



Friona Squaw Track Member Carly Drake is pictured as she competed in the Friona Relays Track Meet. Carly's "heave" of 33'6.5" won the shot put event.

FISD Parent Involvement Meeting

There is a Title I Parent Involvement Meeting this coming Monday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Friona ISD Boardroom. Review and planning for Title Programs will take place. The community is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Karen Barnes at (806)250-3353, ext. 233.

City of Friona welcomes two new employees

Dayana Prieto and Jonathan Marquez are the newest employees to the City of Friona. Dayana was hired as the new Circulation Clerk. In her new role, Dayana will work the circulation desk checking library materials out to patrons, taking reserves/holds, handling interlibrary loan requests, and processing fines for lost and overdue materials.

Additionally, the Friona Police Department hired Jonathan Marquez as its newest police officer. Jonathan was previously a dispatcher at the police department and has since completed coursework to obtain his TCOLE Peace Officer Certification from the State of Texas.



Dayana Prieto



Jonathan and Angelica Marquez

Alexander, Rector named Woman & Man of the Year

The 62nd Annual Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Friona Community Center. The Banquet began with a welcome by Chamber President Kathy Rector, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 5171, and the Invocation given by Jeff Procter. The meal was steak with all

the trimmings. Cargill donated the steaks, Xcel Energy did the cooking, and the Girls Scouts, 4-H kids, and TYA kids did the serving to around 270 attendees. After the meal, the Chamber Board of Directors was introduced as well as other special guests.

A Live Auction was conducted by Jerry O'Connor from Hereford. He also served as a fire monitor when the Hi-Pro table caught on fire. As far as we know the county burn ban was not violated. Local volunteer fireman Stephen Campbell estimated that it was a .025 alarm fire. About the same heat you would use to roast marshmallows. Both the Live and Silent Auctions were then closed. Next up was a greeting from Mayor Ricky White. He recognized Sharon White, Kitty Gallman, and Kathryn Goddard for their tireless work in raising funds for a new ambulance. Next was a performance from the 2017 Miss Friona Brooklynn Johnston. She sang a song about her brewing crush on a latte boy.

The highlight of the evening was the Awards Ceremony. Erika Carrillo was named Citizen of the Year, Martha Barker was named Employee of the Year, Amber Drake was Educator of the Year, and Brooklynn Johnston

and Hadley White were named Students of the Year. Woman of the Year was Chris Alexander and Man of the Year was Rickey Rector. Recognition of the Silent Auction winners rounded out the festivities. Photos and more information about the Awards Banquet can be found in the Special Section of this week's Friona Star.



Chris Alexander



Rickey Rector

Mayor Proclaims March as Friona Business Month

The month of March has historically been a month in which we recognize the efforts of our local residents and businesses via our Chamber of Commerce banquet. Running your own business can mean a lot of time on your own, doing your own work, and building your company brick by brick. The City wants to recognize the efforts of our local businesses and show our support for you as you help strengthen our community.

Be it known that Whereas, America's progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

Whereas, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street to the high-tech startups that keep America on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and **Whereas,** small business owners and Main Street businesses have energy and a passion for what they do; and **Whereas,** when we support small business, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique culture; and **Whereas,** the City of Friona supports the effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best, create jobs, and en-

sure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

Now, Therefore, I, Ricky White, Mayor of the City of Friona, Texas, do hereby proclaim month of March, 2018 as "Friona Business Month" in Friona and recognize the efforts of the following businesses: EGP Photograph – Eric Gonzalez, The Aronce Center – Nellie Aronce, Betsy Clark Law Firm – Betsy Clark, Los Arcos – Eloisa Castanon, Gems Salon – Chuck and Esmeralda Mills, Freddie's Tire Shop – Freddie Walker. Certificates presented by Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Lewellen



Water Weekly

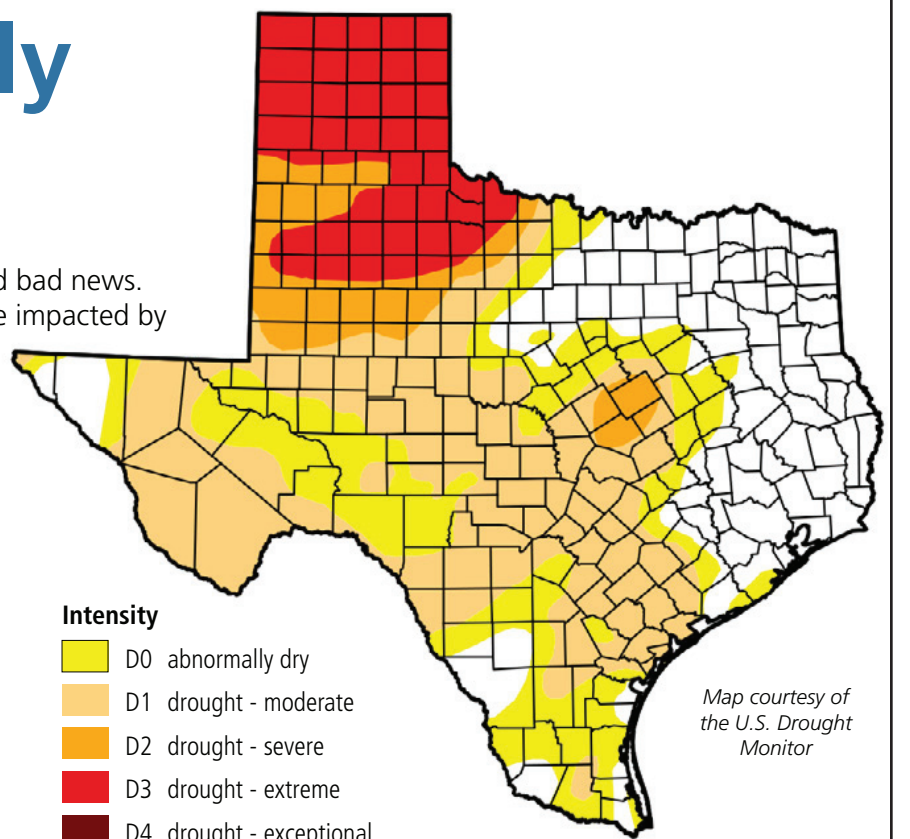
For the week of 03/12/18

Water conditions

Last week's drought map had good news and bad news. The good news was that the area of the state impacted by drought decreased by one percentage point. The bad news was that extreme drought expanded by three percentage points and now covers 14 percent of the state.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 54% now
- ◆ 55% a week ago
- ◆ 37% three months ago
- ◆ 5% a year ago



Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban:
March 15-21	79 40 SW 25-35	73 38 W 20-30	74 43 SSW 10-20	68 35 WSW 25-35	65 32 NW 10-20	66 36 S 10-15	76 46 SSW 20-30	Month 0.12 Year 0.12	Yes

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

What Friona Means To Me

- March 12-16**
-Spring Break
- March 15**
-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- March 17**
-ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- March 19**
-Friona ISD Title 1 Parent Involvement Meeting in Friona ISD Boardroom at 4:00 p.m.
- March 20**
-SPRING BEGINS
- March 25**
-PALM SUNDAY
- March 30**
-No School
- April 5**
-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- April 6**
-Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.
- April 13**
-Early Dismissal
- April 14**
-PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.
- April 19**
-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- April 30**
-GOOD FRIDAY
- April 1**
-EASTER
-APRIL FOOLS' DAY
- April 22**
-EARTH DAY
- April 25**
-ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
- May 1**
-MAY DAY

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

By Connie Slagle

Another Chamber banquet has come and gone. We attended, mainly to see the flag ceremony, which was conducted by the Girl Scouts. As I said last year, I'm not a party animal, and to me, the banquet is a party. Let's just say, if you see me there, someone close to me is doing something. This year it was my two granddaughters participating in the flag ceremony and serving all the guests. It was a leap of faith on someone's part to let six year olds carry heavily loaded plates of steak, baked potato, bread, and salad through crowded tables all the way across that very large room.

Strange to think that the last time I was in this building, I was watching a rabbit show with the odors of pigs and cows permeating every corner. This time, it was the brief odor of burning plastic as a candle and a flower arrangement intersected. It sure livened things up for a while- a hard act to follow!

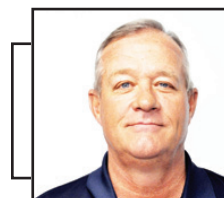
With my swallowing disorder, I cannot eat steak, although I do take a small bite occasionally just to recall the taste. I usually regret that action, but I'm not too good at learning from my mistakes. This time while everyone ate, I helped the Girl Scout leaders cut steak for over a dozen little girls. I had a faint idea of what was going on in the background - laughter, people bidding in the auction, etc. Three bites for you, three bites for you, three bites for you, lather, rinse, repeat. That was an adventure, and I will spare you the details.

As soon as the girls had eaten and before the awards, we took them home. We spent the remainder of the evening playing Silly Sentences and finishing homework, waiting for the mama and the papa to return.

I'm sharing this sweet little picture, and not just for you to see one of the beautiful surviving centerpieces. Look at Shelby's face. All these little girls took the responsibility of presenting the colors very seriously, although accompanied by many giggles. She told me the flag grew heavier the longer she stood there, and it became more and more difficult to bear its weight.

Isn't that the way it is in our lives these days? We cherish so many things that the flag represents. Sometimes we have to concentrate on those positive things as controversies surround us. That flag represents a goal and an ideal, not perfection. To some, it represents disappointment, and those of us who have lived fortunate lives may not be able to relate to those feelings. But to me, this picture represents the very best, young folks looking up and looking forward, accepting responsibilities to uphold up the ideals we value and working to improve areas where improvement is needed.

So congratulations to the award winners, to the Chamber and all those who worked so hard to provide a good time for all. Yea for young folks, small town America, and our flag! "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

I want to share some things that the city is addressing and currently working on:

1) Employees will be replacing the missing street signs on Highway 60 and in some residential areas. It is difficult for anyone to come to Friona and find an address with missing street signs on highway 60. Inventory of missing signs have been created and the signs will soon be ordered.

2) We need every resident to show street address on curb, mailbox or house. Delivery personnel and emergency personnel need to be able to quickly identify an address. Many homes are needing to be identified. The city will purchase the stenciling and numbers. Public Works employees will notify the home owner and will be marking the street address on the curb or placing numbers on the mailbox or home. This is a responsibility of the home owner, but the city is going to ensure that each resident is clearly marked.

3) A City Ordinance to prevent home owners from parking vehicles in their front yard or side yard. More information will be shared in the near future explaining how the ordinance works and who will enforce it and penalties for viola-

tions.
4) Information to all residents on what items can be thrown into the residential trash dumpster and what cannot be dumped. Postcards will be mailed out to each resident explaining the items. The city will make available the city roll-off box for those needing to discard items not allowed in dumpsters. Republic Services is teaming up with Friona to cover the cost of postcards and information sent to all residents.

It's that time of the year to address our yards and alleys. Rather than issuing citation letters, we are asking for your voluntary assistance in keeping our city clean. Listed are the requirements for the municipal code for all properties in our city.

1) No tall weeds or grass over 12 inches tall in yards or alleys. 2) No litter in yards or alleys 3) No inoperable vehicles 4) No yard or porch littered with household furniture or appliances, tires, etc. 5) Business owners on highway 60, please take care of your right of ways. These are the basic municipal codes that will be monitored.

Residents found in violation of these listed codes may be assessed and fined plus the cost of cleanup. Please be a great

neighbor and keep your properties within code.

Judge Campbell had 32 new court cases in February. Total fines collected were \$2,971.73 and court cost equaled \$1,375. Judge Campbell continues her efforts of collecting outstanding tickets. She is also teaming up with local law enforcement and a collection agency to round up individuals with outstanding warrants. These efforts will continue through March.

EMS made 34 total runs in February. There were fourteen calls for 911, thirteen calls for transfers and seven calls ended in "no transport". The total runs have increased compared to the last couple of months.

City pumped 12,417,600 gallons of water in February and sold 10,759,000 gallons. Billing totaled \$61,102.43 on 1424 accounts.

Volunteer Fire Department responded to four emergency calls in February. On February 12th, twelve firefighters and three trucks responded to a car accident. February 16th, eight firefighters and three trucks responded to a grass fire. Seven firefighters and three trucks responded to a car accident on February 24th. On February 26, seven firefighters and one truck responded to an area where smoke was

reported which resulted in a false alarm.

