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Commissioners explain burn ban

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 13 at the County Courthouse in Farwell to discuss a short agenda and further explain the current burn ban.

Sheriff Randy Gerles asked for a clarification to the conditions of the current burn ban.

The Commissioners voted on February 27 to extend the burn ban until May 22, 2017 at which time they will reassess the situation.

The one exception to the ban is that if someone wants to burn they must abide by the following: if the wind is less than 10 miles per hour and they must call the Sheriff's Office or and the local fire department.

If someone does not abide by these mandates they are in violation of the burn ban and will be issued a citation. If they are given permission to burn they may still be liable for damages if the fire gets away from them.

If you are planning to burn remember to call the Sheriff's Office (806) 481-3303 and the fire department in your area. The fire departments in Parmer County are as follows: Friona Volunteer Fire Department-(806) 250-2711; Bovina Volunteer Fire Department-day (806) 251-1116 or night (806) 251-1212; Rhea Community Volunteer Fire Department-Chief Monty Schueler (806) 265-5337; Lazbuddie Volunteer Fire Department-Chief Kasey Whatley (806) 647-8320; or Farwell Volunteer Fire Department-Chief Daniel Kaltwasser (575) 799-3439. The next Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom in Farwell.

FHS seeks Distinguished Graduate nominees

Friona Independent School District is pleased to announce the continuation of the Friona High School "Hall of Distinguished Graduates". The purpose of this Hall is to honor and recognize former graduates who have exhibited strong personal character and integrity, while attaining prominence in their elected fields of endeavor, and through their accomplishments have had a positive impact on society.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Gained recognition and prominence in his/her field of endeavor
2. Person of good character and integrity
3. Positive impact on society

Eligibility:

1. Friona High School Graduate (Eligible 10 years after graduation) or
2. An individual who has made exceptional contributions to Friona High School

If you would like to nominate a candidate who meets the above referenced criteria and eligibility, please contact Erika Montana at (806) 250-3951 and request a Friona High School "Hall of Distinguished Graduates Nominee Application Form. Nominations will be accepted through March 30th. Candidates will be notified March 31.

Hospital board election cancelled

At their March meeting, the Board of Directors for Parmer County Hospital District cancelled the election for May 6 as the incumbent board members, Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley were unopposed. Kendrick and Neelley will serve a two-year term. Existing board members include Dale Schueler, Dennis Anthony and Brett Whitten.

Senior can recycling trailer available

The 2017 FHS Senior Class is asking the community to come together and recycle their empty cans for a good cause. The trailer is located at 102 E. 8th Street next to the Police/Fire Station. The proceeds from the recycling trailer will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Senior All-Night Party after graduation. The Class of 2017 wish to thank the community for their support.

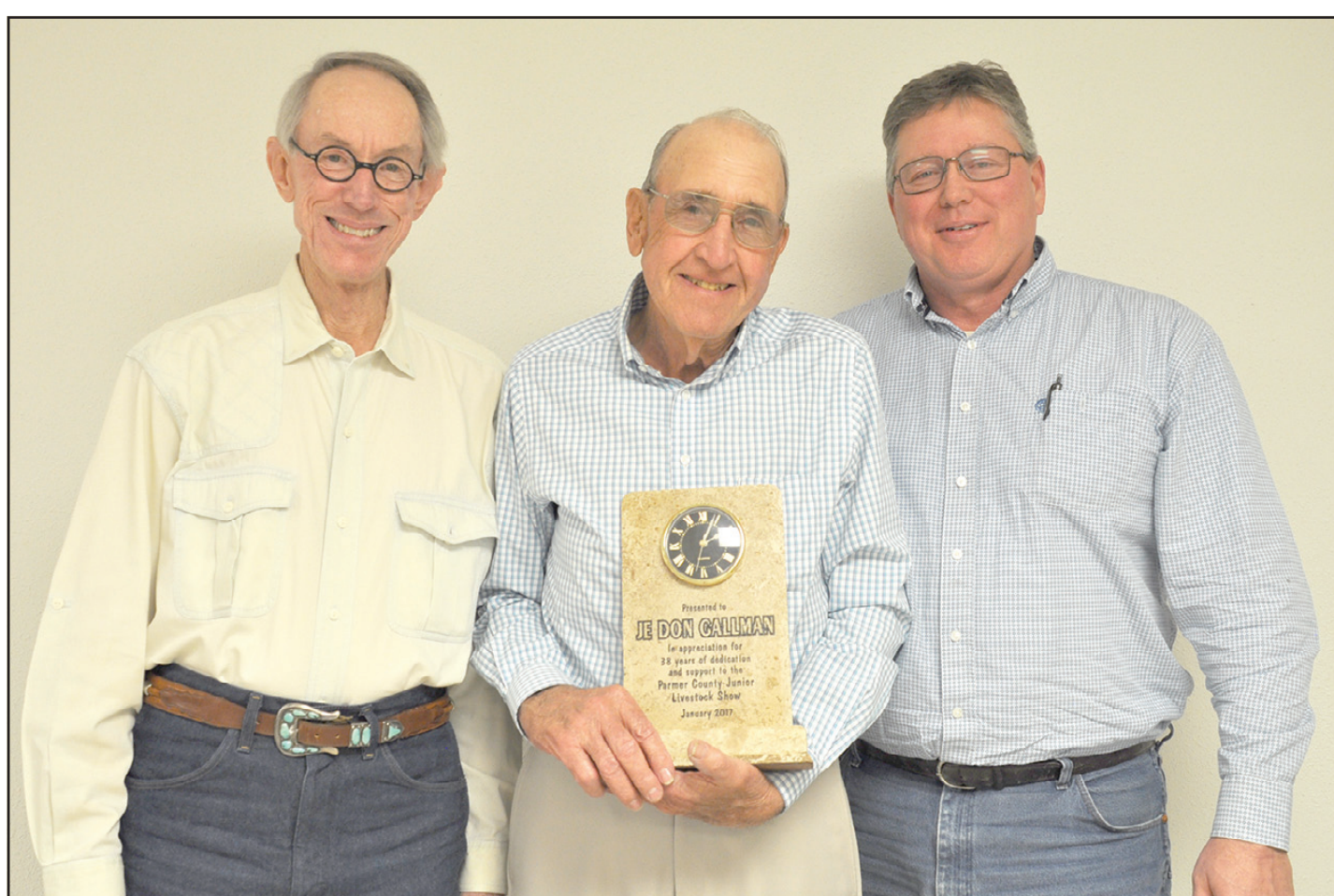
Senior Steak Dinner April 2

The 2017 FHS Senior Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria, 1001 Euclid. They will be serving up 8 oz. ribeye steaks accompanied by baked potatoes, green beans and rolls. Advance tickets are \$15. At the door tickets will be \$16. Takeout will be available.

The dinner will benefit the 2017 Senior Class alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration. So mark your calendar and come out for a delicious meal while helping this year's Senior Class.

No school Monday, April 3

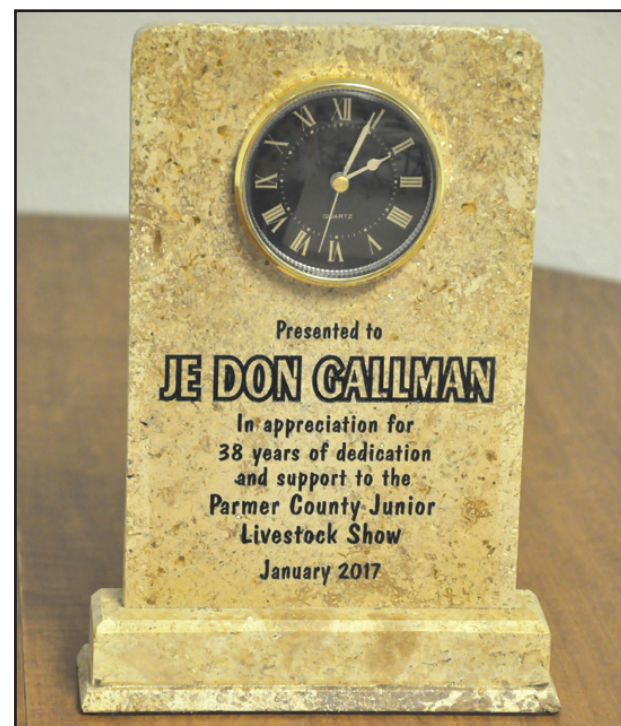
FISD will hold a district-wide staff development day on Monday, April 3. Students will be out of school that day.



Thank You JeDon!

dana jameson photos

The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Board honored JeDon Gallman Thursday, March 9 at a dinner meeting at Vet Industries. Gallman had devoted 38 years to the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show. He was dedicated to the organization and the kids who were showing animals in the local and county shows. He retired in January from the board. Also pictured are Mack Heald, left, and Greg O'Brian. Heald also retired at the board meeting on Thursday after 43 years in Parmer County.



Council receives update on local ambulance service

The Friona City Council met in regular session Monday, March 13 at the Council Chambers, 619 Main Street to discuss an eighteen item agenda.

After approving the last meetings minutes the Council heard from Jim Taylor about an adjustment to a water bill. The Council agreed to make the adjustment and waive any late charges.

The City will not hold an election this year after declaring that each unopposed candidate is elected. However, they will be working with Friona ISD during their Trustee election on May 6, 2017. They approved Mary Ford and Rebecca Ramos as election clerks the day of the election and Rosa Mendez and Imelda Saucedo as election clerks during early voting which will begin Friday, April 14 at the FISD Administration office.

