



Local group to tour Parmer Paws

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will have their last meeting of the school year on March 7th at 2:00 pm. They will tour Parmer Paws, located on the corner of Highway 60 and Euclid Avenue in Friona, and then enjoy treats at the Dairy Queen.

PCRTSP is the local unit of TRTA, which advocates for all education retirees. Recent efforts include encouraging legislators to fund a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for retirees and

to protect TRS-care.

Locally, members of PCRTSP serve the community in many ways. In 2022, members donated 13,405 volunteer hours, gave a book to each kindergarten and first grade student in Parmer County, and awarded a senior scholarship.

Anyone can be a member of TRTA and PC-TRSP. Contact President Tina Sides, First Vice President Kim Smiley, or membership chairperson/treasurer, Sue Wells, for more information.

Commissioners approve ARPA funds for Friona Fire Department

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Commissioners heard a request from Friona Fire Chief Gary Stowers concerning the Volunteer Fire Department's need for new fire hoses and nozzles. Approval was given for the amount of \$13,229.33 to be taken from county ARPA funds.

The Court heard a presentation from Judge Green and Judge Gurley concerning the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC). The

purpose of the TIDC is to provide counties with attorneys to represent the indigent in court. The TIDC will serve 13 counties and maintain offices in Plainview, Levelland, and/or Muleshoe. A 3-year grant will cover 80% of the cost the first year and 66% of the cost the following two years. Commissioners voted to approve a contract with the TIDC.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 19 inmates of which 2 are paying customers from Dawson County. Also, Commissioners renewed contracts with Lubbock County and Deaf Smith counties to house inmates.

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Friona Teacher Recognized — 1st Grade Teacher Chelsea Born (back row, second from left) was honored as the "Teacher of the Year" by the Amarillo Wranglers Hockey Club and SERVPRO of Amarillo. The award was in recognition of a hardworking teacher who has gone above and beyond in the past year! Representatives from both organizations, along with Wrangler mascot "Rough", served her first grade class lunch last Thursday. On Saturday, Chelsea was introduced at the SERVPRO Teacher Appreciation Night ceremony before the Wrangler's hockey game. See more photos on page 9.

There's No Place Like Home

Chamber Banquet is Tuesday

Tylen Caffrey will host the 67th Annual Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 7th at the Friona Community Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and a steak dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Troop #56 will present the colors and Madison Tyler will perform the National Anthem.

Entertainment for this year's event will be provided by Eduardo Guaderrama. He recently graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in music education and provided entertainment at the 2022 Miss Friona Pageant. Special guest Carolyn Wiseman

will perform "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" which she sang in the talent portion of the Maize Queen's Contest she won in 1972.

The main event for the evening will be the awarding of the Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher, Student, and Business of the Year awards. Miss Friona 2022 Kitzly Welch and Little Miss 2022 Arribelle Hernandez will assist with the presentation of the awards. The night will be capped off with the Silent and a Live Auction conducted by Tim Vessels.

Cargill of Friona is providing the steaks, Lowe's Market is cutting the steaks, and Xcel Energy

is cooking the steaks. Also, Junior High & FFA students will serve the meal, FCCLA students will wrap the potatoes for baking, and the Floral Design students are constructing the centerpieces for the tables.

Individual tickets are \$30 each. Gold table sponsorships are available for \$600 and include seating for 8. Call the Chamber office at 806-250-3491 for tickets or more information. The Frionaopoly board game will be available for purchase and tickets for the 30 in 30 gun raffle to be held during the month of April will also be available.





Wind Damage in Friona — Around 1:15 p.m. last Sunday the roof was torn off the American Legion building at Euclid & 6th Street by a windstorm




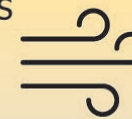





which produced gusts in excess of 80 miles per hour. On Monday, workers from Chico's Welding Construction, Inc.; Trevino's Welding & Mill-

wright, LLC.; and Davila's Backhoe Service removed the debris. See photos of wind damage in Bovina on the back page.

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Friona Weather March 2-8	T  53 25 WSW 20-30	F  61 30 WSW 10-15	S  57 33 ESE 10-20	S  72 42 SW 20-30	M  73 41 WSW 15-25	T  70 37 WSW 10-20	W  69 33 WSW 15-25	Precipitation March 0.00 Year 0.86	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

March 2
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 6
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

March 7
• Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel meet at 2:00 p.m. for a tour of Parmer Paws and Blizzards at Dairy Queen
• Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m. at Community Center

March 8
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

March 9
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 13
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 14
• Packing SP4K bags at 2:30 p.m. at Friona Methodist Church north door

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Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



Spring is fast approaching, and the City has many projects that are kicking off in the next few months. One of the administrative improvements coming to City Hall in April is the ability to pay your water bill online through our website or by phone. This is a 21st century upgrade that the city administration has looked forward to implementing since the pandemic.

City officials met with TxDOT in mid-February to discuss traffic control and projects in the City. One project that has come out of that meeting is the possibility of adding a stop light at the intersection of 5th Street and Highway 60. Over the next few weeks, the City will be conducting a traffic survey and a speed survey to gather data for TxDOT. The City hopes to reduce the inbound speed of traffic into town.

The housing development project west of Prairie Acres has broken ground. The first set of houses (three) is scheduled for the early fall of 2023. In other construction news, seal coating will begin in the late spring. Also, the Building Standards Commission met in

February to discuss seven properties that are in need of attention. The City Council will review their recommendations at the April meeting.

The three city council incumbents for this year's election are unopposed therefore canceling the City's election. Those returning to the Friona City Council for another two-year term are Mayor Pro Tem Alan Monroe, Council Member Bruce Fleming and Council Member Esmeralda Mills.

The City is soliciting bids for the bathroom renovation project at the community center and for a daycare service project. Both projects have a submission deadline of Friday, March 3, 2023. For more information, please visit Friona City Hall or go to www.cityoffriona.com/bid-srfps.

I invite everyone out to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Tuesday, March 7th. Emma Rector and the Chamber Board have worked day and night over the past few months to prepare for this year's event, themed "There's No Place Like Home." Tickets are available at the chamber office.