Accounts Payable equaled \$305,428.64 for February. This amount includes a check for \$160,178.55 to Southwest Ambulance Service and a check for \$41,103.45 to Stryker Sales Corporation. This money will be reimbursed to the city once all paperwork is finalized for the Governors Extraordinary Emergency Fund.

The city wants to say "thank you" to the school administration personnel for letting the city borrow ten I-Pads for the city council members to use during the council meeting. The I-Pads will allow the city to cut down on the amount of paper it takes to print agendas and all necessary papers needed for all of the items discussed during the council meeting.

On Wednesday March 7, Jonathan Marquez was sworn into the police department by Judge Campbell in the Judge's Chamber. Jonathan has completed his training at the Amarillo Police Academy. Jonathan is now a full time police officer. Congratulations to Jonathan for completing his training in the top of his class and we welcome him as he begins his career in law enforcement.

Your Mayor

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ACROSS

1 in Hidalgo County on highway 107

5 Rockport is "Where the fun never _____"

6 Quanah H.S. class

7 George W. chose Cheney for this (abbr.)

8 TX Chennault was Chiang _____shek adviser

9 contracted to drill for oil

15 TXism: "no _____ for a stepper"

16 in Wichita County on highway 370

18 TX Horton's "Battle of New _____"

20 Mertzson is seat of this county

22 TXism: "toe _____" (conform)

27 TX Steve Martin film: "All _____"

28 coach Tom Landry was _____ CB for NY Giants

29 these decorate El Paso buildings

30 "Texas Leaguer" is a short _____

32 UT Campbell who won Heisman (init.)

33 TX Buddy Holly hit

36 "_____ hold" (mountain climbing asset)

37 Hobby & Love Field regulator (abbr.)

38 gloomy

39 TXism: "sober as a judge" (2 wds.)

DOWN

11 Baird H.S. class

12 TXism: "_____ beans" (told)

13 first name of 32-across

14 faucet problem

15 TXism: "don't change _____ the middle of the stream"

16 TXism: "he's a thorn _____ side"

17 many TXns fought for South _____ from 1950 to 1953

19 TXism: "got _____ in the buttermilk"

21 TXism: "it ain't _____ walk" (hard)

22 LBJ appointed this Thurgood to Supreme Court (init.)

23 sing with no words

24 Astro Dallas Keuchel stat.

25 original maypole dance occasion

26 lacking normal pigmentation

28 TXism: "got _____ of corn to shuck"

31 pop-_- can

34 TX Mandrell (init.)

35 Ozona H.S. class

37 animal pelts

40 philosopher Descartes

43 TXism: "don't you _____ none"

44 what Larry Allen was as a Cowboy

50 TXism: "jumpy as a cat _____"

51 ex-Cowboy QB (init.)

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Town Talk

By Megan Carr

Congratulations to all of the Chamber of Commerce winners, and a big thank you to participants and sponsors for another successful banquet. The Friona Star is happy to bring you a special section of the newspaper this week featuring all the highlights and happenings of the Chamber banquet, and we hope you enjoy reading about the honorees of our beloved community.

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St. Patrick's Day is this Saturday, March 17, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick who was the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Originally a religious feast holiday, St. Patrick's Day has taken on many traditional celebrations of Irish culture including parades, festivals, and a lot of green. For whatever your plans are this holiday weekend, we hope you'll always remember to consider the safety of yourself and others.

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Writing 'Friona Flashbacks' has become one of my favorite weekly duties here at the Friona Star. I enjoy looking

back to different years, seeing the way things have changed or the way they've stayed the same. It brings me joy to see people I recognize, or photos of myself as a child, or events that I remember. It also intrigues me to look back even further, long before my time or even my dad's time, just to imagine Friona in those days, and the Friona Star operating just as it is today. This week I pulled a Friona Star newspaper from September 3, 1937, one of the earliest physical copies we have in the office. I began reading and was quickly interested, noticing language like "arduous task", "most joyously spent", and "very much enthused". I felt that some of the older Friona folks might be especially interested this week to see if they recognize any of the names or events listed in the stories. I also couldn't help but notice that the weather pattern reported at that time is about the same as we face right now... (still waiting on that rain). I hope you enjoy, I look forward to bringing you more



Sweepstakes Winners - The Chieftain Band competed in the Regional UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest on March 6 in Panhandle. The Band received the top scores possible. Congratulations, you are No. 1!

history in the coming weeks.

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If you're looking for something to do at the tail end of Spring Break, you should consider taking your family to the

'Sounds of Rescue' event at the Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo this Friday, March 16. Get up close and personal with the Lifestar Helicopter (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), discover how sounds of an AMR Ambulance and AMS Therapy Dogs can help us when we're in trouble (from 1-4 p.m.), test the sirens on a police car (from 1-4 p.m.), or learn about safety and smoke alarms and how to get out of danger (1-4 p.m.). Kids can also sign up for Summer Camp with the DHDC. For more information about spring or summer events at the DHDC, please visit www.dhdc.org or contact Mandi Ried at (806)355-9547.

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your personal information and to avoid paying unnecessary fees, only conduct transactions on these two websites.

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Some of my family and I will be traveling to Childress next weekend to attend a ceremony as part of the 108th Panhandle Press Association Convention where my dad, Ron Carr, former editor in chief of the Friona Star, will be inducted into the PPA Hall of Fame. My dad won many plaques of honor with the PPA for his writing and photographs during his time at the Friona Star. I am so proud of him, and discover something new of his accomplishments every single day.

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The big Senior Steak Dinner is fast approaching and will be on April 15, 2018 in the Friona Junior High cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 in advance or \$16 at the door. All proceeds of this event will benefit the Senior Drug-Free All-Night Party.

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The adorable Transportation Parade (photos on Page 12) took place last Friday morning between the Friona Primary and Elementary schools. The kids of Pre-K and Special Education were learning about all different types of transportation in their unit during the school week, so they showed up with everything from Batmobiles and unicorns to cattle trucks and police cars. Angelina Zulas, a preschool assistant teacher, did a fantastic job narrating the event via megaphone, listing each unique vehicle and their drivers. Parents and school friends lined the streets with smiles and waves, creating a special and memorable event for the little ones. Photos of the parade were taken by Clint Mears, Adrianna Aguirre, and myself.

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"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."
 — Eleanor Roosevelt

Friona Flashbacks



News from the archives of the Friona Star on September 3, 1937

The Friona Public schools opened Tuesday for regular class room work, with an increase in enrollment in both the grades and the high school, and Superintendent Stewart and the other teachers are very much enthused over the prospect for an unusually successful term of school... There were 360 registered in the grades on the first day and 150 in high school, as against 140 last year with several more high school students to enroll yet, and possibly many more in the grades.

On last Saturday night, Mrs. Glenn Reeve was hostess to a "slumber" party at her home, given in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Ruth Reeve, who is to leave soon for Canyon, where she will enter the W.T.S.T College for her freshman year. Those attending the party were Misses Pearl Houlette, Margaret Houlette, Lydia Marie Spring, Charlene McFarland, Edith Mae Frost, Margot and Maxine McLean, Grace Miller, Mary Edna Davis, Juanita Lewis, and Virginia Guyer, and the honoree, Miss Reeve. The boys were: Messrs. Ralph Taylor, Ralph Baxter, Noel and Ira Bengier, Price Brookfield, Bruce Parr, C. L. Kelly and J. T. Green. The evening was most joyously spent, and most of the girls remained with Mrs. Reeve for the night.

According to reports, a group of worthy and progressive-minded citizens, headed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Dan Ethridge, have assumed the arduous task of securing better sanitary conditions for certain sections of our city, especially in the business section. According to reports, there are a number of open cesspools in the city, which are daily producing swarms of flies and mosquitos to endanger the public health by carrying many diseases germs, and to disturb the rest and comfort of our people in the vicinity where these nuisances exist.

The weather at Friona during the past week has, in some respects, been nothing to brag on, for every one is wanting rain and there has been none of any consequence. On Tuesday morning there was a very light shower, not quite enough to fully cover the ground—probably ten drops to the square inch. In other respects our weather has been all that one could desire. The hot wave seems to have exhausted its wrath upon us, lost its life blood in the effort, and retired, leaving in its place pleasant days and nice cool nights, that are unsurpassed by any California, Oregon, New England, Florida or Colorado climate. Other than the moisture, what more could we ask?

Mrs. Ralph New, who was painfully burned last Saturday afternoon, when two jars of okra she was canning exploded, is reported as rapidly recovering. Mrs. New had taken the two jars from the pressure cooker and placed them on the floor and was in the act of placing two more jars beside them when the first two exploded.

Laverne Frost, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Frost, of this city, had his left arm badly cut last Friday afternoon as he attempted to board a moving car, driven by Glenn Stevic. It appears that the windshield of the car was broken, leaving a portion of the glass with a jagged projection remaining in the frame, and as the boy hopped upon the car his arm came in contact with the sharp point of the glass, and cut it so severely that several stitches were required to close the wound. He is gradually recovering.

According to information received at the Star office a few days ago, the State Highway Commission has appropriated funds for the paving of a portion or all of Main Street in Friona, from Highway No. 33, south.

The first workout for the 1937 football season was held on Monday afternoon. Due to school not being started, only a few of the boys were out, but those that were out showed plenty of pep and hustle. Coach Jack Davis will only have five lettermen from last year's eleven.

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Letter to the Editor

Calling on our Senators to back childhood cancer research funding

Now that a U.S. Senate committee approved a bipartisan bill to advance pediatric cancer research, I urge the entire Senate to say "yes" to saving lives.

After accidents, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 14 in the United States. Here at home, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services says cancer is the most-common cause of disease-related death in kids and that every year 1,200 of our neighbors are devastated to learn their child has cancer.

There are many types of childhood cancer that are without a known treatment or cure. The Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research (STAR) Act would not only help find new treatments, but improve the quality of life for kids in treatment and for the rest of their lives. We need Congress to act now -- for our children.

I am a grandmother to six wonderful kiddos. It terrifies me to know that childhood cancer rates have risen in the last few decades, but the committee's passage of the STAR Act is a step in the right direction. I hope Texans can count on Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to support the STAR Act when it comes up for a vote.

By Susan Spurlock Rawlins

State Lead Ambassador, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network-Texas
Fritch

Happy Birthday Friona Folks..

Week of March 15-21

15th

Randol Allen
Christian Alexander
Amber Drake

16th

Glenda Sifford
Parker Reeve Banfield
Morgan Fury
Amy Hand
Seth Murphree
Robert Tapia
Belinda Gatlin

17th

Amanda Boeckman
Delwin Allen
Frankie Allen
Mendon Dixon
Matt Mata
Gabriela Benavides
Geraldine Redwine

18th

Ryan Cash
Bob Ferguson
Nick McFarland

19th

Laney Graham
Crystal Moroney
Randy Baize
Shara Renner

20th

Doris Barnett
Joyce Wells
Claudia Hanes
Kenda Dunnam
Tammy (Spencer) Fincher
Shelby (Huston) Mata

21st

Pamela Nelson-Ray
Karla Rector
Eric Gonzales
Sam Rushing
Jeffery Sunderlin
Peyton Schueler
Melissa Tamez
Olga Legarreta
Uriah Monreal
Joe Murphree
Lou Keith
Amelia Wright

DPS Warns Texas Drivers of Private Non-Governmental Websites

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that there are only two official websites for conducting Texas driver license/identification card/driver record transactions: www.texas.gov and www.dps.texas.gov. To prevent fraudulent use of your personal information and to avoid paying unnecessary fees, only conduct transactions on these two websites.

While many unofficial websites actually include a disclaimer that they are not in

fact an official government website, these private non-governmental sites can still be extremely deceptive to customers and provide inaccurate information and charge unnecessary fees.

Customers seeking to conduct online driver license/identification (ID) card/driver record transactions are advised to type www.texas.gov or www.dps.texas.gov directly into the URL address line to ensure they are visiting an official website (using a search engine can easily lead

customers to a private non-governmental website).

The following fees listed at www.texas.gov are the only fees a customer should be charged; any other fee amount would be an indication of an unauthorized website:

- Renewal of driver license (with or without changing address): \$25
- Renewal of ID (with or without changing address): \$16

- Renewal of driver license with motorcycle (with or without changing address): \$33
- Change of address only for driver license or ID: \$11

If a customer believes they have encountered a fraudulent website, they should contact the Texas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-621-0508.



Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of March 1, 2018 through March 7, 2018:

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Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:

On March 8, Joe Luis Rodriguez, 36 of Bovina was arrested by Bovina police on charges of forgery, pending grand jury.

On March 9, Joseph Elizalde, 31 of Amarillo was arrested by Bovina police on charges of DWLI and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz, pending county court.

On March 10, Felipe Puentes-Chaviz, 19 of Bovina was arrested by Bovina police on charges of possessing a prohibited weapon (knuckles), pending county court.

On March 12, Roxanne Soliz, 27 of Clovis, NM was arrested by the DPS on charges of evading arrest with vehicle and hindering the apprehension of a felon, pending grand jury.

On March 12, Edwin Carrillo, 23 of Bovina was arrested by the Sheriff's office on charges of man/del CS PG1 greater than 4 g but less than 200 g, pending grand jury, and unlicensed carrying weapon, pending county court.

Primary School menu for March 19-23

Monday

Breakfast: cereal, sausage biscuit, fruit punch juice, applesauce, milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets, roll, fresh tomatoes, mashed potato, pears, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: cereal, grape juice, banana, milk
Lunch: steak fingers, roll, corn, green beans, Mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: cereal, pancake breakfast sandwich, orange pineapple juice, apples, milk
Lunch: ham & cheese sandwich, cheese broccoli, French oven potato, mixed fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: cereal, sausage pizza, orange juice, peaches, milk
Lunch: spaghetti meatball, pasta, pinto beans, mixed veggie California, snowball salad, milk

Friday

Breakfast: cereal, Pop Tarts, apple juice, pears, milk
Lunch: tuna salad, roll, lettuce & tomato salad, carrots, fruit salad, milk

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Shadow of Doubt

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

It was a stormy night, I was supposed to be asleep, but the lightening was so bright and the thunder so loud. It was in one of those flashes of light that I saw it. My heart was beating fast. There it was again. It was in the room with me and I was terrified, for on my wall was a shadow. A shadow of...Well, that was the problem. So I threw my covers over my head. (I will tell you how this night ended later.) As I got older, I began to understand that most of the shadows were harmless. They were branches outside my window or a toy sitting too close to the nightlight. Yet there were times and still I find in my life that doubt shows up usually in the form of shadows that seem without source and leave my heart racing as it did as a child.

Do you ever doubt? Do you see a world of shadows? Satan likes shadows. He knows that the shadow cannot hurt you, yet he also knows that creating doubt can. When in doubt, most people bury themselves in darkness. I don't think this type of life is what Jesus really called people to experience. Faith is not found in shadows, nor is life found in darkness. Jesus wanted so much to show us His Father that he came to earth to shed LIGHT on the subject.

By the way, that night of terror did not end in terror. I cried out from under the covers for my dad. He came quickly and dispelled for me, in a moment, my fear. He turned on my light! The light dealt with the shadows. It reminded me I was safe inside and not alone. I think God wishes more of His kids would cry out to Him, that He may quickly come to their aid with Light and Love and Joy and Peace. Sweet dreams.

Lessons from Jessica

By Teena Hughs

Several years ago, I met a Messianic Jew who works at the Palazzo Hotel in Las Vegas. I spent maybe a total of 30 minutes with her, but it is amazing how much I learned from her. So, for the next few weeks, I want to share how much she has impacted my life.

The first time I met Jessica, she engaged me in conversation because I was wearing an "I Am Second" bracelet. I had given them to Vacation Bible School volunteers as a reminder that Jesus is first in our lives and we are "second", and as Matthew 20:16 reminds us, we should be last. Then we had the BEST conversation about God and how she came to know Jesus.

The next year we looked her up when we were in Las Vegas, and she remembered us. This time I got her address, and I have sent her Christmas letters ever since. Now, I admit that I have felt "strange" doing that the last couple of years, because I hadn't heard from her. I didn't know if she remembered me, and I didn't want her to think I was "stalking" her; I just enjoyed our short visits, and I wanted to stay in touch.

To my surprise, I did hear from Jessica a few weeks ago. She had written a letter last year, but she was too embarrassed to send it. You see, Jessica doesn't get to celebrate Christmas with her family because they are not believers. She is single, and my heart broke at the feeling of loneliness I read in her letter. She said my Christmas letter made her feel part of a family.

Why do we ever feel strange or embarrassed about being nice to people? Why are we hesitant or afraid to do something nice just for the sake of being nice? Why do we wonder or worry if they will think we are strange for sending a letter or gift?

We were in Las Vegas in December; we were at the Palazzo at the trade show; I did not look her up because I had not heard from her and didn't want to bother her. I am truly sorry I didn't let her know we were going to be there. We had a lot of time on our hands, and we could have had a great visit, like a family should. I missed an opportunity to serve God, but hopefully I won't miss that opportunity again. I must be bold and act, no matter what Satan puts in my mind!

Psalm 67—Bless Us Because...

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you want God to bless you? Of course you do, as do I, but a more revealing question is why do you want God to bless you. In other words, how would you finish this statement, "God, bless me because..." If you are like most Christians, you have never thought about why you want God to bless you, but are mostly caught up in what you want. If you are honest, our desire for blessings is a good desire, but the motivation behind that desire tends to lean the wrong direction.

Psalm 67 is a short, sweet and powerful Psalm crying out for God's blessing through divine motives. Verse one begins, "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us," which is my desire for myself, my family and you. What is so challenging, is that verse 2 reveals the motivation for such a prayer, "that Your way may be known on the earth, Your saving power among the nations." The motivation was not, for selfish comfort, health, wealth, ease and enjoyment, but so that God would be exalted and that peoples would come to know Him. The highest calling is to follow Christ, and following Christ calls you to be a disciple who makes disciples, but often our right desire for blessings is derailed by our selfish flesh, which woos us into making ease and comfort the goal in our lives. May we repent of our selfishness by beginning to seeking God's blessings for the sake of His glory and not our own! May our hearts' all-consuming desire be that we know Christ and make Him known!

Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

Pedir para recibir, buscar para encontrar, tocar para que le puerta se nos Habra. En este día vamos a enfocarnos en pedir para recibir. En Santiago 4:2-3 dice Codiciais , y no teneis ; matais y ardeis envidia no podeis alcanzar; combatis y luchais, pero no teneis lo deseais, porque no pedis. Pedis , y no recibis, porque pedis mal, para gastar en vuestros deleites. Entonces si ay una manera de pedir para recibir. En 1 Juan 5: 14 & 15 dice Y esta es la confianza que tenemos en el, que si pedimos alguna cosa conforme a su voluntad el, nos oye. Y si sabemos que el no nos oye en cualquiera cosa que pedamos, sabemos que tenemos las peticiones que la hayamos hecho. Estos pasajes no ensena para pedir y recibir neseditamos a conocer su voluntad. Para no pedir conforme a los malos deseos de nuestra carne. Santiago 1:5-6 nos ensena que debemos de pedir con fe y no dudar. Porque si pedimos dudando es porque no conosco su voluntad. Bartimeo el siego pidio para recibir su vista y lo recibio. Si tu estas neseditado de aguna cosa el promote Mat. 7:8 que todo aquel que pide recibi. Oro en nombre de Jesus que el te revele su voluntad para que puedas recibir de el.

"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find knock and the door will be opened up for you." Today we are going to focus on asking in order to receive. James 4:2-3 says "You desire and do not have. You murder and covet, and cannot obtain. You fight and war. You do not have because you do not ask." You ask and don't receive because you ask wrongly, so that you spend it on your own desires of pleasure. So there is a way to ask so we can receive. In 1 John 5: 14 & 15 it says "Now this is the confidence that we have before him; whenever we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know he hears whatever we ask, we know that have what we asked him for." These passages teach us in order to ask and receive we must know his will. That way we will not ask according to our evil desires of the flesh. In James 1:5-6 shows us to ask with faith and not doubting, because if we ask and we doubt we do not know the will of the Father. Blind Bartimaus asked to receive his sight and he received his sight. And if you have any kind of need he promises in Matthew 7:8 "whosoever asks receives." I pray in the name of Jesus that he will reveal to you his will so you to can receive.

I would like to extend my appreciation to every person who supported me in the Primary Election. My wife Rhonda and I are thankful for the support shown by the residents of Parmer County. I thank you once again for making my campaign successful.

Charles Wilkins

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who supported me in the Republican Primary Election. To everyone who signed my petition to run; who let me put a sign in your yard or business; who told your friend to vote; or who offered a word of support, I thank you. Each of you made my campaign for County Clerk successful. I am honored to follow in my family's history of service to the citizens of Parmer County.

Susie Spring

I would like to thank all of you that took time to go out and vote in the March Primary. I am looking forward to serving Parmer County in the Treasurer's Office in the coming years. I would also like to thank all of my family for their support that you showed and the help that you supplied.

Sharon May

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March 19
Friona Boys & Girls Golf @ Dimmitt
Lazbuddie Boys Golf @ Olton

March 20
Friona Baseball @ Dimmitt 4:30/6:30
Lazbuddie Girls Golf @ Olton

March 22
Friona Tennis @ Levelland (V,JV)
Friona JH Track @ Dimmitt
Bovina MS Track @ Farwell
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March 23
Friona HS Track @ Dimmitt
Bovina HS Track @ Farwell
Lazbuddie HS Track @ Farwell
Lazbuddie JH District Tennis @ Hart

Trejo and Hernandez advance to State Powerlifting Meet

The Friona Boys Powerlifting Team had 6 boys compete at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Sundown on March 12. As a team the Friona boys tied for 4th place out of 50 schools. Individual medalist were 2nd place in the 114s Juan Trejo and 2nd place in the 132s Mario Hernandez. The top two lifters at the Regional Meet in each weight class qualify for the State meet. Both Juan Trejo and Mario Hernandez will be competing at State Meet in Abilene on March 24th. Mario Hernandez is a two time State Qualifier.



Friona Powerlifting Team, back (l-r) Ariel Jaramillo, Marin Santiago, Jesus Jaramillo, front (l-r) Nathan Flores, Juan Trejo, Mario Hernandez, Coach Rosales

Friona Relays
Friona, Texas
March 9, 2018

- Varsity Girls (2nd Place)**
- Shot Put
1. Carly Drake.....33-6 1/2
2. Adrianna Ortiz.....33-3
Discus
1. Carly Drake.....91-3
2. Adrianna Ortiz.....78-7
Long Jump
4. Rebecca Schlenker 13-11
6. Jodi Dentonn/a
Triple Jump
3. Rebecca Schlenker ..32-9 1/2
6. Bailey Pope29-4
High Jump
1. Bailey Pope5-0
2. Jodie Denton4-8
6. Viviana Rivera4-6
3200 Meters
2. Jackie Legaretta13:07.43
5. Kylee Sifuentes.....14:12.15
100m Hurdles
3. Carly Drake.....18.24
5. Danielle trevino.....19.58
6. Leidi Chihauhau.....19.83
100 Meters
2. Jodi Denton13.37
3. Emma Rector.....13.59
6. Erica Barrera14.01
800m Relay
1. Friona1:52.14
400 Meters
1. Anay Chihauhau1:00.52
2. Rebecca Schlenker ...1:02.15
5. Emma Rector.....1:05.72
300m Hurdles
2. Carly Drake.....52.56
4. Leidi Chihauhau.....53.97
200 Meters
1. Anay Chihauhau26.75
3. Bailey Pope28.50
1600 Meters
3. Jackie Legaretta.....6:05.10
1600m Relay
2. Friona4:18

- Varsity Boys (3rd Place)**
- Shot Put
2. Erik Prieto45-1
Discus
2. Erik Prieto138-9
Long Jump
4. Johnny Ojeda17-5
5. Marco Maldonado.....16-9
Pole Vault
1. Rodrigo Munoz10-6
5. Juan Salinas9-6
3200 Meters
5. Adrian Legerreta 11:38.15
400m Relay
1. Friona44.71
(Jonathan Hernandez, Malachi Torres, AJ Mendoza, Marco Maldonado)
800 Meters
3. Eduardo Chavez.....2:10.83
6. Marc Mendoza2:15.74
100 Meters
1. Malachi Torres 11.02
4. AJ Mendoza..... 11.65
800m Relay
5. Friona1:40.12
400 Meters
4. Rogelio Palacios.....55.08
1600 Meters
6. Adrian Legerreta5:19.65
1600m Relay
4. Friona3:42.28



