



**Bryan Chavira drives past a Muleshoe defender during action in Tuesday night's game against the Mules. It was the final game of the 2018-19 basketball season. Final district standings can be found on page 6.**

## Happy Valentine's Day

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### School Board calls for \$19M Bond Election

By a vote of 6-1, the Board of Trustees of the Friona Independent School District approved a motion calling for a \$19 million bond election. The Board also hired the Underwood Law Firm as bond counsel. The call for a bond election was a result of over a year's worth of consultation with the the architecture and engineering firm Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper; Vince Vialle of the firm Specialized Public Finance; and a local steering group of business owners, former teachers & administration staff, and community leaders.

The main priority during all of the meetings was student and teacher safety. Discussion topics included keeping kids off of Euclid Street & Highway 60, keeping students safe during bad weather, and safety issues regarding possible criminal activity near the schools. Another major concern was the aging electrical systems in each one of the schools.

The bond election approval occurred during the Board's regular session held on Monday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the FISD

Administration Building, 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. The meeting was called to order, an invocation was given, and a roll call was taken. The meeting began with an update from Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper concerning the proposed construction project. The final cost for the project was estimated to be \$21.47 million. The Board discussed various funding options for the project which included a \$19M or \$20M bond, using available Permanent School Funds, and using existing FISD funds. After further deliberation, the Board concluded that the best formula to fund the \$21.47 million construction project would be a \$19 million bond, plus the \$2 million from the Permanent School Fund, and \$.5 million from existing FISD funds.

*Details of the bond issuance, the proposed construction project, and their effects on taxpayers will be available in upcoming editions of the Friona Star. The goal is provide as much information as possible so that all voters can make an informed decision on election day.*

Next up was the Consent Agenda

and it included the Minutes from the previous meeting and reports on all of the various school financial accounts. The various summary reports were approved and the payment of the monthly bills was approved. The Consent Agenda was approved by an unanimous vote. The Board also heard state and federal reports, Principals' reports and the Superintendent's report.

In other business, the Board approved a change in allowable absences involving student extracurricular activities from 15 to 30, approved a contract extension for Superintendent Jimmy Burns, and approved the District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board also approved the E-rate bid from WT Services for funding year 2019 and approved the Local School Wellness Policy assessment conducted by the Student Health Advisory Committee. The Board also met in Closed Session.

The agenda for this meeting can be found at frionaisd.com, the FISD website. The next scheduled regular meeting is 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2019.

### Chieftain Choices Career Fair set for Feb. 22nd

The Chieftain Choices Career Fair will be held on Friday, February 22nd from 8:30 a.m. until Noon in the Friona High School Activity Center. Event coordinator Allison Johnston would love to fill up the entire activity center with local business groups. Businesses will have an opportunity to meet and speak with students from 8th grade to 12th grade.

If your business has not signed up yet, you can call her at the high school at 806-250-3951 or email ajohnsto@frionaisd to get more information or to receive a sign-up form. There is still room and time for any business to be a part of this educational event.

**NOTE: Friona High School will have emergency responders (including helicopters, fire trucks, and ambulances) at the high school on February 22nd to participate in the Career Fair.**

### Junior High Spring Open House is February 19th

There will be a STAAR Test (information) Parent Night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th at the Friona Junior High School.

#### 5:00 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium

Mrs. Hochstein from the High School will conduct a meeting with 8th grade parents/students to share information about the HB5 Foundation High School Program, Endorsements options, Distinguished Level of Achievement, Performance Acknowledgments, and Financial Aid for College.

#### 5:30 p.m. in the Junior High Band Hall

Open House for all Junior High parents and students.

#### 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High building

Parents meet with the teachers in the classrooms.

### Local Election Calendar

Friday, February 15th (before 5 p.m.)  
Last day to file application for a place on the ballot for the May 4th Election

#### Friona City Council (3 positions)

Candidates as of Feb. 13:

- Bruce Fleming
- Alan Monroe
- Jeff Stowers

#### FISD Board of Trustees (2 positions)

Candidates as of Feb. 13:

- Darrin Gilley
- Jeri Lynn White
- Cindy Moreno

#### Parmer County Hospital Board (2 positions)



Deputy Sheriff Yurban Salinas and Sheriff Randy Geries

### Sheriff welcomes new Deputy

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the hiring of a new Deputy Sheriff. Yurban Salinas was sworn in on February 11, 2018 as the newest addition to the Sheriff's Office. Yurban, a 2012 graduate of Friona High School, is already licensed and certified as a Texas jailer

and peace officer. "I am pleased to have Yurban return to Friona and I enjoy the chance to invest in young people from our area," said Sheriff Randy Geries.

Yurban will be assigned with all duties in serving with the Sheriff's Office which include county patrol, civil

process, and court security to name a few. "Yurban's position with the Sheriff's Office is the first increase in manpower for the Sheriff's Office in over fifty years and will allow us to be more proactive with our efforts to serve the citizens of Parmer County," Sheriff Geries added.

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Friona Weather February 14-20	T  74   49 W 20-30	F  71   39 W 25-35	S  63   26 WSW 25-35	S  55   20 SW 10-20	M  42   18 SE 10-20	T  39   18 ESE 10-15	W  50   25 SW 10-20	Precipitation February 0.00 Year 0.13	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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**frionastar@wtrt.net**  
 call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

**February 14**

-Valentines Day  
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.  
 - Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.

**February 15**

-“I Still Do” Valentines dinner at Friona Baptist Church from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**February 17**

-Grief Support Group Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

**February 21**

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters  
 - Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.  
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**February 24**

-Grief Support Group Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

**February 28**

- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.  
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**March 1**

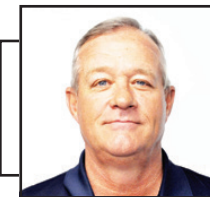
-Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30

**March 5**

-Annual Chamber Awards Banquet

**March 7**

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters  
 - Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.  
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.



**Mayor's Minutes** by Ricky White

Greetings!!! I mentioned last month the city applying for grant money to assist in several different projects this year. Leander Davila, City Manager, has applied for grant money with Congressman Arrington's office. It is a congressionally mandated award of \$40,000. If the city receives the grant money, it will be used to upgrade the police departments dispatching console and radio system. The current system is 10 years old and has become obsolete. It is difficult to find vendors to work on the obsolete console during system failures, leaving our community vulnerable to crime and lowering officers response time. The city is anxiously waiting for a response from Congressman Arrington's office.

The Texas Community Development Block Grant water project is progressing very well. The project is expected to be completed before the March deadline. The grant money awarded was \$275,000. The city's matching payment is \$58,030.

Chief Jimenez and the police officers responded to 168 calls in January. There were 136 stops, 82 warnings, 54 citations and 6 arrests, (3-possession of marijuana, 2 possession of controlled substance and 1-no drivers license). The officers drove a total 2562 miles patrolling and protecting our city. Chief Jimenez has completed the Friona Police Department's Racial Profiling Report. Every year the police department provides statistical information for councils review. Here are a few stats from the report: Year ending 2018, there were 801 total stops (259 female and 542 male). There were 26 Black, 275 White, 3 Asian, 496 Hispanic and 1 American Indian. There were 10 searches conducted out of the 801 stops and contraband was detected in 8 searches (4-drugs, 2-alcohol and 2-others). If you would like to see this report in more detail, please go to the city's website at www.cityoffriona.com.

Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 calls

in January. There was a tire fire controlled burn on Jan 4th. There were 4 firefighters and 2 trucks sent to location. On Jan 7th, a car accident, 6 firefighters and 2 trucks responded. On Jan 8th, car accident, 10 firefighters and 3 trucks responded. There was another car accident on Jan 17th, 6 firefighters and 3 trucks responded. Also, on Jan 17th, there was a grass fire, 6 firefighters and 3 trucks responded. On Jan 26th, gas leak, 2 firefighters and 1 truck responded. There was a grass fire on Jan 31st, 7 firefighters and 3 trucks responded.

Emergency Medical Service responded to 36 calls in January. There were 15 - 911 calls, 16 - transfers and 5 calls ended in a "no transport". Ambulance billing equaled \$42,773.58 and the City collected \$10,813.50.

Judge Campbell had 59 new cases in January. Total fines collected were \$4,545.65 and court cost totaled \$4,083.95. Judge Campbell will issue a warrant round-up which will begin on February 23, 2019

thru March 8, 2019. Friona Municipal Court amnesty period begins February 15, 2019 thru February 22, 2019. During the amnesty period, those who pay Class C Misdemeanor fines at the Friona Texas Municipal Court at 105 West 7th Street will not be arrested. Their warrants will be cleared after payment. There is approximately \$26,000 that needs collected.

Accounts Payable totaled \$196,957.94 for the month of January. All bills are paid and city is in good standings. The city purchased a Sewer Roding Machine for \$42,475. The new machine was needed to unstop major blockage in the sewer lines. In the past, the city had to borrow (rent) a machine from another city to assist in the event of a clogged sewer line. Renting was expensive.

Friona Public Library had a total of 895 patron visits in January, an average of 44 per day and was open for 20 days. There were 874 items circulated and 40 new items added to inventory.  
 Your Mayor

**County Commissioners approve Burn Ban**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was given for payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Commissioners also reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved the calculated payroll and disbursement for all county employees and elected officials.

The Commissioners discussed the Permanent School Fund Distribution Plan. This involves money from oil

leases that is held by the Court and distributed to the four school districts in Parmer County. In the past, funds were allocated based on a "Fall attendance snapshot" that the State of Texas uses in some of its allocations. However, the Attorney General of Texas has determined that this method is not adequate. A more detailed census of school enrollment in the county must be taken before the money can be distributed.

Next, the Commissioners revisited a possible burn ban for Parmer County after it was tabled at the last meeting. Upon further discussion, the Court issued a burn ban effective immediately (February 11th) and lasting for ninety (90) days.

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office has a new officer. Yurban Salinas was sworn

in as the new Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff Randy Geries also reported that he was currently housing 43 inmates at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center and that 18 of those inmates were from Castro County. Also, a \$4036.03 contract was awarded to Integrity Steel Works to clean and adjust all jail locks in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center.

The next scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Court.

**Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$954 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$953.9 million in local

sales tax allocations for February, 4.6 percent more than in February 2018.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that

report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2018 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

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**TEXAS CROSSWORD**

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- ACROSS**
- 1 TX creek: \_\_\_ \_
  - 5 TXism: "got the hang \_\_\_"
  - 6 "holy moly" (2 wds.)
  - 7 \_\_\_ Star State
  - 8 TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_ die"
  - 9 corn on the \_\_\_
  - 12 "\_\_\_ like a dog"
  - 17 this Paul was 1970's "Bozo" ringmaster in Dallas
  - 20 TXism: "\_\_\_ driller" (dentist)
  - 22 TX Ann gave this address at 1988 convention
  - 23 this Davy Crockett saying, e.g.: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"
  - 24 Big D
  - 29 "to \_\_\_ his own"
  - 30 animal fur
  - 31 parent co. of Dallas Morning News
  - 32 in Fannin County on U.S. 82
  - 36 \_\_\_ Newton (cookie)
  - 37 Waxahachie event: \_\_\_ Faire
  - 43 TX wildflower ("flaming sword")
  - 45 TXism: "greasy \_\_\_"
  - 47 TX saying: "one \_\_\_, one Ranger"
  - 48 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
  - 50 "\_\_\_ of war"
  - 51 Palo Duro's "\_\_\_ Monkey Railroad"

- 52 TXism: "he blazes a \_\_\_ trail" (big man)
- 53 TXism: "costs a pretty \_\_\_"
- 54 South TX rancher: Mary \_\_\_ West
- 55 USS Texas was a Dreadnaught \_\_\_ ship
- 56 UT has largest collection of \_\_\_ Nash works
- 58 TXism: "\_\_\_ got a clue" (don't know)

**DOWN**

- 1 TX Strait's "\_\_\_ In Love"
- 2 TXism: "a good judge \_\_\_ flesh" (capable)
- 3 TX Doak Walker was a Detroit \_\_\_
- 4 Lake '\_\_\_ Pines
- 9 gator's kin
- 10 TX Willie Nelson tune (4 wds.)
- 11 quilting or killer
- 12 Opie's aunt
- 13 TX Roddenberry Trek line: "Live long \_\_\_"
- 14 TX Buddy Holly hit: "\_\_\_ On"

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- 15 Cameron AM radio
- 16 Branch Davidians, e.g.
- 18 TXism: "adios"
- 19 TXism: "thick as ticks \_\_\_ hound dog"
- 21 TX pro golfer, Elder (init.)
- 24 Henry Wade was the \_\_\_ who prosecuted Jack Ruby
- 25 TX Bob Wills line: "\_\_\_ ha, take it away Leon"
- 26 pos. of Cowboy rookie Vander Esch
- 27 in Gray County on highway 273
- 28 1983 TX hurricane
- 33 citizens' radio
- 34 TXism: "stuffed \_\_\_ the gills"
- 35 Travis' Alamo letter: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_ retreat"
- 37 Mexican "yes"
- 38 talon
- 39 rare \_\_\_ buffalo shot in TX in 1878
- 40 TXism: "she has to sneak \_\_\_ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- 42 TX song: "\_\_\_ Back to Houston"
- 43 godly
- 44 TX singer Tanya (init.)
- 46 TX singer Nat (init.)
- 49 watching the sheep
- 50 TXism: "worn to a frazzle"
- 57 Exxon predecessor

**ON YOUR PAYROLL**

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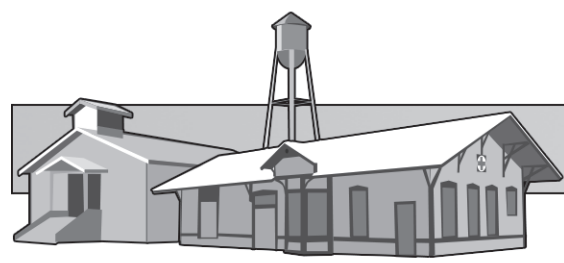
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# TOWN TALK

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We love because He first loved us ~ 1 John 4:19

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Bragging time is finally here! Make sure you check out our Valentines.

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Valentine's Day began as St. Valentine's Day, a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. February 14th, Valentine's, Day first became associated with romantic love during the High Middle Ages as the tradition of courtly love was then flourishing. During 18th century England, this day evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery and sending Valentine cards. Each year on February 14 we peruse the store shelves for the perfect gift or card for a loved one. According to Hallmark, more than 163 million cards—not including packaged kids' valentines—are exchanged. And it's not just an American phenomenon. Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Italy and Denmark.

Happy Valentines Day!

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The Annual Chamber Awards Banquet will be March 5th. The theme for this year's banquet will be 50's and 60's. They will be having a silent auction during the banquet. If you have an auction item that you would like to donate please call the Chamber and they will pick up the item. The funds made from the auction helps the chamber sponsor the extra activities through out the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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The Friona Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man/Woman of the Year, Students of the Year, Employee of the Year, Educator of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Stop by the Chamber office to pick up a form to make your nominations or go to <http://www.frionachamber.com/> to download the forms.

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For the month of February, a once-a-week workshop on grief will be offered at the home of Mark and Deirdre Osborn. The event will take place every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave, Friona Tx. If you, a friend, or loved one has been struggling with a recent loss and desire to learn positive coping strategies to deal with grief then this workshop is one that will be worth attending. The workshop material will be presented from a generalist perspective and is faith-based. A small group setting will be utilized to enable an enhanced workshop learning experience. For more information, please call 806-265-5468 or email [cottoncart14@gmail.com](mailto:cottoncart14@gmail.com)

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Save the date! "Hi-Pro Feeds

the Future" Annual Event on May 18 at the Country Rose.

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Friona High School will be having emergency responders (including helicopters, fire trucks, and ambulances) at the high school on Friday, February 22 from 8:00 a.m. through Noon participating in our Chieftain Choices College/Career/Health Fair.

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We would like to apologize for our mistake. The fire department will not stay until 11:30 p.m. at the High School but instead they will be there from 8:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.

The Senior Steak Dinner tickets are available. The event will be on Sunday, April 14 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. -at the Junior High Cafeteria. The cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 Advance, and \$16.00 Door. The proceeds will fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration.

National Days for the Month of February; February 14, National Organ Donor Day, National Ferris Wheel Day, National Cream-Filled Chocolates Day, Valentines Day. February 15, Singles Awareness Day and National Caregivers Day, No One Eats Alone Day. February 16, National Almond Day and National Do A Grouch a Favor Day. February 17, National Random Acts of Kindness Day and National Cabbage Day. February 18, National Battery Day, National Drink Wine Day, National Crab Stuffed Flounder Day and Presidents Day. February 19, National Vet Girls ROCK Day, National Lash Day, and National Chocolate Mint Day, February 20, National Cherry Pie Day, and National Love Your Pet Day

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If you are interested on buying Girl Scout cookies, you may contact Edna A Chaparro Aguirre via Facebook or you may stop by The Nutrition Spot on Main Street for your cookies!

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Amarillo, TX - Don Harrington Discovery Center (DHDC) has set Friday, February 22nd as the date for the next installment in its Discover After Dark event series. The DHDC is bringing back it's popular Beerology event, but this time serving up a GRANDE size of Science on Tap! The 21 and over annual fundraiser will be held Friday February 22nd, from 7-10 p.m. Experience life After Dark as they tap into the science of beer at Beerology: Grande! Guests 21 & over will learn about beer chemistry and the physics of bar games, and participate in a schooner sized portion of beer related activities such as: Live music with A-Town Rockers, Plenty of Craft beer to go 'round!, Pub-inspired food and beer cooking demonstrations with Celebrity Chef Bud Andersen, Beer talks with Budweiser Distributing of Amarillo, Grown-up beer

themed games including corn hole, putt-putt, a Stein Hoisting Competition, and Beer Pong. With lots of sweet swag for prizes, Beer-inspired crafts to display your creativity, Sample beers and visit with the guys from Pondaseta Brewing Co., Plus much more! Beerology for ages 21 and over will be held at the Discovery Center at 1200 Streit Drive from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday February 22nd. The number of tickets available is limited, and partygoers are required to purchase them in advance. DHDC member ticket prices are \$40, non-member tickets are \$50. Tickets include access to all activities, dinner, and an unlimited beer and wine bar. Purchases can be made online at [www.dhdc.org](http://www.dhdc.org) or by calling (806) 355-9547 ext. 107.

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Southwest Parkinson Society is having a support group meeting every second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Clovis Community College,

main building room 101. Join the group to develop knowledge understanding Parkinson's disease.

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Students will be having a four-day weekend on the 15 through the 18. They shall return back to school on the 19 to continue the schedule.

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President's day will be on Monday, February 18!

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St. Teresa's Catholic Church will be having their annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 3, 2019. The event will be at 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the St. Teresa's Parish Hall. The dinner will include; beef enchiladas, rice, beans, tacos, salsa, chips, dessert, tea, and coffee. Donations will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6 for children under 10. Take out plates will also be available.

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Standardized testing season is among us. This can be a stressful time for some kids, parents, and teachers, but a

few things can be done to reduce that stress. Try minimizing the amount of sugar, processed and refined foods you consume—wholesome food will keep you feeling good and increase mental focus. Getting the right amount of sleep is also very important. Your body is restored and recharged the most during sleep, so be mindful of how much you are getting. Exercise will also benefit your mental health, whether it's a session at the gym or a walk around the block. Last piece of advice I can give is to counter stressful situations with calming reactions. "You can't always control what goes on outside, but you can control what goes on inside."

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The Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will hold an open house Monday, February 25 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Southwest Branch Library at 6801 SW 45th in Amarillo, preceding the organization's regular monthly meeting.

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A Reagan Stowers Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Friona InterBank in his honor. Go by and see any of the tellers to make a donation.

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The Friona Chamber of Commerce needs your help. The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Annual Banquet will be held on March 5, 2019 and this year's theme is the Rockin 50's. The Friona Chamber of Commerce is asking for donations. Your donations can be in the form of money or a prize to be auctioned at the event. There is no limit on the amount of money to donate. If you donate an item they ask that you give an approximate value to better help coordinate its auction. All donations need to be given to the Chamber before February 22, 2019. Businesses or individuals providing donations will be recognized and thanked for their generosity. For any questions, please call the Chamber at (806)250-3491.



## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

February 15, 2018

Texas A&M University-Commerce head football coach Colby Carthel was honored by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame as the Football Coach of the Year. He was presented the award at the Hall of Fame's 60th annual banquet on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Each year on the Sunday following the Super Bowl, folks from the Texas Panhandle gather to celebrate the area's best and brightest athletes and coaches from the previous year. Colby Carthel, a native of Friona, Texas, is the first Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year honoree to represent a school outside of the Panhandle at the time of his honor. This is the first "coach of the year" honor won by the 1995 Friona High School graduate in his time at A&M-Commerce. Colby recently completed his fifth season as the head football coach at A&M-Commerce, leading the Lions to the 2017 NCAA Division II Football National Championship. A&M-Commerce entered the playoffs as a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Division II super Four Region. They put together an astounding five-game playoff win streak which included beating the #1 ranked team and culminated in a victory over West Florida 37-27. It was A&M-Commerce's first-ever NCAA national championship. The Lions also won the Triple Crown of Division II

football with the National Championship, the Harlon Hill Trophy for the top player in Division II football, and the Elite 90 Award for the top grade point average at the NCAA Championship. In Carthel's five seasons, the Lions have compiled a 49-15 record and have qualified for the postseason in each of those five seasons. A&M-Commerce won three consecutive Lone Star Conference Championships in 2014, 2015, and 2016. The Lions have also had 43 All-American honors, 126 all-Lone Star Conference honors, and eight Lone Star Conference Player of the Year honors in Carthel's five seasons. Colby attributes a lot of the success to the hard work of his coaching staff. Being honored at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame banquet has become a family affair for the Carthel family. Colby's wife, Sarah, and father, Don, were both inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2014. Don Carthel also won the Football Coach of the Year award in 2005, 2007, and 2012, while head coach at West Texas A&M. How 'bout them Chieftains!