City of Friona By the Numbers January 2023

Public Library
20 days open
317 e-visits
388 in-house visits
11 new patrons
368 items circulated
171 new items added
Book Shop open 4 times
\$89.00 in sales

Police Department
155 calls
0 arrests
18 citations
87 warnings
105 stops
2,856 miles driven

EMS
16 transports (911)
6 Prairie Acres (911)
12 transfers
10 non-transport (911)
0 no patient or disregard
1 standby
45 total service calls

Municipal Court
\$8,310.99 total fines collected
\$5,806.55 City of Friona
\$2,504.44 State of Texas
291 cases on docket

Volunteer Fire Department
Jan. 10 Fire Alarm - sent 2 trucks & 8 firefighters
Jan. 11 Grass Fire - sent 2 trucks & 10 firefighters
Jan. 12 Wreck - sent 1 truck & 14 firefighters
Jan. 12 Grass Fire - sent 1 truck and 7 firefighters
Jan. 20 Grass Fire - sent 2 trucks & 4 firefighters
Jan. 31 Wreck - sent 2 trucks and 10 firefighters

Pesticide Training March 9th in Hereford

Training for private applicators of pesticides is scheduled for Hereford on March 9th according to Rick Auckerman, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. The event will take place at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Nita Lea Building located at 903 14th Street in Hereford, Texas.

The class will be offered for agricultural producers and interested individuals who want to obtain a private applicator pesticide license. Those applicants who pass the test will be eligible for licensing through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Training will begin at 9 a.m. and will end around 1:00 p.m. The fee

for training materials will be \$10 per person.

Those with questions or wanting to sign up to take the class should call the local Extension office, 806-364-3573.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

ACROSS

- 1 "___ Free Press" published in Kyle
- 5 TX Janis album: "___ Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!"
- 6 TXism: "___ enough to pucker a pig"
- 7 Lindsay High class
- 8 Sinatra ___ it his way
- 9 Levi first made jeans for these workers
- 15 TXism: "couldn't ___ hide nor hair of it" (lost)
- 16 TXism: "___ _ horse on a merry-go-round"
- 19 deer horns
- 21 Texas wheeler-dealer, Billy Bob in WWII, this was an escort ship
- 27 actress Meredith in "The Son of Davy Crockett" (1941)
- 28 trijet wide-body airplanes
- 29 this Jean was a Cowboy tight end (1972-75)
- 30 Davy Crockett rifle: he ___ "Betsy"
- 32 dir. to Azle from Springtown
- 33 TXism: "gone ___ ___" (deteriorated)
- 36 means of 47-across
- 37 TX McFarland was on TV's "___ Gang"
- 38 "Dandy Don" would sing "___ the lights . . ." on ABC
- 39 America started this in the 1980s but we're not much healthier (3 wds.)
- 41 Texas-filmed "___-wee's Big Adventure" (1985) dissertation
- 45 TXism: "fought tooth and ___"
- 46 Asner of "JFK," partially filmed in the Dallas area
- 47 egress
- 48 American conglomerate

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "he cashed in ___ chips" (died)
- 2 "long time ___"
- 3 TXism: "___ learnin' nothin' when you're talkin'"
- 4 TXism: "___ fence" (unsure)
- 8 eat a fancy meal
- 9 "he ___ head and you're not thinkin' right"
- 10 TX George Strait's "Ace ___ the Hole"
- 11 follows Bible's OT
- 12 TX Ross Perot founded ___ Data Systems (1962)
- 13 Boot Hill epitaph: "___ in Peace"
- 14 completely satisfy
- 15 beefed up livestock
- 16 "___ Reaper" (death)
- 17 gratifying the senses
- 18 declare forcefully
- 20 historical periods
- 22 Texas actress, Fawcett who was 17-down (init.)
- 23 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 31 parent to child: "___ I say, not as I do"
- 34 TX Willie's "Why ___ I Have to Choose"
- 35 "___ of kilter"
- 37 TXism: "finally got the hang ___"
- 40 TX Brooks who played at UNT and now the USFL
- 43 TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 44 Frank of 1963 film "4 for Texas"
- 50 "what's in ___?"
- 51 "___ can do" (unable)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(2/17/23) Eulalio Sucup-Ortiz, 20, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd, and Fleeing Police Officer

(2/20/23) Murphy Begay, 31, of Lupton, Arizona was arrested by the Farwell Police Department as a Fugitive from Justice from Navarro jurisdiction

(2/21/23) Stef Louis Ally, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair

(2/21/23) Mario Daniel Bautista, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG2 <1g DFZ IAT

(2/24/23) Anayeli Trejo, 21 of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated w/Child under 15 years of age

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from February 16, 2023 to February 23, 2023

(2/17/23) Mary Ann Boggess — Galen Charles Clark, Adylyn Joelle Clark — West 1/2 South 1/2 Section No. 1, Block B, J.E. and J.W. Rhea's Ranch, Parmer County, Texas

(2/21/23) Robert Saiz, Janice Saiz — Cris Ingram, Sylvia Ingram — All of 5 Acres of Land out of the Southwest Part of Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

The Right to Vote

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



In 1919, Congress passed the 19th Amendment; a year later it was ratified, and women got the right to vote. Then, a Baltimore attorney, Oscar Leser, defied the law in 1922. He claimed that Maryland's Constitution only endorsed suffrage for men. He sued to have two women stricken from the election lists. On February 27 of that year, the case went to the Supreme Court; it upheld the Amendment.

As Politico magazine put it, "In a 1,036-word opinion written by Justice Louis Brandeis, the court spurned Leser's claims. Brandeis noted that the 15th Amendment, which guaranteed voting rights to African-Americans, had similarly expanded the electorate by that time for over 50 years — despite its having been rejected by six states, including Maryland.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Votes for Women!: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot* by Winifred Conkling.

