



Cami Skaggs is named Workhorse of the Year

Cami Skaggs was named the Kiwanis Club Workhorse of the Year for 2023. She received the honor at the club's annual installation banquet Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Workhorse award was presented by Chase Allison.

"This year's Workhorse of the Year award is going to a person who has been an educator her entire adult life," said Allison. "Her biggest gift to our community is the influence that she has on the children. Whether it's greeting kids as they arrive with a smiling 'Hello,' or a goodbye when loading them in their parents' cars with a 'See you later, alligator,' or teaching each kid to think

bigger. Her goal is to let them know the sky's the limit."

Skaggs has served as a science teacher, cheer sponsor, UIL coach, and gifted/talented coordinator. She is currently the STEM coordinator for Perryton Independent School District.

She has served Perryton for years in civic clubs such as Serendipity, as well as non-profit organizations like the Perryton Activity Center and the Panhandle Crisis Center, as well as church activities.

Last summer, Skaggs spent countless hours delivering food, water, and pet supplies to help tornado victims and worked tirelessly at distribution centers.

In addition to her normal duties at PISD, Skaggs has also taken on the task of fundraising, ordering, organizing, and distributing school supplies for free for every student in the district. This has taken large amounts of time, effort, labor, and worry, but has also relieved much stress on parents and children affected by the disaster.

Also at the banquet, Nikki Green was named Kiwanian of the Year.

The club membership decided to retain last year's officers for another year, with Chase Allison remaining as president; Budd Rudd, president-elect; Samantha Gonzalez, treasurer; and Ralph Gonzalez, secretary.



WORKHORSE OF THE YEAR

The Perryton Kiwanis Club named Cami Skaggs as their Workhorse of the Year on Tuesday evening. Skaggs has served as a science teacher, cheer sponsor, UIL coach, and Gifted/Talented coordinator with PISD and is currently the district's STEM coordinator. Pictured are, from left, Skaggs and Kiwanis president Chase Allison.

School board moves forward on bond issue projects

The Perryton School Board met Monday and heard HVAC installation updates, enrollment numbers and progress on beginning several improvements district-wide from the successful bond issues.

Superintendent Greg Brown talked about the ESSER II and ESSER III funding the district is still in the process of spending.

HVAC units are continuing to be installed, but the AC units for Ranger Gym will not be installed by the Sept. 30, 2023 deadline for ESSER II.

The units have been moved to ESSER III, which

does not have to be used until September 2024.

Brown told the board the request for quotes guidelines for a construction manager for the bond project are being finalized. Once that is posted, he anticipated the interview and hiring process would take around seven-eight weeks. After a construction manager is hired, the design process will begin.

Brown also discussed PISD enrollment, currently at 1,905. That is around 100 students less than at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The board also heard from athletic director Cole

Underwood, who recognized powerlifters Johnny Becerril and Vanessa Chavira for their successful year. Becerril won the world championship in August, and Chavira was the world runner-up at the event, held in Romania.

Also during the meeting the board went to executive session, and in open session, reviewed and approved the District Improvement Plan, and the School Heath Advisory Council member list and bylaws.

The next board meeting was set for Monday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. at the PISD Administration Building.

Council okays CDC purchase of one Main Street block

In a special meeting Tuesday morning, the Perryton City Council heard an update on the Small Business Administrations local center and approved purchasing a block on Main Street.

Javier Caltenco with the SBA told the council that so

far, 24 loans, totaling \$2.3 million had been approved, probably many of those to homeowners.

He added that several other loans are pending, noting that business loans take longer to be approved.

Caltenco added that the local center will be closing this Thursday.

The deadline to submit a disaster loan application for property damage caused by the tornado is Oct. 23, and the deadline for economic injury disaster loans, whether

or not the business suffered property damage, is May 22, 2024. Those applications can be submitted online.

After a 15 minute executive session, the council approved the Perryton Community Development Corporation purchasing the 100 block of South Main, excluding 101 S. Main (the former A Tech 4U building).

The cost is \$1,000 a front foot, with the city planning to clear the block of the damaged buildings and debris.



BRACELETS FOR BUSINESS

Young entrepreneurs can take many different roads to find success. In the case of Gianna Reyes, age 10, at left, and Brisaedi Garcia, 10, their version of the curbside lemonade stand is more of a bracelet stand — they've been creating bracelets for kids, including five-year-old Marissa, who's getting her new bracelet fitted for size, who come by their table at 1010 S. Drake.

Commissioners approve several local contracts

The Ochiltree County Commissioners' Court met for a regular meeting on Monday morning at the Ochiltree County Courthouse.

