



**Buena Tierra Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** — (l-r) Mayra Chico, Silvia Andrade, Greg Lewellen, Magaly Castillo, Gianna Moreno, Cindy Moreno, Alan Monroe, Brent Loflin, Silvia Trevino, Johnny Trevino, Esmeralda Mills, Lee Davila, Emma Rector

## Buena Tierra Project is underway

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday morning to highlight the Buena Tierra Project which is Friona's newest home building venture. TW&M Properties, LLC has been working with the Friona Economic Development Corporation and the City of Friona to make the project a reality.

Friona officials attending the ribbon cutting ceremony included Mayor Greg Lewellen, City Manager Lee Davila, Chamber VP Emma Rector,

and City Council members Brent Loflin, Esmeralda Mills, and Alan Monroe.

The Buena Tierra Project is located at the block west of Legacy Pointe Senior Apartments between North Main & Euclid and 15th and 16th streets. The project consists of 4 phases with three 3-bedroom and/or 4-bedroom homes built in each phase.

Phase 1 (southeast corner) of the project is currently under construction and consists of a 3-bedroom home and two 4-bedroom homes and is scheduled to be completed by

August 13th. All of the properties will feature a family patio, front porch, 2-car garage, and pantry.

The estimated cost of the Buena Tierra Project is \$2.5 million and the final completion date is scheduled for February 13, 2025. After Phase 2 is completed, 15th Street will be curbed and paved. After Phase 4 is completed, 16th Street will be curbed and paved.

If you are interested in owning one of the new homes, you can drop by their office at 705 Main Street or call (806) 250-3669.

### FCCLA Pancake Dinner



**Sunday, April 30, 2023**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Junior High Cafeteria**

Vocational Agriculture Association  
will be cooking pancakes, eggs and bacon.



Tickets can be purchased from a  
FCCLA member or at the door for  
**\$15.00**










*Congratulations to Karlee Osborn. She is going to State in Poetry Interpretation!*



**Eight to Abilene** — These FHS athletes will travel to Abilene this week to compete in the Region 1-AAA track & field meet at Wildcat Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Front Row: Yvonne Legarreta, Ella McFarland, Kitzy Welch, Reyna Arias. Back Row: Ishmael Flores, Abisai Torres, Mario Garcia, and Kaden Jeter. Go Big Red!!!

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Friona Weather Apr-May 27-4	T  78   44 WNW 10-15	F  52   35 N 25-35	S  68   38 N 10-20	S  79   43 WNW 10-15	M  81   46 SSE 10-15	T  79   47 SE 10-20	W  74   52 SSW 10-20	Precipitation April 0.10 Year 1.09	Burn Ban <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

**April 27**

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**April 30**

• FCCLA Pancake Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Junior High Cafeteria

**May 1**

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center  
• Friona Noon Lions Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**May 2**

• Early Voting Ends  
• Snack Pak 4 Kids packing at Methodist Church north entrance at 2:30 p.m.

**May 3**

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

**May 4**

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**May 6**

• Election Day

**ON YOUR PAYROLL**

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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Senate, House begin budget reconciliation process**

The Texas Senate unanimously approved a \$308 billion two-year budget last week, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The next step is to reconcile that budget with one passed earlier by the Texas House.

The Senate's budget funds \$10 billion in electric grid reforms, provides pay raises to state employees, and devotes more than half of its budget to funding education.

"Over the next few weeks, I will be working with my colleagues in the Senate and the House to reach a consensus on the differences between the two chambers, and I look forward to sending the final appropriations bill to Gov. (Greg) Abbott before the legislative session ends," state Sen. Joan Huffman, R- Houston said in a statement. Huffman chairs the finance committee.

The main difference in the two budgets is in how to provide property tax relief. The House version dedicates \$17.3 billion to cutting the annual amount a home's appraisal can increase, from 10% to 5%. The Senate budget allocates \$16.5 billion for property tax relief by increasing the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000, with added breaks for homeowners 65 and older.

**Medicaid expansion for new moms possible**

The Texas House has passed a bill that allows low-income moms to stay on Medicaid for a full year after childbirth.

The Texas Tribune reported that is a marked increase from current practice, in which postpartum Medicaid expires two months after birth in Texas.

The bill has widespread support, including from Gov Greg Abbott and more than 170 groups in the state across the political spectrum. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, has not publicly stated his position on the measure.

Texas has the largest uninsured population in the country, with nearly 1 in 5 Texans lacking health insurance, the Tribune reported.

"As I have said before, it is essential that the Texas House makes meaningful progress this year on better supporting mothers and children in the state — and that starts with extending health coverage for new moms to a full year," House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, said previously when outlining his priorities for the legislative session.

**Bill bans 'sexually explicit' books in school libraries**

The Texas House last week passed a preliminary measure that requires vendors to assign a rating to books with sexual content before selling them to school districts, The Dallas Morning News reported. The measure requires one more vote in the House before heading to the Senate, where it is likely to pass.

"This bill is about radically sexual content in the hands of unaccompanied children in public school libraries," state Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco, the bill's sponsor, said from the House floor Thursday.

Opponents to the measure are concerned it would lead to books about LGBTQ people being banned from libraries. About a dozen people with the Texas Freedom Network held a read-in on the Capitol rotunda's floor as the bill was being debated.

State Rep. Venton Jones, D-Dallas, is one of eight openly LGBTQ legislators. He said the bill would hurt children who grow up feeling out of place because of their sexual orientation.

"I remember going to my school library looking for books when healthy conversations with my loved ones were not always available or always comfortable," Jones said. "What I was looking for was materials that spoke to me and for stories of the people who came before me."

**Billions more for university research likely**

Billions of dollars for higher education research appear likely as two bills have passed the House, the Statesman reported. One measure changes the name of the National Research University Fund to the Texas University

Fund, while another proposes a constitutional amendment to enact the bill and allocate \$3.5 billion to the fund.

Both bills were filed by state Rep. Greg Bonnen, R-Friendswood.

"This is a transformative piece of legislation that will allow Texas for generations to come to be the intellectual capital of the world," Bonnen said last week. "It changes the eligibility requirements for access to this fund, and it does so in a merit-based approach and in an approach that, as other universities grow and enhance their research performance, they will be able to access this fund and not dilute the ones that are currently in the fund."

Similar measures have already passed the Senate, though that body allocated \$1 billion less than the House measure.

**'Lights out' across Texas helps birds migrate**

The annual migration of birds through Texas to northern breeding grounds has begun, and Texans are urged to help by turning off outdoor lights at night from now through May 12, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Bird mortalities are associated with light pollution, which disorients our winged friends. One of every three birds migrating through the United States comes through Texas in the spring and fall — nearly 2 billion in total, according to TPWD.

Texans can help by:

- Turning off all nonessential lights from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. during this migration period.

- Not using landscape lighting to illuminate trees or gardens where birds may be resting.

- Aim security and safety lighting downward.