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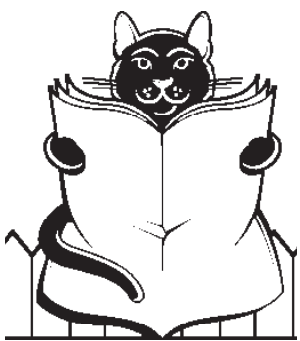


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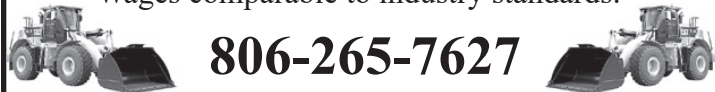
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3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, open floor plan, utility room, fireplace, new carpet and flooring throughout, fenced backyard, close to high school, corner lot

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4/3 Brick 2-story, w/attached double carport, 2 living areas, utility room, office/sewing room, central h&a, partially fenced, corner lot w/extra lot..... \$129,000

3/1 Brick w/central h&a, metal roof, utility room, new double pane windows, sprinkler system, shop with garage doors and tornado shelter..... \$125,000

3/2 Brick Country Home w/2 acres, double carport, metal roof, converted garage, septic system, on pavement south of town..... \$125,000

NEW: 3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, 2 living areas, utility room, fireplace, attic storage with pull down stairs, metal fenced backyard..... \$105,000

3/2 Brick w/central heat & air, 2 living areas, wood burning stove, attic storage, new fence, large yard, cellar, patio area, close to high school..... \$99,900

NEW: 2/1 w/attached carport, cent. heat, two living areas, wood burning stove, cellar in fenced backyard, hardwood floors, close to hospital..... \$82,000

3/1 Brick w/central heat & air, utility room, tile throughout, new windows, partially fenced, 2 storage buildings, corner lot, close to high school **Cont Pend**

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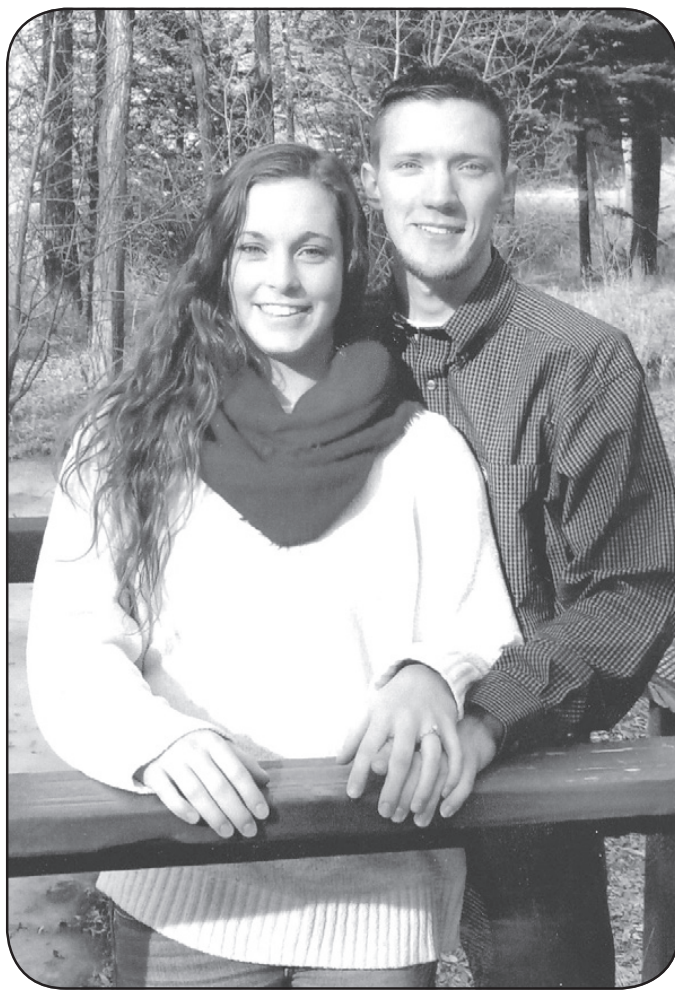
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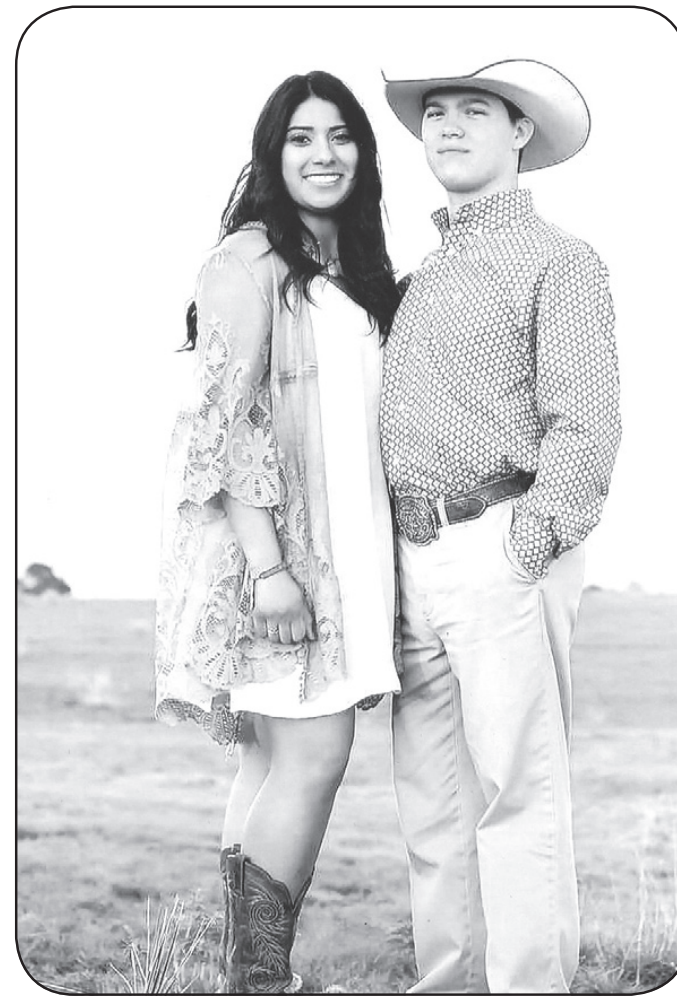
Announcing the engagement of
Katharyn Sue Anthony
&
Andrew Everett Borchers

Katharyn is the daughter of Mark & Belinda Anthony of Friona.
Andrew is the son of Myra Borchers & the late Richard Borchers of Amarillo.
Their wedding will be October 28, 2018 in Friona, Texas.



Announcing the engagement of
Johna Fowler
&
Benjamin Anthony

Johna is the daughter of John & Deana Fowler of Rio Rancho, New Mexico.
Benjamin is the son of Mark & Belinda Anthony of Friona.
The wedding will be August 18, 2018 in Red River, New Mexico.



Announcing the engagement of
Emily Victoria Barraza
&
Heston Bryant Henry

Emily is the daughter of Myrna & Jose Barraza of Friona.
Heston is the son of Shawnte Clawson of Tulia & Kurt Henry of Glen Rose, Texas.
The wedding will be May 12, 2018 in Bridge City, Texas.

Friona Interbank Trip to Hawaii

What a beautiful place is Hawaii, our 50th state! Twelve Interbank customers and friends left Friona on February 16 to discover and enjoy these famous islands. Our senses were overloaded with the SIGHTS of all the fauna, waves and people, SOUNDS of the waves crashing to the shores, SMELLS of the fresh breeze, TASTES of the wonderful fruit, and FEEL of the islands. We were not disappointed.

We flew to Honolulu where we spent the first night overlooking Waikiki Beach. The next day we took a city tour, seeing the sights of Honolulu including a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial, the "Punchbowl", the National Cemetery of the Pacific, the capitol building, and King Kamehameha's statue, of Hawaii 5-0 fame. That evening we boarded our home away from home, the Pride of America, for a 7 night cruise to three other islands.

After leaving Oahu, our first stop was Maui. We spent 2 days there site seeing and exploring all that we could. It rained 14 inches in some places where we were on the island and we enjoyed it all. The rain didn't dampen our spirits any as we were just happy to be where we were. Now we know why Hawaii is so green! Maui is beautiful and the people were all so congenial. Some of the options taken by some in our group were sightseeing tours, car

rental to explore on our own including driving the Hana Highway, helicopter rides and snorkeling with the turtles. We loved Maui.

The next island stop was the island named Hawaii or otherwise known as the Big Island. We docked at Hilo where we enjoyed all the beautiful tropical flowers, trees, and fern. Options taken were the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, home of the active Kilauea volcano, snorkeling, helicopter rides, glass bottom boats, watching the surfers and seeing a Banyon tree that covered a whole city block. Then we sailed around the island to Kono, known for its coffee. We sampled Kono coffee and the locally grown Macadamia nuts. Probably most of our suitcases were weighted down by these Hawaiian purchases.

Kauai is known as the garden island and it deserves that name. It was named after the Wiliwili trees that once lined the harbor. We asked several locals to point out the Wiliwili trees and they didn't know what we were talking about! The beautiful lush wild forests were full of flowering trees, ferns, evergreens and bushes. Some of our excursions on this island included a visit to the Waimea Canyon, the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, Rainbow Falls, whale watching, riding a train through banana and pineapple plantations and most of us enjoyed the fun, traditional

Luau while on this island. We saw the workers remove the pig from the pit in the ground where it had been roasting for 24 hours. It was delicious. We also sailed along the Napali Coast, some of the most beautiful scenery we've ever seen. We saw the rugged cliffs, and valleys that were left by the volcanoes. What an awesome sight for us Texans.

We returned to Honolulu to finish our journey. We boarded a coach and drove to the North Shore known for the surfing there. Some of the beaches we saw were Waimea Bay, Ehukai (the Banzai Pipeline) and Sunset Beach. The waves were not high enough to attract the surfers today, but we saw many pictures of them doing their thing. Conditions are opposite in Hawaii than here in the Panhandle. The surfers enjoy windy weather as that helps cause the waves to really roll.

We all enjoyed getting our feet wet in the ocean and couldn't believe the clarity of the blue and green water. Nothing compares to Hawaii and we are so fortunate to be able to explore this beautiful part of our country. Those traveling with us were: Tom and Barbara Mason, Trey and Traci Ellis, Bob and Bonnie (Wilhelm) Toothaker, Jim and Marilyn Culpepper, Betty Massie, Jayn Looper, Dale Widner and Marca Herring.

Thank you Friona Interbank for allowing this trip to take place.



Jayn Looper, Betty Massie, Dale Widner, Marca Herring



Trey and Tracy Ellis



Barbara and Tom Mason



OFFICIAL NOTICE 80TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 • Hereford Bull Barn

PROGRAM

- 5:30 p.m. Doors open
Registration
- 5:30 p.m. Meal of beef, fish and chicken
Business meeting following meal
Drawing for door prizes

64th Annual Meeting of the Membership West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
6:00 p.m. at Hereford Bull Barn

Dinner of barbecued beef and sausage catered by
Rafters G of Umbarger

Door prizes

Election of Directors – Nominees include:
Roger Gist, Dawn
Corbin Riethmayer, Hub
Ben Osborn, Parmer

Report by Amy Linzey, CEO/General Manager



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~OBITUARIES~

Betty Jean Blackburn

Betty Jean Blackburn, 93 of Alpine, CA, formerly of Friona passed away March 9, 2018. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the 6th St. Church of Christ in Friona with Hal Blackburn and Jeff Procter, minister, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by The Hansard Family at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Betty Jean was born August 15, 1924 in Anadarko, Oklahoma to Howard D. and Mary Elizabeth Tackett Mayfield. She attended all grades in Friona and graduated in 1941. She met the love of her life, Keith Love Blackburn in grade school. They were married on November 16, 1942, and were married 62 years. They owned the Mobil Oil Co. in Friona and later owned Blackburn's Ladies Ready to Wear in Albuquerque, N.M. She has resided with her daughter in Alpine, California for the last 5 years.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ of Friona, Albuquerque and San Diego.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister-Dorothy Lovelace.

