Labor Day

September 6:
Read a Book Day

September 7:
Grandma Moses Day

Workers at our town supermarket... ... keep it running smoothly. Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Working at the Grocery Store

We all visit the grocery store to buy food and supplies for our homes. I like to take my own bags when I shop. There are lots of people working at the grocery store to make it run smoothly — from the baggers at the front to the workers behind the scenes in the warehouses.

Fill in the puzzle with the person who does each job. In the Store:

- packs groceries and puts them into the carts
- clerk checks vegetables for freshness
- clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
- scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
- keeps the whole store running smoothly
- watches customers and works to keep theft low
- clerk works hard slicing cold meats and cheeses, and scooping salads
- gathers the shopping carriages, lines them up neatly
- keeps the store sparkling clean and in good order
- service person works behind a desk to help with any customer needs or questions
- cuts the meat into special cuts, answers any questions
- shelf _____ refills the shelves and keeps them orderly

Behind the Scenes:

- driver moves piles of large, heavy bundles
- brings trucks full of items to the store's loading dock
- programmers keep track of the stock, prices and amounts people buy

Don't Break the Budget!
A good way to keep on track (to only buy items that you need and not overspend your budget) is to write a shopping _____! (Hint: look at the letters in the eggs.)

Celebrating Workers in Our Communities

11 cart-pusher price 8 deli 13 detective
9 cashier 10 bagger computer 5
15 truck driver 2 customer 7 butcher 6
14 stocker 4 manager
3 produce custodian

Where Can We Find It?

Welcome to my area of the store called the "Floral Department." It's my job to keep flowers fresh and to help you choose flowers for a celebration or to decorate your home.

- Match the departments on the left to the items that a shopper would find there.
- Next, find and circle all of these words:

1. frozen	A. paper towels, dish soap
2. produce	B. milk, butter, eggs
3. laundry, paper, cleaning	C. ham, chicken
4. dairy	D. ice cream, pizzas
5. meat and poultry	E. corn, apples, tomatoes
6. bakery	F. bottled water, soda, juice
7. gourmet	G. fish, shrimp, clams
8. pet needs	H. fancy cookies, jams
9. seafood	I. dog food, cat snacks
10. beverage	J. bread, cake, pie
11. breakfast	K. fruit, vegetables, tuna fish
12. canned goods	L. cereal, pancake mix

The Best Price

Yoshi needs a new collar and treats to clean his teeth. Go to both stores. Which has the lowest total price?

Fred's Pets
\$4.00
\$1.50

Pet Style
\$3.50
\$2.50



Trail Mix

Even though you probably didn't get your paper until after National Trail Mix Day on August 31st, you can still use these tasty recipes to make your own trail mix for the rest of the year. Here are three recipes to choose from although they all sound pretty good.

Healthy Homemade Trail Mix: 3 Recipes www.walderwellness.com

Ingredients

Tropical Trail Mix:

- 1 cup raw cashews
- 1/2 cup raw almonds
- 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut chips
- 2 cups unsweetened dried mangos, chopped
- 1/2 cup banana chips

Chocolate Raspberry Trail Mix:

- 3 cups plain popcorn
- 1 cup raw pecans
- 1/2 cup raw almonds
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips or pieces
- 1 cup freeze-dried raspberries

Ginger Apricot Trail Mix:

- 1 cup raw hazelnuts
- 1 cup raw pistachios

- 1/2 cup raw cashews
- 1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup dried apricots, chopped
- 1/3 cup crystallized ginger, chopped

Instructions

Combine ingredients into a large mixing bowl and stir everything together well. Store in glass jars or Tupperware, and portion out for snacks as desired!

Notes

- *Each recipe will make approximately 4-5 cups of trail mix.
- *When purchasing ingredients, be sure to choose unsweetened or unsalted varieties!
- *Trail mix will keep for a few weeks, but it will likely be eaten before then.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Tripleheader

This past week I had three reminders about why school personnel should have pensions far greater than what they receive.