March 19, 2015

Texas Water Foundation, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to optimizing water use throughout the state, will convey its annual Blue Legacy Award for manufacturing companies to Cargill's Friona, Texas beef processing fa-

cility at a state capitol ceremony in Austin on March 26. Cargill's Friona plant is the only manufacturing facility receiving a 2015 award for water conservation at the "Texas Water Day at the Capitol" event. The company was nominated for the award by the High Plains Water District based in Lubbock.

February 19, 2009

Friona High School sophomore Ashlee Howard has been named the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team, the first ever, corporate sponsored youth rodeo team.

February 26, 1999

Hereford CattleWomen presented special recognition to Teena Hughes of Friona during their annual Sweetheart Dinner at the Hereford Country Club. Hughes was named as CattleWoman Of The Year by the group.

February 10, 1980

A 24-year-old Friona man was found dead at his apartment on Wednesday. Police Chief Bill Denney said that Celestino Galicia was discovered by his roommate, Steve McCume, when he returned from work Wednesday afternoon. Justice of the Peace Frances Euler pronounced Galicia dead of unknown causes.

## Panhandle Master Naturalists to host open house

The Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will hold an open house Monday, February 25 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Southwest Branch Library at 6801 SW 45th in Amarillo, preceding the organization's regular monthly meeting.

The monthly meeting program on weather will be presented by KFDD TV meteorologist Alan Gwynn, who will talk on the ever-changing aspects of Panhandle weather. Visitors to the open house are welcome to attend.

The open house is being staged to better acquaint the public with activities of

the Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists and to recruit participants in this year's training classes that begin this spring.

Master Naturalists from the Panhandle Chapter will be manning tables at the open house to illustrate their areas of expertise in the outdoors, and refreshments will be served.

The Texas Master Naturalist program began in 1998 as a joint effort between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural

resources and areas within communities throughout the state. The program provides an opportunity for concerned adult citizens of all ages to learn about the natural environment and seek ways to better their communities.

To gain the title of "Texas Master Naturalist," participants must complete a minimum of 40 hours of natural resource training, 40 hours of service and eight hours of advanced training offered through the program within their first year. Annual recertification requirements are 40 hours of volunteer service and eight hours of advanced training.



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Cole St. Clair

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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

**Winners announced in ‘Don’t Mess With Texas’ song search**

New musical talent to join roster of musical celebrities in educating Texans about litter prevention

After beating out dozens of entries from across the state, two musical artists will realize their dreams of stardom as winners of the Texas Department of Transportation’s “Don’t mess with Texas” Song Search Contest. Singer-songwriter Whitney K. Lane of La Porte, Texas and musical group Papi Chulo (J.J. Moreno and Joffre Correa) of Allen, Texas will join the roster of musical notables who have represented the iconic “Don’t mess with Texas” campaign throughout its more than 30-year history.

“We are thrilled to welcome Whitney, J.J. and Joffre to the musical legacy of the ‘Don’t mess with Texas’ campaign,” said Jeff Austin III, Texas Transportation Commissioner. “Their voices and their winning songs will enhance the campaign’s education message of the importance of keeping our state clean and beautiful.”

The “Don’t mess with Texas” Song Search Contest invited undiscovered Texans to compose an original 30-second song, incorporating the campaign’s anti-litter message. More than 170 Texans submitted entries in both English and Spanish. Lane is the winner in the contest’s English-language category, while Papi Chulo is the Spanish-language winner. The winners now join the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, George Strait, Willie Nelson, LeAnn Rimes and Grupo Fantasma who have represented the campaign. The winners will be featured in the 2019 “Don’t mess with Texas” statewide ad campaign starting later this month. The winners also will receive a prize package donated by Gibson Brands and iHeart media, which includes a 2018 Gibson Guitar and an exclusive performance at an iHeart Live Music Lounge.

Country superstars, the Randy Rogers Band, and Latin pop and norteño stars, Las Fenix, who were featured in the 2018 “Don’t mess with Texas” campaign, also lent their time and talent to help discover the campaign’s newest performers by helping promote the competition.

“Don’t mess with Texas” has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The campaign is the signature initiative for TxDOT’s litter-prevention initiatives, which include Adopt-a-Highway, a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, and the community outreach and statewide cleanup, called the “Don’t Mess with Texas” Trash-Off.

**Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook**

Gasoline prices in Texas have risen 0.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.97/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.7 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.28/g, according to GasBuddy.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices yesterday were 36.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 4.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 3.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 28.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

“The national average price of gasoline barely nudged higher last week, driven primarily by stations hiking prices notably in the Great Lakes early last week, pushing the national average to \$2.30 per gallon mid-week before those states saw stations again cutting prices and chiseling away at the nation’s average price over the weekend,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “With oil prices sinking last week to \$51 per barrel on concerns over a slowdown in trade talks with China, many states saw a respite in gas prices. However, as pipeline specifications begin to shift towards the first step towards summer gasoline requirements in the weeks ahead, the overhang in gasoline inventories will likely start to dry up and push gas prices higher.”

GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com

**COURTHOUSE NOTES**

*Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerks for the week of February 1 through February 8, 2019*

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**SHERIFF’S REPORT**

*Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office: Randy Geriess, Sheriff*

2/8/19- Vanessa Bustamante, 31, Hereford was arrested by Sheriffs Office for MTR possession of a controlled substance pg1>1g <4g Pending District Court.

2/10/19- Edward Guerra, 37, of Bovina was arrested by Bovina Police Department for possession of marijuana <2oz DFZ IAT. Pending County Court.

**Friona Primary School menu for February 18-22**

**Monday 18**

**Breakfast:** No School  
**Lunch:** No School

**Tuesday 19**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Pop Tarts, Apple Juice, Pears, Milk  
**Lunch:** Breaded Chicken, Roll, Mashed Potato, Fresh Tomato, Peaches, Milk

**Wednesday 20**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Grape Juice, Banana, Milk  
**Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French Oven Potato, Cheese Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Milk

**Thursday 21**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Sausage Pizza, Orange Juice, Peaches, Milk  
**Lunch:** Pizza Stick, Beef Spaghetti, Carrots , Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Tropical Fruit, Milk

**Friday 22**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Pancake Sausage Sticks, Fruit Punch Juice, Apple Sauce, Milk  
**Lunch:** Taco salad, Pinto Beans, Mix Veggie California, Fruit Salad, Milk

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## Making Marriage Magnificent

**Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church**

Ephesians 5 is one of the most beautiful and lengthy passages in scripture regarding marriage, and is followed by one of the most straightforward passages in Ephesians 6 regarding the war in our world. The continual war is the spiritual warfare happening right now seeking to steal, kill and destroy people's future, your family and especially marriages. In light, of the war torn world, recognize that God still gives strength and truth to help you make your marriage magnificent.

If you will make your marriage magnificent, give attention to these three areas. First, GUIDE your heart in loving Jesus Christ most. This is the greatest commandment (Mark 12:30-31), but also your greatest need because in loving Christ, you are changed into a person who can be a faithful, fun and fiercely devoted spouse. Second, GROW in your love and understanding of your spouse. 1 Peter 3:7 tells the husband to be a consistent student of his wife, because the longer you are married to someone, the new wears off and the routine of life can drown out your marriage if you don't intentionally study and pursue your spouse.

Finally, to make your marriage magnificent, GUARD your heart and mind from temptation. The world and satan will stop at nothing to destroy your marriage and keep the unmarried from getting married and simply shacking up. Pornography, clickbait, billboards, unholo lustful looks, immoral late night mental wanderings, sex robots and so much more are a few of his tools to reel people into marriage misery and sexual immorality.

Making marriage magnificent is God's plan for your marriage, and may you guide your heart in loving Jesus more, grow in your love and understanding of your spouse, and guard your heart and mind against unholo temptations.

## Panhandle Parables

### The Good News About Bad News

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

I must admit I have grown a little weary about watching the news. Pick a channel sharing news and odds are in your favor you are about to hear bad news. For some reason we tend to be attracted to the misery in our world. You will hear the markets are down, unemployment is up, no rain in the forecast and if that isn't bad enough, we must learn of this or that bad happening around the world. It is a constant feeding frenzy by newscasters to find terrible things to tell about what all is going on. Not only news from news sources, but even commercials which try to tell us good news about some new drug only to listen to the voice on the other end spend the next three minutes telling you of all the horrible side effects so that you can have a cure for hiccups. It makes it kind of hard to want to take a little pill to cure hiccups when "in some rare cases it has caused blindness or death."

So how possibly could there be any good news about bad news? So, here is my take on all the bad news. One day it will all be made right. Jesus, who by the way, is the source of our Good News will return. The trumpet will sound and the dead in Christ will rise first with those living at the time to follow and meet Christ in the air. (1 Thess. 4:13ff) Evil will finally be cast down, light will prevail, and we will be able to praise Him like never before. Reunions will be sweet and home with the Lord will be sweeter. This truly is good news for those who believe. I suspect for those that don't this will be bad news, but my prayer for you is that will you come to know, if you haven't the One who has offered salvation to all. So, as you turn on the tube and hear nothing good is happening, know this we are one day closer than ever before to eternity. Pick up His Word and see for yourself. There is good news about bad news and His name is Jesus.



## A Gift Sweeter Than Candy

Texas families can give their little valentines a gift sweeter than any candy — tuition units paid for through the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF), the state's prepaid college tuition plan. With more than 42,000 enrollments and growing, TTPF marks its 10th year of helping Texas families achieve their children's college dreams.

Participants in TTPF purchase tuition units using one of the plan's flexible payment options. These tuition units can be used later toward undergraduate resident tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. The current open enrollment period began Sept. 1, 2018, and runs through Feb. 28, 2019, allowing families to lock in 2018-19 prices for all or a portion of these costs. Residency requirements apply.

"Planning for your children's future education is a precious gift that will last long after this Valentine's Day," says Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "TTPF offers a way to help Texas families begin saving for future tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities at

today's prices."