Many of the items on the agenda involved contracts the county holds with a number of local organizations.

The commissioners approved the annual contract between the county and the Museum of the Plains. The county provides the museum with \$50,000 for all museum expenses.

The commissioners also approved contracts with the Perryton Rifle and Pistol Club, which leases the land for the rifle range for \$75 per year.

The commissioners approved a farm lease between the county and Jason Schickedanz for grazing land near the airport.

Commissioners also approved a contract between the county and airport man-

ager Bear Knox.

The commissioners approved a contract between the county and Jim Henry and Warren Yeatman to allow right-of-way access to their land through a strip of county property.

The commissioners also approved a contract between the county and the Perryton Rodeo Association.

In other business, the commissioners received a number of required orders from the district judge setting salaries for the official court reporter, court coordinator, chief juvenile probation officer, county auditor, and assistant county auditor.

The commissioners also approved changes to the Ochiltree County per diem policy. The changes raised the allowed per diem rate for traveling county employees from \$51 to \$54 per day, removed per diems for single- (See County, Page 8)

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Panhandle Wildlife Conference returns to Lubbock Oct. 20-21

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the Department of Natural Resources Management at Texas Tech University and the Texas Wildlife Association are hosting the Panhandle Wildlife Conference Oct. 20-21 at Texas Tech University's National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. The conference will be the first of its kind since the 1990s and will explore the diverse landscape and wildlife of the Texas Panhandle, a region rich in both history and natural resources.

"This conference was designed with the Texas Panhandle landowners and land managers in mind," said Brad Simpson, TPWD Panhandle District leader. "We wanted to showcase not only what is going on in the Panhandle but also provide land managers the opportunity to see and hear up-to-date information on a variety of topics."

Topics will include landowners' perspectives, current management strategies,

technical assistance programs available and chronic wasting disease. There will also be sessions with current information on quail, deer, pronghorn, migratory birds, water conservation and rare species.

"We are excited to be able to share some of this information with Panhandle landowners and land managers," Simpson said. "There is something for everyone."

There will be biologists from state, federal, non-governmental agencies and universities available to network with landowners and hunters. The event will also include a lunch, chuckwagon dinner and social following the evening panel discussions on Friday.

To register for the event, visit the official conference website at Panhandlewildlife.com. The site includes registration information and an agenda for the conference. For more information contact Simpson at brad.simpson@tpwd.texas.gov.



Wanda Sue Brooks

Rites set for Brooks

Wanda Sue Brooks, 76, of Perryton, died Sept. 25, 2023 in Amarillo.

Services will be held Thursday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers.

She was born July 20, 1947 in Fresno, CA. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Brooks; and her parents, Alvin Henry Greenhaw and Thelma Elizabeth Chase.

She is survived by four daughters, Mary Lou Smalley and Shirley Kay Brooks, both of Perryton, Janice Marquez of Pampa and Teresa Villnave of Turpin, OK; one son, Jimmy Dale Brooks of Ratan, OK; three brothers, Wesley Greenhaw, Jr. and Charles Henry Greenhaw, both of Ratan, OK, and Thomas Greenhaw of Utica, OK; 15 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123; or one's favorite charity.

Did you know?

The future of skiing could be very bright, as the National Ski Areas Association reports that the highest share of skiers in the United States is Generation Z.

The report, updated in December of 2021, indicated that 37 percent of skier visits in 2020-21 were among skiers age 24 and younger, a demographic that correlates to Generation Z.

That's good news for ski resorts and also welcome news for those hoping for more diversity on the slopes, as the NSAA reports that Generation Z is the most racially and ethnically diverse generation in U.S. history.

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On Sept. 27, 2023, the Ochiltree County Sheriff's Department had outstanding warrants on the following people:

Trayvien Lamarr Ansley, black male. Date of birth, Jan. 31, 1992. Height, 5'11", weight, 165 pounds. Brown eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Perryton. There is one misdemeanor warrant for Ansley for issuance of bad checks.

Tracy Armstrong, white female. Date of birth, March 3, 1970. Height, 5'3", weight, 125 pounds. Blue eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Lefors. There is one misdemeanor warrant for Armstrong for issuance of bad checks.

Brodie Aylor, white male. Date of birth, Nov. 9, 1977. Height, 6'2", weight, 230 pound. Green eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Amarillo. There is one misdemeanor warrant for Aylor for issuance of bad checks.

Jose Antonio Beltran, white male. Date of birth, Aug. 6, 1985. Height, 5'8", weight, 180 pounds. Brown eyes, black hair. Last known address was Perryton. There are six misdemeanor warrants for Beltran for issuance of bad checks.