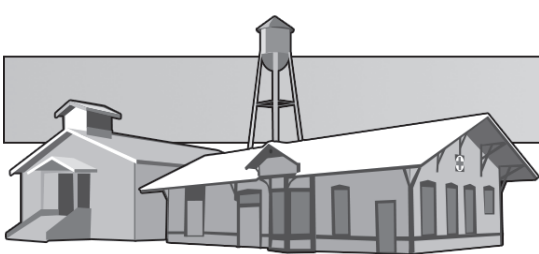
Source: *History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the grateful-americanbookprize.com website.*

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Puzzle Solution

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TOWN TALK

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Show up Hungry — St. Teresa of Jesus Church will host its annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The meal consists of two enchiladas, one taco, beans, rice, salad, dessert, chips & salsa, with tea and coffee. Donations are \$14.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 10. Take-out available. See you there.

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Future looks Dry — The U.S. seasonal drought outlook over the next few months, shows small improvements in drought are expected in East Texas along with drought persistence and expansion in the rest of the state. By the end of May, the National Weather Service expects most of Texas to be back in drought. Currently, Parmer County is listed as being in a severe and extreme drought.

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March 3rd is Dress in Blue Day — This special day encourages everyone to learn about the causes of colon cancer

and raise awareness by wearing blue. Much like the pink ribbon represents those lost to breast cancer, a blue star honors the memory of those lost to colon cancer. In the United States, colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in both men and women. The lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer is about 1 in 23 for men and 1 in 26 for women.

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Interested in donating to Snack Pak 4 Kids? — There are two ways to donate to Snack Pak

4 Kids - Friona: (1) Donate online. If you want the money to go towards Friona schools, please specify that on the online form. Link to donate online: <https://sp4k.org/donate/> (2) Mail a check. Make check out to Snack Pak 4 Kids. If you want your donation to go to the Friona program, please specify that in the note/memo line of your check. Mail check to SP4K, 701 Park Place Ave., Amarillo, TX, 79101.

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Time 2 Laugh — (1) Where does the sheep get his hair cut? The baa

baa shop! (2) Why are ghosts such bad liars? Because they are easy to see through. Source: <https://www.rd.com/list/short-jokes>.

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National Days

- March 2— Read Across America Day
- March 3— Dress in Blue Day
- March 4 — Pound Cake Day
- March 5— Multiple Personality Day
- March 6— Dentist's Day
- March 7 — Cereal Day
- March 8 — Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day

Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service



provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture,

refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

We weren't sick at all last winter... but this year some of us caught the flu!

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2023 V8 Kids: color stuff in!

Feel Sick? Get Well!

I feel achy, feverish and crabby.

Ugh! I've been sick this week. I caught a virus — or it caught me. I've used all the facial tissues in the house. I think I'll need a huge tractor-trailer truck to deliver more!

I went to see my doctor, who said I have a common cold. She gave me medicine to help me feel better, and told me to rest and drink lots of fluids. Sometimes, the doctor lets me try that cool instrument she uses to listen to sounds in my body. If you read the clues and fill in this puzzle with words about health care, you will find the name of the instrument under the arrow.

Hey, I don't have anything to do with your chicken pox!

If you don't feel well in class, ask to visit the school nurse.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with medical terms.

- to clear your throat
- high body temperature
- virus, short for influenza
- pain where you hear
- discover what is wrong
- to become healthy
- pain in the top of your body
- a strong uncomfortable feeling
- a sign of what is wrong
- to give medical care

Doctor, What Have I Caught?

Everyone feels sick from time to time. Thanks to shots and vaccines, doctors are able to help us avoid many diseases. Medicines may help us feel better too.

Can you find and circle these illnesses and medical problems?

pneumonia
sore throat
food poisoning
athlete's foot
ear infection
diarrhea
stomach ache
influenza
cold
mumps
rabies
polio
measles
chicken pox

R A B I E S O M U M P S I T E I
D I U H J V F R G T J D S O N N
I R T G N I N O S I O P D O O F
A R F G E W A S X C U N M F Y L
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A T J H L O I Y O G G N H L S A
R H I J O J T E L C V I K H F S
L R J H P K J U D G R A K T O L
X O P N E K C I H C L U H A H R
S A U E R F G T H S E L S A E M
T T O O T J D E C Z Y L I U H J

Forest has a "little frog in his throat" that makes his voice sound froggy...er...funny. Can you help him get to the chicken soup that may comfort him?

"Healthy" Expressions

Have you ever heard someone say "I feel blue"? You know they are not really blue like the sky, but may feel a bit sad. An expression that people use to mean something different from the actual words they say is called an "idiom" (id' ē ə m). It is almost like a secret code. The English language can be hard to learn because it has a lot of idioms. Match these 2 groups of "health" idioms to their meanings:

- sick as a dog
- catch a cold
- fit as a fiddle
- under the weather
- head is spinning

- on the mend
- in the pink of health
- just what the doctor ordered
- have a "frog" in one's throat
- there's a bug going around

- in perfect health
- getting better after an illness
- something keeps you from speaking clearly
- a cold or virus that everyone seems to have
- exactly what is needed

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

What better way to celebrate National Peanut Butter Lover's Day on March 1st than by making homemade peanut butter. I have also included an easy recipe so your dog can celebrate, too.

Homemade Peanut Butter By Bobby Deen

Ingredients

- 1 lb unsalted peanuts
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions

Into the bowl of a food processor, add the peanuts, honey, and salt. Pulse for about 1 minute, then slowly add in the peanut oil. Pulse until peanut butter reaches desired consistency (chunky, smooth)

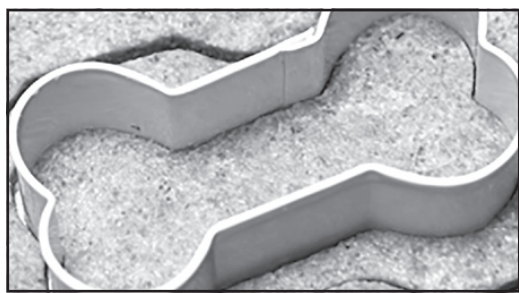
Gus' Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits By Paula Deen

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup nonfat milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 °F. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the milk, egg, and peanut butter. (Paula's note: as a general rule, most homemade dog biscuits do well with 1 part liquid to 3 parts dry. You can customize the recipe by adding and subtracting ingredients your dog likes.) Add in the flour and baking powder to make a very stiff dough, using your hands to work in the last of the flour if necessary. Flour a work surface and roll out dough to a 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into desired sizes depending on the size of your dog. Bake on a parchment-lined baking tray at 325 °F for approximately 20 minutes. Turn biscuits over and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely before storing in an airtight container. Dog biscuits can also be stored in the freezer for up to 3 months.



Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Part one: getting schooled

Part two: getting schooled in the supply chain

You get a two columns-for-the-price-of-one this week.

The first segment is a follow-up to a previous column about STAAR testing. Despite my staunch stance against high-stakes testing, I remain open to views about accountability for schools. I had some conversations this week with educational consultants—these particular ones are experts in their respective curriculum fields. In those discussions, it was mentioned how many years ago, no such “feet to the fire” for school districts existed. Other than pride and professionalism and the local newspaper keeping tabs on personnel, schools pretty much did what they wanted. As a result, many students received diplomas who could barely read, do fundamental math, or write an essay.

More significantly—and harder to admit—is that there were and are teachers who are not good at their craft. I maintain it is a small, small percentage, but that admission is part of the reason why TEAMS, TAKS, and STAAR testing have their place in Texas schools. As was told to me, teachers are not supposed to teach toward the test. They are teaching to the

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), which come from the Texas Education Agency's curriculum focus for each grade and each subject. If teachers K-12 follow these TEKS, STAAR is nothing more than the state's attempt to keep teachers and students focused. I can buy that logic.

I remain concerned. Students learn differently. High-stakes testing places an incredible stress on those with learning difficulties or testing anxiety. Annual STAAR test results (taken once a year) comprise legislative and public perception of a school's worth. Might we lower the stakes and measure growth rather than once-a-year-performance?

Now, segment two: the car rental story that has no end

You may recall last October the story of the rude deer and my Civic named Cardi B. My lone ride was taken to Lubbock, repaired, but still remains in shop because an air bag replacement has not arrived. I continue to call every Friday at high noon to renew my rental.

My brother-in-law and sister and I have had many discussion about global impacts. The pandemic, beside the catastrophic

toll on humans, has given us a lesson in economics, too. Even the rental car industry itself has been short-handed. This vital business can no longer sell cars once they get 25,000-30,000, in order to keep their fleets new and shiny. I am now in my second rental car since the accident, an Altima with 47,000 miles. It may sound like no big deal, but my time commuting each week is substantial. Are the original tires going to keep me safe on the road? The rental vehicle I just returned had worn tires, the need for an oil change, and an inspection sticker expiring. These are expenses that rental car businesses probably did not incur before the pandemic. The cost has been passed on to the consumer.

I thought once I turned 65 the hardest thing I would have to do is the cardio workout when changing the sheets on my bed. How wrong I was. My heartbeat elevates when it comes to Texas school issues (school vouchers may give me a heart attack). And the ol' ticker in my chest deflates a bit when I fork over that rental car money every Friday. Whoever said life was not for the faint of heart should be slapped for being correct.

Happy Birthday

March 2
Tania (Hand) Raindl
Jay Don Reeve

March 6
Emma Dawn Hankins
Jeremy Polk

March 3
Charles Cooper
Jay Reeve
Shayli (Reed) Smith
Luis Ramirez

March 7
Rick Jennings
Madison Gatlin
Amy Martinez

March 4
Misty Frye
Aaron King
Jason Daniels
Lynn Clark
Ineatha Adams

March 8
Estefany Rodriguez
David Sifford
Mary Schueler
Dane Bollom
Sarah Geris
Gail Hand
Betty Renner

March 5
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Inflation worries keeping gas prices lower

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 10.2 cents in the last week to an average of \$2.86 per gallon according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 24.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 40.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.29 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 4.3 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.33 per gallon. The national average is down 17.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 26.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 7.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.38 per gallon.

“The national average has resumed its decline after a pause last week as oil and wholesale gasoline prices fell on worrisome inflation

figures showing the Fed likely to ramp up rates to slow inflation,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Hann continued, “Some nine out of 10 states saw declines over the last week, so the drops are showing up for most across the country, with the exception of the West Coast as the transition to summer blends continues, and in the Great Lakes, where prices cycled last week but have now resumed declining. For the weeks ahead, tradition tells us to expect prices to move up eventually, but that could at least be partially offset by inflationary data that continues to be hotter than expected, leading to anxiety that the Fed will boost interest rates and cooling the economy and oil demand considerably.”

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God's Will

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Psalm 143:10 says, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground." I love the clear and simple desire of this prayer and aspiration to live in a way the pleases and glorifies God according to His will. Following God's will is to be the desire and direction of every believer, but our prayers do not often resonate the petition of Psalm 143:10, but naturally drift into pleas for help in accomplishing our will and desires.

When it comes to seeking God's will, a few simple points are key. First, pray to know and obey God's will, remembering that God's will for you is not centered around your comfort, prosperity and happiness but His glory. Praying to know and obey God's will is a request for one to be stretched, convicted, used and molded so that the Lord will be magnified in your life.

Secondly, when you are seeking God's will, one must stay grounded in the Word of God. I heard a preacher say many years ago that you already

know most of God's will for your life, its just the small percentage of unclear decisions that can throw us off. For example, when you look in God's Word, you see it is His will for you to be saved, love God, love others, be a godly man or woman (depending on your God given gender), tell others about Jesus, be a part of a local church, worship regularly, encourage others, work hard and pray diligently. Although this list is not exhaustive, most of what we need to be doing, has already been stated in the Bible, it is simply the unclear decisions such as which job to take, which person to marry, which church to attend, that can throw us off track. Even in such life decisions God wants you to seek and know His will, but be careful not to idolize clarity in one area at the expense of obedience ro many clear commands in the Word. In fact, in my experience God often clears up His direction in the uncertain areas as one is living in obedience to what He has clearly made known in His Word.

I Believe It; Thanks Be To God!

By Teena Hughs

In the Methodist Church, when Scripture is read, the speaker will usually say, "This is the Word of God for the people of God" at the conclusion of the reading. The congregation usually responds, "Thanks be to God".