1) At the annual gathering of the WTSA (West Texas Speech Association), veteran as well as novice classroom speech teachers and coaches met for workshop sessions to share ideas —not just for students competing in UIL, TFA, or NSDA, but for all students enrolled in any speech class. Listening to their instruction and watching the energy (some are older than I am), I was rejuvenated for my return to the classroom. These women and men are valuable beyond a pay scale, and I hope their school districts realize how important it is to give students safe spaces to learn to communicate. The teachers in this group are masters at just such work. Much of their efforts involve after school and weekends. Some are retired but continue to mentor or teach adult education speech classes at local colleges. Networking in this speech community has impacted me in profound ways.

2) My sister Sara is often overlooked in our family as an educator. In higher education at Texas Tech, she refers to herself as an "engaged scholar." This is not a

pretentious statement. If anything, Sara is doing the most basic and most important of jobs: teaching service-learning classes. Sitting outside on the patio last night talking, I listened to her share her passion about leading the next generation into an awareness of community involvement. For example, Sara facilitates partnerships with nonprofits, public agencies, and schools. Her classroom is not about a final exam and a research paper. Students are required to write reflections about their methods of engaging the community, planning, and implementing their service projects. Texas Tech's Center for Early Head Start is one such program that has benefitted from Sara's class work. Her work is practical and powerful, as education should be.

3) Finally, a scene that probably played out across many kindergartens across the state last week happened in my daughter's classroom in tiny Ira, Texas. When Emily--now in her 13th year of teaching--was young, she cried and cried for the first two weeks of school up until the Sixth Grade. It mattered not that I was just around the corner or that she had the same classmates since kindergarten. She was a little girl who

did not adjust to change.

On the final day of the first full week of school, Emily kept an eye on another little girl, who had been holding back the tears as long as she could. With open arms, Emily motioned for this child to move in for a reassuring hug. The kindergartner buried her little face into Emily's body. Knowing that this same little one's grandmother was also Emily's school nurse at Borden County many years earlier adds a touch to the story: Mrs. Thomas never turned Emily away from her office, when all Emily needed on many days was shelter from an internal storm. Now my daughter provides that same umbrella service.

Speech classes, college electives, kindergarten. None of these are fluff classes. All of the teachers and professors in these particular arenas shape the most important aspects of a person's education: communication, service, and empathy.

Let teachers do their jobs. If they are not professional or are not good for the profession, they'll eventually leave. The ones who remain want to be there.

These are society's keepers of the flame. Don't let them burn out.

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Gas below \$3 in some places

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 6.2 cents per gallon last week, \$3.34 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 36.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 55.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.93 while the most expensive was \$4.73 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.0 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.81 per gallon. The national average is down 39.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 69.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 7.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.04 per gallon.

"The national average has declined for another week, extending the slide for the eleventh straight week. Gas prices are now \$1.20 per gallon lower than mid-June with Americans spending \$450 million less on gasoline every day as a result," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Some issues have developed that we're keeping a close eye on, including the shut down of the largest refinery in the Midwest. While that refinery may get back online sooner rather than later, it's not impossible that down the road the situation could impact prices in the region. For the rest of the country, however, we'll continue to see prices moderate. This is of course subject to hurricane season, and it does appear that the tropics are starting to see some activity, so there's no guarantee the decline will continue."

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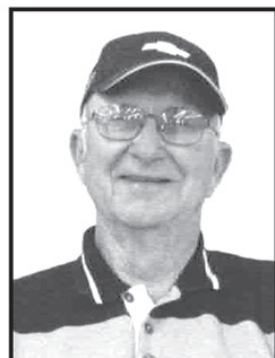
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Worth the Trip

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you know the feeling of being enclosed in your vehicle for hour after hour as you travel to a special vacation destination or to see family? Recently our family had such an experience, and in spite of the ten hour road trip, some fussing, bickering and miles of boredom, the pain of the journey was far worth it because of the beauty of our destination. The towering mountains, groves of aspens, fish to be caught, trails to be hiked and shops to be explored made the trip well worth it.

In a much greater way, following the Lord Jesus is very similar to a trip that is well worth it because of your destination. In life, you may endure years of monotony, seasons of temptation, trials bigger than you can handle, happy times, sad times, but through it all, the journey is worth the destination of spending eternity with the Lord Jesus.