- In commercial buildings, ensuring custodial work is done by 11 p.m., and lights are turned off.

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**ACROSS**

1 Gulf waves

5 TXism: "put \_\_\_ shut up"

6 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't \_\_\_"

7 actor Begley in film "Lone Star" (1952)

8 actor Vigoda

9 TXism: "thing- \_\_\_" (gadget)

15 film "\_\_\_ for Texas"

16 TXism: "plain \_\_\_ on your face"

19 birth state of Texas outlaw Sam Bass

21 TXism: "cream \_\_\_ to the top"

22 car dealer objective: "close \_\_\_"

27 east Texas reptile, for short

28 TXism: "as welcome as \_\_\_ a picnic"

29 what many Texans fought against in early 1940s

30 TXism: "goes together like a \_\_\_ candy store"

32 this Teddy trained "Rough Riders" in San Antonio (init.)

33 you can pull these out of Lake Fork (2 wds.)

36 TXism: "larrupin' \_\_\_" (tasty)

37 Texas' flag, 1861-1865 (abbr.)

38 TXism: "from womb \_\_\_" (lifetime)

39 in Van Zandt County on U.S. 80

41 Billy Graham for 50 years (3 wds.)

44 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ snake's belly"

45 stat. for Astro or Ranger pitcher

46 TX Nimitz helped set up Naval \_\_\_

47 TXism: "rug rat"

48 waterproof overshoes

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**DOWN**

1 Ysleta del \_\_\_ Pueblo tribe

2 news wrangler (abbr.)

3 in Falls County on U.S. 77

4 seat of Gillespie County

8 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_-armed paper hanger"

9 TXism: "mean \_\_\_" (lifestyle)

10 \_\_\_ Vernon, TX

11 Dallas Morning News founder: \_\_\_ Belo

12 Peters of "The Jerk" with TX-born Martin

13 TXism: "never laid eyes \_\_\_"

14 TXism: "ramrod"

15 TX Joan Crawford, e.g. (2 wds.)

16 head gesture of agreement (2 wds.)

17 football fans try to get \_\_\_ the 50-yard line

18 Erik of "Honeyboy" with TX Fairchild

20 Greek team of ex-Mav Roy Tarpley

22 birth state of Sam Rayburn (abbr.)

23 TXism: "keep it under your \_\_\_"

24 "easy" in some business names

25 it takes \_\_\_ a team to play official volleyball

26 TXism: "busy \_\_\_ \_\_\_-armed fry cook"

28 TXism: "if he's \_\_\_ he'll bark"

31 rheumatic swelling

34 \_\_\_ Chica Bay

35 former parent co. of American Airlines

37 winter garment

40 TX Helmond show: "\_\_\_ the Boss?"

42 "Dallas" was a prime time \_\_\_ opera

43 in Cass County on U.S. 59

49 ski incline

50 laugh word

# COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

## Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 13, 2023 to April 20, 2023

(4/19/23) Jerry Giesbrecht Inc., Jerry Giesbrecht, Sonya Giesbrecht — Ethan Lane Stancell, Carley Ann Stancell — 319.96 Acres out of the West Part of Section 18, Township 15 South, Range 2 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(4/19/23) Joscelyn Barraza, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG2 < 1g DFZ IAT

(4/21/23) Mathew Addison Blackmon, 32, of Seminole was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Burglary of Habitation, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, and Possession of Dangerous Drug

(4/21/23) Rocky Ben Orozco, 30, of Dumas was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Public Intoxication and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and on Moore County warrants for Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz (VOP/MTR), Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz, and Bail Jumping and Failure to Appear

# Cover to Cover

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



The Library of Congress has the world's largest portfolio of books, films, videos, audio recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps, and manuscripts.

On April 24, 1800, President John Adams signed legislation that provided \$5,000 for the purchase of books. Two years later, the library had 964 volumes and nine maps. But according to History.com "the British army invaded the city of Washington [during the War of 1812] and burned the Capitol, including the then 3,000-volume Library of Congress."

Former president Thomas Jefferson came to the rescue [and sold] "his personal library [6,487 volumes], the largest and finest in the country," to restart it. "In 1851, a second major fire at the library destroyed about two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes, including two-thirds of the [Jefferson's books]. Congress responded quickly and generously to the disaster, and within a few years a majority of the lost books were replaced."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *America's Greatest Library: An Illustrated History of the Library of Congress* by its historian, John Y. Cole.

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

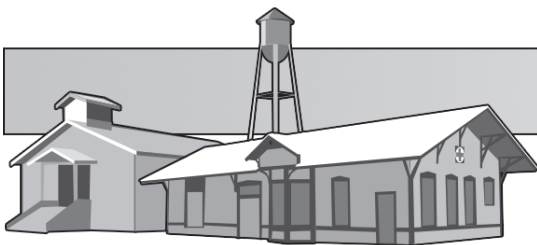
## CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

If you are planning on going to college and choosing an agricultural major, you should check out the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District's college scholarship. It's not difficult to apply, and the deadline is May 5, 2023. Contact your high school counselor or call the conservation district directly at 806-481-3311 x3.



### Puzzle Solution

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# TOWN TALK

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**Baseball News** — The Friona/Tulia game was suspended Tuesday evening with the Chieftains leading 6-5 over the Hornets. Friona is 10-11 for the season and 3-5 in district play. The Chiefs will host Dimmitt at Chieftain Ballpark this Friday at 4:30 and Senior baseball players and their parents will be recognized in a ceremony immediately after the game.

**School News** — The State Line Tribune reported last week that the Lazbuddie School Board voted to move to a 4-day school week for the 2023-24 school year. The new school week will be Tuesday through Friday.

**When Pigs Fly?** — In research published in Wildlife Society Bulletin, investigators used drones to capture images of the agricultural damage caused by wild pigs, which now number over 6.9 million in the U.S. Most damage occurred in later

growth stages, when corn ears were maturing, seed was most nutritious, and producers had already invested in the majority of annual crop inputs. Wild pigs damaged up to 9.2% of a single monitored field, which resulted in an average loss of 3,416 kg of corn per hectare and a direct cost to producers of \$17.18 to \$48.24 per hectare of damage.

**Play Ball!** — The Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball League has begun its season!!! Come cheer on the kids and enjoy delicious snacks from the concession stand on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights beginning about 6 o'clock as they compete to win their games and improve their skills in Tball, Machine Pitch, Minor, and Major age divisions. The fields are located at 300 Prospect Street in Friona and this is the local baseball league for kids in our community.

**Dairy Fire was an ac-**

**cident** — The Castro County News reported last week that the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office ruled that the fire at the South Fork Dairy in Castro County that critically injured one person and caused the death of over 17,000 cattle was an accident and not the result of any type of terror attack or attempt to interrupt the milk supply. The incident has been labeled by some as the deadliest barn fire for cattle in Texas history.

**Say What?** — April 30th is National Raisin Day.

At least that is what we heard through the grapevine.