Two weeks ago, I was watching a YouTube video of the Asbury University revival. A man was going to preach, and he was going to begin by reading a passage of Scripture. He asked those in attendance to say, "And, I believe it!" when he finished reading. He also said to be honest and admit if you didn't believe the verses, but he hoped anyone who didn't believe would soon come to believe.

The following Sunday,

it was my turn to read Scripture to my church. I debated whether or not I should tell the congregation what I had seen on the video. To my surprise it didn't take much courage to tell them! When I finished sharing what I had seen, I told them if they felt so led, to say, "And, I believe it!" Again, to my surprise, the congregation did respond by saying they believed it, and it sounded so good!!!

The following Wednesday, we had an Ash Wednesday service, and our minister's wife read Scripture. When she finished, she said, "This is the Word of God for the people of God", but she couldn't remember exactly what I had said. I told her; the congregation responded by saying, "And, I believe

it!"; and then she said, "Thanks be to God".

I thought that was awesome!!! I am thankful God's Word is for all people, especially the people of God, and I am thankful I, and the people in my church, believe it. I thank God for being patient with me and helping me reach a point in my life where I can honestly say I do believe all of His Word. Most of all, I am just thankful for His Word and the effect it has had on my life. What a difference it has made in me!!!

And, what a blessing it must be to God for Him to be able to listen to His children acknowledge His Word and say, "This is the Word of God for the people of God; I believe it; thanks be to God."

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To be eligible for the Dairy MAX scholarship, students must reside in the Dairy MAX region, be a graduating high school

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Obituaries



Linda Kay Carson Chapman



A service to celebrate the life of Linda Carson Chapman was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, followed by a reception. She died on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Please visit www.memorialdesigners.net to view a recording of the service.

On December 19th 1950, Linda Kay Carson entered the world and the family of David and Frank Carson. That world and family would be brightened, heightened, maybe frightened (only if you rode with her) and lightened up by her joyful, spontaneous, mischievous, determined, artistic, giving, and funny persona. She was truly a favorite of everyone she knew and a huge success as a teacher, artist, realtor, and friend. Her brothers, nieces and nephews were a source

of incredible joy and pride for her.

She loved Rick, her friend, companion, and partner in life...and her next best companion and friend was her dog Bogey (along with all her pets who had come before).

Linda was a lover of people and a giver. She made her friends and real estate clients feel like the most important people in her world.

Our lives were blessed and enriched by her love, generosity, and great spirit of joy and fun. She is loved by many and will leave a void in our hearts and

lives...but the thought of her spreading that joy and fun in Heaven just leaves us all smiling and thankful for her and Jesus.

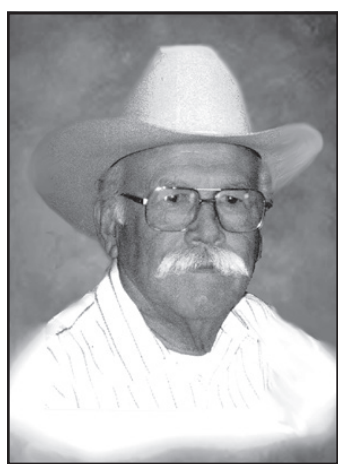
Linda is survived by the love of her life, Rick Jennings; brothers, David L. (Carolyn) Carson, and John (Lisa) Carson; nieces and nephews, Lindsey (Jase) Irwin, Jennifer (Stephen) Ogle, Wade (Kim) Carson, Jay (Jenny) Carson, Terry (Dean) Malone, Garrett (Wes Condray) Wright, Jordan (Alisha) Wright, Kayla (Hayden) Patton, and Brock (Emily) Carson, and twenty-two great-nieces and nephews.

Thank you to Comfort Keepers and especially her caregiver, Brenda Smyrl for the care, love, and special relationship they shared.

Linda's family suggests memorial donations to the Buckner Children's Home at <https://www.buckner.org>.

Thanks A Million

Catarino "C.G." Ramón



Catarino "C.G." Ramón, 89 of Bovina left this earth and was greeted by his Lord and Savior on February 23, 2023. Viewing was held on Monday, February 27, 2023 beginning at 4:00 PM with Rosary Services at 6:00 PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Mass of Christian Burial Services were conducted at 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friena.

Catarino was born on April 15, 1933 in Goldfinch, Texas to Julian and Sofia Ramón. He spent his young life in Pearsall, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Irene Peña. He married Irene on June 26, 1953. Catarino and Irene were blessed with 6 children, Ralph, Miguel, Miroslava, Anthony, Annette, and Jesse. They moved to Bovina, Texas in 1969 where they owned their own business. He later

established his trucking business where he worked until he retired. He raised his family in a Catholic household and loved to spend time with them. When he wasn't with his family he loved going to the horse races. Catarino loved to spend time outside mastering the art of small-time inventions to make his life easier. He was authentic; there was no one else like him. His hugs were warm, loving, and protective all in one. The family says, "God gave us the perfect father and grandfather. He was a genuine person, humble and understanding, calm and loving. He enjoyed company, and joy shined through him in the form of a smile the

moment he saw one of his children. Dad brought a sense of peace to our life simply by sitting silently on the front porch with him."

He was the last surviving member of his generation of the Ramón family.

He is preceded in death by his parents- Julian Ramón and Sofia Garcia-Ramón, wife- Irene Ramón, two sons- Anthony Ramón, and Jesse Ramón, a daughter- Annette Ramón, and a brother- Ray Ramón.

He is survived by two sons- Ralph Ramón from Weslaco, Texas, and Mickey Ramón from Bovina, Texas, a daughter- Miroslava Ramón from Amarillo, Texas, 8 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

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



Doyle Lee Wassom

Doyle Lee Wassom, 81 of Dimmitt, formerly of Bovina passed away December 27, 2022. Celebration of Life Inurnment will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 4, 2023 in the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friena.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Street takeover spurs governor's action

Gov. Greg Abbott has created a statewide task force after several "street takeovers" recently took place in Austin in which motorists obstructed intersections, shot off fireworks and drove recklessly.