Being faithful along the journey by following the Lord's guidance is worth the trials and troubles you experience, because of the surpassing joy that awaits believers. Romans 8:18 says, "For I consider that the suffering of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." In other words, the anticipation of what God is going to do in your future far outweighs the hurts, failures, trials and tribulations in your past or present. The cancer diagnosis, the cardiac problems, the trials of being shunned because you follow Jesus, the pain of your failures, and all your sufferings and struggles are a part of your journey, but in the glory of Jesus, you will proclaim that they were all worth the trip, so that Jesus would be glorified in you and through you as you remain faithful to him along life's journey.

Panhandle Parables

Windmills & Water

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

I will never forget my first drink from a windmill. The day was hot and the water cold. I didn't drink from the tank, (not that tough), but straight from the pipe and oh how refreshing it was to taste the water, filtered by God and chilled to perfection. Living here on the High Plains of the Texas Panhandle it is not uncommon to see an old windmill off in a pasture somewhere. Many are worse for wear missing various parts whether the weather vane or iconic blades, many no longer pump and the shafts are disconnected. They stand as mere relics of a time gone by, but they transformed this country one breeze at a time. Yet, if you are for-

tunate you will find a 100 year old windmill still doing what it has always done turn wind into water.

Sometimes Christianity looks a lot like those old windmills. No longer in use, relics and missing parts, driving through small towns or where there once was a town you see old buildings, no longer thriving with people praising God, now roosts for pigeons and other critters. We look at a world drinking the latest "Kool-aid" no longer thirsting for the only Water to give eternal life. Honestly, a little discouraging, makes you want to head for the hills and ask God why? Elijah did that once, and God reminded Him He was

still on His throne, still working to save those who would let Him and told Elijah to get back to work. (1 Kings 19 check it out).

Maybe I need to be reminded too! If I look a little closer, I still see Christians facing challenges, following Jesus, and sharing the Water. There are still people drinking from the deep well of Christ for the first time and finding refreshment and relief for their souls. I just need to remember; we have a source that will never run dry. We have a King who will never lose and we do have Water. So when you see the old windmills remember there is work to do and Water to share. Would you like a cup?

The Parable That Keeps Teaching

By Teena Hughs

After the title, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, there should be a comma and the words, The Parable That Keeps Teaching.

You have probably heard a Sunday school teacher or minister ask, "Who do you identify with in this well-known parable? The father, the older son, or the younger son, the one who took his inheritance and squandered it on "wine, women and song"?"

For the longest time, I identified with the older son, the one that stayed home, worked, and did what was expected of him, because that is what I would have done.

Then, I read a chapter in a Max Lucado book, and I identified with the father. As a mother, I could just imagine how excited I would be, and the party I would throw, if my prodigal son returned home. The father welcomed his son home the exact same way God welcomes His prodigal children home. That taught me how we should treat prodigals!

Last Sunday, I learned another lesson from the book we are studying in Sunday school, The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi. Kathi Lee Gifford said this: "When told the news of his brother's unexpected return, the older son became belligerent, hurt, and combative. He refused to go into the party to welcome his brother home. Some would say he had good reason. After all, the older son didn't cause his father pain, embarrassment, disappointment, or sorrow.

"I believe this son represents those of us who are 'Pharisees' in our hearts. We keep all the rules, we do everything

required of us, and we are faithful and loyal believers. **But we lack what our Father cares about most: love, compassion, mercy, grace, and forgiveness.** These are the things the prodigal son's father expressed to his beloved son--who was once lost but now is found.

"This is a perfect picture of redemption. We can only imagine the reaction of the Pharisees in Jesus' audience that day. Did they recognize themselves in the person of the unloving but faithful son?"

"Do we?"
I always thought the older brother was rude for not going to his brother's welcome home party. He was angry at the situation, angry at his dad and younger brother. I never looked at the older son as lacking love, compassion, mercy, grace, or forgiveness for his younger brother, but he definitely was. Instead of being thrilled that his younger brother had "seen the error of his ways" and returned home, he was focusing on himself and what he had done as the responsible, hard-working son. It was his choice to stay home, just like it was the younger brother's choice to leave and spend his inheritance on a "good" time.