Tyrell Vance Britton, white male. Date of birth, Jan. 6, 1986. Height, 5'11", weight, 155 pounds. Blue eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Perryton. There are two misdemeanor warrants for Britton for issuance of bad checks.

Raul Ricardo Camacho, male. Date of birth, Feb. 2, 1978. Height, 5'8", weight, 190 pounds. Brown eyes, black hair. Last known address was Perryton. There is one misdemeanor warrant for Camacho for bond for-

feiture on a driving while intoxicated offense.

Marco Carrillo, white male. Date of birth, July 23, 1988. Height, 5'3", weight, 120 pounds. Brown eyes, black hair. Last known address was Perryton. There are two misdemeanor warrants for Carrillo for issuance of bad checks.

Christina Michelle Chavez, white female. Date of birth, July 26, 1986. Height, 5'8", weight, 230 pounds. Brown eyes, black hair. Last known address was Plano. There is one misdemeanor capias pro fine warrant for Chavez for driving with an invalid license.

Steven Allen Crawford, white male. Date of birth, Oct. 23, 1981. Height, 5'10", weight, 170 pounds. Green eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Perryton. There is one misdemeanor capias pro fine warrant for Crawford for driving while intoxicated.

Salvador Gonzalez Oquendo, white male. Date of birth, May 28, 1965. Height, 5'6", weight, 230 pounds. Brown eyes, brown hair. Last known address was Dalhart. There is one felony warrant for Oquendo for hindering secured creditors over \$2,500 but less than \$30,000.

Perryton-Ochiltree County Crime Stoppers will pay \$50 each for information which leads to the physical arrest of persons wanted on misdemeanor warrants and \$150 for persons wanted on felony warrants on the "Fast \$50 Fugitives" list. The reward will be paid within 24 hours of the arrest.

Do not attempt to arrest or apprehend these fugitives yourself. If you have information on a wanted person, call Crime Stoppers at 435-CLUE (2583).

Some warrants may not be extraditable from state to state. Warrants must be confirmed before an arrest is made.

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Lois Eileen Ipson Firmin



Lois Eileen Ipson Firmin, 98, graduated from her Earthly confines to her Heavenly reward on September 18, 2023, at the Christian Care Center in Mesquite, where she had lived since 2005. She died peacefully after a short time of declining health.

Graveside services were scheduled for 10 a.m., Monday, September 25, 2023 at Ochiltree Cemetery, 9 miles south of Perryton, TX on TX-70. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at First Methodist Church, 321 S. Baylor St., Perryton, where Eileen was a member for 47 years. Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor of First Methodist, will conduct the service. Funeral arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc. of Perryton.

She lived in independent living in her own apartment. Within three weeks of her passing, she could win 90% of games played with her family. Her mind was sharp until

the last few weeks.

Eileen was born on March 26, 1925 on a farm outside of Rolla, Kansas. She attended school in Rolla until she graduated in 1943. She played basketball and was secretary of her senior class. She lived out her senior class motto "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last" throughout her long life.

Eileen was a charter member of the Wolf Creek chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, member of the United Methodist Women at Perryton First Methodist Church and a Girl Scout leader. She taught kindergartners in Sunday School for 15 years and worked in Perryton school cafeterias for 12 years.

Eileen was a country girl at heart, having been a farm wife in Kansas and the chief cook and bottle washer for the Firmin and Sons harvest crew. They went on the wheat harvest trail from Texas northward toward Canada for decades. The family was involved in custom wheat harvesting and held strong friendships with many repeat customers.

One of her most distinguished accomplishments was serving as a Rosie Riveter at the Douglas Aircraft Company factory in Long Beach, California while her fiancé served in the U. S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II. She said the workers quickly learned to install the rivets

correctly because it was a lot of extra work to drill and replace rivets that were found faulty by many inspections. Like many of her generation, Eileen endured without complaint the Dust Bowl during the 1930s Depression.

Most significantly, Eileen was devoted to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom she taught and modeled to her three children. She said she felt the Holy Spirit descend when her children were baptized together.

Preceding Eileen in death are her loving husband C.D. "Duane" Firmin of Perryton; her son, Philip Firmin of Perryton; her parents, Earl and Beva Bartley Ipson of Rolla, Kansas; brother Roger Ipson of Elkhart, Kansas; brother Louis Ipson of Derby, Kansas; sister Earlene Ipson Williams of Rolla; and grandson Brian Templeton of Azle.