Videos posted after the events showed vehicles doing donuts, crowds gathering around intersections, and people setting off fireworks, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Seven people were arrested in the incidents, which occurred at four Austin intersections.

Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to investigate the events and "target the organized crime aspect" of the events, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"We are seeing fireworks fired at officers in crowds, lasers pointed at aircraft, drivers driving upwards of 130 miles per hour with no lights on in the dark of night — all of it is reckless, and it needs to be stopped," DPS Director Steve McCraw said.

Additional arrests are expected, law enforcement officials said.

TxDOT proposes \$100 billion transportation plan

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing a record \$100 billion, 10-year transportation plan to improve congestion, increase safety and maintain the state's roadways. That's a \$15 billion increase over the original plan and comes after record projected revenue for the state, generated by oil and gas fees that are dedicated to highway projects.

The latest plan would increase funding in a number of areas, including "safety, energy sector, rural and urban connectivity, border infrastructure, maintenance and preservation," according to a TxDOT statement.

"Safety is a top priority for TxDOT, and these funding levels reflect that," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. TxDOT now has more than \$33 billion in transportation projects under construction throughout the state. More than 7,000 projects are either underway or scheduled to break ground this year.

TEA releases teacher vacancy recommendations

A task force appointed last year by the Texas Education Agency has released its recommendations to address the teacher and staff vacancy crisis in Texas, as record numbers of both leave the education field in the wake of the pandemic and other issues.

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force, established last March, was comprised of teachers and school system leaders from across the state. The recommendations include:

- A significant increase in overall teacher salaries
- Enhancing teachers' total compensation package, including reducing cost of health care insurance.
- Provide incentives and support for hard-to-staff areas, such as special education and bilingual education teachers.
- Improve the pipeline and pre-service preparation of novice teachers.
- Expand training and support for teacher mentorship.
- Provide access and support for high-quality instructional materials.
- Demonstrate respect and value for teacher time.
- School culture and discipline supports.

The task force urged the Legislature to increase funding for teacher salaries, noting the state ranks 28th in the nation for average teacher salary.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

Commissioners approve ARPA funds for Friena Fire Department

Continued from page 1.

In other business, continuing education hours for JP Pct.1 was approved. A motion to follow the Farwell School Schedule for inclement weather was not approved. The current policy of each elected official determining their own office hours

will remain in place.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the February 17 meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by

County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved. The next regular meeting is Monday, March 13th.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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WT Services is a local company that wants the best for the areas we serve. I've been a "small town girl" all my life, so I want to see the small towns succeed, and I believe in the company I work for to do all they can to make that happen.

-Annette Loflin



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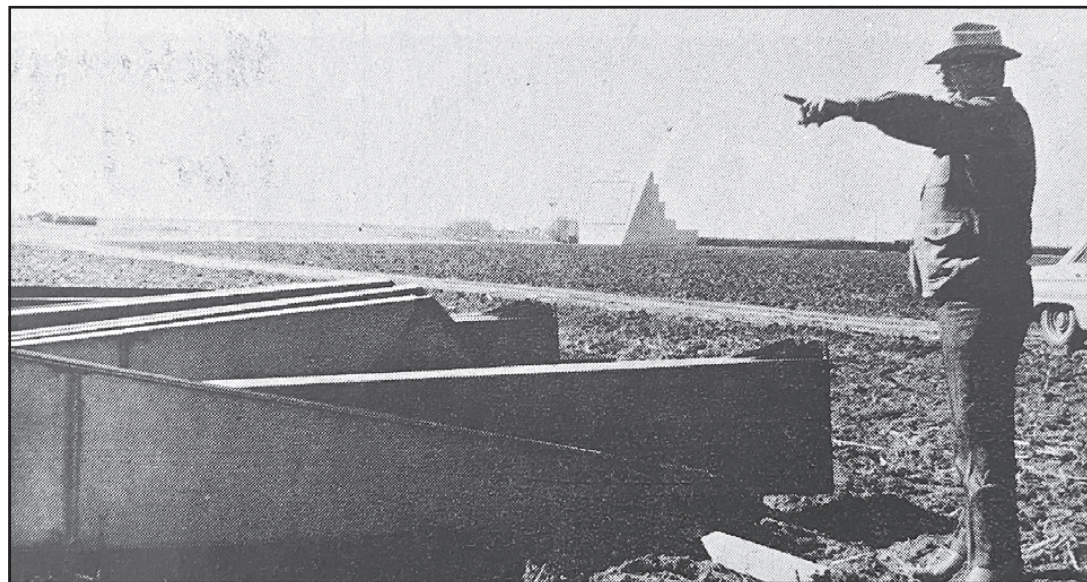
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From the Friona Star Archives



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Friday, February 24, 2023

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- 100 Meters**
 2. Abisai Torres 11.96
 6. Jose Alvidrez 12.18
 7. Alexis Rivas 12.32

- 200 Meters**
 4. Michael Lopez 24.24
 7. Aaron Rosales 25.38
 8. Martin Godinez 25.49

- 400 Meters**
 6. Josiah Dominguez 57.52
 Fabian Salinas DNF
 Tony Rodriguez DNF

- 800 Meters**
 3. Fabian Salinas 2:18.31

- 1600 Meters**
 5. Michael Bautista 5:37.87
 Israel Santiago DNF
 Avram Hernandez DNF

- 3200 Meters**
 5. Avram Hernandez 12:33.62
 6. Michael Bautista 13:11.68
 7. Israel Santiago 13:27.52

- 110m Hurdles - 39"**
 1. Martin Godinez 19.31

- 4x100 Relay**
 3. Friona 46.11
 Alexis Rivas, Abisai Torres,
 Aaron Rosales, Jose Alvidrez

- 4x200 Relay**
 3. Friona 1:37.75
 Abisai Torres, Martin Godinez,
 Michael Lopez, Tony Rodriguez

- 4x400 Relay**
 4. Friona 3:53.00
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- 100 Meters**
 2. Azriel Flores 12.43
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 8. Jorge Garcia 13.09