When you focus on yourself, there's not much room for showing love, compassion, mercy, grace and forgiveness to others, is there? Thinking about self doesn't leave much room for celebrating someone's redemption, something that makes a person new and makes God happy. Focusing on self is like having a pity party (that I wrote about two weeks ago): it's just a waste of time!

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Sports



Friona Squaws volleyball vs Lubbock Estacado



Sports News

High School Football

The JV Chiefs will open their season at Panhandle on Thursday, September 1st starting at 5 p.m. The Chieftains will host Panhandle at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd for their season opener. The Panthers won their season opener last Friday at home with a 56-6 victory over the Clarendon Broncos. Panhandle quarterback Landyn Hack was named the First United Bank Athlete of the Week by Press Pass Sports.

Junior High Football

The 7th Grade Braves and 8th Grade Braves football teams will begin their season next Thursday, September 8th as they travel to Muleshoe. Game times are 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

High School Volleyball

The Squaws defeated Estacado Tuesday evening. They are open this week and will resume play on Saturday, September 10 at Highland Park with the C, JV, and Varsity teams all in action.

Junior High Volleyball

The 7th Grade Maidens and 8th Grade Maidens will compete in the Border Bash Tournament this weekend and then will host WT on Monday, September 5th starting at 5:00 p.m.

Border Bash Volleyball Tournament

Friona will host the Annual Border Bash Volleyball Tournament on Thursday, September 1st & Saturday, September 3rd at the FHS Activities Center. Friona Junior High, C, & JV teams will all compete in the tournament.

Cross Country

The Cross Country teams are open this week. The Junior High and High School teams will compete in Amarillo at Rick Klein Park on Saturday, September 10th.



Friona ISD Calendar for September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 -JV Football @ Panhandle -Border Bash Tourney	2 -Chieftain Football vs. Panhandle	3 -Border Bash Tourney
4	5 *Labor Day Holiday -No School	6	7	8 -JV Football vs. Muleshoe -JH Football @ Muleshoe	9 -Chieftain Football @ Muleshoe	10 -Squaw Volleyball @ Highland Park -Cross County @ Amarillo Rick Klein
11 *Little/Miss Friona Pageant	12 -JH Volleyball @ Highland Park	13 -Squaw Volleyball vs. Wildorado	14	15 -JV Football @ Dalhart -JH Football vs. Dalhart	16 *Homecoming -Chieftain Football vs. Dalhart	17 *Maize Day Parade -Squaw Volleyball vs. Chi Warriors
18	19 -JH Volleyball vs. Perryton *FISD Board Meeting	20 -JV/V Volleyball @ Wellman	21	22 -JV Football vs. Farwell -JH Football @ Farwell	23 -Chieftain Football @ Farwell	24 -Squaw Volleyball vs. Bushland -Cross Country @ Dimmitt
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Donita Martin



Donita Martin, 81 of Friona passed away August 24, 2022 in Amarillo. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday, August 26, 2022 at HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday August 27, 2022 at Calvary Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. D. Jay Lewis, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Donita was born June 11, 1941 in Leveland, Texas to Lewie and Ruby Dial Jordon. She later married Eune Martin March 4, 1960 in Muleshoe. She was a bookkeeper for Friona Consumers Coop, Friona Wheat Growers, Cattle Finance Company, and Hi-Pro for many years. She was a

longtime member of the Jaycees Club, and Friona Sr. Citizens, and a very active member of Calvary Baptist Church of Friona.

Into her 40's, Donita was known for her talents in volleyball and softball. She loved traveling and vacations, but her greatest enjoyment came from her grandchildren and always supported their activities.

Donita is preceded in

death by her parents, 1 son-Lewie Don Martin, husband- Eune Martin, and 1 nephew Chad Givens.

Those to mourn her passing include 1 daughter-Robin Peace and husband Roger of Friona, 1 sister-Linda Goree and husband Alton of New Castle, Texas, 2 grandsons-Rusty Peace of Haslet, Texas, and Jordon Peace and wife Jessica of Amarillo, Texas, 2 great-grandchildren-Morgon, and Jaxson, and several nieces and nephews.

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Eric Fierro, Jr.



Eric Fierro, Jr. of Bovina, Texas passed away suddenly on August 25, 2022. He was 34 years old. Viewing was at 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 29, 2022 at Templo Getsemani Church in Floydada, Texas with cremation to follow in honor of his wishes. Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada, Texas.