- ★★★
- National Days**
- April 27: Tell A Story Day
- April 28: Historical Marker Day
- April 29: Veterinary Day
- April 30: Raisin Day (heard it through the grapevine)
- May 1: Melanoma Day
- May 2: Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 3: Press Freedom Day
- ★★★

It is election time again.  
A voter guide for the School Board election can be found at [mycountyvotes.com](http://mycountyvotes.com)

**Friona Star**  
is online at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)

We bought used books... ...to build our own libraries at home! Kids: color stuff in! **Newspaper Fun!** www.readingclubfun.com Anmills LLC © 2023 V15

## A Treasure of Books!

Finding a good book is like discovering a treasure chest full of valuable gems! Ideas in books are well-thought-out and well written. The pictures are attractive and match the story or information. The facts in a book must be up-to-date and correct.

Pretend that you are choosing and burying a treasure chest full of your favorite books.

**What books would be in your treasure chest?**

Books are everywhere! Libraries lend books. Stores and newsstands sell books. Everyone loves a story or needs information about something. Use the letters below to fill in the blanks to see why we need books.

At the end of a busy day I enjoy reading the books that I download from my favorite library to my family's tablet or e-reader!

**Books help us:**

- learn about our **w\_r\_d**
- learn about other **p\_o\_l**
- understand **o\_r\_e\_v\_s**
- solve **p\_o\_l\_m**
- laugh and **s\_i\_e**
- dream and **i\_v\_n**

**What Can You Do With Books?**

Your "ticket" to a fun-filled summer at your library!

**If You...**

1. mold clay figures
2. love to talk about books
3. draw or paint pictures
4. hang cutouts from a hanger
5. dress up as a character
6. write another chapter
7. make a popsicle stick puppet
8. pretend to be story characters with a friend
9. cut out a bookworm
10. make up a song about a story

**You Can...**

set up a \_\_\_\_\_ on a table. start a new book \_\_\_\_\_. make \_\_\_\_\_ to hang. create a \_\_\_\_\_. act out a \_\_\_\_\_. publish your own \_\_\_\_\_. put on a mini \_\_\_\_\_. interview each other on a \_\_\_\_\_ show. make a \_\_\_\_\_. record it on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Real or Not Real?**

Some characters in books are real people. Other characters are not real. They have been made up in someone's imagination. Seven of the "characters" below are real while three are not.

Can you mark the right boxes?

	Real	Not Real	Fiction	Nonfiction
1. Artemis Fowl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Mary Poppins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Amadeus Mozart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Buffalo Bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Peter Pan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Abe Lincoln	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Pocahontas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Muhammad Ali	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Johnny Appleseed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Serena Auñón-Chancellor (astronaut)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**What Did Little Mouse Make?**

Follow the dots to see what Little Mouse made or did after reading a book called **#2 Q A P B**

1. Make Cool Toys and one called **N M E D**
2. Paint Posters That 'POP!' **L J O I K G H**

I like to chew on the ideas in science books! **I dig baseball stories.**

## A Treasure of a Book

Who got me this gig? Where's my agent? Tell him he's fired!

Oh sure, sure, sure...if I got stuck on a desert island... which would never happen because "Hellooo, I'm a crab!" ... Anyway, I would like a copy of the book, *Treasure Island*.

Travel through the maze to get Pinch this book full of pirates and treasure: → → →

**SHARKS**

**Treasure Island**

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# Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

## Shrimp Scampi

This shrimp scampi recipe is a quick and easy to prepare and clean up recipe. It is recommended that you purchase deveined and shelled shrimp to make your life easier. If you use frozen shrimp, be sure they are just frozen and not pre-cooked. What better way to celebrate National Shrimp Scampi Day on April 29th?

### SHEET PAN SHRIMP SCAMPI (NO WINE!) Carlsbadcravings.com

**TOMATOES AND ASPARAGUS**  
1 pound thin/medium asparagus chopped into 1" pieces  
1 pint cherry tomatoes  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 garlic clove minced  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
**SHRIMP**  
1 pound medium uncooked shrimp, shelled, deveined tails off\*

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
4 garlic cloves minced  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 tsp EACH paprika, onion powder, dried basil  
1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
4-8 tablespoons butter cubed (see notes)\*\*

**GARNISH**  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
1-2 tablespoons lemon juice or more to taste  
freshly grated Parmesan optional  
**SERVE WITH**  
1 pound linguine (or other pasta) zoodles  
Rice  
bread

#### INSTRUCTIONS

**LINGUINE (optional):** Cook linguine in salted water according to package directions until al dente. Reserve 1/2 cup water before draining. Drizzle drained pasta with olive oil and toss to combine.

Preheat oven to 400oF. Line a Jelly Roll Pan (10x15) with foil and lightly spray with cooking spray. Add tomatoes and asparagus, olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper. Toss until evenly coated then line in a single layer. Roast for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, add all of the Shrimp Ingredients to a medium bowl EXCEPT butter and stir to evenly combine. Remove pan from oven and push tomatoes asparagus to one side of the pan (keep in a single layer). Add shrimp and line

in a single layer. Top asparagus with 1 tablespoon cubed butter, evenly spaced. Top shrimp with 3-7 tablespoons cubed butter, evenly spaced. Roast for 6 minutes or just until shrimp is opaque. Remove pan from oven and drizzle with 1-2 additional tablespoons lemon juice (to taste). Season with additional salt and pepper to taste and garnish with fresh parsley. If serving with linguine: add all pan contents to linguine in a large bowl including all melted butter/juices. Add desired amount of olive oil or reserved pasta water to reach desired consistency (you may not need it). Add Parmesan (I use 1/4 cup), salt, pepper, and additional lemon juice to taste.

### Friena Teams competed in the Lubbock National Basketball Tournament on March 24-26. Both teams won 3rd place in their respective divisions.



**1st/2nd grade team (l-r)** — Front Row: Yadriel Faudoa, Dylan Mendez, Mason Hancock, Malyk Miller, Marco Arias. Back Row: Coach Daniel Hancock, Landon Shields, Matthew Marquez, Coach Herman Marquez



**3rd/4th grade team (l-r)** — Isziah Snyder, Anthony Marquez, Eden Esparza, Yuvia Arias, Elian Aguirre, Yahdir Faudoa, Coach Daniel Hancock, Coach Herman Marquez

## Happy Birthday

**April 27**  
Tena (Willard) Fox  
Gena (Willard) Marshall  
George Ryan  
Glaytus Wyly  
Rebecca Soto  
Richard Samarron  
Sarah Brown  
Blanca Alexander  
Linda Salinas  
Colton Potts  
Kathleen Dunn



**April 30**  
David Rebber  
Brennen Montoya  
Quentin Shelby  
Jade Mills

**April 28**  
Davy Hamilton  
Julie Goddard  
Wade Davenport  
Will Rushing  
Katelyn Sifford  
Lillian Reeve Cramer  
Cory Reeve  
Joseph Romero  
Julie Cain  
Ella Kate Wright  
Eric Geske  
Avah Santiago  
Esther Ruiz