- 200 Meters**
 2. Gael Lara 25.52
 12. Jorge Garcia 27.74
 14. Thomas Cook 28.50

- 400 Meters**
 12. Francisco Gutierrez 1:11.62
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800 Meters

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 4. Nicholas Gutierrez 6:15.27
 10. Eduardo Jimenez 8:20.86

- 3200 Meters**
 2. Erik Estrada 12:40.84
 4. Nicholas Gutierrez 13:24.74

- 4x100 Relay**
 2. Friona 47.87
 Rafael Rocha, Gael
 Lara, Jonathan Trevino,
 Jonathan Gonzales

- 4x200 Relay**
 2. Friona 1:42.34
 Brice Jeter, Rafael Rocha,
 Gael Lara, Jonathan Gonzales

Varsity Girls (2nd)

- 100 Meters**
 9. Anaesha Carranza 14.31
 16. Breanna Rivera 14.83
 17. Yaseline Faudoa 15.09

- 200 Meters**
 4. Reese Stowers 29.34
 11. Aubree Bunker 31.09
 15. Breanna Rivera 31.96

- 400 Meters**
 8. Makayla Ramos 1:12.15
 10. Belinda Santos 1:13.84
 11. Anaesha Carranza 1:16.50

- 800 Meters**
 1. Yvonne Legaretta 2:34.15
 6. Merary Salinas 3:04.22
 Jocelyn Hernandez DNF

- 1600 Meters**
 1. Yvonne Legaretta 5:53.92
 7. Merary Salinas 7:02.81
 Jocelyn Hernandez DNF

- 3200 Meters**
 1. Yvonne Legaretta 12:30.40
 5. Merary Salinas 15:18.02
 6. Jocelyn Hernandez 15:18.40

- 100m Hurdles - 33"**
 2. Jacquelyn Falcon 21.00

- 300m Hurdles - 30"**
 1. Kitzy Welch 53.05
 4. Jacquelyn Falcon 1:01.25

4x100 Relay

5. Friona 57.02
 Belinda Santos, Yaseline
 Faudoa, Naara Saucedo,
 Anaesha Carranza

- 4x200 Relay**
 5. Friona 2:00.44
 Aubree Bunker, Yaseline
 Faudoa, Kitzy Welch,
 Reese Stowers

- 4x400 Relay**
 2. Friona 4:42.84
 Makayla Ramos, Aubree
 Bunker, Kitzy Welch,
 Reese Stowers

Junior Varsity Girls (3rd)

- 100 Meters**
 4. Abril Arzate 14.90

- 200 Meters**
 4. Leslie Ortiz 31.65
 April Avila 32.24

- 400 Meters**
 5. Evelyn Hernandez 1:18.18
 6. Leah Hernandez 1:18.68
 8. Sophia Leon 1:25.81

- 800 Meters**
 Evelyn Hernandez DNF
 April Avila DNF
 Aurora Bolanos DNF

- 1600 Meters**
 2. Leah Hernandez 7:07.78
 5. Aurora Bolanos 8:17.75
 6. April Avila 8:18.02

- 100m Hurdles - 33"**
 3. Stephanie Cruz 22.78

- 300m Hurdles - 30"**
 4. Stephanie Cruz 1:08.52

- 4x200 Relay**
 2. Friona 2:06.87
 Sophia Leon, Reese Steelman,
 Leslie Ortiz, Abril Arzate

- 4x400 Relay**
 2. Friona 5:12.34
 Sophia Leon, Reese Steelman,
 Leslie Ortiz, Abril Arzate



Parmer County FSA News

2023 Crop Year Elections

Agricultural producers can now change election and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage programs for the 2023 crop year, two key safety net programs offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Signup has begun and producers have until March 15, 2023, to enroll in these two programs. If producers do not submit their election by the deadline, their election remains the same as their 2022 election for crops on the farm. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has started issuing payments totaling more than \$255 million to producers with 2021 crops that have triggered payments through ARC or PLC.

General CRP Signup to open February 27

Agricultural producers and private landowners can begin applying for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup starting February 27 through April 7, 2023. CRP is a cornerstone voluntary conservation program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help ag-

ricultural communities invest in the long-term well-being of their land and natural resources.

Producers and landowners enrolled more than 5 million acres into CRP through signups in 2022, building on the acceptance of more than 3.1 million acres in the largest Grassland CRP signup in history. There are currently 23 million acres enrolled in CRP, with 1.9 million set to expire this year. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is aiming to reach the 27-million-acre cap statutorily set for fiscal year 2023.

By the Numbers

In 2021, producers signed nearly 1.8 million ARC or PLC contracts, and 251 million out of 273 million base acres were enrolled in the programs. For the 2022 crop year signed contracts surpassed 1.8 million, to be paid in the fall of 2023, if a payment triggers. Since ARC and PLC were first authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, these safety-net programs have paid out more than \$34.9 billion to producers of covered commodities.

Annual Local Work

Group Meeting Scheduled

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are hosting their annual Local Working Group (LWG) meeting on **Wednesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the XIT Recreation Center located at 215 North St. in Bovina, Texas.**

The USDA-NRCS and the Parmer County SWCD are seeking input from the public on how to best serve local agricultural producers through Farm Bill conservation programs and technical assistance. This meeting is an opportunity to bring farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others together to discuss natural resources and set local conservation priorities. The information gathered at these listening sessions helps provide NRCS and the Districts the necessary technical and financial support to help land managers make on-the-ground management decisions that produce positive ecological outcomes at the local and state level.

For more information, contact the Parmer County FSA office at 806-481-3311.

Golf

The boys golf team competed in Tulia last week and finished 5th as a team. The team consisted of: Elijah Thomp-

son, Aiden Pitsch, Gabriel Abarca, Elijah Robledo, Maddox Ashlock, Bryer Stanberry, and Kayson Stanberry.