Eric Cervantez Fierro, Jr. was born on August 14th, 1988 in San Angelo, Texas, son of Santa & Gilbert Garza. He and his wife Keyla Fierro (nee Pesina), originally from Floydada, Texas, were lovingly married in Floydada in a ceremony at her parents' home on July 30th, 2016 and had three children: Caroline Arabella (5), Amaya Elise (3), and Emilia Shaylene (1 mo.). He resided in Bovina, Texas and worked as a football, basketball, and track coach and History and Government teacher. His latest assignment was at Bovina High School,

but had taught for 9 years at various other high schools statewide. He was voted "Coach of the Year" during his time as Head Baseball Coach at Winters High School. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History from Angelo State University in 2013 and was a Cum Laude graduate of Ozona High School, Class of 2006.

Eric was a loving husband and "Dada" and his pride and joy was being a "girl dad" to his three sweet girls. He enjoyed vacationing with his wife and girls, traveling with them most recently to Colorado and the Grand Canyon. And he greatly enjoyed his home life as a father, coming home to his girls screaming for "Dada" and sharing

movie nights with them. He was also a determined and goal-oriented young man, having followed closely in the footsteps of his brother and sister Derek and Erika to earn his college degree. To his mother, Santa, he was and always will be her baby.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Socorro & Felipe Castro and Maclovio & Anadelia Fierro, all of Ozona, Texas; uncles Eginio Castro and Albert Ramos of Ozona, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 6 wonderful years, Keyla Fierro and young daughters Caroline, Amaya, and Emilia, of Bovina, Texas; mother and father Santa & Gilbert Garza of Ozona; sister Erika Fierro and her fiancé John of San Antonio; brother Derek Fierro of San Antonio; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who sometimes affectionately called him "Bubbles," a nickname given to him by his closest aunt and uncle, Belia & Lalo Garza of Ozona, Texas. Floral memorial requests can be made through Cathy's Floral & Gifts in Floydada, Texas 806-983-5013.

Charles Gilbreath



Charles Gilbreath, 88 of Friona, formerly of Bovina passed away August 27, 2022 in Friona. There will be no services. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Charles was born March 7, 1934 in Yantis, Texas to Grover and Angela Thompson Gilbreath. He later married Florence Isabell Kunselman September 16, 1955.

Charles was a longtime area farmer and loved the outdoors, especially fishing. He was known for being a very happy

man always singing and had a great yodel.

Those preceding him in death include his parents, wife- Isabell Kunselman Gilbreath, 1 daughter- Debra Ann Michaels, and several siblings.

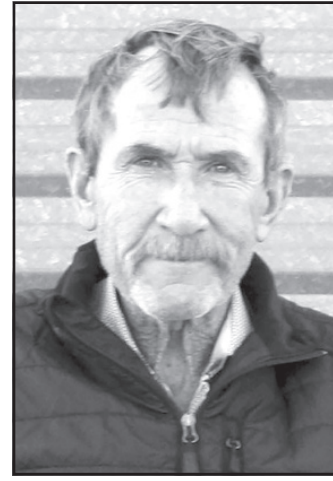
Those left to mourn his passing include 3 sons-

Chuck Gilbreath of Texico, New Mexico, Dale Gilbreath and wife Dayna of Saginaw, Texas and Jimmy Gilbreath and wife Shawnee of Lubbock, Texas, 1 daughter Diane Maynard and husband Don of Amarillo, Texas 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Dale Gallman



A Church service for Dale Gallman, age 67, of Bovina, Texas, was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe, Texas with Dr. Stacy Conner of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park. Dale died peacefully on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 in Lubbock, Texas, surrounded by those who loved him most. He was born August 19, 1955 in Muleshoe to Fred and Lorraine (Noble) Gallman. He married Debbie Jesko in Lazbuddie, Texas on January 1, 1996.