She is survived by her daughter Lois Templeton and husband Bob of Azle; her son Michael Firmin, his wife Evasue of Garland, and their daughter Jennifer of Dallas; her grandson Mark Templeton, his wife Candace and their son Trevor of Azle; and her brother Howard Ipson of Canon City, Colorado.

The family requests any tributes to Eileen be directed toward Methodist Women, First Methodist Church, 321 S. Baylor St., Perryton, TX 79070 or organizations of your choice.

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'Don't Hire Women' Act

by John Stossel

Having a baby? There's a new law meant for you: the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

America needs this law, say activists, because "pregnant workers, especially those in low-wage and physically demanding jobs, have been forced to choose between their health and a paycheck."

In my new video, Vanessa Brown Calder, director of Family Policy at the Cato Institute, explains why this new law will make life worse for many women.

"These policies are motivated by good intentions," says Calder. "But that doesn't mean that the consequences of these policies will turn out well."

Calder, who is pregnant, thinks the law will lead to fewer women being hired in the first place.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a good example of that.

Both Democrats and Republicans applauded when President George H.W. Bush signed it. Everyone loves the ADA.

But the law hurt disabled people who want to work.

Before it passed, more disabled people got jobs, year after year. When it passed, almost 30% were in the workforce. But once the ADA passed, employment of disabled workers dropped by half!

It happened *because* of the job "protection." Employers fear disability lawsuits. They're afraid that if a disabled person doesn't work out, they'll never be able to fire them. Now the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will make hiring young women risky.

"You may be a lawsuit bomb," I say to Calder, who nods and says: "It does make women more risky and more costly to hire. Employers don't know exactly what accommodation the woman might ask for."

It's safer for the employer to say, "I'm just not going to hire you. There's no way for the government to know *why* I didn't hire."

"Companies get good at working their way around these regulations," Calder responds.

But government officials assume their laws will do what they're supposed to do. They also are eager to please special interest groups.

The chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission went before cameras to brag that this law has support from "businesses, faith, health, women's and civil rights organizations!"

So, what?

"Activists think of the short-term effects of the law," says Calder. "It's pretty easy to get behind a superficial reading of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and think that it could be a good idea."

"The momentum is always for more rules," I say.

"Oftentimes there's guidance issued many years after the fact," says Calder. "This is probably just the beginning."

The growing number of rules kills jobs in several ways.

Since the rule applies to companies with 15 or more employees, it's an incentive for companies with 14 employees to stay small.

"You get penalized as you grow," says Calder.

"Without a law like this, who would hire someone like you?" I ask. "You might have more medical problems. You're going to leave, for weeks at least."

"Pregnant workers bring a lot to the table," she responds. "Many employers see that. But when you create a one-size-fits-all policy like this, it starts to raise many employers' concerns."

I ask: "The Cato Institute should have the right to fire you because you got pregnant?"

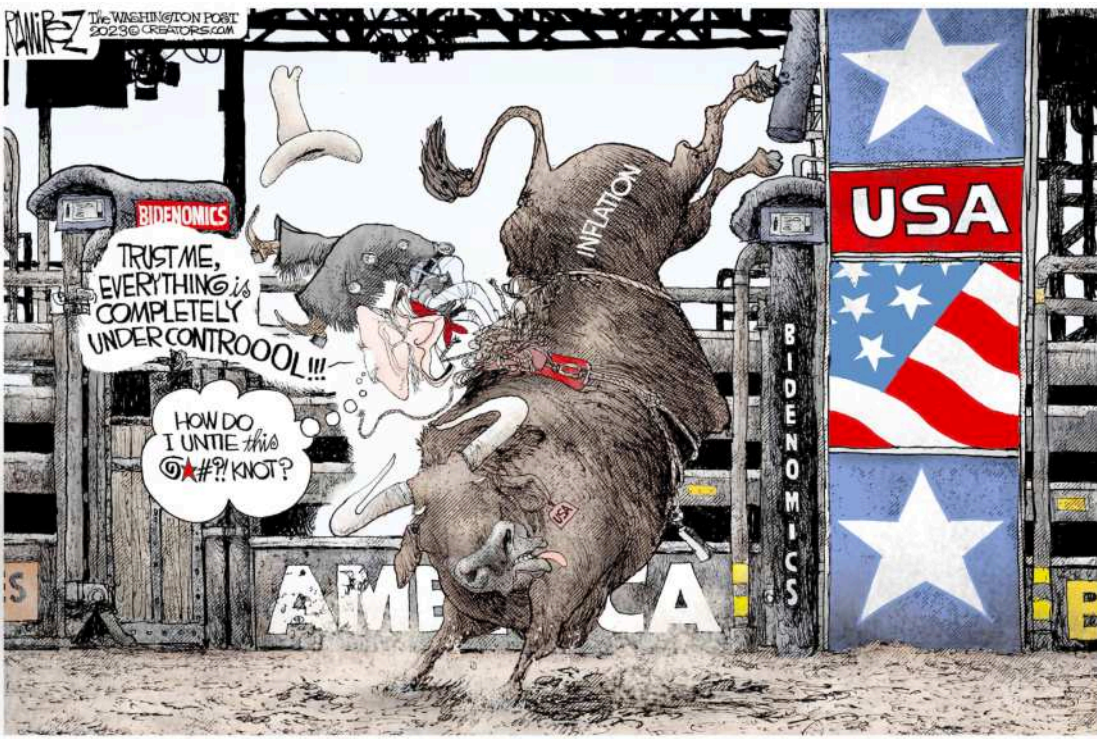
"I think they should," responds Calder. "Because I want people like me to be able to be hired in the first place."