Those continuing her legacy include 1 daughter-Dr. Jill Blackburn Anella and husband Dr. Ben Anella of Alpine, 1 sister-Peggy Snider Gikas of Salado, Texas, 1 sister-in-law-Anna Jo Blackburn

of Friona, grandchildren-James Keith Anella, Justin Anthony Anella, Jason Howard Anella and wife Candice, Jennifer Jean Anella Lorek and husband Dan and a great-grandchild-Aurora Rian Anella.

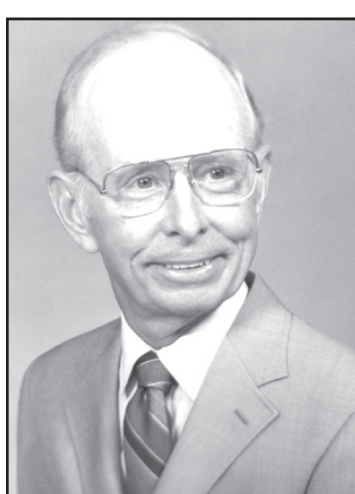
In lieu of flowers, you may send memorials to Cal Farley's P.O. Box. 1890 Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001, New Mexico Christian Children's Home 1356 N.M.236 Portales, N.M. 88130, or Albuquerque Christian Children's Home 5700 Winter Haven Road N.W. Albuquerque, N.M. 87120.

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



JT Hammonds

JT Hammonds, 99 of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, formerly of Bovina passed away January 31, 2018. Celebration of Life Memorial Services have been scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Bovina United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Mitchell, pastor, officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Bovina Cemetery by the Hansard Family of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Mr. Hammonds was born February 13, 1918 in Chillicothe, Texas to Oma Looney Dorsey. He later served in the United States Navy during WWII and married Myrna Hester in Bovina.

JT was a farmer and sold seed to other farmers. He also owned a Phillips 66 service station in Bovina. He built his own sail boat and made model airplanes. He loved to play softball and getting together with friends over a cup of coffee. He was a great public speaker and spoke at many churches as well as teaching an adult Sunday school class at the Bovina United Methodist Church. He was a loving husband, father and was a jovial man that loved life.

He is preceded in death by his mother Oma and wife Myrna.

Those to carry on his legacy are his daughter-Carole Lynn Boguslawski and husband Joe of Cape Girardeau, Missouri,

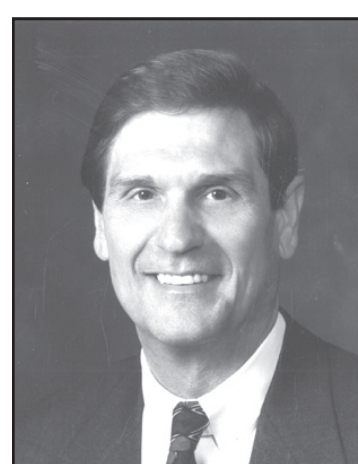
2 grandchildren-Amber Larson and husband Karl of Chelsea, Alabama, and Dustin Dodson of Denver, Colorado, 2 great-grandchildren-Chelsea Larson of Lawrence, Kansas and Wyatt Larson of St. Louis, Missouri.

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



O Dean Bingham, Jr.

Services for Dean Bingham, 69, of Kilgore will be 10:00 am Monday, March 10, 2018 at Chandler Street Church of Christ with Chris Vidacovich officiating. Burial will follow in Danville Cemetery. Mr. Bingham died Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in Dallas, Texas.



Dean was born July 25, 1948 in Lubbock, Texas to Genevieve and O Dean Bingham, Sr. He was a 1966 graduate of Friona High School. Dean attended two years of School at Texas Tech, and earned his bachelor's degree from West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. Mr. Bingham obtained his certification from Southwestern Graduated School of Banking at SMU. He was a banker in Amarillo, Lone Star and worked in Dalhart before moving to Kilgore in 1985. Dean worked 20 years at Citizen Bank before retiring from Texas Bank in Henderson. He was a member of Chandler Street Church of Christ, and enjoyed playing golf and working in the yard. Dean's family was his everything, especially his wife and grandchildren.

Mr. Bingham is survived by his wife of 50 years, Darlene Bingham, of Kilgore; a daughter,

Deena Shae Manos and her husband, Cole, of Kilgore; a son, Brett Bingham and his wife, Penny, of Georgetown; a sister, Darla Stedman and her husband, Ken, of Wilits, California; three grandchildren, Brendan Bingham of Kilgore, Kylie Shae Hill of Kilgore, Gennie Bingham of Kilgore; a sister-in-law, Diana Cavin, and her husband, Jim, of Hereford, Texas; a brother-in-law, Mickey Wilson and his wife, Shirley, of Beeville; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday afternoon between 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chandler Street Church of Christ.

Mary Tom (Spring) Isaac

Mary Tom (Spring) Isaac, 77, died March 4, 2018, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on January 10, 2018. After weeks of fighting to heal, Mary Tom went with dignity and grace into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was surrounded by her loving family.



Mary Tom was born in Clovis, NM on December 19, 1940 to Frank A. and Ethel R. Spring, and raised in Friona, Texas. Mary Tom Spring graduated from Colorado College in 1962 with a degree in Political Science. While attending Colorado College, she met the love of her life, James B. Isaac. They married on September 7, 1963. They went on to have three children: Susan Metzler (Jeff), Barry Isaac and Tom Isaac (Kari Somers). She was the best grandma to her three grandchildren, Allie Darling (Cole), Tanner Metzler and Braydan Isaac. She was so very proud of each of them and loved them beyond words. She was joyously awaiting the birth of a granddaughter this May (Tom and Kari). Mary Tom is survived by her family and brother, Frank L. Spring (Martha) of Albuquerque, NM, brother-in laws Frederick M. Isaac (Judy) of Seattle, WA and Sam Isaac of Colorado Springs, CO, nephews Michael Isaac (Megan) and Frank A.

Spring (Angela), niece Margaret Isaac (Matt Hanson), a great-niece, 3 great-nephews and numerous cousins.

Mary Tom was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. One of her greatest loves was cooking for the Keenagers at St. Paul's and fellowship with her friends at their weekly Bible study. She was honored by St. Paul's when she received the Quiet Disciple award for her service to the church. She was so proud to be a member of St. Paul's and truly loved her church family. Her close friend said that "her eyes sparkled when she read the Bible." Throughout her life, Mary Tom was active in local politics. She loved to campaign and participate in community activities. Mary Tom was El Paso County Co-Chairman for George H.W. Bush, head of the Arm-

strong Ambassadors for Senator Bill Armstrong and served on the Colorado Springs Park and Recreation Board as a member and Chair. She loved living in Colorado Springs. Mary Tom was also an active gardener and loved to play Bridge. Number one on her Bucket List was to visit Paris, shop in the markets and take a cooking class with a French Chef. She fulfilled this dream in September of 2016 and she said it was more wonderful than she had imagined. We are so grateful that she was able to take that trip.

Mary Tom was a beautiful, friendly soul who touched so many with her kindness, love and gentle spirit. She was loved by so many and will be forever missed by those who knew and loved her. We thank God that we got to spend our lives with her and she made each of us a better person for having known and been loved by her.

Mary Tom's memorial service will be Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2111 Carlton Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80909. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Mary Tom's name to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

We would like to thank her St. Paul's family and the nurses at Penrose Hospital and Pikes Peak Hospice for their loving care.

Carol McIntosh

Carol McIntosh, 61 of Friona passed away March 12, 2018 in Friona. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Arrangements by the Hansard Family at Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Carol was born October 22, 1956 in Clovis, NM to Norbert Otto and Oretta Jarrell Schueler. She graduated from Friona High School and later married Sam McIntosh on October 29, 1992. She was a 30 plus year medical information clerk for Prairie Acres Nursing Home. When not at work or helping others, Carol

loved to be home cooking and spending time with her family and beloved dogs.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one daughter-Jacy Anna DeLeon.

Those remaining to carry on her legacy are her husband, Sam of Friona, 2 sons-Justin DeLeon

and wife Leanna of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Samuel Clay McIntosh Jr. and wife Jessica of Muleshoe, 2 daughters-Pamela Radford and husband Jimmy of Bovina, Lawanda Laura May Rose of Texico, 1 brother-Clinton Schueler and wife Rhonda of Spring, Texas, 1 sister-Terri Glover and husband Kenney of Abilene, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th St, Friona, Texas 79035.

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



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: March 15th, 2018

CITY OF FRIONA
623 Main Street
Friona, TX 79035
(806) 250-2761

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Friona.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 30th, 2018 the City of Friona will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: City of Friona, Water System Improvement Project #7217131

Purpose: The City of Friona shall address water pressure, supply, and maintenance issues by replacing approximately one thousand nine hundred eighty linear feet (1980 l.f.) of ten-inch (10") water line, sixty linear feet (60 l.f.) of six-inch (6") water line, and fifty linear feet of (50 l.f.) of four-inch (4") water line.

Location:

Construction shall take place on N. Walnut Avenue from HWY 60 to E. 14th Street and on E. 14th Street from N. Walnut Avenue to N. Virginia Avenue. Construction will be solely for the water system associated with the above mentioned construction site.

Estimated Cost: \$275,000.00 (Grant funds) and \$58,030.00 (city matching funds) for a total project cost of \$333,030.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Friona has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Friona, City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035 and at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Dustin Meyer, PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105 or to City Hall at 623 Main Street - Friona, TX 79035. All comments received by March 30th, 2018 will be considered by the City of Friona prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Friona certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Leander Davila in his capacity as City Manager of the City of Friona consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Friona to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Friona's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Friona; (b) the City of Friona has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Texas Department of Agriculture; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Environmental Compliance, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78071. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Leander Davila, City Manager
City of Friona
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County Commissioners discuss Mineral Leases

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 12th at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. All commissioners except Commissioner Bradshaw were present.

After the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, the Court approved the payment of the Accounts Payables presented to them by County Auditor Larry Johnston.

Altha Herington then presented the Treasurer's Report and the

Commissioners approved the report and the calculated payroll and disbursements for all county employees and elected officials.

The Commissioners next considered a date to open and close bids for Mineral Leasing on Public School Land in Gaines County, Texas. A public notice of the dates and deadlines for the bidding process can be found in this edition and the next two editions of the Friona Star newspaper.

The Court then approved a contract with Lubbock County Jail for housing "high risk" inmates.

The cost will \$65 per day. Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries informed the Commissioners that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center had a surprise State jail inspection on Friday, March 9th. The jail passed the Texas Jail Standards Test and was commended for the quality of the jail by the inspectors.

The last agenda item was the presentation of the 2017 Racial Profiling Report. It was approved. The Court then adjourned. The agenda can be found on the Parmer County website.



Kristyn Harris
Returns to Amarillo's Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian Friday, March 30, 2018, 7:00 PM

Texas Spring Roundup Concert!

Artists performing:
Kristyn Harris, Gary Roller, and Maggie Scales Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year (2016 & 2017), and currently appearing on American Idol!

Tickets: Front Section \$25.00
General Admission \$20

Meet and Greet Dinner with Kristyn Harris at 6:00 PM.
Dinner tickets additional \$15.00 with purchase of concert ticket.
Tickets: <http://www.outhousetickets.com/Event/Event10269> or call
Kwahadi Museum
Gift Shop 806-654-4890

Kristyn Harris is a Texas-bred musical powerhouse with captivating western flair. Her singing has been praised as "timeless", "powerful" and "shimmering"! She is complimented on stage by her swing guitar playing, yodeling, songwriting, and energetic stage presence! Now 23, Kristyn tours across the US and internationally. She started playing and singing when she was 14, drawn to western and western swing styles because she loves the joyful way they sound, and it resonated with her rural raising and passion for land, livestock and horses. When she's not playing music, she can be found trick riding (stunts on horseback), raising cattle (her

small "Diamond K" cattle herd), or riding her own once-wild mustangs. She draws most of her artistic inspiration from these experiences, as well as the vintage melodies and arrangements that cornerstone the western swing genre, and styles from other songwriters. Kristyn brings joy and passion to her music. She is the 2-time currently reigning Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year (2016 & 2017) and is both the youngest in history to receive this honor and the only woman to receive it twice. She is also the 2017 Ameripolitan Music Awards Western Swing Female Artist of the Year and named the WMA Female Performer of the Year in 2014 & 2015.