If you knew Dale, you know that nothing ran like a Dale. He was tough, rough around the edges, and had the vocabulary of a well educated sailor. You knew of his devotion to his family. You knew of his incredible work ethic. You knew to never leave your bread unattended or he'd poke a giant hole in it. If you were lucky enough to see the

softer side of Dale, you've witnessed him spout off scripture like a preacher. You've had him anoint you with oil and had him pray over you. You've had him give you encouragement in the most blunt and tough love type of way.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Dale is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Twila Albertson; a brother, JeDon Gallman; and a grandson, Coulter Dale Smith.

Dale is survived by his wife, Debbie; his two

sons, Timmie Smith and his wife, Lidia of Dripping Springs, Texas and Chris Smith and his wife, Kendall of Shallowater, Texas; his daughter, Kimberly Nickels and her husband, Guy Wayne of Muleshoe, Texas; his two sisters, Jan Edwards and her husband, Robert of Amarillo, Texas and Leatrice Adams and her husband, Bob of Plano, Texas; his sister-in-law, Kitty Gallman of Friona, Texas; his two brothers, Robert Gallman and his wife, Ellen of Lazbuddie, Texas and David Gallman and his wife, LeAnn of Muleshoe, Texas; and his six grandchildren, Ana Smith, Jayci Nickels, Jonathan Smith, Guyson Nickels, Cooper Smith and Caiden Smith.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Parmer County Stock Show, c/o Parmer County Extension Service, PO Box 700, Bovina, Texas, 79009. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Parmer County USDA News

Important Program Information:

- NRCS is now accepting applications for 2023 Equip Program
- Now taking 2022 Livestock Forage Program (LFP) applications

USDA Offers Options for Signing and Sharing Documents Online

Farmers and ranchers working with USDA's Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service can now sign and share documents online in just a few clicks. By using Box or OneSpan, producers can digitally complete business transactions without leaving their homes or agricultural operations. Both services are free, secure, and available for multiple FSA and NRCS programs.

Box is a secure, cloud-based site where FSA or NRCS documents can be managed and shared. Producers who choose to use Box can create a username and password to access their secure Box account, where documents can be downloaded, printed, manually signed, scanned, uploaded, and shared digitally with Service Center staff. This service is available to any FSA or NRCS customer with access to a mobile device or computer with printer connectivity.

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documents immediately become available to the appropriate Service Center staff.

Box and OneSpan are both optional services for customers interested in improved efficiency in signing and sharing documents with USDA, and they do not replace existing systems using eAuthentication for digital signature. Instead, these tools provide additional digital options for producers to use when conducting business with FSA or NRCS.

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Conservation at Work Video Series

A video series from NRCS and farmers.gov, Conservation at Work, presents short and easy to understand videos about popular conservation practices. These videos feature producers explaining how an individual practice helps their land and why they are using it. There are also videos showcasing high tunnels, no-till, cover crops, prescribed grazing, and many more. Check out the Conservation at Work video series at farmers.gov/conservation/conservationatwork.

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New York, New York

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

In 1624, the Dutch West India Company formed the colony of New Amsterdam; later, the name was changed to New York—to honor the Duke of York—and it emerged as America's first capital in 1788.



According to History.com, the Dutch colony "grew to encompass all of present-day New York City and parts of Long Island, Connecticut and New Jersey. A successful Dutch settlement in the colony [also] grew up on the southern tip of Manhattan Island and was christened New Amsterdam."

An oft repeated tale is that the Dutch purchased Manhattan for \$24 worth of guilders and trinkets in 1646, but the actual transaction

occurred—in 1626—between Peter Minuit, a Dutch agent for the West India company, and the Native Americans.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhat-*

tan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America by Russell Shorto.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.

Iconic Paramount Theater sign gets LED retrofit

Center City of Amarillo, Xcel Energy and SkyRite Signage Co. have teamed up to brighten downtown Amarillo's iconic Paramount Theater sign in celebration of the 90th birthday of the sign and the historic Paramount Theater Building at 817 S. Polk St.

Center City, through its facade grant program, has matched a gift provided by Xcel Energy to replace all 850 incandescent bulbs with energy-saving and long-lasting

LED bulbs installed by SkyRite at a steep discount. The LED project is part of an effort to update the sign, which was restored 16 years ago.