Exactly. I'm a stutterer. I didn't have my stuttering under control when I applied for my first job. Had the ADA existed then, I could have demanded special accommodation. "Disability lawyers" would have been ready to protect my "rights."

No TV station would have risked hiring me! I would have never gotten a chance.

Now the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will kill opportunities for women.

Every Tuesday at JohnStossel.com, Stossel posts a new video about the battle between government and freedom. He is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."



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Texas Press Association Capital Highlights

by Gary Borders



Another special session slated for October

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special session, this time about school choice, for next month. He is promising retribution for lawmakers who oppose his move to enact school vouchers in Texas, the Texas Tribune reported.

"There's an easy way to get it done, and there's a hard way," Abbott said on a tele-town hall about the issue. "We will take it either way — in a special session or after an election." Abbott essentially threatened to find primary opponents for legislators who oppose his initiative, which failed to gain traction during the regular session as a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural districts opposed it.

His proposal would give parents taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. Opponents say this would harm public school systems, particularly in rural areas where choices for private schools are limited.

Paxton hints at run against Cornyn in 2026

Just days after being acquitted on impeachment charges by the Texas Senate, reinstated Attorney General Ken Paxton hit the airwaves of several conservative media outlets and hinted of a possible run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in 2026.

The Houston Chronicle reported on a Paxton interview with Tucker Carlson on X, formerly known as Twitter. Paxton said that "somebody needs to step up and run against this guy that will do the job."

"To me, he's been in Washington too long. He's been there, what, for 14 years or so?

And I can't think of a single thing he's accomplished for our state or even for the country," Paxton said.

In a separate interview, Paxton said he will be "on the campaign trail" to back GOP primary opponents of three House members who were key to his impeachment: House Speaker Dade Phelan and Reps. Andrew Murr of Junction and Jeff Leach of Plano.

Paxton still faces state security fraud charges filed in 2015. He is due to go to trial next March and is also under federal investigation.

Deadline nears for registering to vote on Nov. 7

Texans will decide the fate of 14 proposed constitutional amendments on Nov. 7. The deadline to register to vote in that election is Oct. 10 for those who are not already registered. The proposed amendments include measures to increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with homeowners 65 and older getting an additional \$40,000 exemption. Other proposals would cap increased in appraised value and expand exemptions for small businesses from the franchise tax.

Abbott and other backers of the bills passed in a summer special session called these measures the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Early voting begins on Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Texas called 'hotbed of hate' in recent report

A report issued last week by the Anti-Defamation League labels Texas a hotbed for extremism and antisemitism, with a heavy presence of white supremacist and anti-LGBTQ+

groups, according to the Texas Tribune. The report examines three years of "alarming levels of extremist ideology and activity" in the state. Antisemitic incidents in the state rose by 89% and six "terrorist plots" were discovered, along with 28 "extremist events" such as training and rallies, according to the report.

The ADL suggested some nonpartisan policies to stem growing extremism, such as creating a commission to study domestic violent extremism and providing clear statistics on hate crimes.

"Elected officials in Texas have an opportunity to confront this issue to significantly curtail the negative impact that extremism has on the people they represent," Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL's Center on Extremism, said in a statement.

Cowtown named city with the worst weather

A newsroom meteorologist with the San Antonio Express-News is not likely to win the keys to the city of Fort Worth after completing a study to determine which major city in Texas has the worst weather. The "winner" was Fort Worth, according to Anthony Franze.