Friona School Calendar for March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				-JH Chieftain Relays -Baseball Tournament @ Sundown	-HS Chieftain Relays -Baseball Tournament vs. Smyer @ Ropesville	-Girls Powerlifting Regionals @ Shamrock -Baseball Tournament @ Ropesville
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	-Boys Golf @ Farwell -Baseball @ Muleshoe	-HS One Act Play @ Denver City	-Girls Golf @ Farwell -HS One Act Play @ Denver City	-JH Track @ Tulia -HS Tennis Tournament @ Levelland -Friona Baseball Tournament	-HS Track @ Tulia -Friona Baseball Tournament	-Boys Powerlifting Regionals @ Sundown -Friona Baseball Tournament
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					-Baseball @ Kress	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	-Area One Act Play @ Seminole -FISD Board Meeting	-Area One Act Play @ Seminole	-HS UIL Academics @ Muleshoe	-JH Track @ Dimmitt -HS Tennis Tournament @ Levelland	-HS Track @ Dimmitt	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	-Boys & Girls Golf District Round 1 @ Seminole -Baptist Church Senior Banquet	-Baseball @ Dalhart		-JH District Track Meet @ Muleshoe -HS Tennis Tournament @ Levelland		

Friona FCCLA at Regionals '23



Blanca Chavez

Friona High School students shined brightly at the FCCLA Regional Conference in Lubbock February 9th-11th. Instructor Erin Barnett stated, "We are so proud of Friona FCCLA and the many awards the students received."

President Blanca Chavez presided at the Region I Conference. What an amazing leader she has been representing our town of Friona as Region I President this 2022-2023 year, Barnett added. "Blanca will continue with her duties at the State Conference on March 30th-April 2nd in Dallas." Amy Montana sang the National Anthem at the first general session.

Lilly Abarca, Elaney Arzate, Estefany Cecena, Gisselle Dorame, Janessa Garcia, Natasha Gonzalez, Aracely Her-

nandez, Sophia Leon, Amy Montana, Yoselin Mulul, Nadia Snyder, and Hiromy Quiroz received gold on the FCSA - Creed. Marie Phillips received participation on the FCSA - Creed.

Elaney Arzate received People's Choice on her Spotlight - Families First. Sophia Leon and

Yoselin Mulul received Evaluator's Choice on their Spotlight - Student Body and are State qualifiers. Gael Garcia, Fabian Salinas, and Janessa Garcia received a 2nd on their star project - National Programs in Action and are State qualifiers. Lilly Abarca received a 2nd on her

proficiency event - Cupcake Presentation and is a State qualifier. Vanessa Perez received a 1st place on her star project - Fashion Construction and is a State qualifier. Nadia Snyder received 1st place on her star project - Promote and Publicize FCCLA and is a State qualifier.



In the photo (l-r) — Natasha Gonzales, Nadia Snyder, Janessa Garcia, Aracely Hernandez, Amy Montana, Blanca Chavez, Gael Garcia, Marie Phillips, Estefany Cecena, Yoselin Mulul, Elaney Arzate, Sophia Leon, Fabian Salinas and Lilly Abarca. Not pictured are Vanessa Perez, Hiromy Quiroz and Gisselle Dorame.



Gael Garcia, Fabian Salinas, & Janessa Garcia



Lilly Abarca

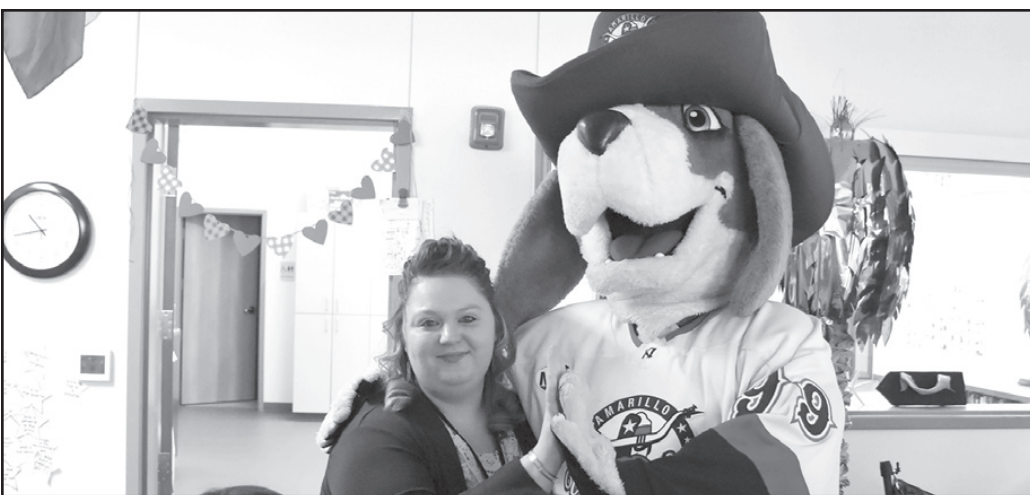


Nadia Snyder

"Rough" visits Primary School



Amarillo Wrangler mascot "Rough" visited Mrs. Born's 1st Grade class last Thursday to congratulate her for being named "Teacher of the Year" and to visit with the students. See photo on front page.



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Wind Damage in Bovina — Pct. 2 Commissioner Charles Wilkins sent in these photos showing damage the county barn sustained during the windstorm last Sunday. Also, a 60 year-old blue spruce tree located in the front yard of Jim and Kay Swafford on 8th Street in Bovina was uprooted. Inspecting the damage were grandson Dakota Prather and granddaughter Taylor Prather.



Plant Operator Wanted!



Summary

Operate, inspect, maintain, and repair plant equipment and maintain an aesthetically pleasing appearance of the facility by performing the following duties.

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Detect and correct faulty and malfunctioning mechanical and electrical components, devices and equipment.

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Please email silvia.cintron@cleanenergyfuels.com to apply for this position!



Congratulations to Andrew Stowers who was honored as the Fire Officer of the Year 2022 by the Randall County Fire Department at their annual banquet on Friday, February 24th. Friona connections are: Andrew is the son of Gary & Carolyn Stowers and Emily is the daughter of Delwin & Patsy Allen. Andrew's grandparents are John & Sherri Taylor and Jackie & Peggy Stowers. Blake Stowers is Andrew's brother.



In the photo (l-r) — Andrew & Emily in back and Rylee & Layla in front.



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