The Council approved the audit report presented by Randall Field, P.C. for the fiscal year October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016.

Police Chief Isidro Jimenez reported to the Council concerning the police department's activities for the month of January and the drug bust that was initiated at the

Cottonwood Apartments were two suspects where taken into custody for manufacturing and distributing meth as well as having a number of weapons.

Bovina Police Chief Eric Geske spoke to the Council concerning to a Memorandum of Understanding concerning a multi-jurisdictional Crime Scene Response Team. According to Geske, a grant has been acquired to cover the cost of the vehicle being built and delivered. The vehicle would be used for not only crime scene investigation but as a mobile command center in the case of disasters including fires, tornadoes, etc. The unit would be manned by members of law enforcement from Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Muleshoe, Parmer and Bailey County. The Council approved the signing of the memorandum.

The Council approved to take action on negotiating a resolution between the Atmos West Texas Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp. regarding the company's 2016-rate review filing. They declared the existing rate to be unreasonable and will adopt tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement.

Approval was given to dispose of the City of Friona's 2013 voting records and the Friona ISD 2016 voting records due to the maximum time having expired for destruction.

The Council gave approval for 2017 tax roll exemptions and took action on the February accounts payable and financial statement.

EMS Director Jeannie Martin delivered an update on the ambulance situation. She stated that the ambulance that was wrecked recently is now at City Body Shop awaiting repairs. She went on to explain that they are sending an application for a grant to the Governor's Extraordinary Emergency Fund. The grant will help with the purchase of a new ambulance to be added to the overburdened Friona EMS. The city will be opening up bids for the cost of a new ambulance in the near future.

With a third ambulance there will be a need for more personnel to staff the units. Friona EMS will possibly be opening up applications for EMS personnel.

The next Council meeting is Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

APS is not the bad guy

Hammett addresses misconceptions about APS

Adult Protective Services (APS) Supervisor Susan Hammett met with a group of community members on Tuesday evening at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria to discuss some of the misconceptions surrounding APS.

Hammett is not a stranger to this area. She served this area from 1995-2001 before becoming a supervisor in Amarillo in 2001. She has a Masters in Social Work and is on the West Texas A&M University faculty.

Hammett stated that APS is not the bad guy. They are called in to investigate abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or isolation of the elderly and adults with disabilities.

"We respect the person and their rights," stated Hammett. "We 'social work' a situation to the end while investigating every case."

"In 2010 more than 2.5 mil-



lion Texans were age 65 or older, according to population projections. Nearly one out of seven adults with a disability, and almost one-half of people over 65 have a disability. Many live alone or are dependent on other for care."

Once a report is made the case is prioritizing and they begin working on getting help to those suffering from the abuse, neglect or exploitation.

At this time there are seven investigators in the Panhandle area. Each investigator is investigating 100+ cases each at any given time. They investigate approximately 15-20 cases in Parmer County a month.

The State of Texas is the leading authority in Adult Protective Services in the United States. They receive between 60,000 and 70,000 calls for assistance each month. Their hotline has 300 people answering phones 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Accountability is number one priority with APS. There is documentation throughout the process of working with a client.

APS reminds those making reports to be specific with the

abused, neglected or exploited person's name, age, problem with the person, and the reason why they are calling in the situation. (A list of signs can be found on page 10)

"We are not everything to everybody" stated Hammett, "but we will help the client find the best way to deal with the situation."

Helping the client may include finding them another place to live, helping them with the bills, medications, and many other services. There are specific mandates they must follow and not everyone will qualify.

If you suspect elderly abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or isolation report it to the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or report the incident online at <https://www.txabuse-hotline.org>. If you believe it is a life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.

PUBLIC MEETING

Parmer County Memorial Park Cemetery

All members, family members and anyone who is interested.

Thursday,
March 23 2017
7 p.m.
Friona InterBank

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

March 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Prairie Acres St. Patrick's Day party at 3 p.m.

March 18
Girl's Powerlifting State Meet in Waco
FHS Track @ Tucumcari Meet
V/JV Baseball vs. Dalhart at Home 12/2:30

March 20
SPRING BEGINS

March 21
Chieftain Golf at River Road HS
Inventional
Bovina Chamber Banquet
JV/V Baseball vs San Jacinto at Home 4:30/6:30
JV/V Tennis Tournament in Sundown
DSEC Annual Meeting in Hereford 5:30 p.m.
Prairie Acres Family Bingo Night @ 7 p.m.

March 22
District UIL Academic Meet at Wayland Baptist

March 23
FJHS Track @ Dimmitt Meet
Pre-K Parent conferences
FISD Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. at Administration Building

March 24
FHS Track @ Dimmitt Meet
Pre-K Parent Conferences
V/JV Tennis Tournament in Levelland
One-Act Play Bi-District at Tulia

March 25
Boy's Powerlifting State Meet in Abilene
JV/V Baseball vs. Dimmitt at Home 12/2:30
V/JV Tennis Tournament at Levelland
One-Act Play Bi-District in Tulia

March 27
Chieftain Golf at District Tournament in Plainview
Parmer County Commissioner Court meets at 10 a.m. at the County Courtroom in Farwell

March 28
V/JV Tennis Tournament in Levelland

March 28-31
Friona Junior High STAAR testing

March 29
FHS Spring picture day

March 30
2nd Grade Music program 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.
FJHS Track @ Muleshoe Meet
FHS English II EOC
Primary Class/Individual Picture Day

Country Thoughts
dana jameson



Ready to play the wheel?

If you commit a crime in Brevard County, Florida you could end up on the newest game show "Wheel of Fugitive!" This was the brainchild of Sheriff Wayne Ivey.

Sheriff Ivey goes on television and spins the wheel and the picture it lands on becomes the new "fugitive of the week."

Sounds silly, but it seems to be working. The Sheriff said that 76 percent of criminals they arrest knew they were on the Wheel of Fugitive. (five minutes of fame?)

According to CBS, the department has received a number of complaints that this is a demeaning way to find fugitives.

Why is this demeaning? The fugitive was arrested for some reason. RIGHT?

In Parmer County if you log on to the Sheriff's website you can see pictures of the inmates that are being housed in the county jail. This is not uncommon.

In many cities this is a normal practice. In Hereford, the police department encouraged the newspaper to use the photos of the fugitives with the police reports.

Check out the FBI and CIA websites. They post photos of the REALLY bad fugitives.

I understand that it is an embarrassment to the family of the fugitive for their mugshot to be published or even flashed on the

television screen. However, it does not stop the family from calling the police department and the newspaper to verbally assault them. I have been there and it does happen. It is not pretty and can be quite frightening.

Unfortunately, the fugitive's relatives that make those calls can be charged with issuing a terroristic threat and the result is one more arrest. And the cycle continues.

There is always an excuse why

the fugitive was right and the police were wrong. My question to them is, "Have you attempted to right the wrong?"

Most of them say they can't get anyone to listen to them because the police are prejudice. I hate that word. It is a crutch when nothing else works to get attention.

There are bad people in every occupation but because a person puts on a police uniform it is assumed they are instantly prejudice against everyone.

Sheriff Ivey is probably fielding angry calls right now because he made the national news on Tuesday morning. His office probably handles many of those calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Personally, I would really like to know who these people are that have put themselves above the law. I have a tendency to avoid those people.

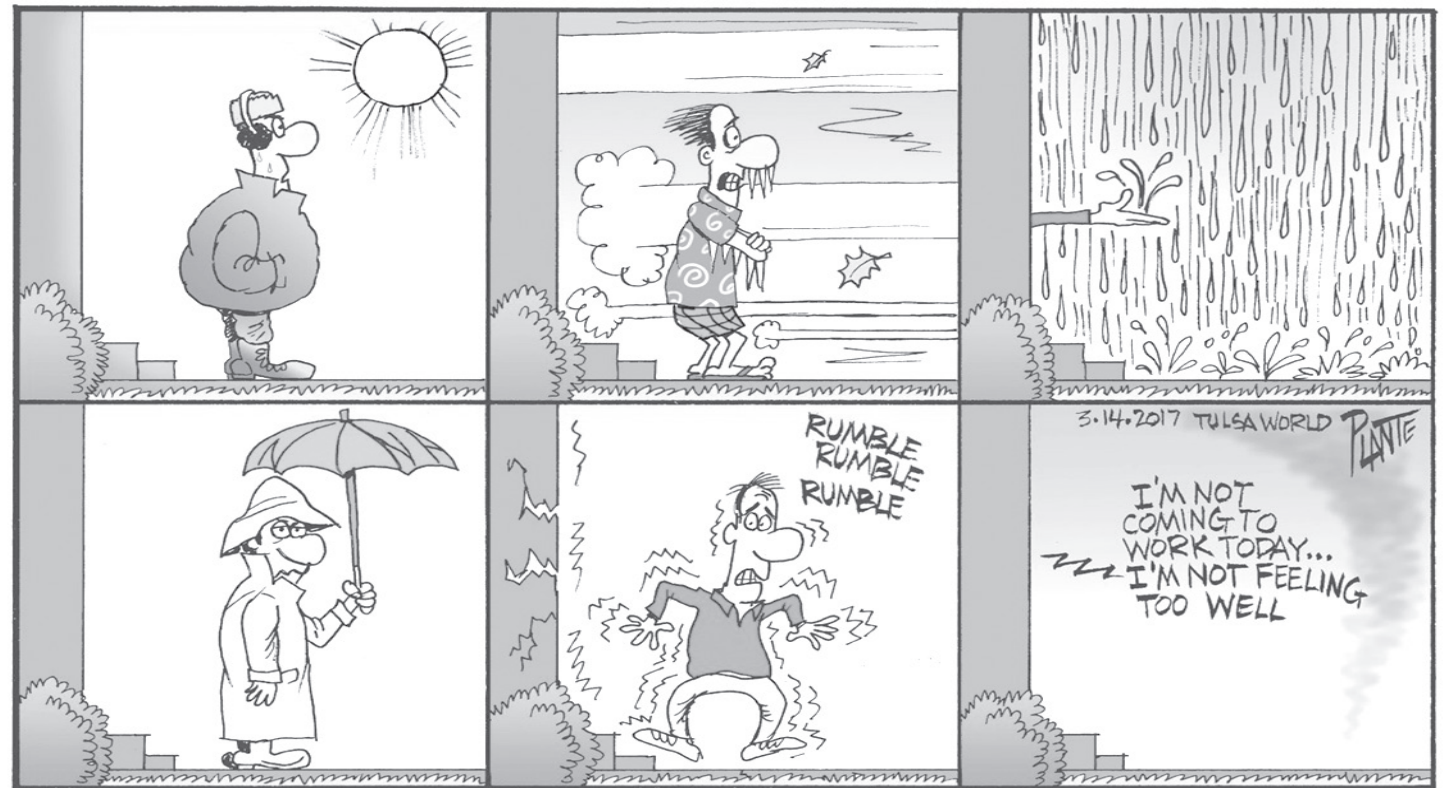
We have all done something in our lives that we are not proud of and would not brag about. I can