Franze looked at hail, tornado, flash flood and wind data since 2000 for the five most populous counties.

"Based on all the different categories we looked at, the major city with the most consistent destructive severe weather is Fort Worth," Franze wrote. "Since 2000, Tarrant County has had the most hail reports and it's in an area most prone to destructive tornadoes. Tarrant County has also had 121 destructive wind reports during that time, the most of any major Texas city."

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2. If no one has a perfect entry, the Herald will award \$20 to the person having the most correct entry and \$10 to the second best entry.

3. BONUS POINTS: Points will be compiled — 20 points for first place and 10 points for second place — each week toward the bonus prize of four Cotton Bowl tickets and \$200 expense money. The bonus prize is void if the jackpot is won.

4. To enter the Herald Football Contest, write the name of the team that you think will win in each game. Tie games can be forecast by checking the box on the entry blank. Be sure to list the games in the correct numerical order as shown in the sponsor ads on this page. Example: Game 1 in blank 1. To pick the Over/Under game decide if the sum of the score for both teams will be over, under or exactly the same as the score given. Ex: Perryton 27, Dumas 22 — Total 49. Under given 50.

5. TIE BREAKER: Contestants must accurately pick the score of the tie breaker for the \$1,000 Jackpot. The tie breaker will also be used to determine the weekly prizes. If two or more persons have the identical number of correct picks, then the tie breaker will determine the weekly winner. The first tie breaker is correctly forecasting which team won the game. The second tie breaker is the total number of points between each team's predicted score and the actual score.

6. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. each Friday. Entries mailed to the Herald must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday. Faxed entries must be received before 5 p.m. Friday. Contestants may either use the official entry blank printed above or a reasonable facsimile and must be legible.

7. No person may submit more than one entry, nor may an entry be submitted with the name of a person who could not personally have submitted an entry.

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4-H members compete at Tri-State Fair

Eight members of Ochiltree County 4-H recently competed in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, the Market Steer Shows, Livestock Judging, and Archery at the 100th annual Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

In the Junior Market Steers competition, Lakyn Boxwell won champion for her Light Weight Cross, second place for a Middle Weight Cross Class 22, and second place for a Heavy Weight Cross Class 27. Tallen Morgan won fifth place for a Heavy Weight Cross Class 27. Teaghan Morgan brought home third place in Middle Weight Cross Class 26. Victoria Wright won second place in Middle Weight Shorthorn and fourth place in Light-weight Cross Class 20.

Evan Born was awarded second place in the Junior Breeding Beef Heifers competition for his Yearling Polled Hereford.

In the Junior division of the Livestock Judging Contest, which had 69 contestants, Tatum Holmes placed first in Swine, and Lakyn Boxwell placed 15th overall, 15th in Beef, and 17th in Sheep and Goats.

In the Junior Recurve Bow division of the Archery competition, Ethan Flores brought home first place with Remi Culwell taking third place.

For more information about Ochiltree County 4-H and the activities it offers, contact the Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension office in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.



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Tuesday, Oct. 3:
Breakfast: Breakfast combo (scrambled eggs, cubed potatoes, cheese, biscuit), or breakfast strudel and cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, salsa, pinto beans, Spanish rice, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, sherbet, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 4:
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or blueberry muffin and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: French bread pizza, tossed salad, green beans, peaches, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 5:
Breakfast: Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or animal crackers and cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, corn, steamed broccoli, roll, snowball salad, milk.

Friday, Oct. 6:
Breakfast: Doughnut and sausage or cereal and toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Chili cheese dog, french fries, tomato wedges, fresh apple, cookie, milk.



Pre-K Breakfast Menu

Monday, Oct. 2:
Pancakes, bacon, fruit, white milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 3:
Breakfast combo (scrambled eggs, cubed potatoes, cheese, biscuit), fruit, white milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 4:
Breakfast pizza, fruit, white milk.

Thursday, Oct. 5:
Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, white milk.

Friday, Oct. 6:
Cereal, toast, fruit, white milk.



The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

The Shape We're In...

Uncle Mort, my aged uncle down in The Thicket, has heard the expression since childhood. He's used it repeatedly since about the time he thinks he became an adult.

"We're in pretty good shape for the shape we're in."

The rancid saying—when fresh and generally applicable—may have warranted a grin or two back when. Nowadays, there's little evidence that our world is in "pretty good shape," even if viewed from various angles through lenses of rosiest tint.

"Anything goes" seems to prevail in the overall scheme of things, and there are far too many schemes. There's little to smile about in a world whose axis grows evermore wobbly....