For more information about the prepaid college tuition plan, including how tuition units can be converted to transfer value for use at out-of-state and Texas private colleges and universities and career schools, go to Tuition-Promise.org or call 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5. The website includes a calculator to estimate how much college might cost under different types of tuition units and payment plans.

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## Texas Crop and Weather Report: Texas Panhandle

Conditions were cold and dry. Parts of the district were desperate for moisture. Producers in multiple counties resorted to supplementing cattle diets due to pasture conditions. Wildfires were reported in several counties. Most all of the cotton had been taken to gins, where processing continued. No other farming activity was reported. This summary was compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters.

## Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

**By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva**

Despues de ser creyentes debemos de convertirnos en dicipolos del Senor Jesucristo. (Juan 8:31-36). 1. Debemos de creer en el. 2. Convertirnos en dicipolos. Hay muchos beneficios al ser un dicipolo de Jesus. Entendemos un dicipolo es aquel que permanece en el estudio de su palabra y establece una communion con el. Tambien es aquel que aprende de su maestro. Uno de los beneficios es se nos revelara la verdad. Otro de los beneficios es al conocer la verdad seremos libres. (Juan 8:36) Asi que si el hijo os libertare sereis verdaderamente libres. Por eso es importante el establecer una relacion con el Senor, y leer y estudiar las escrituras. Porque en ellas encontraras la vida eterna. (Juan 5:39).

After becoming believers we need to then be converted into disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 8:31-36). 1. First we need to believe in him. 2. Be converted into disciples. There are many benefits of being a disciple of Jesus. Now we understand that a disciple is the one who studies the word of God (Bible) and establishes a communion with him. It is also the person who learns from his teacher. One of the benefits is that the truth will be revealed to you. Another benefit is that you will know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:36). For whom the son sets free is free indeed. That is why it is important to establish a relationship with the Lord, and read and study the word of God (Bible). Because in them you will find eternal life (John 5:39).

## Please Pray

**By Teena Hughs**

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this column. As most of you know, I am a member of the Methodist denomination. I am proud to say my Methodist roots run deep! My great-grandfather was a circuit-rider preacher, and one of his daughters, my grandmother, was a charter member of the church I grew up in starting in third grade. I love being a Methodist for many reasons, but I am sad to write that our denomination is at a crossroads over the issue of homosexuality, and I am asking for your prayers.

A special called general conference will be held in St. Louis to vote on the issue February 23-26. No matter how the vote goes, our denomination will not look like it does today, and only God knows what that will be.

God and His Word are our ultimate authority, and His Word is clear that homosexuality is a sin and an abomination (detestable) (Leviticus 18:22). It very much concerns me that people are trying to change God's Word. I asked one of our delegates where it stops. If we change God's Word and say homosexuality is ok, what is the next sin we will declare to be ok? And, who gets to decide what changes in God's Word and what doesn't? Malachi 3:6 says, "I am the LORD, and I do not change." It does not matter how much the world changes, He does not. His Word is as true today as the day He spoke it.

I simply cannot go against God and His Word. To do so is to say I know more than God, or God is wrong, or God doesn't mean it, or God is changing His mind. We can't pick and choose what we believe from God's Word, and we cannot pick and choose what we are going to change in His Word.

Sadly, we have spent way too much time and money debating and arguing over an issue that God settled long ago. Please pray that the delegates have the courage to honor the authority of God and His Word. Please pray that if a split occurs, it will be done peacefully and amicably. Please pray.

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## FRIONA BASEBALL 2019

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Varsity	JV
Feb. 4	Monday	Hale Center (Scrimmage)	Friona	4:30	
Feb. 9	Saturday	Littlefield (Scrimmage)	Littlefield	12:00	
Feb. 14	Thursday	Lockney (Scrimmage)	Lockney	4:00	
Feb. 18	Monday	Hale Center	Hale Center	5:00	
Feb. 19	Tuesday	Boys Ranch	Friona		4:30
Feb. 21-23	Thurs.-Sat.	Lubbock Roosevelt Tournament	Lubbock Roosevelt	TBA	
Feb. 26	Tuesday	Springlake Earth	Friona	5:00	7:00
Feb. 28	Thursday	Tulia Tourn. vs Hale Center & TBA	Tulia	10:30am/TBA	
Mar. 2	Saturday	Tulia Tournament	Tulia	TBA	
Mar. 4	Monday	Hereford	Hereford		4:30
Mar. 5	Tuesday	Ralls	Ralls	5:00	
Mar. 9	Saturday	Lubbock Roosevelt (DH)	Friona	12:00/2:15	
Mar. 16	Saturday	Dalhart (DH)	Friona	12:00/2:15	
Mar. 23	Saturday	*Amarillo River Road	Friona	12:00	2:30
Mar. 26	Tuesday	*Bushland	Friona	4:30	6:30
Mar. 30	Saturday	*Tulia	Tulia	12:00	2:30
Apr. 2	Tuesday	*Muleshoe	Muleshoe	4:30	6:30
Apr. 6	Saturday	*Dimmitt	Friona	10:00 AM	
Apr. 9	Tuesday	*Amarillo River Road	Amarillo River Road	4:30	6:30
Apr. 16	Tuesday	*Bushland	Bushland	4:30	6:30
Apr. 19	Friday	*Tulia	Friona	12:00	2:30
Apr. 23	Tuesday	*Muleshoe	Friona	4:30	6:30
Apr. 27	Saturday	*Dimmitt	Dimmitt	12:00	2:30

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Asst. Coaches: Adam Nix  
Eduardo Rojas



Superintendent: Jimmy Burns  
Athletic Director: Jimmy Arias  
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## 2019 Lubbock Roosevelt Baseball Tournament February 21-23

### Thursday, February 21

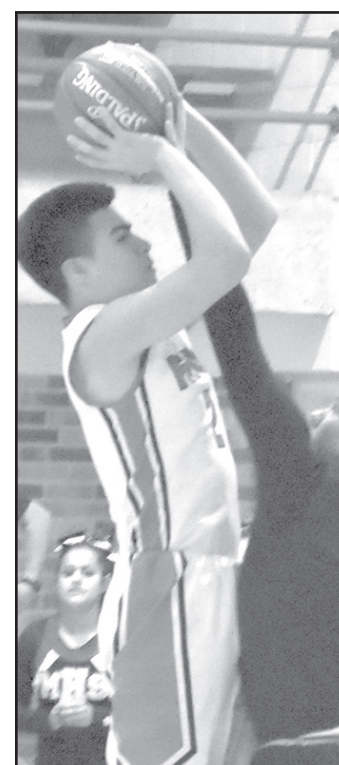
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### Friday, February 22

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12:15	Lubbock	Ralls
2:30	Lubbock	Smyer
4:45	Roosevelt	Friona

### Saturday, February 23

10:00	Smyer	Ralls
12:15	Smyer	Friona
2:30	Roosevelt	Ralls



## Final District 1-3A Girls Basketball Standings

Team	District	Overall
Bushland	13-1	27-6
Canadian	13-1	30-5
Spearman	10-4	19-14
Muleshoe	8-6	17-15
Tulia	6-8	15-18
River Road	4-10	16-15
Friona	2-12	9-21
Dimmitt	0-14	3-22



## Final District 1-3A Boys Basketball Standings

Team	District	Overall
Spearman	13-1	28-2
Tulia	12-2	26-5
Bushland	9-5	16-14
Canadian	9-5	12-9
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## Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

### Sheet Pan Dinners

When it is my responsibility to cook dinner, which I admit is not often, I have two requirements: the kids will eat what I fix without much complaint, and the meal is easy to prepare and easy to clean up. Sheet pan dinners meet at least one of these requirements. Making food that kids will eat is another problem in itself.

Sheet pan dinners are exactly what you think. Most of the cooking is done on one

sheet pan. The best part is you line the pan with foil or parchment paper and cleanup is a breeze. A couple of the recipes require a little prep work, but cleanup will still be quick. I have not tested these recipes exactly as printed, although roasting vegetables is my favorite way to prepare them. I looked for a few different meals with easy to find ingredients that I thought everyone might enjoy.

### Sheet Pan Taco Bake

[www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

#### Ingredients:

- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3 teaspoons chili powder
- Kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Nonstick cooking spray, for spraying the sheet pan
- 20 ounces refrigerated shredded hash browns
- 8 ounces Cheddar, grated (about 2 cups)
- Assorted toppings, such as shredded iceberg lettuce, salsa, diced avocado, sour cream, sliced black olives, pickled jalapenos and hot sauce

#### Directions:

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the ground beef and cook, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Add the cumin, 2 teaspoons of the chili powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt and stir to combine. Push the beef aside to make a space in the middle of the skillet and add the tomato paste. Cook, stirring, until the tomato paste darkens a shade or two, about 1 minute, then stir it into the beef. Add 1/2 cup water, bring to a rapid simmer and cook, stirring, until the water has almost completely reduced, about 2 minutes. Keep hot.

Preheat the broiler. Spray an 18-by-13-inch sheet pan with cooking spray. Spread the hash browns on the prepared sheet pan, toss with 1 teaspoon salt and the remaining 4 tablespoons vegetable oil and 1 teaspoon chili powder and pat into an even layer. Broil until golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Toss well with a heatproof spatula, pat back into an even layer and return to the broiler until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes more. Top with the spiced ground beef and Cheddar and broil until the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes. Add your favorite toppings, cut into pieces and serve.

### Sweet & Tangy Salmon with Green Beans

By: Aliasha Caldwell

#### Ingredients:

- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound fresh green beans, trimmed

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°F. Place fillets in a 15x10x1-in. baking pan coated with cooking spray. In a small skillet, melt butter; stir in brown sugar, soy sauce, mustard, oil, pepper and salt. Brush half of the mixture over salmon.

Place green beans in a large bowl; drizzle with remaining brown sugar mixture and toss to coat. Arrange green beans around fillets. Roast until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork and green beans are crisp-tender, 14-16 minutes.

### Glazed Chicken and Broccoli

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#### Ingredients:

- 4 skin-on chicken drumsticks (about 1 pound)
- 3/4 pound (about 3 cups) fingerling potatoes, halved lengthwise
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 medium head broccoli, cut into small florets (about 4 cups)
- 2 tablespoons purchased teriyaki glaze

#### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 450o F and line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the drumsticks on one side of the baking sheet, spacing them evenly apart. Place the potatoes on the other side of the baking sheet, leaving an empty space in the center for the broccoli. Drizzle the potatoes with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper, tossing to evenly coat. Bake until the potatoes begin to soften, and the drumsticks begin to cook and caramelize, 20 minutes.

2. Remove the baking sheet from the oven

and put the broccoli in the center. Drizzle the broccoli with the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil, and lightly sprinkle with salt and pepper, tossing with tongs to evenly coat. Brush the drumsticks with the teriyaki glaze on all sides.