say, at this time, I have never been arrested, fingerprinted or taken into custody.

There are two sides to every story. Sheriff Ivey is just taking a very direct route to finding the bad people and hearing their side of the story.

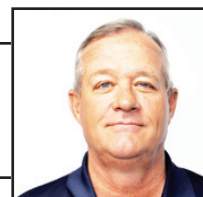
Here is a thought: If you don't want to see your picture on the "Wheel of Fugitives" it might be a good idea to not commit a crime.

Maybe Sheriff Ivey is on to something. We will see!



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White



The Chamber of Commerce Banquet was a huge success. Once again, Chris Alexander and the Chamber Board did a great job. The meal was very good. Xcel Energy did a great job cooking the rib-eye steaks.

Kitty Gallman did a great job speaking to the public about a need that faces our community. One of our ambulances was involved in a wreck and will be out of service for an extended amount of time. We have a need for another ambulance to better assist our community during emergency situations and for transfers. Currently, we are borrowing an ambulance from Bailey County and we are very grateful for this loan. A committee has been created to research the different possibilities of receiving another ambulance. The committee consists of Kitty Gallman, Kathryn Goddard, Sharon White, Skip Hodges, Jeannie Martin and myself. The committee met on

3/13/17 in the City Chambers to discuss the possibility to receive funding for a third ambulance from the state called Governor's Extraordinary Emergency Fund. The fund is set aside by the state each fiscal year from the EMS and Trauma Care System Account (911 Funds). Jeannie Martin (EMS Coordinator) has completed the application and will be faxing all required information and documents to the state for their evaluation and hopefully an approval to fund an ambulance for the City of Friona. If the state denies the application, the committee will continue to research other avenues to accomplish our goal of adding one more ambulance to the existing fleet. We will keep the public informed of our research and progress concerning this opportunity in the near future.

The Police Department is getting closer to a "move in" date to their new home (Old Credit Union). The remodeling has

been completed and it looks great. A few things need to be completed before they can move in: install phones, radios need to be moved to new location and installed by PRPC and the DPS antenna disk will need to be moved along with the video cameras.

The Volunteer Fire Department responded to six calls in February. On 2/10/17, a grass fire one mile east of Bovina on Highway 60. Responding were two trucks and four firemen. On 2/13/17, a car accident five mile south on Highway 214. Responding were three trucks and nine firemen. On 2/20/2017, a car accident eight miles south on Highway 214 and one mile east on Highway 86. Responding were four trucks and 13 firemen. On 2/25/17, a grass fire at 604 East 9th. Responding were two trucks and seven firemen. On 2/27/17, a car accident four miles east Highway 60. Responding were three trucks and

nine firemen. On 2/28/2017, a grass fire on 2131 County Road 23. Responding were six trucks and 13 firemen.

The panhandle has been devastated by many grass fires. Unfortunately, the fires have taken several lives, destroyed many homes and has affected many families. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from their losses.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 281 calls in February. There were 11 stops, 63 warnings, 47 citations and 12 arrests including 3-no driver's license, 1-driving while license invalid, 4-assault, 1-interference with emergency phone call, 1-unlawful carrying a weapon in a public places, 1-terroristic threat in public place in fear of serious bodily injury and 1-warrant arrest. The officers drove a total of 3,792 miles patrolling and protecting our city.

Judge Campbell had 35 new

cases in February. There were 16 cases of trial by judge that pled guilty and two cases were dismissed. Total fines collected were \$6,918.99 and court cost equaled \$2,643.81.

The Emergency Medical Services responded to 28 calls in February. There were 13 calls for 9-1-1, 8 calls for transfers and 7 calls resulted in a "no transfer". Payments collected equaled \$14,855.14 and billing totaled \$30,466.05.

The city pumped 10,374,400 gallons of water and sold 8,274,000 gallons during February. Payments collected \$52,438.16 on 1,430 accounts.

Accounts payable totaled \$446,350.75 for February. This is higher than normal due to a bond and interest payment to Bank of New York, \$213,872.50 and First Financial Bank N.A., \$125,350.63. All bills were paid and our city is in good standings.

Your Mayor

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- "Bullet" Bob Hayes won 1964 gold in 100m
- TXism: "como ____" (How are you?)
- in Hudspeth County: Mc ____, TX
- TXism: "on his ____" (alert)
- Galveston-filmed "Capricorn ____"
- TXism: "it'll do ____" (adequate)
- Gulf shrimp catchers
- TX Tanya tune: "____ King"
- TX Roy Orbison's "____ Pretty Woman"
- "what ____ around comes around"
- TX Hamblen's "This ____ House"
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- TX Capitol statue "Freedom" has a ____ Roman helmet
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- wife of late TX John Connally (init.)
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- TXism: "____ your poison" (choose)
- TXism: "at the ____ hat"
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- "yes" south of the border
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- fodder tying
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- TXism: "he can stay neck 'n neck with ____ TX jackrabbit"
- TXism: "____ soul" (no one)

DOWN

- home of TWU and UNT
- TXism: "busy ____-armed paper hanger"
- Galveston's "Strand" was once known as "Wall ____ the Southwest"
- San Marcos is seat of this county
- TXism: "honest as the day ____ long"
- TX Quid film: "The ____ Lights Went Out in Georgia"
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Town Talk

FISD announced this week there will be no school Monday, April 3. They will be holding a District-wide Staff Development.

Although there will be no school on April 3 there are still scheduled events. The FHS Golf team will be at the District Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Course. JV Baseball will play Texico here at 5 p.m. AND St. Teresa's Catholic Church will celebrate the Senior Class at their annual Senior Banquet, which will start at 6:30 p.m.

Speaking of the Senior Class they will be serving up delicious steaks and all the fixings on Sunday, April 2 at the Junior High Cafeteria. Tickets are available from any Class of 2017 Senior or their parents. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$16 at the door.

Thank you to the Parmer County Livestock Show Board for inviting me to their meeting last Thursday. They served up yummy barbecue beef sandwiches with all the fixings. They met to honor JeDon Gallman for his years of service to the board and working with the livestock showmen.

Got news last week that Adrienne Osborn Vasquez had sold Main Street Market in Hereford

to Judy and Kyle Shelton. The sale was made in January after Adrienne got the opportunity to work closer to home and spend more time with her family. She says the Shelton's are wonderful people that have a vision for the shop.

It was brought to our attention that former Chamber President Gayla Quillen had served in that capacity for three years. Gayla is the administrator at Parmer Medical Center. Gayla, thank you for your service to the chamber and the community!

Last weekend was a busy one for the Frona sporting community. The Chieftain Relays were held Thursday (FJHS) and Friday (FHS). Plenty of jumping, running and throwing to be seen. The action continued on Saturday with the Chieftains taking on Muleshoe. The Chiefs beat the Mules 18-11. Moreover, to top the weekend, the FHS Powerlifters had Mario Hernandez and Luis Trejo advance to state competition by being named Regional Champions at the Regional Meet in Sundown. Congratulations to all the athletes!

If you are looking for a short getaway, you might attend the New Mexico Ag Expo March 24-25 in Portales. It looks like they are packing these two days

with many educational and enjoyable activities. Check out the schedule in their ad next week in the Star.

Snack Pak 4 Kids will get a big boost from the Hi-Pro Feeds the Future Dinner on April 1 at 6 p.m. with a catered meal by The Country Rose and held at their venue at 570 FM 1057 in Summerfield. If you would like to make a donation for the two auctions, purchase tickets or sponsor a table call Hi-Pro Feeds at (806) 250-2791, go by their office or email at varla.wilcox@hiprofeeds.com.