Also in 2017 Kristyn was awarded the Pro Cowboy Country Artist Entertainer of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year. Her latest CD release, "Down the Trail", has been recognized by both the WMA and PCCAA. In addition, Kristyn is a contestant on the new season of American Idol on ABC Network! As one venue put it: "This bundle of energy and talent is 'the rage' on stage from the east coast to the west and if you can stay seated when she finishes her performance you're prob'ly 'bout ready for the grave!!" Join us for great evening with Kristyn Harris, Gary Roller, and Maggie Scales! Friday, March 30, 7 pm

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative to hold annual meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds, including refunds from our Generation and Transmission; Golden spread Electric Cooperative, totaling \$4.6 million dollars at the Cooperative's 80th annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Don't forget your registration card. The doors open at 5:30pm at the Hereford Bull Barn, members are asked to register at any table, and then make their way to a meal of fish, chicken, and beef. (Please note the time.) We will elect three directors. Position One candidates are incumbent Donald Wright and nominee Matt Gfeller. Position

Two candidates are incumbent Steve Olson and nominee Walter Paetzold Jr. Position Three candidates are incumbent Danny Hand and nominee Allan Monroe. Mike Veazey, President and General Manager, will provide important information that affects you and your cooperative. Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1500.00, including the grand prize, two Airline tickets. All members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are urged to attend; after all it's your co-op. Doors open at 5:30, see you there!

Allsup's gives back to its employees

Allsup's, one of New Mexico's largest privately-owned companies, announced today that all full-time, non-executive employees that have been employed at least one year with the company prior to 2018 will receive a \$1,000 one-time bonus as a result of the recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in December 2017. The new tax reform legislation provides tax cuts for individuals and companies and should result in positive economic growth. "Mark and I are pleased to announce this special, one-time bonus to our hard-working employees", said Barbara Allsup, co-found-

er and owner with her late husband, Lonnie D. Allsup who had endorsed the plan shortly before his death. Allsup's operates 317 convenience stores throughout New Mexico, West Texas, and Oklahoma and employs more than 3,200 full and part-time employees. All stores are open 24-hours per day and 365 days per year. "We have what our customers want, when they want it" the late Lonnie Allsup would say. "Thanks to our loyal employees, we fulfill that promise each and every day" said Mark Allsup, President and Chief Executive Officer.

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**Don't get hit with a penalty!
"Render" your taxable property by April 15th.**

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2018. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2019.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2018 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Parmer County Appraisal District

305 3rd Street
P.O. Box 56
Bovina, TX 79009

If you have any questions, please call (806) 251-1405; e-mail parmer@amaonline.com

Jill Timms -- Chief Appraiser
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Special note: The deadline for vehicle exemptions for those who qualify are due by April 30, 2018.

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USDA Offers Renewal Options for Expiring Conservation Stewardship Contracts

TEMPLE, Texas, March 9, 2018 -Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to renew their Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract.

Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation.

Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on Dec. 31, 2018 can access the benefits of the recent program changes through

an option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands.

NRCS will mail contract renewal notification letters to all participants whose contracts expire in 2018, which will contain instructions on how to apply for renewal.

Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by April 13.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natu-

ral resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

Producers interested in CSP can contact their local USDA service center or visit www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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WTRTC and WT Services offer scholarships

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and its WT Services subsidiary are offering scholarships to candidates for high school graduation this spring and other qualified applicants who are customers of the two communications companies. The deadline to apply for the scholarships is a rapidly approaching April 10.

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's academic scholarships are being awarded for the 22nd consecutive year this spring and WT Services scholarships are being awarded for the fifth consecutive year. Since the inception of the program in 1997, WTRTC has now awarded 162 scholarships totaling \$146,400, while WT Services has awarded 18 scholarships totaling \$11,000 since 2014.

Applications forms for 2018 scholarships have been provided to high school counselors in the WTRTC service area, and to counselor's offices at Hereford, Friona and Bovina high schools for WT Services scholarships.

The fastest and easiest way to obtain application forms at this late date is by downloading them from the WTRTC home page wtrtc.net or the WT Services home page at wtservices.net The 2018 scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

WTRTC Scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRTC members, or, to students who are WTRTC members themselves. In Hereford, applications may be picked up at the WTRTC offices at 3425 South U.S. Highway 385. Applications are also available from student counselors at Hereford High or at counselor's offices in Friona, Bovina, Farwell, and Vega.

WT Services scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WT Services customers, or, to students who are WT Services customers. Applicants must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, have completed high school, or have received their GED.

Scholarship money will be disbursed in increments per semester. Applicants must be high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, or have graduated high school. An official application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted.

One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending, or attended, or from a college or trade school instructor.

An application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted.

Texas Adds 240,500 Jobs Over the Year

Texas Workforce Commission

AUSTIN Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in January and remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. The Texas economy added 240,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the year, including 16,000 jobs added in January. Annual employment growth for Texas was 2.0 percent in January, marking 93 consecutive months of annual growth.

"Texas employers kicked off 2018 with the addition of 16,000 jobs in January and 240,500 over the year," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Thanks to our state's world-class employers, diverse industry sectors and highly-talented workforce, Texas continues to be a national leader in job creation and the premier place to do business."

Industries adding jobs in January included Mining and Logging, which added 3,300 jobs; Education and Health Services, which added 2,800 jobs; and Manufacturing added 2,400 positions.

"Texas' private-sector employers contributed to another successful month of growth by adding 12,400 jobs in January," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "This growth reflects our state's strong ability to continuously attract more employers and workers."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.4 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA, which had the second lowest with a rate of 2.8 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA had the third lowest rate of 3.0 percent for January.

"The Texas labor market's 93rd consecutive month of positive annual growth is proof that our Texas workers have much to offer," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "I encourage those looking for career advancements to visit WorkInTexas.com."

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Alvarez on the latest labor market data are available on the TWC website press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit tracer2.com.

NOTICE TO BID MINERAL INTERESTS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting sealed bids for the lease of oil and gas exploration and development of approximately 12,133.816 mineral acres, being all of the County's net mineral acreage ownership in Gaines County, Texas; save and accept those acres under continuous lease pursuant to the existing oil and gas wells.

The legal description for the property is as follows:

League 315, Labors 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

All of League 316

All of League 317, save and accept, the south 1/2 of Labor 16, all Labor 25, Parmer County School Lands, Gaines County, Texas

Bids must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., on April 06, 2018** at the following address

Trey Ellis, Parmer County Judge
401 3rd Street, Room 104
P O Box 506
Farwell, Texas 79325

Bids received after the deadline will be unopened and returned to the bidder.

Bids will be opened and read on **April 09, @ 10:00 a.m. 2018**, at the Parmer County Courthouse, by the Parmer County Commissioners Court and the Parmer County Judge and evaluated for acceptance within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Acceptance of the accepted bid will be in an open session of the Parmer County Commissioners Court on a date to be announced in advance.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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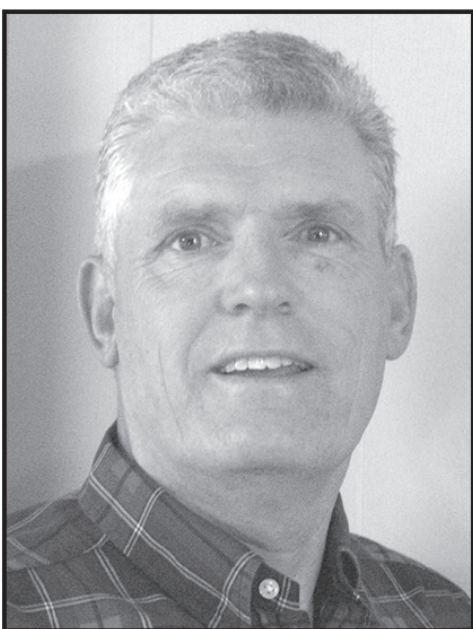


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Special Thank You to Chris Alexander and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for raising funds by sponsoring projects at 4th of July and the Cheeseburger Festival.

Those individuals who participated in the Cow Patty Bingo project were:

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Citizen of the Year - Erika Carrillo

"If you need anything, please let me know." are words heard from the Erika Carrillo nominated as Citizen of the Year. She has a family of her own and a full time job with many responsibilities. Two years ago she started a youth group to help young adults prepare for college life, teach them life skills, as well as the importance of giving back to others through community service. She is a great resource to these young adults and many still contact her after they are at college.

Erika also volunteers her time as a band boosters helping them with all their events. She and her youth group volunteer for snack pack. She is an active member of the

chamber board helping with chamber events with a smile on her face. In the summer she can be found at the Kidz Building Camp lending a helping hand with her volunteer youth group. She has taken high school students that are interested to Texas Tech for the "Future Healthcare Professionals experience. She puts together the Kids Annual Health Fair as well as helps with the Senior Health Fair. Last year she volunteered her time to assist with Engineering Day Texas Tech.

Our recipient of Citizen of the Year is not only an asset to Friona but to our youth. Please recognize Erika Carrillo.



Past Winners

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1996-Debbie Rector | 2010-Bessie Holt |
| 1997-James Morton | 2011-Joe Bowens |
| 1998-Lee Gibson | 2012-Greg & Jamie Lewellen |
| 1999-Joe & Loy McLellan | 2013-Becky Jones & Jo Beth Gipson |
| 2000-Martha Hamilton | 2014-Charlie & Britny Pope |
| 2001-Karene Krauel & Barbara Neely | 2015-Larry & Sharon Rector |
| 2002-Ted Tucker | 2016-Friona Volunteer Fire Department |
| 2003-Reba & W.D. Buske | 2017-Connie Slagle |
| 2004-Suzanne Bunker | |
| 2005-Donna Mullins | <u>Outstanding Volunteer</u> |
| 2006-Teddy Jones | 2001-John Gurley |
| 2007-Darla Bracken | |
| 2008-Bobby Wied | <u>Family of the Year</u> |
| 2009-Rene & Jinx Snead | 1982-Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Parson |

Employee of the Year - Martha Barker

Martha was born and raised in Friona and has lived here all but 3 years of her life, that is while she as attending college. She has worked as a hairdresser for 52 years. All of these in Friona. She worked for several different beauty shops in Friona and had her own for the last 29 years, before she went to work at Looks of Impression. Martha goes above and beyond for her clients. She has and currently still goes to pick up clients that need a ride as well as going to the hospital, Prairie Acres and making house calls in order for her clients to get their hair cut or styled for the week. Martha even goes to the funeral home and does hair when she is needed. From a child's first haircut or person's last hairstyle, it is her passion to

do hair and serve her clients and the people of Friona.

She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and serves as a Brothers Keepers Leader at Sixth Street Church of Christ. Martha has been a member of the Friona City council for 16 years, and has seen many changes throughout the years. She is such a selfless person, puts everyone's needs before her own. She is a great example of being a servant.

She is married to Thomas (Butch) Barker and has two daughters Leslee Floyd and Stormi Choate that she proudly raised in Friona. She has 3 step children, 15 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 2 on the way.