Thankfully, Mort still tries to find reasons to smile. He pretty much relies on "horse sense" (he calls it "stable thinking") and visits to the general store nearby to eavesdrop and/or take his seat at the domino table. "Flatland tourists" stop by for gas and snacks or to ask directions. They are amused that Mort and his friends have a lively "42" game underway next to the day-old bread rack.

"We have friendly arguments that usually lead to laughter. None of us would make it with computers. I'm afraid we'd jump right into the 'pool of the opinionated,' so we simply quibble among ourselves."

Anyway, Mort and his bunch cringe at the general state of anger and frustration that permeates our culture....

"Yeah, I overhear enough conversations at the general store to develop strong opinions without ever turning on the television."

Concerning governmental quagmires in both Washington, DC, and Austin, he is flummoxed by the "flailing away" of political figures that resembles participants in "Whack-a-mole" games. (When one mole is "whacked" down, another one appears.)

"Truth, ethics, courage, conviction and statesmanship historically marked our government leaders," Mort claims. Today, not so true....

He says a recent general store visitor brought "news" of a new health issue purported to be raging in DC and Austin.

It was passed along to him by a guy at a gasoline pump who heard it from the second cousin of a man who married the daughter of his junior high school baseball coach.

The affliction seems to be limited to index fingers of governmental leaders of both parties, and so far is nameless....

Symptoms in Austin and Washington include reddened, chafed index fingers.

"One doctor claims the condition is inevitable when too many moistened index fingers are hoisted skyward to determine which way the wind blows," the visitor said.

Mort wonders what they'll wind up naming this ailment, but he figures it will include broad-brush descriptions of "good government, patriotism, motherhood and/or apple pie." It seems probable that this condition should be named "get-re-elected-itis," or something closely akin thereto....

"Wet fingers lifted to see which way the wind blows is nothing new," Mort opined. "But this practice shouldn't carry the day."

Long a man of prayer, he remembers the country church of his youth. It was comprised largely of farmers who saved money by pooling their orders for new overalls. They always requested double-layered denim in the knees, with quadruple layers in the seat. "We are a praying bunch, so we need double strength fabric for our knees," a deacon explained. "Unfortunately, we do twice as much back-sliding as we do praying, thus the need for four-layered seat fabric."

Rank and file Americans need to "think denim," at least the two-layered kind....

As Mort motored toward home on his golf cart, he was refreshed by cool air accompanying the recently-arrived fall season. Reflective and prayerful, remembrance of Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous quote came to mind: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Mort prayed that the love of money—the root of all evil—might lose its stranglehold on the world.

"We maintained for years that money talks," he thinks. "That's no longer true. Today, it screams."...

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak throughout the state. Contact; 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speaker doc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury



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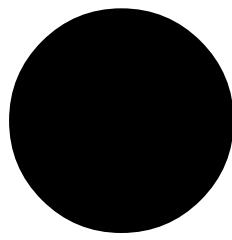
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PARSPA to meet Monday
The Perryton Area Retired School Personnel Association (PARSPA) will meet Monday, Oct. 2, at noon at the Senior Citizen Center. Members are invited to eat at 11:30 am at the center for \$10. Laurie McAfee from the Area Agency of Aging will present the program, “Ready, Set, Thrive”. She also has a surprise for each one attending. Members can pay their dues at the meeting or send them to Debbie Logan, 914 S Kentucky.

Rifle and Pistol Club sets monthly meeting
The Perryton Rifle and Pistol Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the indoor range south of the Expo Center. The club will be discussing new and ongoing projects. All are welcome — new memberships and renewals will be available. For more information, check the Perryton Rifle and Pistol Club page on Facebook or contact Sonny Halpain at 806-435-0076.

Snack Pak 4 Kids to meet Oct. 9
Snack Pak 4 Kids will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 9, in the Williams Intermediate cafeteria. Parking is available next to the Administration Building. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 340, Perryton, TX 79070.

Lunch and Learn seminar set at OGH
Ochiltree General Hospital will host a free Lunch and Learn seminar on Thursday, Oct. 26, from noon to 1 p.m. at the conference center at OGH. Melanni Scholtenbarger, MPT, will present a program on prevention and care for elderly falls. Please RSVP by Oct. 24 at 806-648-7402 or at amarrufo@oghtx.com.

Museum schedules butterfly tagging event
The Museum of the Plains will host a monarch butterfly tagging event on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to all ages; kids under age 15 must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Attendees will learn how to catch and hold butterflies, how to determine their sex, and how to tag and record them, as well as information about the role of monarch butterflies in our ecosystem. Nets, tags, and documentation materials will be provided. Please call the museum at 806-435-6400 to reserve your spot.