We received the following announcement from the Ambulance Steering Committee: The ambulance steering committee met this week and is happy to report that progress is being made not only on the purchase of a new ambulance but also on the repair of the wrecked ambulance. The application for a grant to fund the purchase of a new ambulance has been completed and faxed to the funding source. The city officials and EMT personnel last week tried out a demo model of an ambulance, and they were pleased with its features. The wrecked ambulance was moved to the City Body Shop in Frona and is already receiving attention to its repairs. The committee appreciates the offers of financial support from community members and the positive comments that we have received.

Noel and Laura (Ellis) Garcia were in town this week. They were cleaning Carol's house and while doing some sorting they ran across some very interesting items. One of those items was a diploma for Herschel W. Johnson from 1934. Inside the sheepskin were not only the diploma but pictures and articles concerning Herschel and his wife Edith.

I had to do some detective work and found out Herschel was Joe Bob Johnson's father. With a lot of help from Dusty Hansard and Darla Bracken, we found the rightful owners of this wonderful memorabilia.

Rick White announced at the City Council meeting on Monday that he plans to retire after 40 years from Cargill Meat Solutions. His final day is May 31. Awesome job, Rick!

Happy 32nd Anniversary to Doug and Ann Kelley! Congratulations Doug & Ann!

We were informed that the FHS One Act Play-Anatomy of Gray won alternate at District competition. Lydia Alexander was named to the All-Star cast and Drew Montana was named Honorable Mention. Congratulations Thespians!

Katie Gilley came by the office with one of her delicious cheesecake creations. This one was a Coconut Cheesecake

and it one of the best cheesecakes I have ever had. Great Job, Katie!

Crystal Moroney at Milk House Market announced that she has a special section of her store for those that are expecting babies. She has a good selection of cute clothing and sweet toys for those new arrivals. Come by and check it out.

Thank you to Bluebonnet Home Health for the informative meeting concerning Adult Protective Services. APS Supervisor Susan Hammett gave

a very interesting talk about what APS goes through to investigate and help those elderly and adults with disabilities that are being abused, neglected, financially exploited or isolated. Thank you to Rhonda Sanders and Bluebonnet presenting this timely program to the community.

Well, one more busy week down. Remember to give us a call with your Town Talk news.

Have a great weekend and a productive next week!

Retired Teachers Update

By Connie Slagle



Tabitha Carthel

Parmer County Retired Teachers and Service Personnel (PCRTSP) met on March 7 to learn about Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) in a program presented by Tabitha Carthel, occupational therapist at Parmer Medical Center.

SPD occurs in one out of twenty children. Forty percent of children diagnosed with ADHD, and ninety percent of children with autism spectrum disorders have SPD. Children with this disorder may be over or under responsive to sensory stimulation.

Using various toys and devices, Ms. Carthel discussed treatments and classroom modifications that can be used to help SPD students. This program would be very valuable for current educators, but was also interesting to retirees since many continue to work with children as volunteers.

PCRTSP donated an impressive 16,000 volunteer hours to the community in 2016.

Gayla Quillin, Parmer Medical Center administrator, led a discussion about changes in Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance.

PCRTSP will probably have a called meeting later in the summer when details are more certain. Everyone is invited to attend.

Refreshments were served by president Tracy Ellis. The next meeting will be an ice cream supper to welcome new members in June.

BOOK SHOPPE NEWS

BY CONNIE SLAGLE

Deirdre Osborn and Adrienne Vasquez recently donated an enormous number of Hallmark and Shobox greeting cards to the Book Shoppe. Osborn and Vasquez are the former owners of Main Street Market in Hereford. These cards are FREE in exchange for a visit to the Book Shoppe.

You could use these in the normal way, or you could use them for craft projects. Teachers could use them to teach the proper way to address a letter or just to help their students remember special people. Church groups, Sonshine School, 4-H, Bigs, senior citizens, Heritage Estates, Scouts, ESL or art classes – so many groups could use these for various projects.

Please visit the book shop and choose a few – or a few boxes. The Book Shoppe, which is located at 119 West 6th, is open Wednesday 3-5:30 p.m. or call 265-5811 for an appointment.

Thank you so much for the honor of being named Frona's Citizen of the Year for 2016.

I appreciate the mystery person who nominated me, the Chamber of Commerce, and everyone else for their kind remarks.

A special thanks goes to my husband, Dennis Slagle, my daughter, Jamie Lewellen, and all the friends who helped with various projects. I would accomplish very little without them.

Connie Slagle

Frona Flashbacks



News from the week of March 14, 1982

*Perry Joe Church, of Frona, has been named the 1982-82 Red Raider for Texas Tech University.

*Among the honors announced by Frona High School in recent student elections were: Stanley Ellis and Erika pope, most talented; Diane Johnston and Robert Osborn, most friendly.

*Coach Mikie Simpson was shown with four members of the FHS girls track squad. Those members were Diane Johnston, Judy McLellan, Stephanie Lane and DeeAnn Harguess. Frona was competing in the Panhandle Relays.

*The foundation for the new water storage tank for the City

of Frona just north of the city was poured this week, as work has begun on the city's water project.

*Frona students making the Texas Tech University honor roll included Chris Barnett, Kyle Barnett, John Carson, Dean Church, David Fleming, Jay Jarboe, Kimberly Smiley, and

Holly White.

*March 13, 1977...The Frona City Council voted this week to take over the ambulance service for Parmer County effective April 1, 1977. Effective that date, Parson-Ellis, which has operated the service in the past will relinquish all ambulance calls to the city.

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Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



A library's greatest blessings...are its users.

These are the people who give us reason for being and who help qualify us for funding support. While it is a great reward to be able to serve the people in our tax support area and surrounding areas (many of whom are long-time users—family, friends and neighbors) occasionally we get to serve those from far beyond our small town city limits.

Such was the case last week when a female truck driver from the east coast visited while waiting for her truck to be loaded at Cargill. She is not the first such visitor we have had, but she definitely made a good, lasting impression. Wanting to make the best use of her 'wait time,' she googled for a public library nearby and was a bit surprised to find one.

When we arrived at 9 a.m., there was this huge truck tractor parked in front of the west wing. She came in and seemed quite impressed by how nice our library was for a town our size. She thought there might be more people inside, although it was early. As we assisted her on one of our lab computers, she accomplished her task hoping to find employment that might keep her closer to home. She promised to send us a postcard. It is very rewarding to be able to serve someone like that from near or far. It is what libraries do.

Then at the other end of the spectrum are the little people, the beginners. A mother and daughter who are new in town also came to visit and asked for some books from her daughter's favorite series of books. Alas! We did not have any from that author, so we offered to order

some interlibrary loan. Few of our area libraries had them either so we introduced her to our website and the Tumblebooks database. The little girl came behind the desk and stood by me as we showed her mother the product and it drew her in! How rewarding to be able to serve that busy young mom with a tool that will be great for her young daughter beginning reading. (Oh, and by the way, we ordered some new books in that series for our library for that child at the gateway of lifelong learning.

It's Spring Break! Don't miss your chance to visit your local library and see all of the new books we have added to the collection since your last visit or see us at www.fronalibrary.org and explore the databases and services available there. There are some great resources available.

New on the Bookshelf: (see also online www.fronalibrary.org) Always By My Side: a story of a faithful canine companion by Edward Grinnan, edi-

tor of Guideposts; Innkeeper of Ivy Hill by Julie Klassen; Painters Daughter by Julie Klassen; Retire Inspired by Chris Hogan; Bone Box by Faye Kellerman; Britt-Marie Was Here by Backman (author of A man called Ove); Race By Richard North Patterson; Death Knocking, Life Calling true story by Randy and Mary Ann Gallaway; Renewable Energy Home Handbook by Porter; Ripper by Patricia Cornwell; Shackles From the Deep: a story of ancient shipwreck by Cottman; Death of a Ghost by M.C. Beaton.

Memorial for the Friendship Garden in loving memory of Juanita Wright by Don and Janice Loafman of Plainview.

Thanks to Thomas Reed and Deirdre Osborn for their new donations to the Friends Used Book Shoppe, 119 W 6th, which will be open Wednesdays 3 to 5:30 through the end of March according to our new Citizen of the Year, Shoppe Keeper Connie Slagle.

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~Psalm 27~

Confident in the Lord

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" is the confident anthem of Psalm 27. In fact, this entire Psalm resounds with utmost confidence in the Lord, and is a massive encouragement for even the most depressed soul. The confidence that is expressed in this Psalm is not a confidence that comes from circumstances, money, health, relationships, popularity or other worldly sources, but is a confidence that is found only in the Lord. In commenting on this Psalm, Warran Wiersbe said, "He is our light, so we need not fear because of darkness; He is our strength, so we need not fear because of our weakness; and He is our salvation, so the victory is sure."

This sure assurance of daily trust in the Lord flows from a deep personal relationship with the Lord. As you seek the Lord daily, and become increasingly mesmerized by His love, power, grace and presence, the Lord's courage and strength floods your soul. The grandeur of who He is overshadows the problems and enemies you face, in which you can proclaim that the Lord is your stronghold and strength.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

Tragedy Changes Worlds

By TEENA HUGHS

Tragedy affects each of us in different ways. For sure, tragedy changes our world.

In light of a friend's sudden death and last week's fires, I have thought about and talked to friends in Kansas I haven't talked to in years.

We get busy and tied up with our own lives, and unless something like tragedy happens, we seldom take the time to stay in touch with some people.

I had already been planning to make 2017 the year I actually kept the promises I have made to people: to call them, to stop by and visit when I am in their area, to have lunch with them, etc. So, I have asked God to remind me of those I have made such promises to, and I am starting the process of keeping those promises.