"The Paramount sign is an icon of not only downtown but for all of Amarillo," said Charles Lynch, president of the Amarillo Historical Preservation Foundation, which restored the sign with Center City's help in 2006. "It's a throwback to a time when Polk Street was brilliantly illuminated

with neon from end to end, and it's a striking symbol of a downtown redevelopment effort that is paying off big for Amarillo. We're grateful for Center City, Xcel Energy and SkyRite for investing in the future of one of our most treasured landmarks."

The AHPF still retains ownership of the sign through an agreement with Jason Herrick, manager of Polk St. Paramount, the owner of the Paramount Building.

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Xcel Energy archive photo from 1938 that was used in the 1943 annual report by Southwestern Public Service Company, Xcel Energy's predecessor company.



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



PAINTING FOR THE CITY....City manager Paula Wilson accepts a painting from artist J.D. Keel, Jr. The windmill painting was donated to the city by Mr. Keel during a workshop at the Senior Center. He has been conducting painting workshops around the Panhandle for 40 years. (Friona Star, Friday, August 25, 2000)

Friona Banking Center introduces new employee

First National Bank Friona Banking Center is pleased to announce that Celeste Schilling joined the Bank on August 1, 2022. She has been employed at First National Bank in Herford in the loan department for the past eight

years. She will continue to work with the loan department, along with other banking duties, in Friona.

Celeste has 38 years of Banking experience. During her career, she has worked in White Deer, Lubbock, Plain-

view, and Hale Center. Celeste and her husband Dennis reside in Parmer County where they farm and raise cattle.

Employees and staff of Friona Banking Center invite the community to stop by and welcome Celeste to Friona.



New Friona Banking Center employee Celeste Schilling

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Iconic Paramount Theater sign gets LED retrofit

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The AHPF pays for ongoing maintenance of the sign while Polk

St. Paramount pays the monthly cost of keeping the Paramount sign illu-

minated.

The 30-foot blade-style sign is trimmed in red neon but most of the illumination comes from the 850 yellow and clear flashing bulbs that spell out the Paramount name on two sides and animate the borders. According to Xcel Energy, switching to LED bulbs provides a brighter light that uses 75% less energy, and the bulbs last up to 15 times longer. This will reduce both the monthly cost of lighting the sign and the annual costs of sending a repair crew to change burned-out bulbs.

“Our 1943 annual report called Polk Street the ‘best lighted Main Street in America’ and featured a night view of downtown dominated by the Paramount sign,” said Brad Baldrige, Xcel Energy director of Customer and Community Relations. “Almost 80 years later we’re still proud of Polk Street, and the Paramount sign is a great advertisement for the benefits of LED lighting.”

The sign is one of the few remaining relics of the original Paramount Theater, an art deco landmark that opened April 21, 1932 in the throes of the Great Depression. After the theater closed and was converted into an office building in the 1970s, Amarillo businessman Lowell Stafp salvaged the sign and other theater fixtures and reinstalled them at the Paramount Club on Northeast Third Avenue and Osage Street. Stafp donated the Paramount sign to the AHPF in 2005.

AHPF and Center City worked together in raising funds from the community, local foundations and Amarillo businesses – including Xcel Energy – to hire Wellborn Sign Co. to restore the sign and reattach it on the Paramount Building in time for a public unveiling at the Center City Block Party in August 2006. Wellborn Sign has since merged with SkyRite, and some of the sign workers who restored the sign in 2006 have been involved in the LED retrofit.

“The restoration of the iconic Paramount sign was a catalyst project for our downtown,” said Beth Duke, executive director of Center City of Amarillo. “The sign became an instant landmark and inspired others to revitalize Center City. When you see the Paramount sign, you know you’ve arrived in historic downtown Amarillo.”

Duke played a leading role in the fundraising effort in 2006 and secured a \$40,000 Center City grant with funds from the late Elaine Shults to help pay the restoration cost. Other large donors were the

Sybil B. Harrington Trust, the Ware Foundation and Xcel Energy. But Duke pointed out that individual donations through the “Buy

a Bulb” campaign were vital to the project’s success.

The Amarillo Historical Preservation Foundation promotes and

supports the preservation of historically significant structures, sites and artifacts that define and distinguish Amarillo and the Texas Plains.



Current Paramount Theater sign (photo by Wes Reeves)

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