**May 1**  
Kayla Smiley  
Vickie Copley  
Amy Knowles  
Will Schueler  
BaiLee Brailiff  
Amanda White  
Amanda Stephenson

**April 29**  
Karen Burns  
Gabriel Martinez  
Chance Butman

**May 2**  
Larry Drake  
Julie (Bracken) Davidson  
Becky Riethmayer  
Sheryl Bartels  
Marc Haile  
Jennifer Kendrick  
Tom Randolph  
Cierra Tongate  
Maria Tarango  
Gracie San Miguel

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net) or call: 806.250.2211

**May 3**  
Zachary Carr  
Cathy Spencer  
Jenae Fleming  
Angie Gomez  
Zachary Chavez  
Joseph Ramirez  
Lori Austin

### Gas prices may have peaked

By GasBuddy

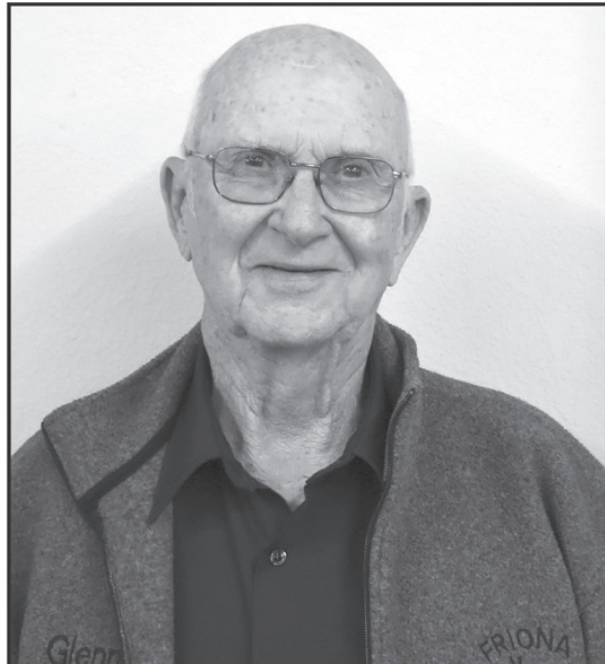
Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 9.4 cents last week, to an average of \$3.26 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 19.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 49.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.65 while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.64 per gallon. The national average is up 22.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 46.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.12 per gallon.

"For the first time in several weeks, the national average price of gasoline has seen a decline, and while the fall was quite small, the bigger news may be that we may have seen a short-term peak for the price of gasoline. While any unexpected outages could push it up again, there is a rising possibility that barring such, we may have seen our high water mark for the national average for the summer," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan explained, "Typically, gas prices peak between May and June, and with the oil market showing significant cracks in strength, we may have seen the peak in the national average already occur, a few weeks earlier than average. While it's possible we could go higher later this summer should a major hurricane target sensitive infrastructure, it appears the odds that the national average will miss the \$4 per gallon mark are rising. It's certainly looking optimistic for motorists."

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# Wrong Turns

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Just a few months after we moved to Friona in 2009 we met some family at Leal's in Muleshoe, and by the time we headed back home, a severe thunderstorm was bearing down on us as we drove home. One vehicle made it back safely to Friona, with a small bit of rain and hail, but the vehicle I was driving didn't experience the rain and hail, because I had missed my turn and ended up in Earth. By the time my bad directions were realized, it was time to turn back and face nature's fury as I headed home.

In a similar way, we have all missed our turn in the journey of life and had to pay the consequences. This was also the case for the Israelites when God delivered them from Egypt and set their direction on the Promised Land. Things went well for a while, but in Deuteronomy 1:19-33, we see that fear led to failure when they were on the doorstep of taking the land God had given them. They had seen the Lord do amazing miracles, crush the mighty Egyptians and display His faithfulness at each turn, yet they refused to continue trusting

God after the spies returned with their bad report of the land and its inhabitants. Although they heard the truth of God and knew He would fight for them, verse 32 says, "Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the Lord your God." Their disbelief led to disobedience. Their doubt led to disaster. Their lack of faith caused them to fail miserably. It's not that the people disowned God in their words and theology, but it is that they chose to listen to their fears and murmurings instead of trust God and move forward as He commanded them.

Today, believers are in a similar danger in of rationalizing away the direction of God, compromising on His Word, and allowing disbelief to grow in greenhouses of comfort and complacency. Such unbelief won't express itself in an agnostic or atheistic rant against Jesus, but it will manifest itself in partial obedience, lukewarm love for God and a powerless Christian life. In the wrong turns you have taken, turn back in the right direction as you confess sin and walk in faith and obedience to the Lord.

## Panhandle Parables

### "This Is My Story, This Is My Song..."

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

She longed to be loved and found the love of a man who had a wife. Caught in a very compromising moment. She was cast into the street to be stoned by the self-righteous of her community.

He was a beggar. Humiliated daily by those who just walked by not giving him any notice. His life was of little worth to the world after all he couldn't even walk.

She was in and out of relationships each time thinking this was the one only to leave a string of 5 divorces and not the energy to marry again, shackled up with some fella. She was the talk of the town in a bad way other women didn't even want to be around her.

He was a rich thief. Extorted money from those who barely had any and lived like a king or so he thought, but when he looked around there was no one he could trust. His greed was his only friend.

At sixteen she was on the streets learning harsh realities about life that no child should have to face. By eighteen she was a pro in a very old profession. No self-worth, no home and no future.

The first four little stories come from the Bible. The adulteress in John 8. The lame man in Acts 3. The Samaritan woman in John 4. Zaccheus in Luke 19. The last story is a modern day representation of any one of us, but for the decisions we made.

They all were opportunities for redemption. Jesus did not condemn the woman in John 8, but told her to go and sin no more. The beggar was healed in the name of Jesus by Peter and John. The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus lead the whole town out to meet him and the rich thief found a friend and the value of his soul. What about our girl? What if she found the Lord? Let's pretend she did. She found her value, married a godly man and now counsels girls caught in the sex trade.

Not all stories will end this way, I wish they did. But for those who do the old hymn rings true. "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long." May you choose to find Jesus, He's been waiting for you. Let this be your story and your song, praising your Savior all the day long.

# Don't Be Afraid to Dance

By Teena Hughs

You probably remember the story of David and his first wife, Michal. She was the youngest daughter of King Saul, and she dearly loved David. But, her father took her from him to be another man's wife when David married two other women. Later, David had her returned to him.

When David returned home from transporting the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, Michal's attitude toward David changed. In an article by Misti House, she reminds us that David was a "man after God's own heart", and Michal didn't understand David's relationship with God, because she didn't know what it meant to have a relationship with God; they were unequally yoked.

2 Samuel 6:16 tells us that "as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal...looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him." Until I read House's article, I didn't understand why Michal was filled with contempt. She made a judgment about David and his dancing before the LORD without really knowing and understanding who he was in the LORD.