On the way home from a wedding this weekend, we heard a sermon about how we cannot change the world unless we change ourselves. Changing ourselves starts first with getting our lives right with God. I believe keeping promises is important, especially promises we make to God. I believe God is disappointed when we don't keep promises to Him or anyone else.

I tell people I will call or stop and see them, but I am always in a hurry, so I think I will stop or call later. Whatever the excuse, that is what it is: an excuse that is all about me, myself, and I, and my convenience.

To change my world, I need to be less concerned about me and more concerned about others. Only God knows how an act of kindness will change someone's world.

Many worlds changed last week: farmers and ranchers burned out; lives lost; animals destroyed. But, whether the victim of tragedy or the giver/provider of an act of kindness, life will never be the same; their worlds have changed forever.

We don't know the hour or day we will leave this earth. The time is now to make those changes, keep those promises, become the person God has created you to be. Change your world, and allow God to use you to change others' worlds.

OBITUARIES

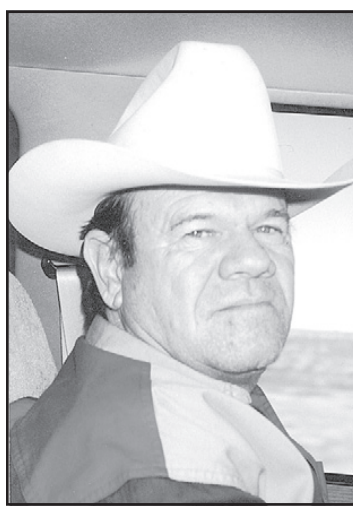
Dee Taylor

Dee Taylor, 74, of Hereford, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Memorial Service were held Monday, March 13, 2017 at the Frio Baptist Church with Pastor's James Peach, Brett Hoyle and Deanie Lambert officiating. Arrangements were handled by Mendez and Mullins Family Funeral Home of Hereford.

Dee was born June 28, 1942 in Hereford, Texas to Lem Deward and Virginia Juanice (Brooks) Taylor. He had been in the Frio-Hereford community since 1962. Dee was a farmer and owner of Maverick Fertilizer. He married Linda Sue Peek on March 22, 1975. He was a member of the Frio Baptist Church, Easter Lion's Club, Young Farmers and was on the nominating committee for the West Texas Rural Telephone Company.

Dee enjoyed hunting deer, pheasant and elk, but his greatest love and joy were his grandchildren. Dee was a man of few words, but he loved to tell a good joke, always with a smile on his face and happy. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to his neighbor or to others, no matter the situation.

He is survived by his wife Linda Sue Taylor of Hereford; a son, Todd Taylor and his wife Cookie of Hereford, a daughter, LesLee Lickey and her husband Brian of Amarillo, a son, Mark Anthony and his wife Belinda of Friona, a daughter, Laurie Paetzold and her husband Walter of Hereford,



a brother, Kenny Taylor of Hereford, a sister, Robin Broyles and her husband Johnny of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Taylor and Shirlee Lambert both of Avery and a brother-in-law, Bill Peek of Clarksville; 11 grandchildren, Taggart and Turner Taylor, Madee and Ryan Lickey, Britany Field, Kathy Sue Anthony and Ben Anthony, Ally Turney, Ashton Holmes, Mason Paetzold and Logan Paetzold; and four great grandchildren, Tyler Turney, Maisy Turney, Bryleigh Field and Kingston Field.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Deward and Juanice Taylor; a brother, Larry Taylor; and a great grandson, Jace Turney.

Memorials can be made to the Frio Baptist Church, 322 FM 1055, Hereford, TX. 79045, or to a favorite charity.

You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.mendezandmullins.com.

Howard Albert Johnson

Howard Albert Johnson, 94, of Friona, died Saturday, March 11, 2017. Celebration Of Life service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Pastor Bobby Broughton, officiating. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.

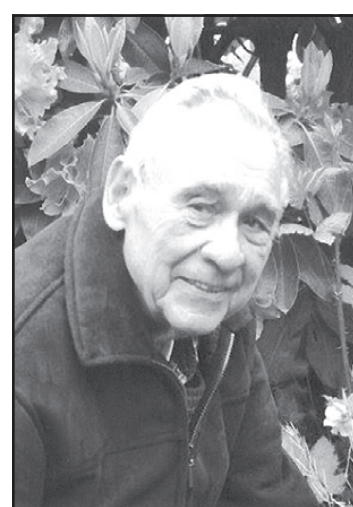
Howard was born November 14, 1922 in Highland Park, Illinois to August Gerhard and Mary Lehtinen Johnson. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant and was a long time member of the American Legion. He married his life and ministry partner, Doris Margaret Weidman June 7, 1947 in Highland Park, Illinois.

Howard was an aeronautical engineer with the Boeing Corporation for several years. He and his wife served God in many ways as members of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Normandy Park, Washington. Together, they helped many in need as Airport Chaplains of the Seattle to Tacoma route.

Howard was also an avid gardener and fisherman.

He is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Survivors include one daughter,



Karen Baker and husband John of Friona; one son, Roger Johnson and wife Clarissa of Missouri, City, Texas; extended family, Jack Hartness and wife Linda and their 3 children of Cottage Grove, Oregon; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

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



If any of you lacks wisdom he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

Panhandle Parables

Beyond The Blue Revisited

By JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

I started sharing my articles with the Friona Star around February of 2011. What you are about to reread is one of the first ones shared. I wanted to revisit this idea as a reminder and I will add a little at the end.

There was a time in the history of the world that it was believed that the world was flat. There was a time that man did not even fathom flying like a bird, yet this too has come to pass. How about television, telephones, electricity, heart transplants, computers, Internet... These too have come to pass. In all the changes mankind has seen, one thing can be recognized about the past...God was.

We marvel at the latest medical technologies. We live a life with daily schedules that boggle the mind. We attempt to do 48 hours of work in 24. Life is in perpetual motion. What happens in a life full of change, busy schedules, crisis, and unrest? In all this there is one thing that remains the same...God is.

As we look to the future many things have yet come to light. We prepare for space travel to become part of everyday life. We look to new frontiers to conquer, whether it is a final cure for cancer or a space colony on Mars. Nations will rise and fall. In the uncertainty of the future, there is one thing that is for sure...God is to come.

God knew man would need history for reference, present

for experience, and future for vision. That is why He is in all three. When you look at yourself, has God been in your past? Is He in your present? God was, God is, God is to come! Is He in your future?

There are times in life when the past, present and future collide. I often see these times when a family is dealing with the loss of a loved one. They reflect on the past, are in a state of shock at the present and are rattled about the future. I have sat with families praying for some word of inspiration that did not come. I have listened to the stories of happier times and even a future now uncertain, and although I may find few words to comfort what I believe and know is that God has not moved. He still can be found in the past, present and future. God was, God is, God is to come!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

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Heading to State Powerlifting, Mario Hernandez and Luis Trejo! The team placed second overall! Pictured, l-r, Nathan Flores, Mario Hernandez, Marin Santiago, Coach Daniel Rosales, Luis Trejo, Juan Trejo and Edwin Garcia.

Hernandez, Trejo advance to state

The FHS Powerlifters traveled to Sundown last weekend to compete in the Regional Meet and came away big winners. The team scored second place overall with Mario Hernandez and Luis Trejo being named Regional Champions in their weight classes and will advance to State competition.

Hernandez competed in the 123 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-350 lbs.; Bench-180 lbs.; Dead Lift-385 lbs. for a total of 915 lbs.

Trejo competed in the 132 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-460 lbs.; Bench-260 lbs.; Dead Lift-425 lbs. for a total of 1,145 lbs.

Juan Trejo placed 4th in the 114 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-300 lbs.; Bench-125 lbs.; Dead Lift-305 lbs. for a total of 730 lbs.

Nathan Flores placed 7th in the 114 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-250 lbs.; Bench-130 lbs.; Dead Lift-285 lbs. for a total of 665 lbs.

Edwin Garcia placed 7th in the 123 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-305 lbs.; Bench-160 lbs.; Dead Lift-330 lbs. for a total of 795 lbs.

Marin Santiago placed 8th in the 132 lb. class. His lifts were: Squats-345 lbs.; Bench-155 lbs.; Dead Lift-375 lbs. for a total of 875 lbs.

4th Annual Plow Day Mar. 18

The South Plains Antique Tractor Association will be hosting its 4th Annual Plow Day Saturday, March 18, at Spade.