3. Return the baking sheet to the oven and roast until the broccoli and potatoes are tender and charred in spots and the drumsticks are completely cooked through and read an internal temperature of 160o F, 20 to 25 minutes more. Divide chicken and vegetables between two plates and serve.



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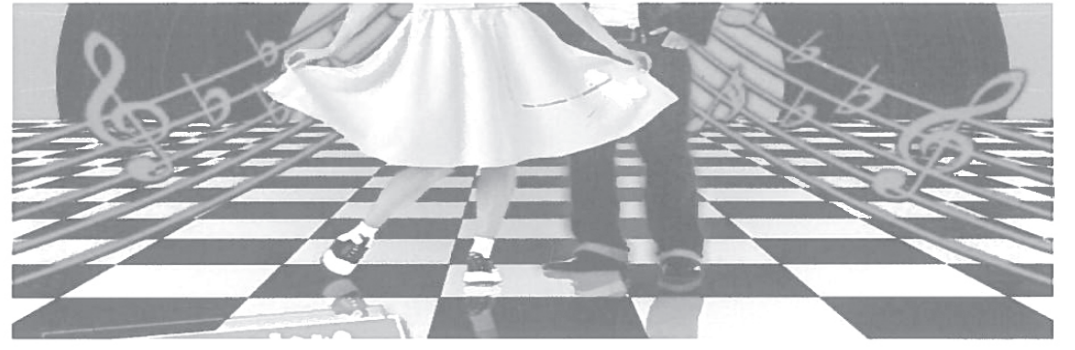
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**Why Donate?**  
This annual banquet funds all Chamber events throughout the year such as the Cheeseburger Festival, Miss Friona Scholarship and Pageant, and Christmas in the Park. All these events help support local efforts for the community such as a new pitching machine for Kid's Inc. and a flag pole at the baseball field.

**What Can I Donate?**  
Your donation can be in the form of money or a prize to be auctioned at the event. There is no limit on the amount of money to donate but we ask that you consider a minimum donation of \$50. If you donate an item, we ask that you please give an approximate value to better help us coordinate its auction. All donations need to be given to the Chamber before **February 22, 2019.** Those businesses or individuals providing donations will be recognized and thanked for their generosity.

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# ~OBITUARIES~

## Ethel Lena "Sally" Whitesides

Ethel Lena "Sally" Whitesides, 86, longtime resident of Farwell passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in Clovis. Celebration of Life Services were scheduled for 10:30 A.M. C.S.T. Monday, February 11, 2019 at the Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell with Rev. Joe Sparks of Ignacio, CO., and Rev. Joe K. MacDonald, pastor, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Sally was born February 20, 1932 in Clovis to Harold and Elsie Worthington Block. She later married Guy A. "Bill" Whitesides June 16, 1951 in Clovis.

Sally was a former writer for the newspapers in Farwell, Bovina and Clovis. After that, she helped raise many Farwell children with daycare, and did sewing for the public.

She was known as a strong, but humble person that loved to check up on people and have them over to her home for a front porch visit and some homemade bread.

She is preceded in death

by her parents, husband, 3 sisters-Hazel Troughber, Hilda Sparks and Phyllis Patton, and 2 brothers-Harold Block and Raymond Block.

Those to continue her legacy include 2 daughters-Ruth Young and Elva Gloyna, both of Portales and 1 son-Guy Harold Whitesides and wife Maria of Melrose, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



## Shirley McReynolds

Shirley Ann Dingler McReynolds, 84, died February 7, 2019 at Coldwater Manor in Stratford.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at the First United Methodist Church of Stratford. Rev. John Wagoner of Amarillo officiated; he was assisted by Rev. Damon Stalvey of Stratford. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Shirley was born December 30, 1934 to William Franklin "Frank" and Ila Viola Mills Dingler in the New York Community of Henderson County, Texas. She graduated from Palestine High School, Palestine, Texas, in 1952 and attended Henderson County Junior College in Athens, Texas.

She married David "Dave" Thomas McReynolds on May 11, 1954 in Palestine, Texas. They moved to College Station where Dave finished and graduated from Texas A&M. After his graduation, they lived in Hearne, Rosenberg, Galveston, Friona, Richardson, then Stratford.

Shirley was Co-Publisher and Society Editor of The Stratford Star in Stratford, Texas from 1962 - 1979. Her feature Cook of the Week was a popular highlight. She was a founding member of the Stratford Hospital District and helped plan Coldwater Manor. She was also a member of the Prospectus Study Club and Nu Beta Sorority. They were members of the First United Methodist Church and Shirley taught Sunday School. She also worked at Mary Allen Elementary as Mr. Galloway's secretary.

Shirley, Dave and Emily moved to Dumas in 1979. They were members of the FUMC and Shirley worked at the First State Bank. She and Dave moved to Amarillo in 1989. Shirley volunteered at the Ronald McDonald Family Room and BSA Hospice. They were members of Saint Paul UMC.

Activities Shirley enjoyed through the years were bowling, Square Dancing, Bridge, 42, Bunco and reading.

Shirley was preceded in



death by her father in 1964, her brother, Brig. General Walter J. Dingler, in 1995, a grandson, Logan Riley McReynolds, in 2008, her mother in 2009, and her husband Dave in 2011.

She married Marshall Shelton on September 9, 2013 in Amarillo, Texas. They were members of Polk Street Methodist Church. He preceded her in death in 2017.

Survivors include her children: son David Franklin McReynolds and his wife Charlotte of Houston, TX, son Thomas Allen McReynolds of Boise, Idaho, daughter Pamela Ann Tollison and husband Miles of Austin, TX, and daughter Emily Kay Burnsed and husband Thomas of Amarillo. She is also survived by her grandchildren Ryan McReynolds and his wife Lyndsey of Spring, Texas, Lauren Mack and her husband Justin of College Station, Texas, Diego McReynolds and his wife Tawny of Rincon, Georgia, Charlene McReynolds of Palouse, Washington, Matthew Tollison and wife Kathleen of Katy, Texas, and Haley McAllister and her husband Wylan of Austin, Texas and by great-grandchildren Taylor and Rhys McReynolds of Spring, Kendall and Kensey Mack of College Station, Payton and Emmerson Tollison of Katy, and Westin and Hadley McAllister of Austin.

The family suggests memorials to the Ronald McDonald Family Room of Amarillo, the First United Methodist Church of Stratford, the Stratford Education Foundation, or Stratford Hospital District/Coldwater Manor.

## Duane Wyly

Duane Wyly, 89, of Canyon, Texas died Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in Canyon at his home. Graveside services were at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, February 11, 2019 at Dreamland Cemetery, south of Canyon, with Bob Mink, Associate Pastor of Washington Avenue Christian Church, officiating. with Jim Shelburne, Senior Pastor, officiating along with Ira Purdy and Shane Wyly. The family received friends from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Brooks Chapel in Canyon. Arrangements were by Brooks Funeral Directors.



Robert Duane Wyly was born on February 1, 1930 to Catherine Alta Wilson Wyly at the Wyly family farm, Southwest of Bootleg Corner in west Deaf Smith County. Duane's father, James Allen Wyly, had been killed in a truck rollover vehicle accident on October 20, 1929, nine days before the Great Depression struck our country. Duane's mother found herself widowed with six children and baby Duane on the way. The family remained intact and gritted out the Great Depression and the Dirty 30's with incredible faith in God, fortitude, and hard work. Duane grew and thrived as the youngest of seven and attended school at Messenger Community and then Friona Public Schools where he graduated in 1948.

Through church activities and family, Duane met the love of his life, Mary Avaritt, in Tucumcari, NM. They were married on January 1, 1951 in Tucumcari and remained faithfully married for almost 65 years, until Mary's death on October 29, 2015.

After multiple moves in the early years of their marriage, they left Amarillo to move to Hereford for Duane to manage Big Daddy's Truck Stop. This was followed by a few years in the trucking industry before settling into a career in the insurance business, which led to a move from Hereford to Canyon in 1981. Their home in the Canyon Country Club at their beloved Eazy Acres was their final move and they remained there for almost 38 years, sharing their special place with family and friends until the very end.

Duane settled into a 31 year career with AFLAC Insurance working steadily until the age of 82. Although the boy left the country, the country never left the boy. He was always active outdoors enjoying camping, traveling and upkeep, maintenance, and construction at his Eazy Acres home or with his oldest son, Shawn.

Duane was also a found-

ing member of the Panhandle Antique Tractor Club where he enjoyed numerous tractors and projects with Shawn, including many, many activities of tractor shows and parades with fellow enthusiasts. Over the last ten years, he and Shawn were also very active in restoring and showing antique bicycles and made many great memories.

In the last three years of his life, Duane had found great friendship and fellowship in the Widowed Persons Services of Amarillo. He greatly enjoyed serving and leading in this great organization.

However, above and beyond all interests, activities, and hobbies, was Duane's love, devotion, and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior. All things in his life revolved around this relationship and he finished his life full of faith and trust and love for Jesus Christ. Duane was a very active member and part of the congregation at Washington Avenue Christian Church, participating in a great Sunday School class and many men's activities and ministries, including numerous Promise Keeper trips in the 1990's.

Duane will always be remembered by the multitude of lives he touched as kind, gentle, generous, gracious, humorous, a master storyteller, and full of love and laughter, a true gentleman.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Wilson Wyly, Porter Wyly, James (Bob) Wyly, and Elton Wyly, and one sister, Myrtice Evans.

Survivors include one sister, Nova Vaughn of Amarillo; two sons, Shawn Wyly and wife, Michelle of Amarillo and Brendan Wyly and wife, Kristen of Ithaca, NY; and three grandchildren, Shane Wyly and wife, Samantha of Amarillo, Cheyenne Wyly of Amarillo/Canyon, and Kathryn Wyly of Ithaca, NY.

The family suggests memorials be to Christian Relief Fund, 1501 W. 58th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79110.

## Lions Club News



### FCCLA visits the Lion's den

(l-r) Vanessa Chavez, Natali Godinez and Rayna Clark, all FCCLA officers, gave a presentation to the Lion's Club last Thursday. Their presentation is titled "Diving into a New Language." They are in the occupational class, "Practicum of Education and Training." This class planned an 8-week program that worked with our English Language Learners. This program focused on the immersion style of teaching a new language.

If you or your organization would like to see one or more of the 7 presentations that FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) is taking to competition at Regionals on March 1st and 2nd, please call Erin Barnett at 806-265-7674. They would love to show you what they are up to and get some practice.