2 Samuel 6:20-22a tells us that, "When David returned home to bless his family, Michal came out to meet him and said in disgust, 'How glorious the king of Israel looked today! He exposed himself to the servant girls like any indecent person might do!' David retorted to Michal, 'I was dancing before the LORD, who chose me above your father and his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I am willing to act like a fool in order to show my joy in the LORD. Yes, I am willing to look even more foolish than this.'"

Now, there are MANY things we can talk about with David and Michal, but the second thing that interested me was the fact that David was dancing before the LORD! I asked myself, how many of us are willing to dance before the LORD? How many of us wouldn't care one bit what other people think of us if we dared to worship the LORD in a way that is not always considered "the right way to worship" the LORD? How many of us are willing to surrender everything, to bare our souls before God and enjoy the freedom of dancing before Him? Don't you think dancing before Him is a pretty small thank-you for all He has done, and is doing, for us?

Here is what House says we should do: "Don't be ashamed or afraid to bare it all before Jesus. He has covered you anew with a white robe of righteousness. Don't hide or cover up.

Don't feel the need to apologize to man for behaving righteously before God.

Dance with all of your heart as David did. Celebrate your faith, praise God for your victories, and thank Him for His gifts, even when others don't get it or share your same heart for Jesus.

You don't have to be in right standing with man to be in right standing with God.

You can't help but dance in all you do when you know all He has done.

Dance out of a LOVE response toward God, not for a love response from man.

Don't dance to be seen, or heard, or recognized. Don't dance to make a name for yourself. Dance to glorify the Lord and bring Him honor.

Don't fear man, but continue to fear the Lord in loving reverence and awe-struck wonder."

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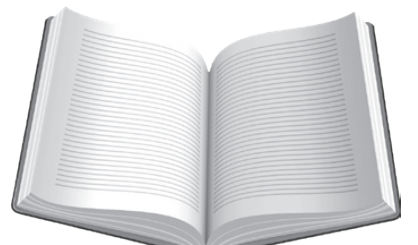
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- 4. Kitzy Welch.....17.19
- 300 Meter Hurdles**
- 5. Kitzy Welch.....50.18
- Shot Put**
- 2. Reyna Arias.....36'06.50
- Discus**
- 1. Kitzy Welch.....123'05
- 8. Reyna Arias.....95'08
- Pole Vault**
- 3. Ella McFarland.....7'09

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- 1. Abisai Torres..... 10.97
- 200 Meter Dash**
- 3. Abisai Torres.....23.04
- 110 Meter Hurdles**
- 3. Kaden Jeter ..... 15.25
- 300 Meter Hurdles**
- 4. Kaden Jeter .....43.79
- 4x100 Meter Relay**
- 5. Friona A .....44.86
- Jose Alvidrez, Abisai Torres, Aaron Rosales, Michael Lopez
- 4x200 Meter Relay**
- 8. Friona A .....1:36.27
- Aaron Rosales, Martin Godinez, Michael Lopez, Josiah Dominguez
- Pole Vault**
- Anthony Guerrero .....NH
- Shot Put**
- 2. Mario Garcia ....42'10.75
- 4. Ishmael Flores..41'05.75

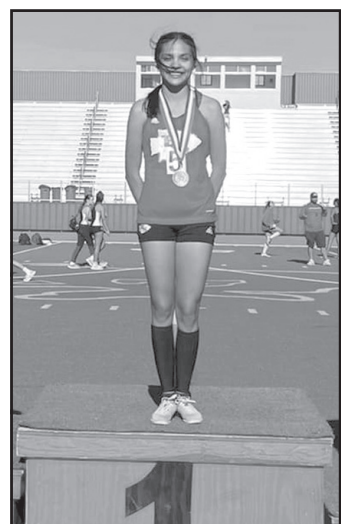


**Ishmael Flores**  
Shot Put - 4th Place

**Mario Garcia**  
Shot Put - 1st Place



**Yvonne Legarreta**  
1st Place - 800 Meter



**Yvonne Legarreta**  
1st Place - 1600 Meter



**Yvonne Legarreta**  
1st Place - 3200 Meter



**Reyna Arias**  
2nd Place - Shot Put



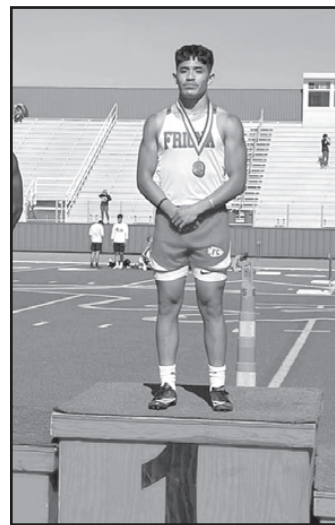
**Kitzy Welch**  
1st Place - Discus



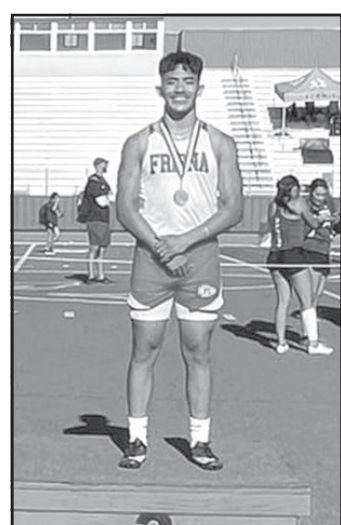
**Kitzy Welch**  
4th Place - 100m Hurdles



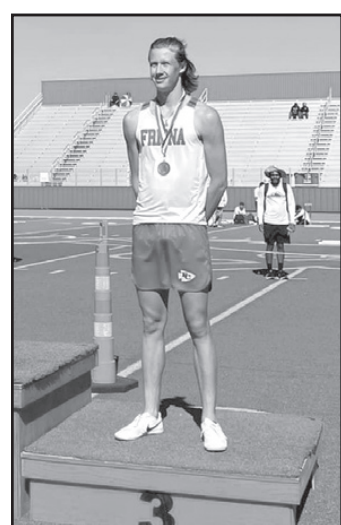
**Ella McFarland**  
3rd Place - Pole Vault



**Abisai Torres**  
1st Place - 100m Dash



**Abisai Torres**  
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**Kaden Jeter**  
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**Kaden Jeter**  
4th Place - 300m Hurdles