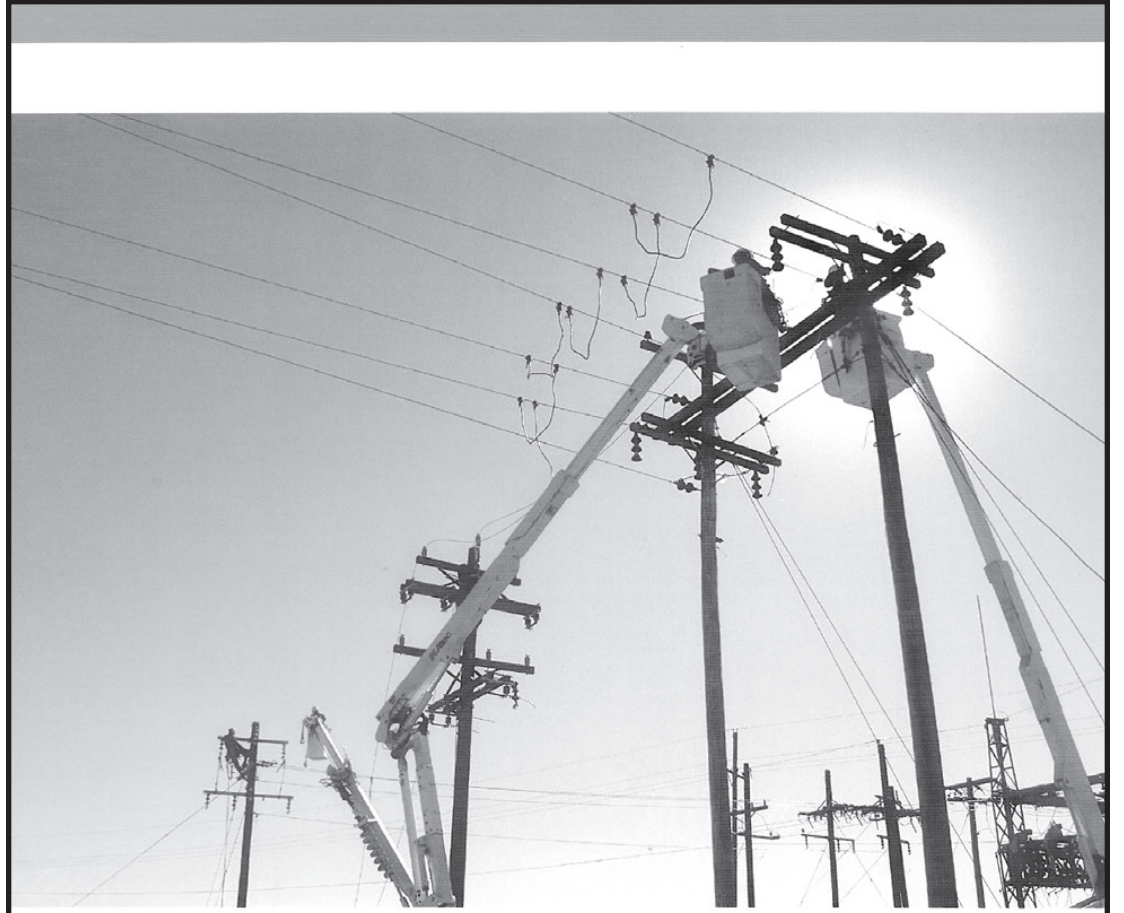
"Come see how your grandpa farmed!" club members invite.

Events will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Events include using antique tractors and equipment to plow a field and a trailer backing contest. Antique tractors and equipment from across the region are expected to be demonstrated.

The plow day will be held on the Gordon Graves farm three miles north of Spade on Farm-to-Market 168. To travel to the farm, go due north from Anton through Spade on Farm-to-Market 168.

Meals will be available for \$8 per person. The event is open to the public.

For more information, call Gordon Graves at (806) 638-0515 or Wade Wiley at (806) 470-2977.



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Scenes from the Chieftain Relays



FHS Chieftain Relays results

Frona High School played host at the Chieftain Relays Track Meet on Friday, March 10 at Chieftain Field. Teams competing were Abernathy, Bovina, Dimmitt, Farwell, Lockney, Olton and Frona.

Frona Girls' track earned second place with a total of 131 points. First place went to Abernathy with 188 points.

Girls' track results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 1st Anay Chihuahua, 13.33; 7th Rickie Castillo, 14.61; 8th Karina Gomez, 14.92; 10th Bailey Pope, 14.96; 17th Maddie Sharrock, 15.42.

200 Meter Dash: 1st Anay Chihuahua, 26.90; 7th Mariah Rivera, 30.40.

400 Meter Dash: 1st Anay Chihuahua, 1:03.92; 4th Vivianna Rivera, 1:09.11; 9th Emma Rector, 1:10.67; 16th Elysia Albarado, 1:17.96; 17th Valerie Ramirez, 1:30.52.

800 Meter Run: 2nd Chelsie Gomez, 2:37.52.

1600 Meter Run: 4th Chelsie Gomez, 6:10.20; 5th Jackie Legaretta, 6:11.33.

3200 Meter Run: 3rd Jackie Legaretta, 13.06.59; 5th Briana Alvarado, 14:27.59.

100 Meter Hurdles: 8th Carly Drake, 19.15; 9th Adaline White, 19.55; 11th Rickie Castillo, 20.90; 13th Gracie Stallings, 22.55.

300 Meter Hurdles: 5th Carly Drake, 55.40; 11th Danielle Trevino, 59.40; 13th Karina Gomez, 1:00.20; 15th Gracie Stallings, 1:03.00.

4X100 Meter Relay: Frona 4th place with a time of 54.89 (Sandra Gonzales, Nastassia Luna, Emma Rector, Rickie Castillo).

4X200 Meter Relay: Frona 4th place with a time of 1:58.17 (Sandra Gonzales, Nastassia Luna, Mariah Rivera, Adaline White).

4X400 Meter Relay: Frona 2nd place with a time of 4:36.02 (Sandra Gonzales, Carly Drake, Emma Rector, Vivianna Rivera).

High Jump: 1st Bailey Pope, 4'8"; 5th Vivianna Rivera, 4'2".

Pole Vault: 5th Rickie Castillo, 6'.

Long Jump: 4th Carly Drake, 14' 1"; 6th Vanessa Chavez, 13' 7"; 12th Danielle Trevino, 11' 10".

Triple Jump: 5th Vanessa Chavez 29' 11"; 6th Erika Grado, 29' 6"; 7th Carly Drake, 28' 8 1/2"; 11th Liz Rojas, 26' 11"; 13th Maddie Sharrock, 21' 6 1/2".

Shot Put: 1st Paige Upton, 33' 5.5"; 3rd Jacy Trevino, 29' 9"; 7th Adrianna Ortiz, 29' 3"; 9th Marilena Viernes, 28' 9 1/4".

Discus Throw: 4th Paige Upton, 95' 10 1/2"; 7th Marilena Viernes, 80' 4"; 10th Adrianna Ortiz, 72' 11".

Junior Varsity Boys' placed fifth with a total of 64 points. First place went to Dimmitt with 156 points.

Junior Varsity Boys' results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 4th Jesus Jaramillo, 12.65; 14th Drew Montana, 13.59; 20th Andrew Cigarroa, 14.83.

200 Meter Dash: 3rd Jonathan Torres, 26.05; 12th Anthony Padilla, 27.90.

400 Meter Dash: 7th Javier Rodriguez, 1:02.92; 10th Omar Garcia, 1:05.02.

800 Meter Dash: 3rd Eduardo Chavez, 2:24.46; 5th Javier Rodriguez, 2:31.90; 7th Omar Garcia, 2:38.46.

1600 Meter Run: 6th Javier Rodriguez, 6:13.96.

110 Meter Hurdles: 5th Jesus Torres, 21.20.

300 Meter Hurdles: 8th Anthony Padilla, 51.31.

4X100 Meter Relay: Frona 5th place with a time of 50.74 (Jesus Torres, Hadley White, Alex Santiago, Jonathan Torres).

4X200 Meter Relay: Frona 4th place with a time of 1:45.77 (Eduardo Chavez, Alex Santiago, Hadley White, Jonathan Torres).

4X400 Meter Relay: Frona 4th place with a time of 4:14.27 (Eduardo Chavez, Alex Santiago, Hadley White, Jesus Torres).

Long Jump: 3rd Javier Rodriguez, 16' 2 1/2"; 7th Eduardo Chavez, 15' 3".

Triple Jump: 4th Eduardo Chavez, 32' 2"; 6th Javier Rodriguez, 31' 4 1/2".

Shot Put: 3rd Jesus Jaramillo, 34'9 1/2"; 5th Drew Montana, 31'; 6th Andrew Cigarroa, 30' 3 1/2".

Discus Throw: 4th Drew Montana, 82' 1 3/4"; 8th Andrew Cigarroa, 72' 6".

Varsity Boys' placed 7th with a total of 64 points. Dimmitt took first place with a total of 176 points.

Varsity Boys' track results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 4th Salvador Santiago, 12:08; 6th AJ Mendoza, 12.17; 7th Omar Estrada, 12.40; 11th Rodrigo Munoz, 12.80.

200 Meter Dash: 6th AJ Mendoza, 24.83; 7th Omar Estrada, 25.17; 12th Rodrigo Munoz, 25.92.

400 Meter Dash: 3rd Rogelio Palacios, 55.71; 9th Jonathan Hernandez, 58.14; 11th Omar Estrada, 58.67.

800 Meter Run: 2nd Alvaro Gardea, 2:05.58.

1600 Meter Run: 2nd Alvaro Gardea, 5:05.58.

110 Meter Hurdles: 5th Jesse Castaneda, 20.47; 6th Angel Hernandez, 22.40.

200 Meter Hurdles: 5th Jesse Castaneda, 49.74; 6th Angel Hernandez, 53.55.

4X100 Meter Relay: Frona 5th place with a time of 46.48 (Salvador Santiago, Marco Monreal, Rodrigo Munoz, Jonathan Hernandez).

4X200 Meter Relay: Frona 5th place with a time of 1:38.46 (AJ Mendoza, Marco Monreal, Rogelio Palacios, Jonathan Hernandez).

4X400 Meter Relay: Frona 4th place with a time of 3:48.68 (Salvador Santiago, Marco Monreal, Rogelio Palacios, Alvaro Gardea).