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*Love, Grandma*

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**Grandmother:** Lynn Nelson



**Bennett Michael Berend**  
*Son of Jason and Haley Berend*

**Grandparents:** Roddy and Sandra Berend,  
Jonathan and Brenda Weiss  
**Great-Grandparents:**  
William and Catherine Fairweather,  
JoAnn Berend, Jo Ann Yeager



**Ryanne Ivey and Mila Busch**

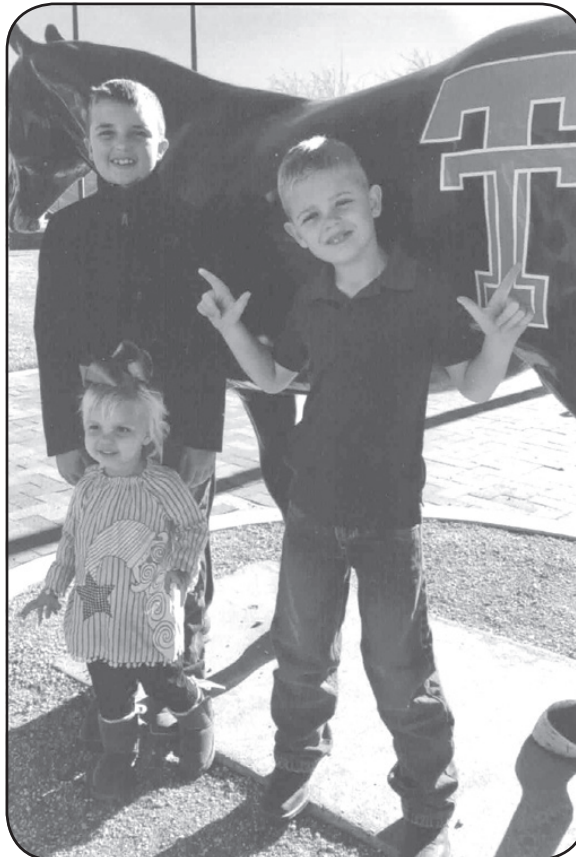
Granddaughters of Dennis and Loraine Anthony. Daughters of Morgan and Bo Ivey, and Erin and Steffan Busch

# Happy Valentine's Day



**Anita, Carter, Case, and Brooke**

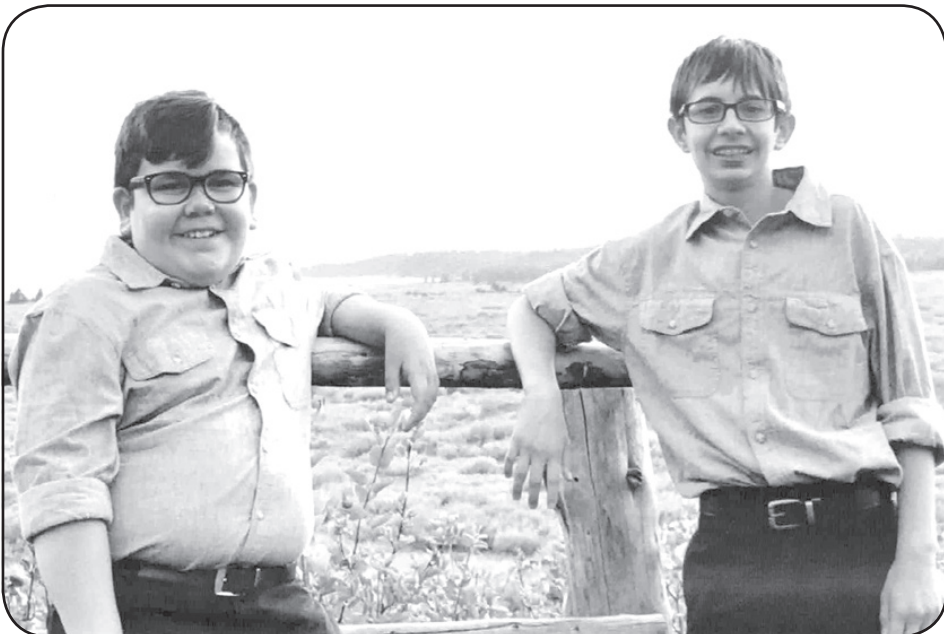
**Parents:** Heath and Sharleen Gammon  
and Matt and Bethany Gammon  
**Grandparents:** Mark and Tammy Gammon  
**Great Grandma:** Paula Fairchild



**Kolton and Kaison Stovall and Leddy Jo Brown**

*Love You "Whole Bunch"!*

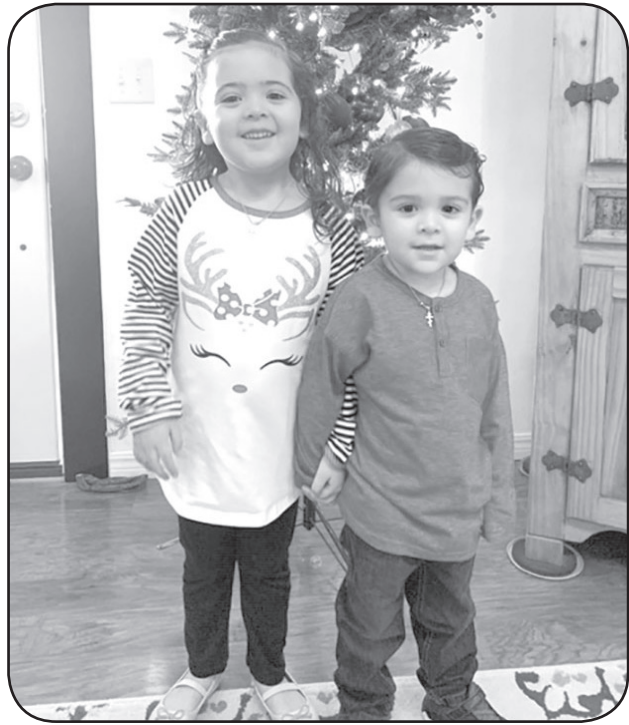
**Children of:** Dustin and Tish Stovall; Kevin and Jennifer Brown  
**Grandparents:** David and Gayla Brown; David and Renee Rowell; Randy Stovall; Susan Sorey  
**Great Grandparents:** Max Self; Pauline Moore



Happy Valentines Day to our grandsons, Joshua and Noah, sons of Jeff and Tonia Brown from Tulsa, Oklahoma. We love you, Papaw and Grandma Brown. Gary and Barbara



Happy Valentines Day to Jaden, Jaycee, and Jolee, daughters of Julie and Jon Pigg from Quitaque, Texas. We love you, Grandma and Papaw Brown. Barbara and Gary



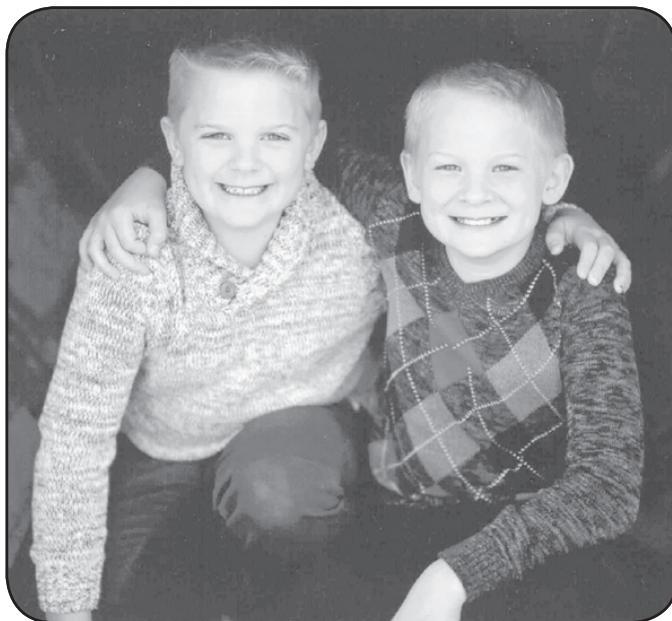
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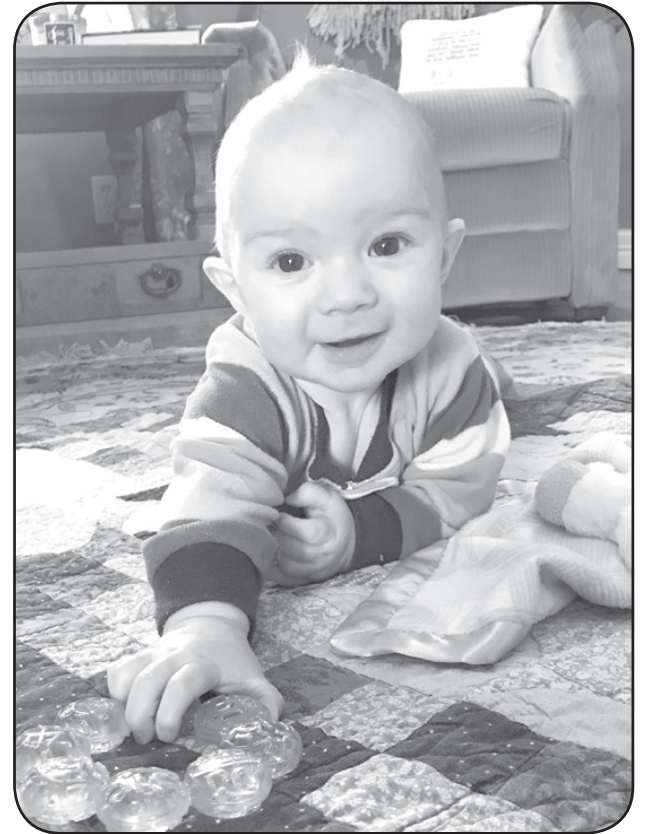


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# Be my Valentine



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*Sending Valentine wishes, hugs and kisses,  
for our blessings here and above!*

♥ Mia & Buddy



*Happy Valentine's Day from these sweet Herring kids!!*

**Grandparents:** Marca Herring, Glen and Mickie Herring,  
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**Jaxson and Morgon Peace**