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<b>JURY FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$157,490.32
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$16,610.71
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$560.86
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$173,540.17
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$5,206,306.41
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$2,881,424.80
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$1,349,837.61
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$6,737,893.60
<b>FARM TO MARKET FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$2,252,730.65
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$1,062,239.27
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$405,291.34
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$2,909,678.58
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$43,335.49
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$222,320.35
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$265,655.84
<b>PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$18,101.11
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$154.23
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$7,387.94
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$10,867.40
<b>PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022..	\$297,543.46
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$61,949.29
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$3,512.99
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$355,979.76
<b>REVENUE FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$170,560.62
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$39,109.87
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$62,585.44
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$147,085.05
<b>JUVENILE PROBATION FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$4,792.22
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$75.39
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$4,867.61
<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$2,991.90
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$28.02
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$75.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$2,944.92
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$5,035.24
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$1,987.24
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$1,212.63
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$5,809.85
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 ...	\$28,115.19
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$1,655.13
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$29,770.32
<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$4,903.44
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$46.21
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$4,949.65
<b>INTEREST &amp; SINKING FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$132,594.84
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$410,881.71
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$465,750.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$77,726.55
<b>LATERAL FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$0.00
<b>PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2022 .....	\$1,374.79
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$1,153.73
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$188.25
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$2,340.27
<b>PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND</b>	
Balance Last Report, Filed Dec. 31, 2022 .....	\$1,301,457.08
Amount Received Since Last Report .....	\$9,774.18
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$376,207.75
03/31/23 Balance .....	\$935,023.51
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>	
Jury Fund .....	\$173,540.17
General Fund .....	\$6,737,893.60
Farm To Market Fund .....	\$2,909,678.58
Contingency Fund .....	\$265,655.84
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund .....	\$10,867.40
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	\$355,979.76
Revenue Fund .....	\$147,085.05
Juvenile Probation Fund .....	\$4,867.61
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund .....	\$2,944.92
District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund .....	\$5,809.85
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund .....	\$29,770.32
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund .....	\$4,949.65
Interest & Sinking Fund .....	\$77,726.55
Lateral Fund .....	\$0.00
Parmer County ARPA .....	\$935,023.51
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion .....	\$2,340.27
Total .....	\$11,664,133.08
<b>LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND</b>	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, GENERAL FUND, JURY, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENTS, TOTAL	
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS	
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.	
Sharon A. May County Treasurer Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th Day of April, 2023.	
Isabel Carrasco County Judge - Parmer County, Texas Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 24th Day of April, 2023.	



# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



## What's in a name?

My mother Lillie is taking up a bit more space in my head and heart this week. Springtime reminds me of her birthdate, April 28, so I suppose it is only natural to feel a stronger tug to memories and moments shared with her.

From her days on a farm in the 1930s to graduate school in the 1980s, she was a reader and a learner. The decades of her 50s and 60s found her teaching the second language (Spanish) she had fallen in love with at Rotan High School under Miss Josey Baird. After retirement, Mother's residences went from Pt. Townsend, Washington, back home

to the dusty plains in Brownfield. Lillie Mae's final three years gave her proximity to doctors and family in Lubbock as she continued to read, color, sleep, and watch all the sports she loved on cable television.

The photos are of a person I did not know: the little girl who thought she needed to entertain her family through their grief-stricken years after her father died. The solemn nine-year-old in front of their sand-blasted farmhouse in the 1930s. The 15-year-old starting a new school after the Dowell School closed. And almost two years later, the high school senior ready to tackle the world. She had no way of knowing how cruel and beautiful life would be after high school graduation in 1948.

From her graduate school days, her cursive class notes jumped off the page when I read them. All these years later, I can see her writing with a fury about a truth



she had long known.

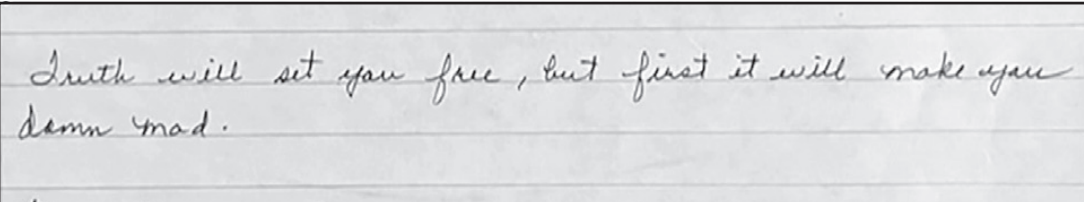
I am sad that her final years brought a bitterness while watching her country regress into a divisive abyss. My well-read and informed Mother suffered no fools when it came to politics, and she

saw an abundance the last two years of her life. It makes me happy to think she did get to vote for a woman in her last presidential election.

I miss her laugh especially. Fewer things made my brothers and sisters happier than to make her laugh. It was a competition among the five of us to do so.

In memory and honor of Lillie Mae McCleskey Sullivan, her namesake Lillie and Lillie's sister Ellie will make a cake April 28. I bet they will decorate it with hideous blobs of multi-colored sprinkles.

And if Mother were with us, she would laugh and laugh and laugh.



# Obituary



## Robert Saiz

Robert Saiz, 81 of Friona passed away April 22, 2023. At his request, there will be no services. Cremation by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Robert was born September 4, 1941 in Pintada, New Mexico to Phillip and Prudencia Hoehne Saiz. He married Janice Carthel November 16, 1990 in Farwell.

Robert was great at all forms of carpentry work, but never found a challenge that he would not try. He was a very hard working man all of his life. Robert had a positive outlook on life and found humor in most everything. He loved people and never met a stranger. He was a great father and husband and will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, brothers-Phillip, Silo, Rueben and Paul.

Those to mourn his passing include his wife Janice of Friona, 6 sons- Max Saiz of Larned, Kansas, Robert Leon Saiz and wife Julie of Pampa, Daniel D. Saiz of Clovis, Johnny Valdez of Friona, Joel Valdez and wife



Kathy of Sandia Park, New Mexico, and Jeffery Valdez of Glendale, Arizona, 2 daughters- Samantha Knispel and husband Billy of Wichita, Kansas, and Julie Mason and husband Sean of Lubbock, 5 sisters- Inez Garcia and Maryann Prior and husband Ken, all of Clovis, Irene Wildee and husband Bob of Beaverton, Oregon, Judy Menold and husband Dan of Torrence, California, Sandra Larson and companion Bob of Lansing Michigan, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

You may send memories of Robert to the family and sign the online greeting book exclusively at the website: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)



# Fiber for everyone

"Rural America deserves good internet" was one of the points made by CEO Amy Linzey in her manager's report at the 68th Annual Meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative last month at the Hereford Civic Center. Linzey added, "We have spent over \$17 million in the last 5 years on the fiber-to-the-premises project and \$43 million since 2012 to make that hap-

pen." Businesses and individual customers now have the opportunity to call WT Services and schedule an appointment to upgrade their internet system with fiber. High speed internet is now available for everyone. Linzey concluded her remarks by asking attendees to "Give us a chance to serve you."