Pole Vault: 5th Rodrigo Munoz, 9'.

Long Jump: 6th Jonathan Hernandez, 16' 11 1/2"; 9th Angel Hernandez, 15' 6 1/2".

Shot Put: 5th Erick Prieto, 38' 9 1/2"; 7th Cason Drake 37' 9 1/2"; 9th Sterling Osborn, 35' 4 3/4".

Discus Throw: 8th Sterling Osborn, 92' 11"; 14th Erick Prieto, 82' 7 1/4".

FHS Track teams will travel to Tucumcari, New Mexico Saturday, March 18 to compete.

NRCS can help landowners with Wildfire Recovery and Restoration

In the wake of the wildfires that went across the Texas Panhandle the week of March 6, 2017, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is urging landowners affected by the fires to contact the NRCS office at their local USDA Service Center.

The NRCS can provide land management advice, and in some cases, financial assistance, to install measures that reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

"NRCS in Texas is prepared to assist landowners with their efforts to address wind erosion that is continuing to occur due to drought and the effects from wildfires," states Salvador Salinas, State Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

Professional resource conservationists with the NRCS can visit with landowners about practices such as grazing deferment, cross fencing, reseeding and water development that are effective post-fire strategies to help reduce erosion.

"We can also provide assistance that will enable landowners to accelerate the health and vigor of affected rangeland,"

said Salinas. "In all but the most extreme cases, plants are still alive below the surface of the soil and will recover with proper management."

Salinas suggests landowners and managers consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery. Landowners and managers affected by the wildfires can apply for possible financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for range deferment of all livestock grazing throughout the growing season, plant health concerns, and cross fencing assistance.

In order to apply, landowners must visit their local NRCS office to fill out an application. Applications will be ranked and those approved for funding will be offered an EQIP contract. An additional \$3.4 million has been requested to help address resource concerns related to wildfires, but that amount has not yet been approved.

For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information

and listings for additional USDA Service Centers visit the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov

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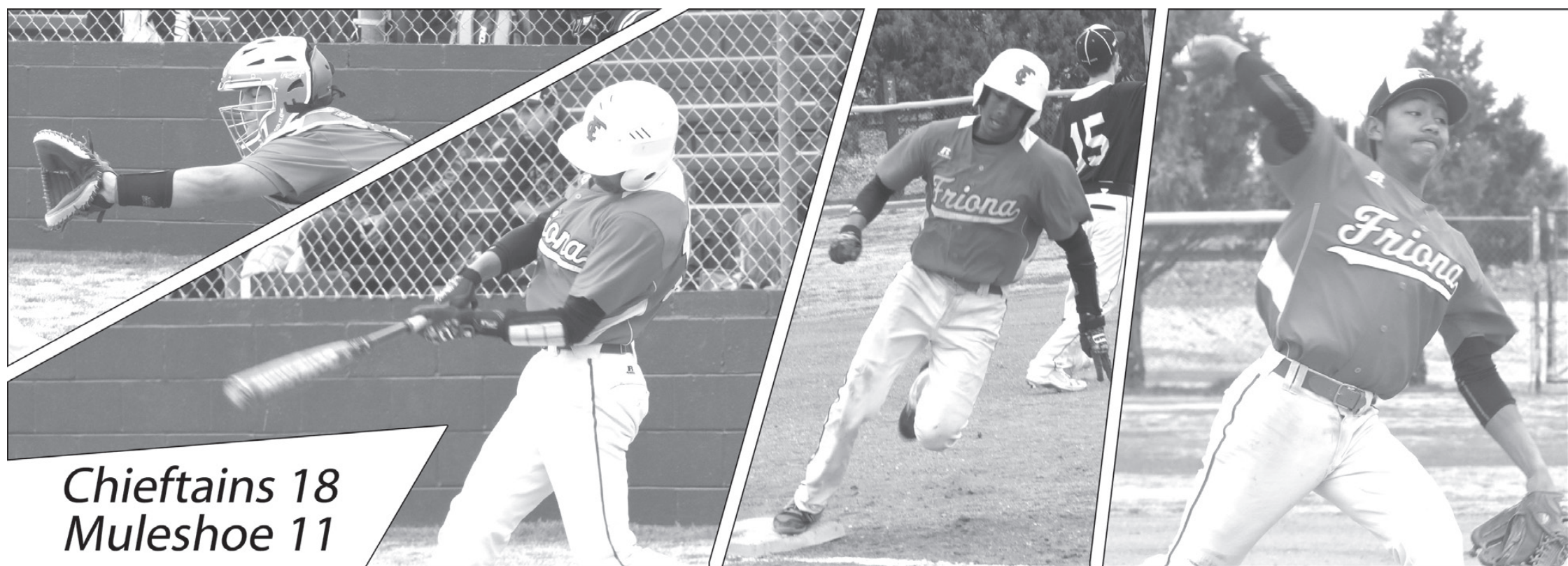


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FJHS Chieftain Relays results

Friona Junior High School hosted the Chieftain Relays on Thursday, March 9 at Chieftain Field. Competing at the event were Abernathy, Bovina, Dimmitt, Farwell, Friona, Lockney, Olton, and Wildorado.

Seventh grade girls' took third place with 92 total points. Abernathy placed first with 191 points.

Seventh grade girls' results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 5th Audrianna Trevino, 14.36.

200 Meter Dash: 4th Destini Fernandez, 30.20.

400 Meter Dash: 5th Xitlaly Ortiz, 1:19.48.

1600 Meter Run: 7th Esperanza Santiago, 8:00.44.

2400 Meter Run: 3rd Esperanza Santiago, 13:00.00.

100 Meter Hurdles: 4th Luz Garcia, 20.58; 7th Xitlaly Ortiz, 21.62.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st Luz Garcia, 55.14.

4X100 Meter Relay: 4th Friona with a time of 58.11 (Anahi Gonzales, Bryanna Chavira, Magdalena Licerio, Audrianna Trevino).

4X200 Meter Relay: 2nd Friona with a time of 2:09.71 (Destini Fernandez, Magdalena Licerio, Jasmine Lewis, Anahi Gonzales).

4:400 Meter Relay: 2nd Friona with a time of 5:07.90 (Xitlaly Ortiz, Magdalena Licerio, Audrianna Trevino, Anahi Gonzales).

High Jump: 2nd Luz Garcia, 4'.

Long Jump: 5th Audrianna Trevino, 11' 9 3/4"; 8th Destini Fernandez, 11' 2"; 10th Magdalena Licerio, 10' 6".

Triple Jump: 5th Anahi Gonzales, 25' 8 1/2"; 10th Magdalena Licerio, 21' 5 1/4"; 11th Audrianna Trevino, 20' 9 1/2".

Shot Put: 1st Hillary Shaw, 28' 2"; 12th Jahaira Rios, 20' 3 1/2".

Discus Throw: 5th Jazlynn Antonio 50' 1"; 9th Hillary Shaw, 45' 9"; 12th Jahaira Rios 43' 9".

Seventh grade boys' won 1st place with a total of 161 points. The results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 2nd Cason Stallings, 13.36; 19th Chayton Caywood, 16.30.

200 Meter Dash: 1st Jacob Bautista, 26.30; 3rd Bryan Chavira, 27.64; 5th Alberth Arguelles, 31.02.

400 Meter Dash: 1st Alan Martinez, 1:01.99; 4th Andrew Rivera, 1:07.40.

800 Meter Run: 1st Moises Pina, 2:33.77; 3rd Isaias Olmos, 2:37.92; 5th Domingo De La Cruz, 2:42.24; Jared Rejino, 2:42.33.

1600 Meter Run: 2nd Tim Ally, 5:55.58.

2400 Meter Run: 1st Tim Ally, 9:24.33; 2nd Isaias Olmos, 9:25.11.

300 Meter Hurdles: 4th Alan Martinez, 51.02; 6th Kevin Lucatero, 54.86; 7th Tim Ally, 56.52.

4X100 Meter Relay: Friona 1st place with a time of 51.77 (Jacob Bautista, Bryan Chavira, Moises Pina, Cason Stallings).

4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 1st place with a time of 1:50.20 (Cason Stallings, Bryan Chavira, Moises Pina, Jacob Bautista).

4:400 Meter Relay: Friona 4th place with a time of 4:34.20 (Jared Rejino, Alberth Arguelles, Andrew Rivera, Alan Martinez).

Pole Vault: 4th Tim Ally, 5' 6".

Long Jump: 4th Bryan Chavira, 14' 11 1/2"; 5th Jacob Bautista, 14' 9"; 10th Isaias Olmos, 13' 4"; 15th Alberth Arguelles, 12' 7 1/4".

Triple Jump: 5th Cason Stallings, 29' 3/4"; 13th Moises Pina, 14' 5 1/4".

Shot Put: 3rd Victor Puga, 26' 1 3/4"; 5th Jose Ticum, 25' 11"; 11th James Salinas, 23' 11 1/4"; 15th Aaron Salinas, 21' 3 1/2".

Discus Throw: 5th Chayton Caywood, 68' 10"; 6th Victor Puga, 67' 2"; 12th Anthony Abarca, 60' 9".

Eighth grade girls brought home 1st place with a total score of 156. The results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 6th Leidi Chihuahua, 14.49; 7th Rebecca Maldonado, 14.52; 9th Mirelly Armendariz, 14.77; 11th Kayli Stone, 15.40; 16th Dulce Garcia, 16.06.