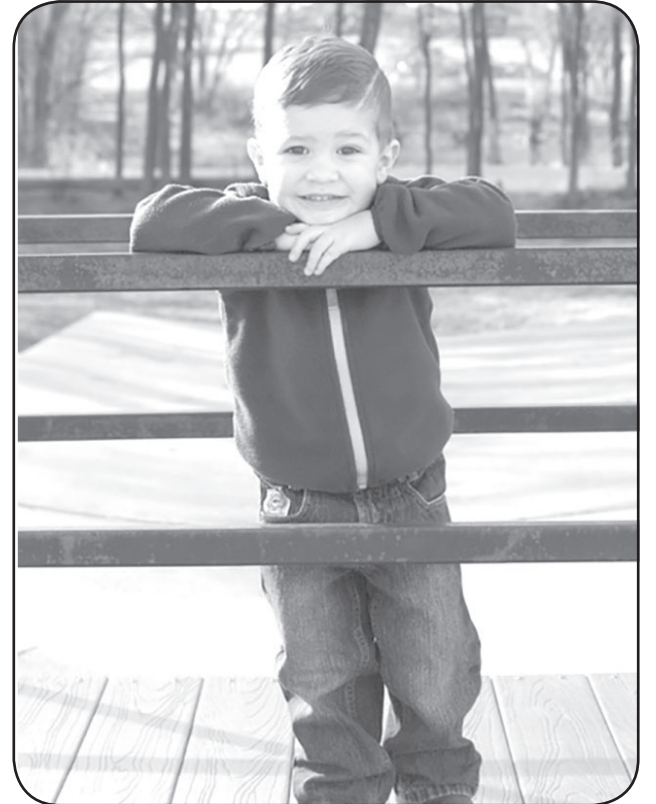
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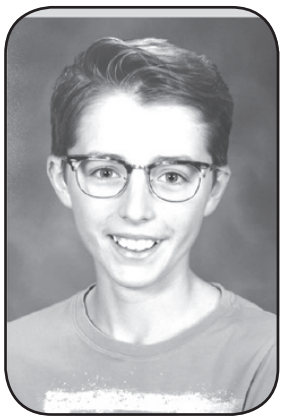
*Nolan Wade Looper is the son of Lance Looper.  
His grandmother is Jayn Looper.  
Nolan would like to wish Momma  
Loop a Happy Valentines Day!*

**Dad:** Lance Looper  
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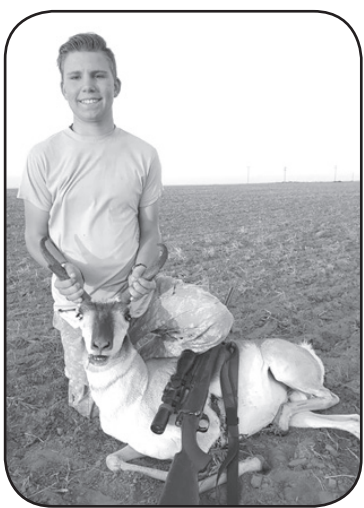
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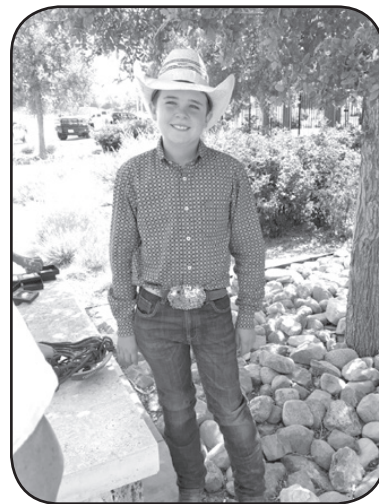
*To My Sweet Valentines!*

# Happy Valentine's



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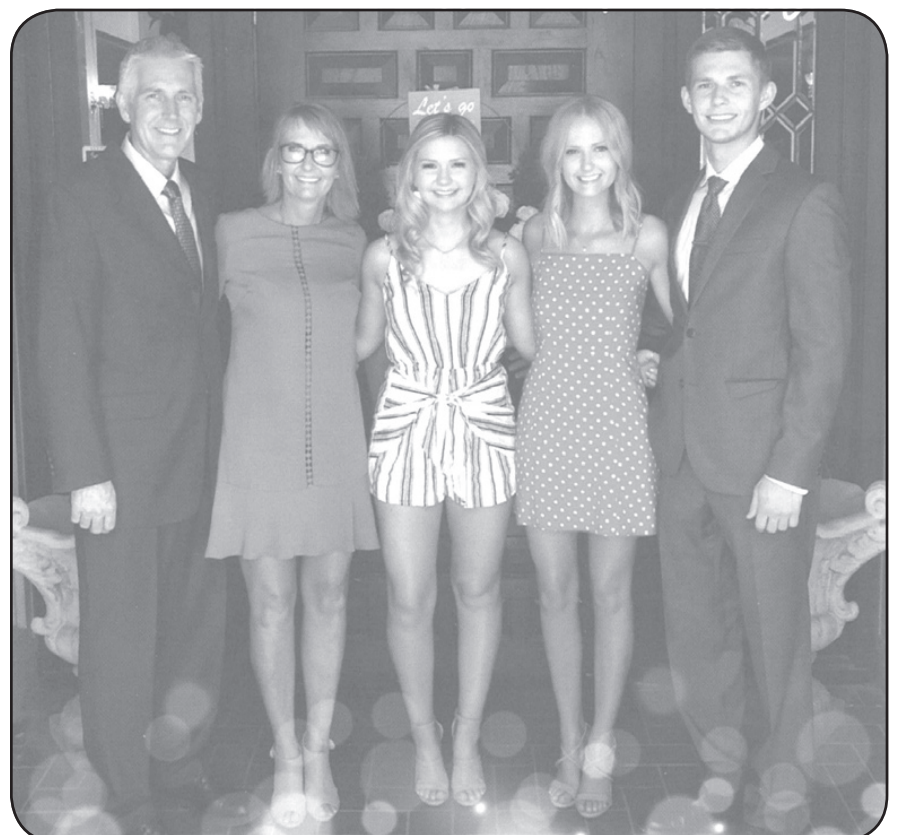
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*Gran's  
Blessings*



**Jaron and Janae (Fleming) Griffith, Justin & Brooklyn  
(Flatt) Fleming, with parents Andrew & Judy Fleming**

**Grandparents:** Loy McLellan, Howard Fleming



**Johnny and Danae (Reeve) McLellan (parents)  
Landon, Macy, and Avari**

**Grandparents:** Loy McLellan and Betty Reeve



**Cale Bynum, Gus Procter, Brittan Bynum, and Cortlyn Bynum**

*Happy Valentines!*

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**Avery Blake Dunnam**

*"Our Sweet Valentine"*

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**Great Grandparents :** Jim and Sherry Atwell  
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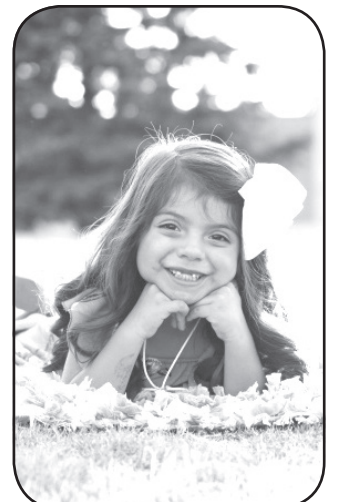


**Shelby and Sophie Lewellen**

*Happy Valentines from Grammy and Grandpa!*

**Parents:** Greg and Jamie Lewellen  
**Grandparents:** Dennis and Connie Slagle,  
Donnie and Debbie Lewellen, Woody  
and Janci Wilson, and Ibbey Lewellen

# Valentine's Day



**Jonah, Luke, Noah Aguilar,  
and Alayhlee Villarreal!**

*Happy Valentines to these sweet kids!*



**Ava Grace, Jaxon, and Ella Kate Wright**

*Happy Valentines!*

**Parents:** Jason and Melissa Wright  
**Grandparents:** Karen and the late Jarell Wright  
Troy and Karene Bass  
**Great Grandparents:** Dale and Laura Hart



**Hadley, Jarrett & Adaline White**

**Parents:** Bill & Jeri Lynn White  
**Grandparents:** Teddy & Sharon White  
Jerry & Janet LaFrance



**Vana Stanberry**

*"Happy Valentines"*

**Parents:** Terry and Becky Stanberry



**Ethan Geris**

**Parents:** Ryan & Lindsey Geris



**Rylee & Rowyn Bridges**

**Parents:** David & Amy Bridges



**Gage & Brennon Kubacak**

*"Happy Valentines"*

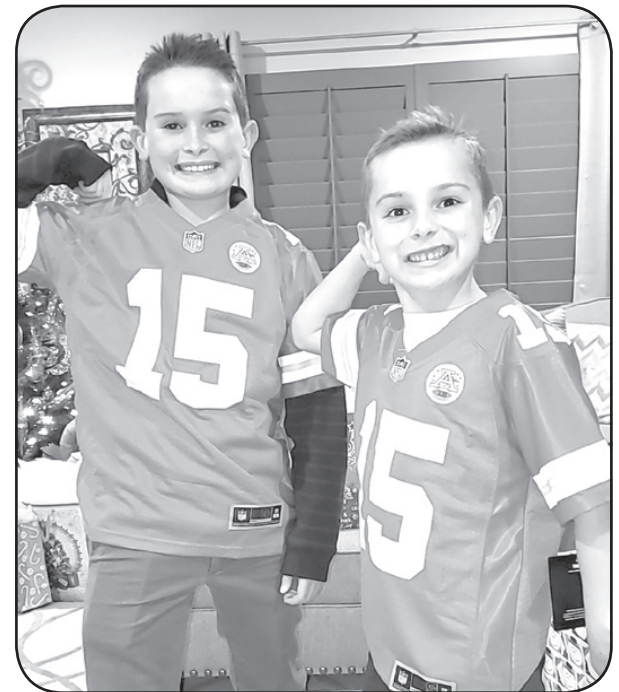
**Parents:** Anthony and LaFawnda Kubacak

**Grandparent:** Becky Stanberry



**Auggie & Ronin King**

**Parents:** Rhett & Andrea King



**Nash & Noah Rigler**

**Parents:** Nathan & Mandy Rigler

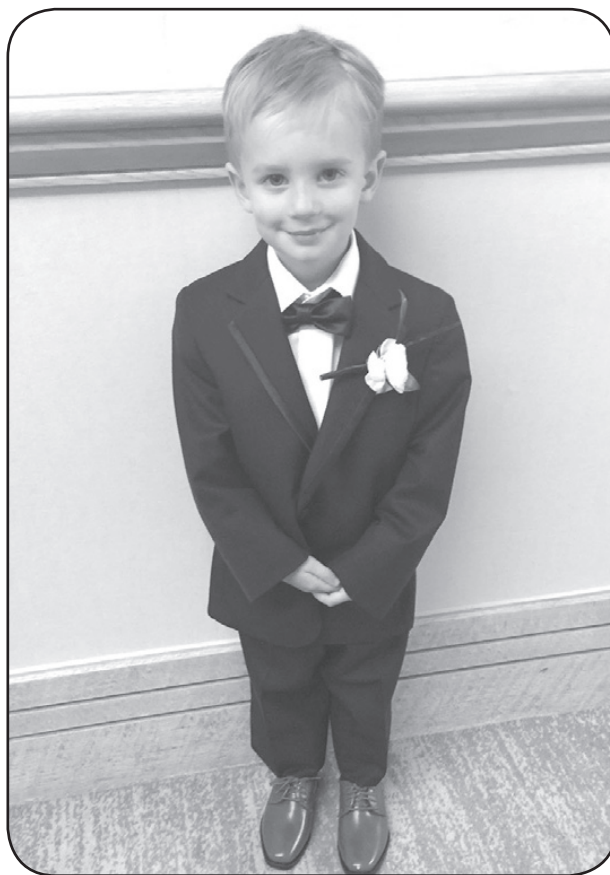
**Grandchildren of Randy & Sarah Geris, Great-Grandchildren of Sam & Donna Mears**

# It's Valentine's Day



**Dallas Rebber & Joyce Wells**

**Parents:** David and Ann Rebber Of Lubbock, TX



**Dusty Rebber**

**Parents:** Derek and Jessica Rebber of Valley Mills, TX

*"The Lights of Our Lives"*



**Sterling Rebber**

**Grandparents:** Glen and Rhonda Rebber of Valley Mills, TX, Mark Linda Schinnerer of Carlsbad, NM.  
**Great Grandparents:** Joyce & the late Harold Joe Wells of Friona, TX, Wanda & the late Hilton Wilson of Waco, TX, Vonna Regan and the late Seth Regan of Stratton, Nebraska

# AccuWeather Special Report: 2019 U.S. Spring Forecast

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AccuWeather Global Weather Center - February 6, 2019 - While Punxsutawney Phil may have proclaimed the end of winter on Groundhog Day, AccuWeather forecasters say it's a bit premature for much of the country.