The financial statements showed that WTRT is in sound fi-

nancial condition. The company has over \$43 million in assets, a low debt ratio, and earned over \$3 million in 2022. Sy Olson of Friona and Charles Christian of Oklahoma Lane were re-elected to the board of directors. Rejino Barbecue of Olton catered the meal and door prizes were given out at the end of the meeting. The 2023 meeting had the highest attendance level in more than 5 years.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### FRIONA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

**Date:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas  
**Applicant(s):** Steve Meeks, Property Owner

The Friona Planning and Zoning Commission will consider in public hearing a request for the rezoning of MCMILLIAN FERGUSON, BLOCK 12, LOT ALL OF 1-2 & N 42' OF 3 and MCMILLIAN FERGUSON, BLOCK 12, LOT 10 as defined in Attachment A, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from "C" District - Apt/Multi-Family Dwelling District to "E" District - Central Business District.

A recommendation to approve, deny, or modify the requested rezoning will be sent to the City Council.

The Friona City Council will consider this proposed change in a public hearing on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

For further information, contact the Friona City Manager at (806) 250-2761

In the event of a lack of quorum to convene or continue either the Planning and Zoning or Council meeting described above, this matter will automatically be carried forward to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting and succeeding meetings as necessary.

#### Attachment A

**Legal Description:** MCMILLIAN FERGUSON, BLOCK 12, LOT ALL OF 1-2 & N 42' OF 3



**Legal Description:** MCMILLIAN FERGUSON, BLOCK 12, LOT 10

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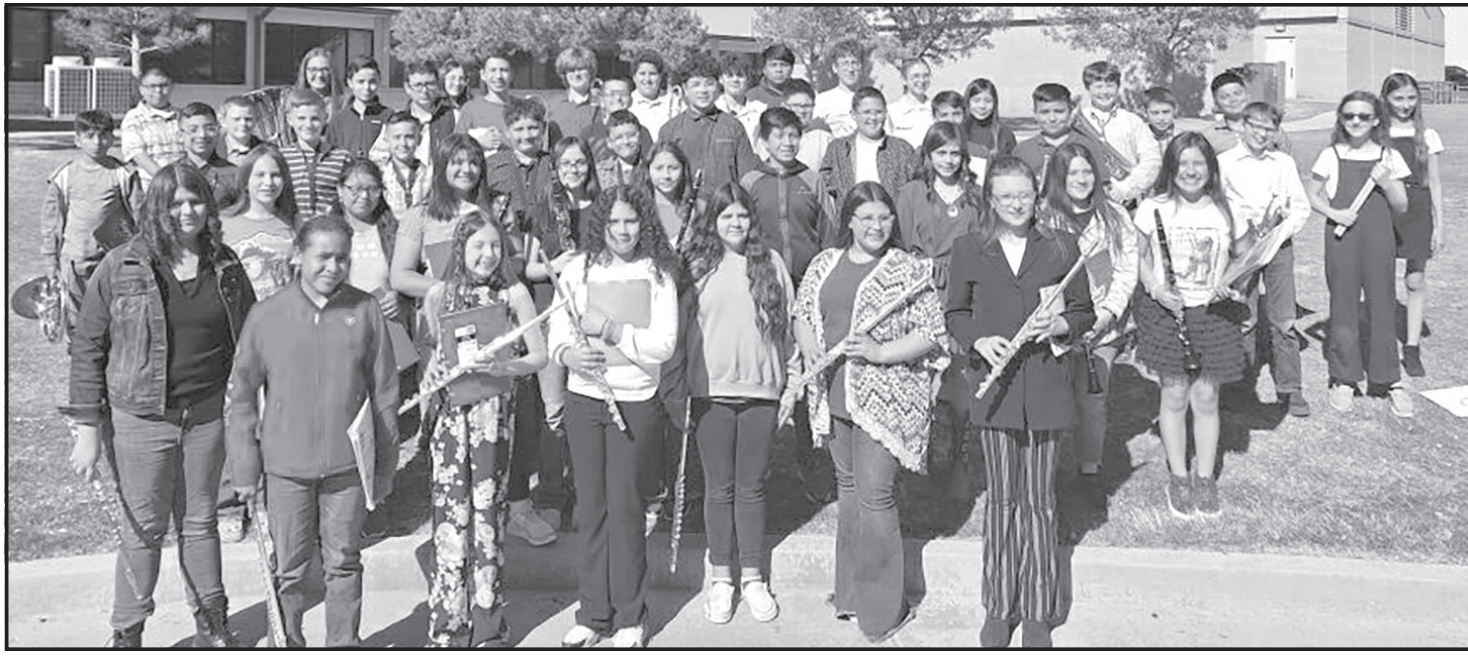
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**Friona★Star is online at [www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com)**

**The Sounds of Sweepstakes** — Congratulations to the Frona Junior High bands for all receiving Sweepstakes at last week's contest. When a band receives a I - Superior Rating in both the Concert and Sight-Reading portions of the contest, they earn a Sweepstakes Award.



6th Grade Band



7th Grade Band



8th Grade Band

## UIL Academics District Results Frona High School

1st Place Journalism Team\*

**Copy Editing**

1st - Azarel Gutierrez\*

2nd - Maria Nunez\*

5th - Elaney Arzate

**News Writing**

2nd - Elaney Arzate\*

3rd - Kitzy Welch\*

**Editorial Writing**

1st - Kitzy Welch\*

6th - Azarel Gutierrez

**Feature Writing**

2nd - Maria Nunez\*

3rd - Elaney Arzate\*

6th - Azarel Gutierrez

**Headline Writing**

1st - Maria Nunez\*

4th - Rosalia Silva

6th - Kaden Jeter

**Current Issues & Events**

5th - Jarrett White

6th - Dieter Ally

2nd Place Team

**Social Studies**

5th - Jarrett White

**Literary Criticism**

2nd - Yvonne Legarreta\*

4th - Johanna Campos

2nd Place Team

**Ready Writing**

1st - Andres Pinon\*

1st Place Speech Team\*

**Informative Speaking**

2nd - Amy Montana\*

**Persuasive Speaking**

1st - Breanna Rivera\*

3rd - Audree Reyes\*

5th - Anthony Diaz

**Poetry Interpretation**

1st - Amy Montana\*

Prose Interpretation



2nd - Karlee Osborn\*

**Lincoln & Douglas Debate**

2nd - Anthony Diaz\*

\*Regional Qualifier

### Frona School Calendar for May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Early Voting 7:00-7:00 -Pre-K Registration -Victory Senior Banquet	2 *Early Voting 7:00-7:00 -Pre-K Registration -Interbank Presentation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 -Pre-K Registration <b>Pre-K Registration</b> 	4 -Pre-K Registration -Jr. High Dance 6:00-9:00 -National Honors Society & English National Honors Society 6:00	5 -FHS All Sports Banquet 7:00 -Elementary Field Day	6 *Election Day - JH Tennis @ Brownfield -FHS Jr./Sr. Prom
7	8 -AG Speeches in HS Auditorium -Conexiones Diyians Senior Banquet	9 -District SDE @ Littlefield	10	11 -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition to JH Orientation	12 -HS Chieftain Challenge -Elementary Pride Tribe	13
14 *Mother's Day 	15 *Primary Awards Assembly 2:00 p.m. -Temple of Adoration Senior Banquet <b>-FISD School Board Meeting 7:00</b>	16 -Spring JH/HS Band Concert 6:00 p.m. -FFA Area Convention	17 -State Academics & Speech	18 -State Academics & Speech -High School Academic Awards	19 -JH Battle Royal Field Day 11:30-3:30 -FHS Senior Parade 7:00	20
21	22 -1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Day -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Day @ Wonderland -Elementary Awards in Auditorium	23 -Kinder Field Day -JH Awards Assembly 2:00 -AG Chapter Banquet	24 *Early Release for Student Only *FISD Staff Dinner @ Country Rose 6:00	25 *Early Release for Students and Staff -Elementary Talent Show	26 *2023 Graduation 	27 -State Solo/Ensemble
28 -State Solo/Ensemble	29 -State Solo/Ensemble	30				