200 Meter Dash: 1st Victoria Gonzalez, 28.68; 3rd Jodie Denton, 29.05.

400 Meter Dash: 1st Rebecca Schlenker, 1:06.11; 10th Kayli Stone, 1:19.77; 12th Dulce Garcia, 1:22.11.

800 Meter Run: 1st Rebecca Schlenker, 2:43.86; 5th Kambree Kimbrough, 3:05.90.

1600 Meter Run: 3rd Adamaris Rivas, 6:50.33; 4th Kambree Kimbrough, 6:59.37.

2400 Meter Run: 1st Emily Amaya, 10:59.50; 2nd Adamaris Rivas, 11:15.61.

100 Meter Hurdles: 2nd Leidi Chihuahua, 18.62; 9th Valilah Hernandez, 23.02.

4X100 Meter Relay: Friona 3rd place with a time of 59.34 (Leidi Chihuahua, Dulce Garcia, Sharlene Maldonado, Rebecca Maldonado).

4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 3rd place with a time of 2:01.52 (Jodie Denton, Rebecca Maldonado, Sharlene Maldonado, Victoria Gonzalez).

4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 1st place with a time of 4:34.83 (Jodie Denton, Victoria Gonzalez, Emily Amaya, Rebecca Schlenker).

High Jump: 3rd Jodie Denton, 4' 4".

Long Jump: 2nd Jodie Denton, 13' 4"; 4th Rebecca Schlenker, 12' 10 1/4"; 8th Victoria Gonzalez, 11' 11".

Triple Jump: 6th Victoria Gonzalez, 25' 11 3/4"; 9th Rebecca Schlenker 25' 6 1/2".

Shot Put: 1st Sharlene Maldonado, 30' 8 1/2"; 2nd Tiffany Sandoval, 27' 4 1/2"; 8th Adamaris Rivas, 24' 10 1/4".

Eighth grade boys' place 4th in the relays with a total score of 80.50. Dimmitt took home first place honors with a total of 134.50 points. The results are as follows:

100 Meter Dash: 1st Malachi Torres, 11.11; 2nd Jessie Gomez, 12.80; 7th Angel Carranza, 13.14; 10th Lorenzo Herrera, 13.68; 18th Keegan Hurst, 14.68; 19th Alex Montes, 14.82; 21st Colton Riethmayer, 15.30.

200 Meter Dash: 1st Malachi Torres, 24.05; 5th David Martinez, 27.47; 8th Gabriel Perez, 27.83; 16th Lorenzo Herrera, 30.17.

400 Meter Dash: 4th Rafael Carranza, 1:00.58; 7th Orlando Zamora, 1:06.92; 11th Adrian Legarreta, 1:08.49.

800 Meter Run: 3rd Marc Mendoza, 2:25.77; 5th Oscar Carrillo, 2:35.17.

2400 Meter Run: 7th Luis Reveles, 10:32.83.

110 Meter Hurdles: 8th David Martinez, 21.27.

300 Meter Hurdles: 6th Rafael Carranza, 50.74; 9th Orlando Zamora, 51.54.

4X100 Meter Relay: Friona 6th place with a time of 51.35 (Angel Carranza, Marc Mendoza, Gabriel Perez, Jessie Gomez).

4X200 Meter Relay: Friona 7th place with a time of 1:55.14 (Luis Garcia, Adrian Legarreta, Jessie Gomez, Malachi Torres).

4X400 Meter Relay: Friona 6th place with a time of 4:19.87 (Oscar Carrillo, Orlando Zamora, Juan Salinas, Rafael Carranza).

High Jump: 5th Josiah Rejino, 4' 10".

Pole Vault: 2nd Juan Salinas, 8' 6"; 4th Angel Carranza, 7'.

Long Jump: 1st Malachi Torres, 17' 9"; 18th Juan Salinas, 13' 8 1/2"; Lorenzo Herrera 12' 8 1/2"; 20th Luis Garcia, 12' 4 1/2".

Triple Jump: 1st Malachi Torres, 38' 8"; 12th Juan Salinas, 31'.

Shot Put: 9th Alex Montes, 30' 11 1/2"; Bryan Jaramillo, 30' 7 3/4"; 13th Keegan Hurst, 26, 7"; 17th Colton Riethmayer, 25' 2 1/2".

Discus Throw: 10th Alex Montes, 85'6"; 12th Bryan Jaramillo, 78' 3"; 15th Keegan Hurst, 75' 1"; 17th Colton Riethmayer, 67' 3"; 20th Geronimo Ticum, 62' 6".

FJHS track will travel to Dimmitt on Thursday, March 23.

County tax receipts continue downward turn

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$619.7 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 5.8 percent more than in March 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Austin saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of McAllen and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases."

Bovina will receive a payment of \$10,468.82, which is a decrease of -10.54 percent as compared to the 2016 payment \$11,703.37. To-date Bovina has received \$38,960.47, which is an increase of 7.32 percent from the 2016 payments of \$36,300.87.

Farwell will receive a payment of \$9,147.56, which is a decrease of -18.07 percent as compared to the 2016 payment of \$11,166.52. To-date Farwell has received \$30,999.76, which is a decrease of -5.46 percent over the 2016 payments of \$32,792.07.

Friona will receive a payment of \$27,311.29, which is a decrease of -17.01 percent as compared to the 2016 payment of \$32,910.72. To-date Friona has received \$96,362.31, which is a decrease of -6.83 percent over the 2016 payments of \$10,430.71.

For details on March sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller's Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

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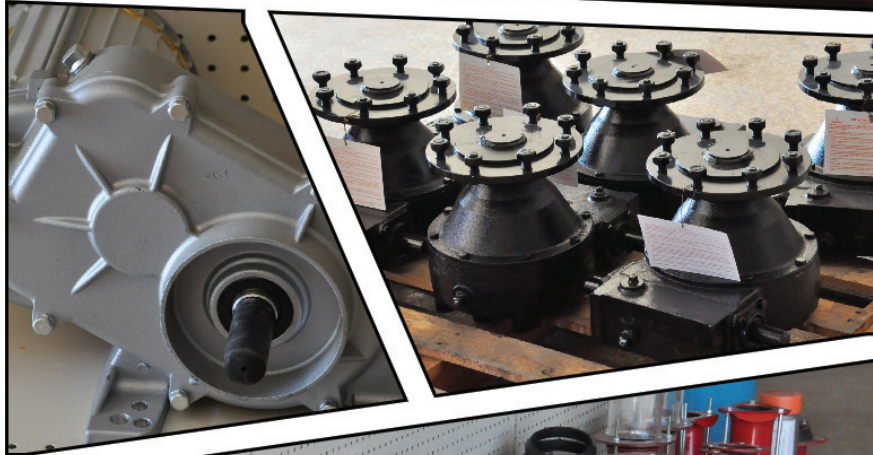
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DPS urges drivers to practice safety

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that Spring Break represents a break from school and work – but not safety. In expectation of increased highway traffic, the department is urging drivers to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving during the weeks of Spring Break.

“DPS is calling on all drivers to do their part to keep Texas roadways safe for travelers during the busy spring vacation season,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws and keeping your attention on the road, Texans can decrease their chances of being involved in a life-threatening situation or crash.”

In addition, DPS Troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, watching for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it’s the law.

Don’t drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it’s the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>.

Protecting Vulnerable Adults is Everyone’s Business

Signs of physical abuse, neglect or exploitation are:

- Injury that is consistent with the report explanation.
- Pain from touching.
- Dehydration or malnutrition not caused by illness.
- Poor color, sunken eyes or cheeks.
- Inappropriate administration of medication.
- Soiled clothing or bed.
- Lack of necessities such as food, water or utilities.
- Lack of personal effects and comfort in living environment.
- Behavioral signs are:
- Fear, anxiety, agitation, anger, withdrawn, depression.
- Non-responsiveness, resignation, ambivalence.
- Contradictory statements, implausible stories.
- Hesitation to talk openly.
- Confused or disoriented.

Caregiver signs are:

- Prevents vulnerable adult from speaking to or seeing others.
- Anger, indifference, aggressiveness toward vulnerable adult.
- History of substance abuse, mental illness, criminal behavior, or family violence.
- Conflicting accounts of incidents.
- Talks of vulnerable adult as a burden.

Signs of financial exploitation:

- Frequent expensive gifts from vulnerable adult to caregiver.
- Missing personal belongings, papers, credit cards.
- Unpaid bills, unusual activity in bank account.
- Caregiver’s name added to bank account.
- Frequent checks made out to “cash”.
- Documents (will, loan, etc.) signed when vulnerable adult seems incapable of understanding.
- Irregularities on tax return.
- Vulnerable adult unaware of reason for appointment with banker or attorney.
- Caregiver’s refusal to spend money on vulnerable adult.
- Signatures on documents that do not resemble vulnerable adult’s.

Client Rights

If APS validates abuse, neglect, or exploitation, clients will be:

- Offered protective services, if available, or may be offered;
- Helped to locate and apply for services to relieve abuse, neglect or exploitation;
- Involved in all decisions concerning the least restrictive service or placement to meet medical and safety needs; and
- Free to decline services unless they are in a state of abuse or neglect that threatens life or physical safety, and a court determines that the client lacks proper capacity to consent to or refuse services.

If you suspect elderly abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or isolation report it to the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or report the incident online at <https://www.txabusehotline.org>. If you believe it is a life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1. Go to www.everyonesbusiness.org for more information.

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