Spring weather will take its time to arrive in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes with the chance for snow as late as mid-March.

In the Midwest and much of the Plains, prolonged warmth will arrive in mid-April, save for the earlier odd spell of springlike air.

Meanwhile, the Southeast and Gulf Coast will buck the trend, with Arctic air retreating quickly and the threat for severe weather not far off.

**Quick flip to spring warmth not in the cards for Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes**

Contrary to Punxsutawney Phil's prognostication, AccuWeather meteorologists predict spring weather will take its time arriving in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes this year.

The last snowfall of the season may not be until the beginning or even middle of March, threatening to impact I-95 cities like New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

"In the Northeast, we aren't expecting an immediate flip to springlike weather on March 1," AccuWeather Long-Range Meteorologist Max Vido said. "However, once we get to the later parts of March and the beginning of April, we're expecting a faster transition to spring than last year."

By late April and May, snow worries will be replaced with warm swings and the threat for some severe weather.

Despite this, it won't be a particularly wet spring for these regions.

"2018 was an extremely wet year," Vido said. "This year it could be a little drier and people who had outdoor projects delayed from the summer and fall might have an opportunity to get out there and work on them."

**Arctic chill to make quick departure in Southeast, Tennessee Valley, Gulf coast**

This spring, Arctic air is predicted to retreat quickly across the Southeast and Tennessee Valley.

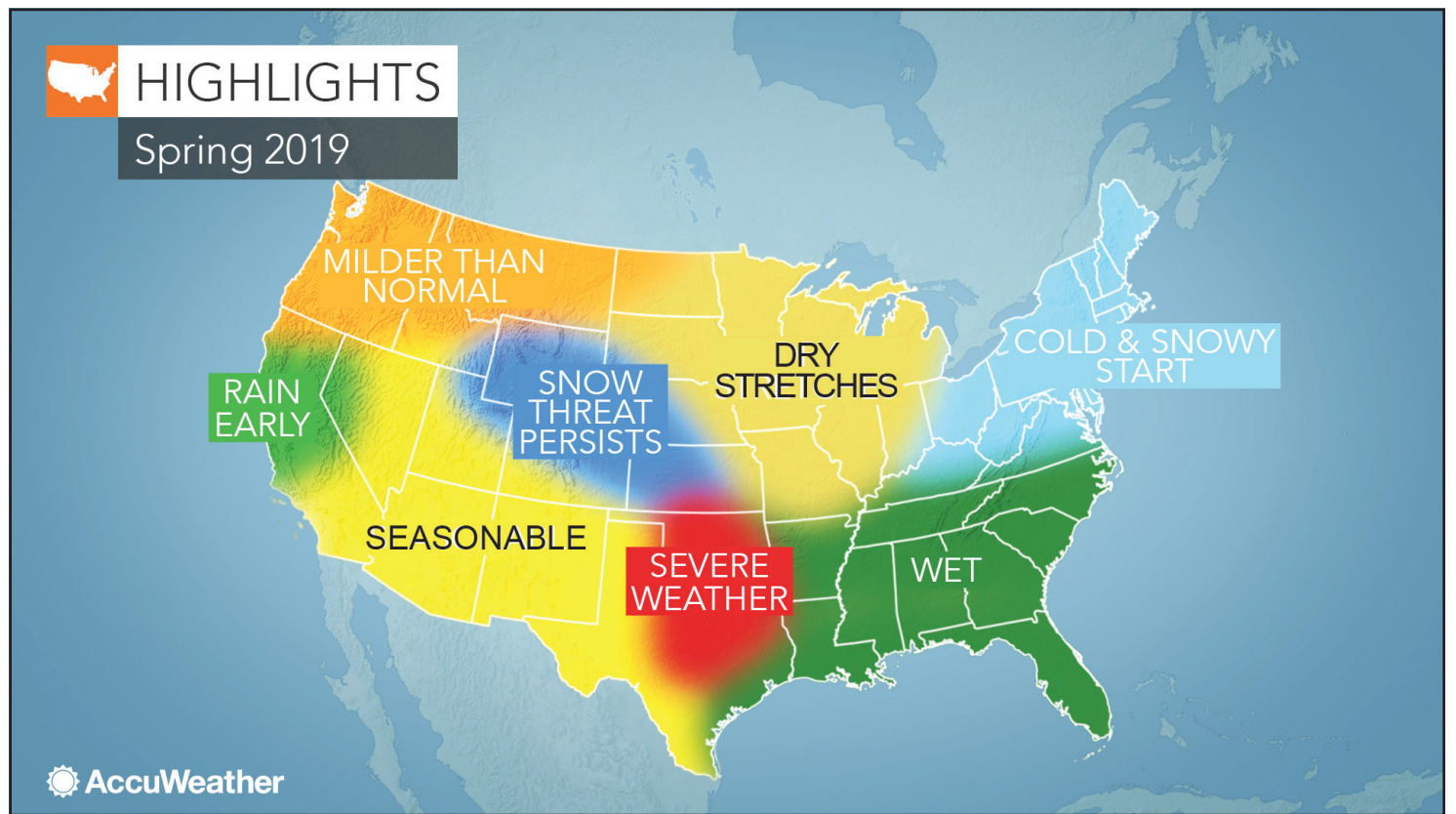
A lower-than-normal risk for a late last frost or freeze will be good news for those hoping to get plants in the ground early.

The only hindrance to this may be the threat for above-normal rainfall across the region, with the potential for flooding in cities such as Houston, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Tallahassee, Florida.

Severe weather will affect traditional southern areas, meaning cities like Little Rock, Arkansas; Shreveport, Louisiana; and Tulsa, Oklahoma, should be on alert.

**Air to warm up quicker than last year in Ohio Valley, Midwest and majority of Plains**

While winter weather lingered across the Midwest and Northern Plains into the middle of April last year, a much faster transition is in store during 2019.



Bouts of warmer weather are predicted to arrive in the beginning of April and become more consistent by the middle of the month, particularly for northern areas like Minneapolis and Bismarck.

Some cities farther south could see occasional spring-like temperatures in March, however.

A few stretches of dry weather are forecast during the season and, while drought is not expected at a regional level, there could be some localized issues, Vido said.

**Heavy rainfall predicted for southern Plains**

A seasonable transition to spring is in store this year, meaning March could once again welcome temperatures in the 70s and 80s F.

"People across the area should be able to get going on projects and planting pretty quickly," according to Vido.

As far as spring severe weather goes, forecasters say it will be a normal to slightly below-normal year, with the frequency of events set to pick up in April and May.

Heavy rainfall is forecast to target the region at times, especially later in the season, with eastern Texas and Oklahoma on alert for urban and street flooding.

The abundance of rain could spur flooded fields, leading to delays for some farmers.

**Drought conditions to ease back in Southwest, California**

A long-standing drought

across the Four Corners region, Arizona and Southern California will finally ease back as winter comes to a close.

According to Vido, "We're expecting a few more precipitation events through the end of winter into the beginning of spring that can improve the situation there."

Meanwhile, as spring takes hold across the Southwest, above-normal warmth is not on the cards.

"Cloudy conditions at times will hold back extreme heat, preventing a high frequency of those events this year," he said.

**Dry and warm weather to dominate in the Northwest, Rockies**

Spring won't be quick to dive into the central and

northern Rockies, as some late-season snow is possible for cities like Denver, Colorado, and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Overall, however, drier and warmer-than-normal conditions are in store for the Northwest and northern Rockies this season.

These areas missed out on frequent stormy weather over the winter, so drought issues could intensify into spring.

"There may be some concerns with water restrictions," Vido said.

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**2019 CONSUMER SENTIMENT ON GASOLINE**

86% of people depend on gasoline for their everyday lives.

Household budgeting: Gas ranked above healthcare & emergency fund in importance.

**HOW AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT FILLING UP**

2/3 of respondents say gas prices impact their ability to spend money on other items or services.

More than half of respondents feel gas is frustrating to budget for.

Free gas over free cash! Respondents would rather get a free fill-up than finding \$20 on the streets.

**HOW AMERICANS PAY FOR GAS**

Frequency of fill-ups: 20% (5 times per month), 25% (4 times per month), 24% (3 times per month), 23% (2 times per month), 8% (Once per month).

3 out of 5 shop around for the best gas prices.

#1 payment method: Debit Card (44%), credit card (38%), cash (14%).

Results based on 1,016 responses from GasBuddy's gasoline survey, Jan. 2019.

The recently released GasBuddy's 2019 Consumer Sentiment on Gasoline Study finds that the necessity, perception, and price of gasoline adversely impacts Americans across all age groups and income brackets, with a staggering 86 percent of Americans depending on gasoline for their everyday lives.

Additional key findings include: (1) Americans categorize gasoline as a more important household budget consideration than healthcare and savings/emergency funds, (2) Nearly two-thirds (65%) say gas prices impact their ability to spend money on other items and services. This impact is especially felt by young people age 18-24 (70%), and (3) Most used method of payment for gasoline: debit cards, followed by credit cards and cash

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# Water Weekly

For the week of 02/11/19

**Water conditions**

The latest drought map shows development of a new patch of drought in Dimmit County in South Texas. Overall, drought is impacting 2 percent of the state. Another 16 percent of the state is abnormally dry and vulnerable to drought development in the next few weeks.

**Drought conditions**

- 2% now
- 1% a week ago
- 1% three months ago
- 65% a year ago

**Intensity**

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor