

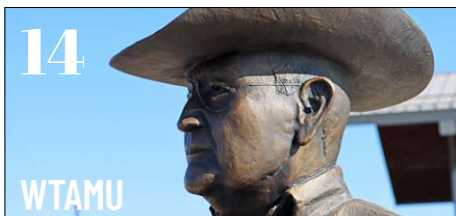
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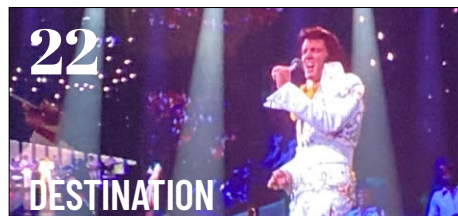


LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Dr. Valerie Kiper, Regional Dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing, has spent a lifetime breaking barriers, earning accolades, and serving her community with unmatched dedication. Diagnosis with ALS has not diminished her resilience, determination, and unshakable spirit.



14 PAUL ENGLER BRONZE STATUE
An 800-pound bronze statue of Dr. Paul Engler in front of WT's Happy State Bank Academic & Research Building on Russell Long Boulevard was revealed on October 11, 2024. The ceremony kicked off WTAMU's Homecoming festivities.



22 GRACELAND AND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
The Christmas season is an especially special time to visit Graceland and see Elvis' Christmas decorations and memorabilia. Memphis' rich musical heritage is the icing on the cake.



26 PIECES TO PURPOSE
Pieces to Purpose shares seventeen real-life stories of strength and transformation. These chapters, written by women who have faced some of life's most formidable challenges including Raffkind, promise to evoke empathy, compassion, and courage.

12 ALCOHOL USE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, many are the joys of the holiday season, especially gatherings with family and friends. For many, this time of year also means festive parties complete with seasonal drinks. While the occasional drink may add to the festivities, it's crucial to be aware of the potential downsides.

20 TALES FROM TOMMY: LAUGHS OF THE WEEK

To bring a smile, these hilarious quips by Steven Wright were compiled off the Internet by Jeff Blackmon.

21 ONE SQUARE INCH: THE WARMTH OF PURE JOY

What if the warmth we share – especially at Christmas - with the world isn't for the warming of toes, but for melting hardened hearts?

44 PARENTING: WHEELED SAFETY FOR KIDS

Whether it's a bike, skateboard or hover board wrapped up for the holidays,

nothing can be more fun than letting your children get out for the first time with their new toy and go riding down the street. However, the fun can soon take a turn if safety measures aren't followed, and injuries can range from scrapes to broken bones to worse in the blink of an eye.

47 DINING BY DESIGN: FABULOUS FOODS THAT MAKE CHRISTMAS MEMORIES!

The evocative holiday spices – the smells, the tastes – the delights of the season are here! Becky shares some fabulous recipes!

35 Festive: Christmas Roundup's merchants and delights put shoppers in a holiday spirit.

42 Good Cause: Sunshine for Charlotte – 5K & 1M Fun Run & Walk raising money for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo.

43 Night Out: Set The Table – Around the World explored beautiful tablescapes – an evening benefiting the Maverick Boys & Girls Club of Amarillo.

54 Chomp: Celebrate the season with a meal out!

DEPARTMENTS

6 Buzzwords: Business news on people, promotions, moves and more.

8 Calendar: Christmas lights, music and celebrations...Northside Toy Drive... Candlelight at the Ranch...and hockey!

27 Fun Time: Hutchinson County Historical Museum's Quilt Show.

30 Saddle Up: WRCA Kick-Off Party for 29th World Championship Ranch Rodeo.



On the cover: Jim & Val Kiper