Blood drive set at FPC
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 1-6 p.m. at Frank Phillips College, Allen Campus. Photo identification will be required. Donors must be at least 17 years old, but donors who are 16 may donate with a signed parental consent form. You can complete the blood drive questionnaire online on the day of the drive only at www.gifttolife.org. To make an appointment go to yourbloodinstitute.org or call 806-331-8833 or toll free at 1-877-574-8800.

FPC to hold hazmat endorsement course
Frank Phillips College, Allen Campus will hold a CDL hazmat endorsement course beginning on Monday, Oct. 16. The two-week, theory only course is self-paced with one online module including curriculum and assessments. The cost is \$125. Call 806-648-1450 to register.

Pathways enrollment underway
The Pathways Scholarship Program is accepting signed student pledge contracts for 2023-24 until Friday, Sept. 29. Pathways is open to all Perryton High School freshmen, and eligible sophomores, juniors and seniors. As a branch of the Ranger Academic enrichment Foundation, Pathways guarantees payment for tuition, fees and books at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus for all qualifying students. For more information, contact Brenna Vela at 806-648-1450 or brennavela@live.com.

FPC sets CDL training course
Frank Phillips College, Allen Campus will hold a five-week CDL training course beginning on Monday, Oct. 2. The course will have a hybrid flexible format for both theory and behind the wheel instruction. The course includes up to 40 hours of behind the wheel training from pre-trip inspection, basic control skills, and road/range driving. The cost is \$3,700; scholarships are available for those who qualify. Call 806-648-1450 to register.

Enrollment for 4-H now open
Ochiltree County 4-H is now accepting enrollment for the 2023-24 year at <http://texas.4honline.com>. Returning families can just log in and complete the enrollment — no need to make a new profile. If you need help, please call the Extension office at 806-435-4501 or come by the Extension office at 402 Expo Drive.

Child Find underway
The Perryton ISD is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and or have major physical disabilities. They want to give your child the chance to get the extra help her/she needs if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton Special Education, SSA at 806-435-4412, ext. 201.

Herald Football Contest Results

Week 4

First Place: \$20 — 2 Misses: Hannah Metzger (26 points off tiebreaker, Cowboys 27, Cardinals 13),
Second Place: \$10—3 Misses: Benjamin Metzger (29 pts. off TB: Cowboys 31, Cardinals 14).
2 Misses: Mark Metzger (33 pts. off TB: Cowboys 31, Cardinals 10), Brad Kile (33 pts. off TB: Cowboys 35, Cardinals 10), Adam Slaughter (30 pts. off TB: Cowboys 31, Cardinals 13), Michael Rutz (40 pts off TB: Cowboys 34, Cardinals 6).
3 Misses: Lynn Chappell, Rhonda Day, Mary Ann Slaughter, Tom Slaughter, Stacy Herring.
4 Misses: Bill Steinberger, Edgar Martinez, Danny Shackelford, Henryetta Johnson, Chris Lingo.
5 Misses: Karen Metzger, Phillip F. Day, Charlie Mann.
6 Misses: Ronnie Watson, Misty Kemp, Randy McElroy, David Maestas.

Correct Picks

1. Over	8. Levelland
2. Panhandle	9. Springlake-Earth
3. River Road	10. Kansas
4. Hereford	11. TCU
5. Amarillo High	12. Ohio State
6. Clarendon	13. Packers
7. McLean	14. Chargers

Tie Breaker: Cowboys 16 Cardinals 28

Standings			
	Pts.		Pts.
Benjamin Metzger	30	Rachel Hawthorne	20
Hannah Metzger	20	Rooster Herring	10
Lynn Chappell	20	Adam Slaughter	10
Ronnie Watson	20	Edgar Martinez	10

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day travel, and required submission of a conference agenda to demonstrate that no meals were provided by the conference.
The commissioners were informed that the Ochiltree County Jail passed an inspection by the Texas Department of Jail Standards at the end of August. The in-person inspection covered all aspects of jail operation, including fire drills, food menus, fire and safety requirements, and cell checks. The jail passed the inspection with no indicated deficiencies.
The commissioners also approved an order setting the day of the week, location, and alternate location for regular Commissioners’ Court meetings for the coming year. The commissioners will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the county courtroom, with the alternate location located in the community room on the courthouse’s first floor.

Oranges are Orange
The English word for the color orange used to be “geoluhread.” But then oranges were discovered, and the fruit gave its name to the color.



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