# Friona Methodist Church Hosts Senior Banquet



Friona Methodist Church hosted the fourth FHS Senior banquet of the season last Monday evening. The Class of '23 dined on brisket, sausage, beans, hot bread, and a banana dessert. Pastor David McGaughy reminded the students that no matter where they go in life, Friona will always be home. Thanks to all the volunteers for making it a great evening. Victory Family Worship Center will host the next banquet on Monday, May 1st. See photos from the banquet tour at [www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com)

## Election Polling Locations and Dates

### FISD Board of Trustees

(Candidates for 2 positions)

- Glen London
- Shawn Pitsch
- Wade Schueler
- John Jarecki

#### Early Voting

April 24th - 28th from 8 am to 5 pm  
May 1st - May 2nd from 7 am to 7 pm  
**FISD Administration Office**  
909 E. 11th Street, Friona, TX

#### Election Day

May 6th from 7 am to 7 pm  
**Friona City Council Chambers**  
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

### PCHD Board of Directors

(Candidates for 2 positions)

- Danny Kendrick
- Greg O'Brian
- Ricky Barnett

#### Early Voting

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**Bovina EMS Building**  
109 3rd St., Bovina, TX



Early voting clerk Rocio Carrasco and student poll worker Tony Guerrero.



Student poll workers (l-r) — Front Row: Josh Gonzalez, Xuan Garcia, and Estefany Carrillo; Back Row: Reagan Daniels, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Election Administrator Rosa Mendez, and FHS program sponsor Kelly Ashlock.

Friona ISD

**Friona Independent School District**  
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Friona)  
**General Election**  
(Elección General)  
May 6, 2023  
(6 de mayo de 2023)

**Official Ballot**  
(Boleta Oficial)

**INSTRUCTION NOTE:**  
To vote complete the oval to the left of your choice, like this (●) It is permitted to vote up to two times for one candidate.  
**(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:**  
Llena el círculo que esta enseguida de opción por quien quieres votar, así (●) Se permite votar hasta dos veces por el mismo candidato.)

**SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
(Consejo de Administradores)  
Vote for two by darkening in ONLY two ovals  
(Vote for two by darkening ONLY two ovals)

Glen London  
Glen London  
Shawn Pitsch  
Shawn Pitsch  
Wade Schueler  
Wade Schueler  
John Jarecki  
John Jarecki

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

Parmer County Hospital Board District

**Parmer County Hospital Board District**  
(Distrito de la Junta de Hospitales del Condado de Parmer)  
**General Election**  
(Elección General)  
May 6, 2023  
(6 de mayo de 2023)

**Official Ballot**  
(Boleta Oficial)

**INSTRUCTION NOTE:**  
Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the name of the candidate(s).  
**(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:**  
Vote por el candidato(s) de su preferencia llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre del candidato(s).)

**Parmer County Hospital Board District**  
(Distrito de la Junta de Hospitales del Condado de Parmer)  
Vote for None, One, or Two  
(Vote for None, One, or Two)

Danny Kendrick  
Greg O'Brian  
Ricky Barnett

**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

# From Japan with Love

Hollis & Lunell Horton recently received a package from Japan. It was a gift from Keiichi Miyake. Hollis & Lunell met Keiichi in 1975 and have corresponded with him over the past 48 years. Below is a timeline of some of their interactions with Keiichi and his family.

**July 1975** - 20 year-old Keiichi Miyake, 20, from Koraskik, Japan, stays with Hollis & Lunell Horton and their family for six weeks as part of an exchange program sponsored by Lions Club International. Keiichi's father was a member of the Lions Club in Japan and the Youth Exchange Program was under-

taken for the purpose of young people traveling to different countries and sharing in the culture of that country; to learn the ways of the country and live as the natives live.

**January 1983** - While on a honeymoon trip to the United States, Keiichi and his wife Eiko, visit Hollis & Lunell at the Horton home in Friona. Keiichi has been attending college for six years studying architecture. Both of the newlywed's families are business people in Japan.

**April 2001** - Hollis and Lunell Horton make a trip to Japan to attend the 50th anniversary commemoration of General



Douglas MacArthur's 1951 departure from Japan. While in Japan, Hollis & Lunell visit Keiichi & Eiko and their son, Jun, and daughter, Nagi. They also meet Keiichi's mother, Yae-Ko Miyake.

**September 2017** - Keiichi travels to the United State to help celebrate Hollis' 90th birthday which is being held at Gilley's Complex in Dallas.

**March 2023** - "Granddad" Keiichi mails a gift to Hollis & Lunell with "good luck and get well" wishes. He has worked on the gift for over three years and just put it in a

box and sent it over. *Origami, the Japanese art of folding paper, often conjures images of paper cranes, or orizuru in Japanese. Origami was popularized and taught in Japanese schools in art class, and has since evolved as a childhood pastime. In Japanese lore, the crane—a type of large, migratory bird—was thought to live for 1,000 years, and the animals are held in the highest regard. Paper cranes are now a symbol of peace and are sent around the world to those places in need of healing.*





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## Kids Heart Challenge Event at Friona Elementary/Primary

Students at Friona Elementary/Primary jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in the Kids Heart Challenge Event. The students raised \$ 4,226.27 for the American Heart Association, which funds research, programs and education to fight heart disease and stroke. Kids Heart Challenge is a program that promotes physical activity and heart health through jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and SHAPE America-Society of Health and Physical Educators. Our Top 10 collectors for 2022-2023 are shown below. Friona Elementary would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2022-2023 Kids Heart Challenge Campaign.

In the photo (l-r) — Front: Jett Jarecki, Jace Jarecki, and Jesalyn Jarecki (Top Collectors) Back: Aide Rodriguez, Katiyah Perez, Hazel Portillo, Gabriel Garcia, Ariana Balli, Easton Smith, Kamiah Shelby, Teresa Alvidrez, Jonathan Luis Santiago, Jennifer Lilly Portillo, Owen Daniels, Jeremiah Garcia, Hailey Carrillo, Asher Suarez, Wylie Steelman