Past Winners

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| 1962-Arvella England, Pioneer Gas | 1991-Peggy Stowers, Friona State Bank |
| 1963-Ruth Busby, Ben Franklin | 1992-Vickie Copley, Friona Star |
| 1964-Dale Smith, Friona State Bank | 1993-Pat Wright, Jon M. Roden, DDS |
| 1965-Stanley Benge, Parmer Co. Pump | 1994-Alfred Beavers, FISD |
| 1966-Ralph Shirley, Pioneer Gas | 1995-Glenda Downey, Ingram's |
| 1967-Iola Nelson, Friona State Bank | 1996-Glenn Reeve, Jr., Friona Motors |
| 1968-Sam Williams, Consumers | 1997-LaQueta Garner, Byron Boyd, Att. |
| 1969-Ray White, Plains Hardware | 1998-Erma Brown, Farmers Co-op Gin |
| 1970-Cleo Guana, Gib's Cleaners | 1999-Thomas Reed, NRCS |
| 1971-Frances Davis, School Cafeteria | 2000-Marlene Mueller, Friona Star |
| 1972-Ronald Smiley, Wheat Growers | 2001-Lynn Hutson, FISD |
| 1973-Carolyn Dement, Rockwell Bros. | 2002-Patricia Phipps, City of Friona |
| 1974-Pete Diaz, Friona State Bank | 2003-Roger Nelson, Chaney Fertilizer |
| 1975-Charles Scales, Kendrick Oil | 2004-Kathy Sandoval, FISD |
| 1976-Fred Florez, Reeve Chev-Olds | 2005-Cathy Spencer, Friona State Bank |
| 1977-Bill Denney, Police Chief | 2006-Bobby Thompson, FISD |
| 1978-Dorothy Jackson, Friona State Bank | 2007-Susan Teague, Friona State Bank |
| 1979-Coy Jameson, Houlette Petroleum | 2008-Nora Rios, Senior Citizens |
| 1980-Ann Barker, PCCH | 2009-Debbie Williams, Bi-Wize Pharmacy |
| 1981-Doris Sears, Friona State Bank | 2010-Patsy Vazquez, First National Bank-
Friona Banking Center |
| 1982-Ruth Tucker, Hi-Pro Feeds | 2011-Joyce Loflin, Paco Feedyard |
| 1983-Glenda Sifford, Prairie Acres | 2012-Rocio Hernandez, Dairy Queen |
| 1984-Helen Fallwell, D.L.'s Thriftway | 2013-Mary Stone, Friona ISD |
| 1985-Darla Bracken, Friona Public Library
Billie Fairchild, Friona Public Library | 2014-Marisela Padilla, Lowe's |
| 1986-Margaret Wilshire, Friona State Bank | 2015-Karen Baker |
| 1987-Randy Lewis, Perry's | 2016-Jeff Procter |
| 1988-Valton Howard, Post Office | 2017-Rhonda Wilkins |
| 1989-Mary Ford, Production Credit | |

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 White’s goodie basket—White’s Beef Jerky

Man of the Year - Rickey Rector

Our man of the year, Rickey Rector, his high school career he participated in band, track, UIL, Thespians and many too numerous to list.

He has a strong character and has provided leadership on many boards in the past. He was born and raised in Friona where he continues to farm. His wife and children are graduates of Friona High school. He is an active member in his church where he sings in the choir and volunteers for anything that is needed. He has been a good neighbor, friend and mentor to many in Friona.

While trying to slow down from an active role in community activities, this man can be seen assisting at many community events such as Miss Friona, assisting with vehicles for Maize Days, Cheeseburger Festival

or anything needed from building, to serving or cleaning up after activities. His mistake was encouraging his wife, Kathy to be on the chamber board. Many of his services are thankless. His barn is always open for building props, doing decorations, storage or planning. During 4th of July he has presented the people with playing the Star Spangled Banner on his trumpet at flag raising ceremonies.

He has been long-standing president of the Ex Students Association of Friona High School. He has been known to call reunions together with a bugle call and amuses ex students with his MC duties. Always there for planning, setup and cleanup.

Welcome our man of the year, Rickey Rector.



Past Winners

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| 1959-Dr. Paul Spring | 1978-James Paul Fortenberry | 1998-Hal Ratcliff |
| 1960-A.L. Black | 1979-Hollis Horton | 1999-Leon Talley |
| 1961-Andy Hurst | 1980-Ron Smiley | 2000-Bill Stovell |
| 1962-George W. Jones | 1981-JeDon Gallman | 2001-Bill Ellis |
| 1963-Steve Messenger | 1982-Tom Jarboe | 2002-Clarence Monroe |
| 1964-Baker Duggins | 1983-Charles Caudill | 2003-Mike Hanes |
| 1965-Frank Spring | 1984-Geary Brogden | 2004-Billy Joe Mercer |
| 1966-J.C. Claborn | 1985-Ron Davenport | 2005-Danny Campbell |
| 1967-W.L. (Preach) Edelmon | 1986-Jim Johnston | 2006-Percy Parsons |
| 1968-Dr. Loyd Shackelford | 1987-Archie Echols | 2007-John Gurley |
| 1969-A.L. (Jake) Outland | 1988-Robert Neelley | 2008-Gary Brown |
| 1970-Louis Welch | 1989-Floyd Reeve | 2009-J.B. Douglas |
| 1971-G.B. (Pete) Buske | 1990-Wesley Barnett | 2010-Dr. Dale Schueler, DVM |
| 1972-Charles Allen | 1991-Benny Pryor | 2011-Ricky Barnett |
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| 1974-Sloan Osborn | 1993-David Goddard | 2013- Andy Montana |
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Woman of the Year - Chris Alexander

The citation honoring the Woman of the Year reads: "In Recognition of Service to the Community of Friona" Chris Alexander has spent the last 14 years doing just that, serving the community of Friona. She has promoted Friona in countless ways. Particularly important has been her being one of the instigators of the Cheeseburger Festival. She has worked tirelessly with the Chamber Boards through the years to make it one of the most outstanding events in the State of Texas. In addition, she has initiated the Fourth of July activities which include the 5K run and vendors at the fireworks display. When Harry DeWitt suggested a Builders Camp, she jumped at the idea and has helped work out the details from day one. Also, she helped Erica Carillo organize the Texas Youth Association, a group of young people who volunteer for the Health Fair, the Building Camp, the Cheeseburger Festival, and Snack Shack at high school. Chris is always looking for innovative ideas that make Friona unique and progressive, and she becomes totally involved in making them happen.

Unless you have worked with Chris on the many activities of the Chamber, you probably don't realize how many hours and phone calls and gathering up this and that, that it takes to make Friona the best little community in the State of Texas. She does not take her job lightly. She is forever thinking and planning and actually doing the work that it takes to get the job done. Can you imagine

what it takes to get 14 years of Little Miss and Miss Friona pageants together and the task it is to get volunteers and keep up with all the details. Chris doesn't miss a lick. Plus, there are all the other activities that go along with Maize Days. She does it all. And then there is the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. She is chief organizer, decorator, director of auctions, shopper for auction items, clean up supervisor and helper, and the list goes on and on until she happily gets to kick off her shoes and go home.

The list never ends. Year in and year out, Chris promotes and works for Friona. In addition, she has had her own business, An Added Touch floral shop, so she understands what it means to have a Chamber of Commerce that supports local businesses. She came up with the idea for recognizing Business of the Month and keeps Friona informed of upcoming events on the Marquee.

Chris also serves on the Friona Economic Development Board and the Parmer County Industrial Development Board. Chris has been selected to serve on the FIRD Advisory Board and serves on the High Ground Economic Development Association. Chris is involved with the Amarillo Area Foundation and Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Executives. Everywhere she goes, Chris promotes Friona and gathers ideas to help Friona become more progressive. Friona is very fortunate to have such a dedicated, unselfish lady serving our community. Congratulations, Chris.



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| 1959-Eva Miller | 1989-Kitty Gallman |
| 1960-Katy Osborn | 1990-Becky Riethmayer |
| 1961-Louisa Wilson | 1991-Peggy Monroe |
| 1962-Rose Lange | 1992-Marca Lynn Herring |
| 1963-Phyllis Sanders | 1993-Varla Wilcox |
| 1964-Mary Kate Zeman | 1994-Edith Johnson |
| 1965-Deke Kendrick | 1995-Sylvia Ingram |
| 1966-Eufaula Ethridge | 1996-Teena Hughs |
| 1967-Ethel Ruth Spring | 1997-Doris Barnett |
| 1968-Emma Elmore, Altha Presley | 1998-Nancy Edelman |
| 1969-Willard Stewart | 1999-Betty Reeve |
| 1970-Sarah Alexander | 2000-Sharon White |
| 1971-Ethel Bengier | 2001-Linda Chesher |
| 1972-Lilah Gaye Gee | 2002-Mary Johnston |
| 1973-Pearl McLean | 2003-Mercedes Williams |
| 1974-Tommy Mercer | 2004-Mary Joyce Barnett |
| 1975-Mrs. (Pete) Myrl Buske | 2005-Allison Johnston |
| 1976-Nora O'Brian | 2006-Lucy Beth Hinkle |
| 1977-Allo Reeve | 2007-Jyl Grimsley |
| 1978-Beth Thompson | 2008-Linda Griffin |
| 1979-June Floyd | 2009-Stormi Choate |
| 1980-June Rhodes | 2010-Kathryn Gurley |
| 1981-Gaye Tannahill | 2011-Holly Campbell |
| 1982-Celia Loflin | 2012-Carol Ellis |
| 1983-Lois Norwood | 2013-Elizabeth McLellan |
| 1984-Kathryn Goddard | 2014-Darla Bracken |
| 1985-Ann Osborn | 2015-Anna Jo Blackburn |
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| 1987-Connie Neelley | 2017-Jeri Lynn White |
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Educator of the Year - Amber Drake

This educator grew up in Friona and graduated from Friona High school. After completing college she returned to Friona where she has taught for 16 years. She strives daily to make Friona High School a better place for all of her students.

This teacher has taught almost every math subject at the high school at one time or another. She spends many hours finding innovative ways for her students to learn the subject. She can be found staying late almost daily to accommodate students with the extra help or making up papers. Usually you will find a few students in her class room in the morning also getting extra help. She truly cares for her students and does what she can to help them have a successful experience in her classes.

Not only has she been a dedicated teacher but she has taken a leadership role at FHS since she started teaching. She has been head class sponsor several times, help plan and

decorate for prom, been in charge of concession stands during entire season of sports.

She has taken multiple groups of seniors on their annual senior day.

This educator with her busy school days still makes time to sponsor cheerleaders. This responsibility involves many extra hours to work with cheerleaders on routines and plan pep rallies making them fun and exciting for the students. She attends all sporting events with the cheerleaders.

Not only does this teacher care about her students but she is a delight to work with. She goes out of her way for her fellow teachers. She offers willingly to help cover classes when a teacher has a meeting or must leave early because of an illness. She does all these things with a smile.

This educator and mother of four balances all this while caring for her husband

Please recognize the 2018 Educator of the Year: Amber Drake



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- 1962-Jo Phillips
- 1963-Mrs. O.J. Beene
- 1964-Mrs. L.B. McClain
- 1965-Mrs. R. L. Bates
- 1966-Benny Pryor
- 1967-Mal Manchee
- 1968-Mrs. Benny Pryor
- 1969-Mrs. Ernest Osborn
- 1970-Mrs. & Mrs. Wayne Hodgson
- 1971-Mrs. Baker Duggins
- 1972-Mrs. Frank Truitt
- 1973-Fay Reeve
- 1974-Joy Morton
- 1975-John R. Cook
- 1976-Tom Jarboe
- 1977-Virginia Cleveland
- 1978-Paul J. Smith
- 1979-Wana Brewer
- 1980-Lucille Lewis
- 1981-Jerry Shelton
- 1982-Nancy Edelman
- 1983-June Rhodes
- 1984-Mary Bavousett
- 1985-Faye Smith
- 1986-Rick Tullis
- 1987-Bobby Wied
- 1988-Peggy Hamil
- 1989-Jim Parker
- 1990-Loy McLellan
- 1991-Gayle Murdock
- 1992-Tommy Carr
- 1993-Tana Stephens
- 1994-Jeffie Talley
- 1995-Sharon White
- 1996-Charlotte Ratcliff
- 1997-Linda White
- 1998-Jane Dixon
- 1999-Connie Slagle
- 2000-Tracy Ellis
- 2001-Karen Renner
- 2002-Sheryl Salyer
- 2003-Mickey Griffin
- 2004-Cheryl Weatherly
- 2005-Patsy Allen
- 2006-Tammy Gammon
- 2007-Sandy Houston
- 2008-Sandra Berend
- 2009-Melissa Randolph
- 2010-Ron McWilliams
- 2011-Terry Hunt
- 2012-Erika Montana
- 2013-Allison Johnston
- 2014-Kathi Miller
- 2015-Tracy Blount
- 2016-Kim Kimbrough
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Boy Student of the Year - Hadley White

The Student of the Year Award citation reads: For Outstanding Service to the Community of Friona. Hadley White certainly fulfills that descriptor. He has unselfishly made valuable contributions to our community, Friona High School, and his church. Please take special note that in addition to his many and varied accomplishments at Friona High School, he is a trained Volunteer for the Friona Fire Department. He also is a member of the Texas Youth Association which is a group of young people who help with activities that make a positive contribution to our community by helping with the Cheeseburger Festival, Building Camp, Health Fair, and Snack Shack at FHS. However, Hadley does not limit his talents to Friona; he has been a member of the Clovis Community Band for three years.



Hadley's involvement and success at Friona High School is admirable. He has won honors in FFA, UIL, Thespians, Track, and Chieftain Band. He was selected for All-Region Concert Band and All-Region Symphonic Band for two years and was an Area Qualifier for one year. In FFA, Hadley has earned his Green Hand Degree, Star Chapter Degree, and Lone Star Degree. He has served as Sentinel and currently as Secretary of the local chapter and Treasurer of the Littlefield District. He performed in the National FFA Band at the National Convention in October of 2017. In Track competition Hadley won 2nd in District in the 400m run and 3rd in District in the 4x4 relay in 2015. Hadley is also a

member of the National English Honor Society and has been in the Gifted and Talented Program for 12 years.

In addition to Hadley's contributions to FFA, he has been a member of Parmer County 4H for 10 years serving as president, vice-president, treasurer, and reporter. He has earned the Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Gold Star Awards. He has participated in various projects along with numerous service projects to benefit the nursing home, food drive, care packages for soldiers, blood drive, Snack Pack for Kids and Stock Show con-

cession stand. Hadley has always been active in his church especially in choir, youth groups, and Vacation Bible School. He has been a member of the Northwest Texas Youth Choir, Spirit Wind for three years.

It does not matter what it is that is going on, if a helping hand is needed, Hadley White is there to offer his. Hadley is a polite, respectful young man who is always pleasant and thoughtful. He is a perfect role model for our young people. You should just see him working with those kids trying to build a structure out of pallets at Building Camp or telling a Bible story at Vacation Bible School. Hadley has used his every waking minute to make our community a better place and has even lost sleep to answer fire calls. He will undoubtedly continue the pattern of giving his talents and time wherever he finds a need. Hadley's parents are Bill and Jeri Lynn White.



Girl Student of the Year - Brooklynne Johnston

Our reigning Miss Friona, Brooklynne Johnston, has contributed to our community, her school, and her church in countless ways beyond the beauty and talent that won her that recognition. She has performed at nearly every community gathering since she was a small child. She sings for the residents of Prairie Acres and Heritage Estates. She has volunteered over 120 hours for Summer Drama Workshop as both Stage Manager and helper in general since she was in the 6th grade. She is a member of the local Texas Youth Association, a group of young people who volunteer in several ways to help set up and clean up during Maize Days, pass out wrist bands and chips during the Cheese Burger Festival, help elderly residents with chores, and numerous other activities that benefit our community. In addition, she serves as a Student Leader of the Snack Shak program at Friona High School and has helped with the Snack Pack for Kids program.



Brooklynne has been consistently elected to leadership roles by her peers at Friona High School. She has been her class president for two years, high school choir president for two years, and speech and drama club president for two years. In addition, she was her class treasurer for two years, speech and drama vice-president and speech and drama treasurer during the years she was not their president. Also, she has served on the Student Council all four years she has been in high school.

Brooklynne has honored Friona High School time and time again with her talents and determination. She holds the amazing record along with only one other student in the State of Texas to be selected for the Small School All-State Choir for four years. And she was awarded the Alto II Award at the Texas State Choir Camp. Brooklynne has been a State Qualifier for three years in Choir Solo, Choir Ensemble, and Band Ensemble. She has been a gold and silver medalist at the State solo and ensemble contest. All of these awards take a tremendous amount of preparation time. In addition, she has been on the Honorable Mention All-Star One Act Play Cast and a Regional UIL Qualifier in the following events: Feature Writing, 2 years; News Writing, 2 years; Poetry, 1 year; and alternate to

Regional in Feature Writing, 1 year.

Academically, Brooklynne is currently ranked number two in her class. She has accumulated 49 hours of Dual Credit courses and she scored a 3 on her Advanced Placement English Literature exam which earns her three hours of college credit. She has been consistently on the 90 and above Honor Roll, has earned the Biology Award and has been inducted into the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society and was given the AP English Award. She has received a TMEA scholarship for achievement in music and has been accepted into the Atterbury Honors program at WTAMU.

Brooklynne is appreciated by her peers. She has throughout her high school career been nominated and chosen for the Who's Who Awards of Friendliest, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Talented, and Most Dependable. She also was elected Varsity Cheerleader for her freshman and sophomore years. She has been Drum Major her junior and senior years.

Brooklynne is active in her church. She has been a member of the Northwest Texas Conference Spirit Wind Choir for four years. She volunteers for VBS, church nursery, and sings with Victory Family Praise Band. And, somehow this young lady manages to have a job at Bi-Wize Pharmacy and babysit in her spare time. For a detailed list of her activities and accomplishments, please see the attached list.

Without a doubt, Brooklynne Johnston strives for excellence in her every endeavor. She has a sweet, unselfish heart and is willing to do all she can to help others. Brooklynne is appreciated and loved by people of all ages. Children, her peers, adults, and the elderly all light up when she heads their way for a hug. She is compassionate and kind without reservation. Her morals are sterling; her ideals are high. She is the perfect example of all we admire in our young people and a wonderful role model for our children. Brooklynne is sure to continue to bring honor to her community, school, and church. She has already made countless contributions that make Friona a better place to live. Brooklynne's parents are Bryan and Allison Johnston.

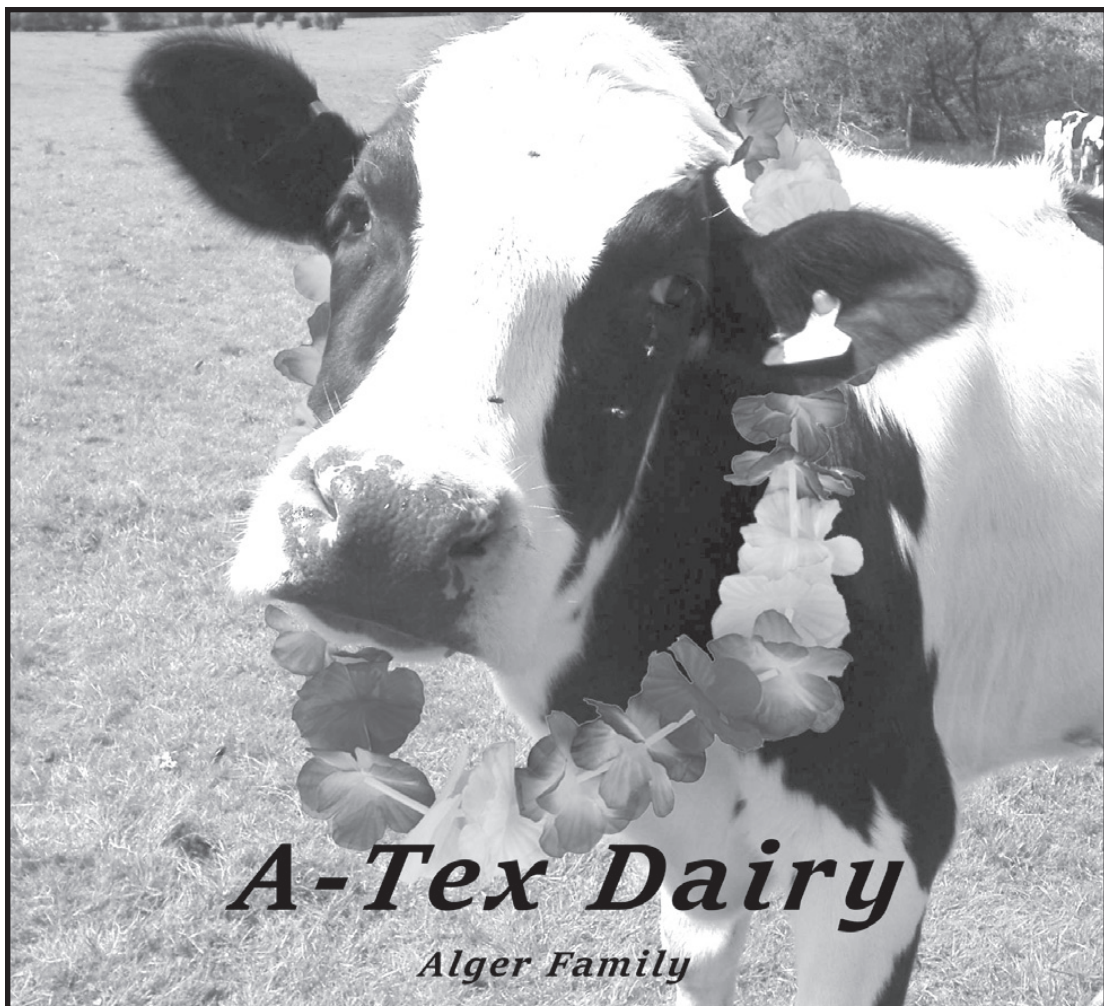
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- 1977-Joe Lafuente/Jaton Widner
- 1978-Bryan Johnston/Rhonda Parsons
- 1979-Chris Barnett/Vickie Smiley
- 1980-David Fleming/Sarah Mears
- 1981-Marc Blankenship/Jana Mearns
- 1982-Andy Fleming/Sunny Horton
- 1983-Richie Malouf/Sherri Brownd

- 1984-Shane Woodard/Diane Johnston
- 1985-Brent Hinkle/Julie Wilshire
- 1986-Daniel Gowen/Susan Bailey
- 1987-Jeff Dickson/Glenda Ellis
- 1988-Keith Hancock/Leigh Neelley
- 1989-Lon Outland/Deena Willard
- 1990-Toby Brito/Bonnie Israel
- 1991-Lance Outland/Amy Israel
- 1992-Chad Hamilton/Antonio Torres
- 1993-Jon Parker/Jessica Alvarado
- 1994-Jon Goddard/Teresa Taylor
- 1995-Jerard Lafuente/Jessica Smith

- 1996-Casey Renner/Julie Goddard
- 1997-Greg Lewellen/Candi Baca
- 1998-Jeff Hamilton/Carrie Cox
- 1999-Justin Grimsley/DaLinda Black
- 2000-Landon Martin/Kayla Wyly
- 2001-Matt White/Veronica Velazquez
- 2002-Frank Dominguez/Candace Ingram
- 2003-Adam Bandy/Holley Hand
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- 2005-Pedro Ramos/Maegan Ingram
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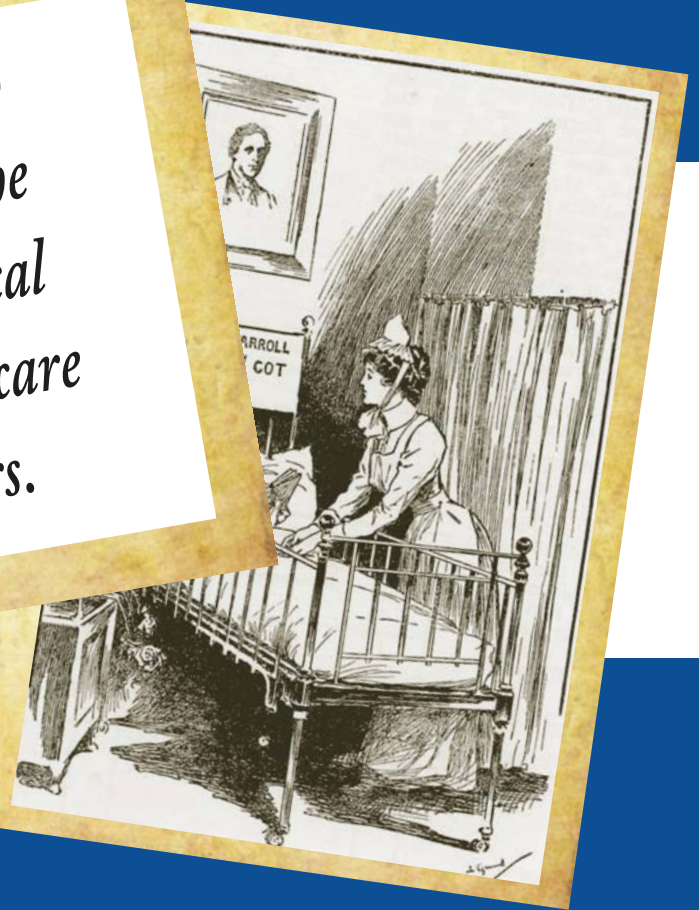
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