



Candidate slate set for May 7th election

Seats on the Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees, Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors, and Friona City Council were up for election this year and the candidate roster is complete for all three. The general election will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The FISSD Board of Trustees has two positions up for election this year. The terms of Jeri Lynn White and Darrin Gilley are expiring. School board members serve three year terms. The five candidates (in alphabetical order) for the two school board positions are: Darrin Gilley, Marla Hart, Sergio Mendez, Ross Paiz, and Jeri Lynn White.

The Parmer County Hospital District will have three positions open for election. The terms of Dale Schueler, Dennis Anthony, and Bret Whitten are expiring. Board members serve two year terms. The four candidates (in alphabetical order) for the three hospital board positions are: Dennis Anthony, Greg O'Brian, Dale Schueler, and Bret Whitten.

There were three positions up for election on the city council. The terms of Mayor Ricky White and council members Brent Loflin and Greg Lewellen are expiring. Council members and the Mayor serve two year terms. Mayor White is retiring this year and is not seeking reelection. The four candidates (in alphabetical order) for the three positions were Greg Lewellen, Brent Loflin, Esmeralda Mills, and Cindy Moreno.

Alderman Jeff Stowers decided to resign in order to spend more time with his family. That left four seats open with only four candidates. As a result, the election for mayor and council members has been canceled. Greg Lewellen will replace Ricky White as Friona's next mayor. Brent Loflin will serve another term as alderman. Cindy Moreno will replace Greg Lewellen on the council for a full term, and Esmeralda Mills will complete the term (one year) of Alderman Jeff Stowers.

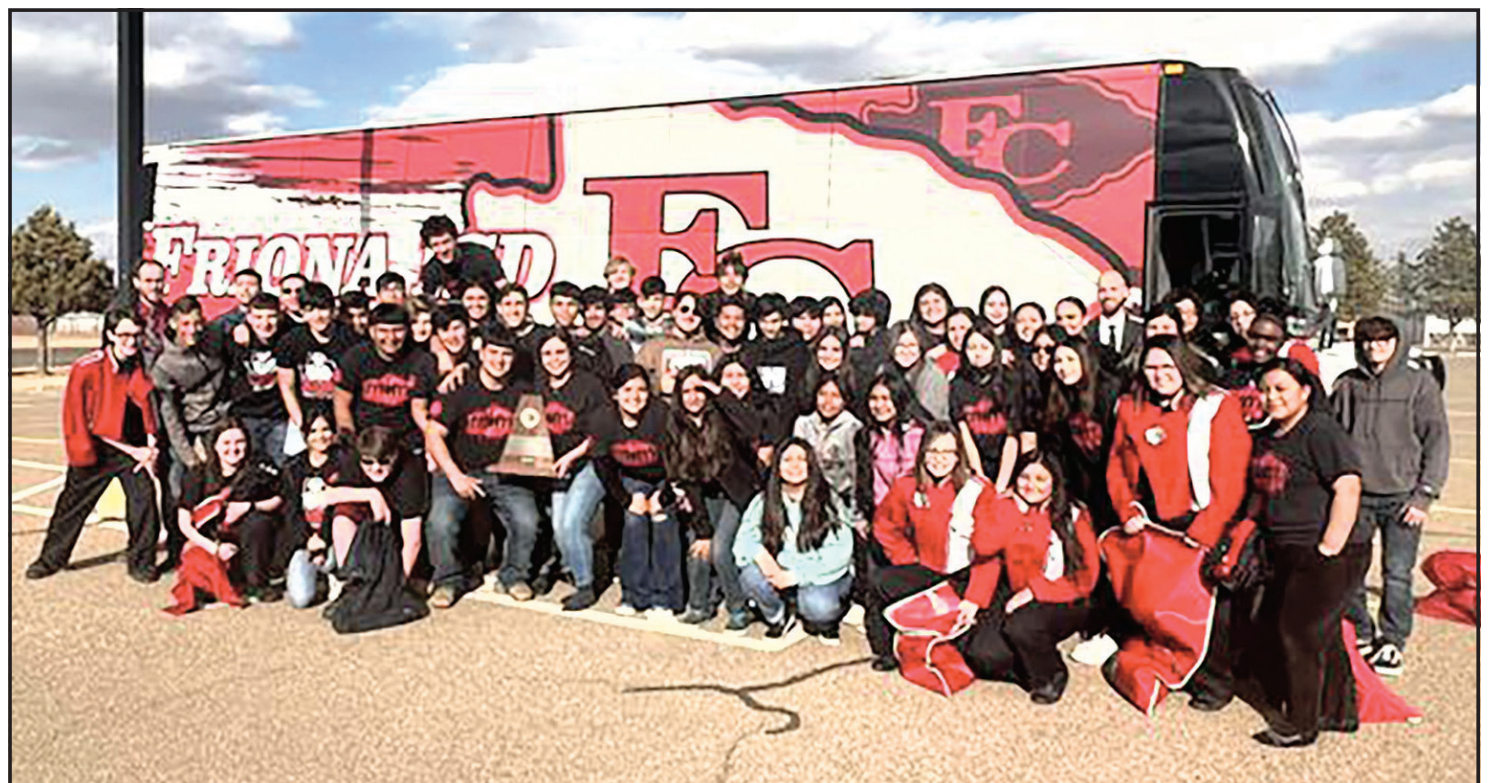
City will receive a \$67,253.14 sales tax allocation for March

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$913.3 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 19.8 percent more than in March 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$67,253.14 in Texas sales tax allocation for the month of March. This amount is a 46.27% increase over the \$45,978.40 allocation received in March 2021.

For the first three months of 2022, the City has received \$203,807.81 in sales tax disbursements. This YTD amount is a 43.42% increase over the \$142,103.50 received in the first three months of 2021.

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$16,813.29 of the allocation for its operations.



Mighty Chieftain Band wins Sweepstakes!!!

The FHS Chieftain Band received a Superior Rating (1) in both the Concert and Sight-Reading portions of the UIL Band Evaluations Event held at Panhandle High School on March 8th and 9th. Congratulations to the Chieftain Band!

DSEC Annual Meeting is March 22nd

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 2011 and a portion of 2012 and 2021 totaling \$7,200,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and member appreciation dinner Tuesday, March 22nd. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner from Hens & Fins will be served

followed by a short business meeting to elect two directors. Position One candidate is incumbent Michael Carlson, who is running unopposed. Position Two candidates are incumbent Vick Christian and nominee Lincoln Devault.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than two thousand dollars,

including 2 round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is a distribution cooperative with headquarters in Hereford, serving portions of Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties on the high plains. Founded in 1937, our service area includes about 4,643 miles of line and over 2,600 members.

Dry spell, drought deepens across Texas

By Adam Russell

Soil moisture levels continue to decline in most areas of the state after a months-long dry spell as warm-season crop plantings and preparations increase.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents and specialists have reported critically dry conditions in many parts of the state over the last several weeks. The U.S. Drought Monitor shows more than

93% of the state is in abnormally dry to extreme drought and nearly 81% of the state dealing with moderate-to-extreme drought.

"It is very, very dry," said Jordan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo. "There is no surface moisture and very few fields have subsoil moisture. We have had negligible moisture this winter."

Historic winter dry spell

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., state climatologist in the College of Geosciences Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University, said much of the state has been very dry since fall and the rain outlook does not look promising.

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Jeannie Martin received a "Key to the City" in honor of her eight years (2014-2022) of service to the City of Friona as EMS Director and Assistant Director. The Friona EMS "Crew" was on hand to help her celebrate the honor. Those present were (l-r): Michael Taylor, Ray Whaley, Larry Martin, Jeannie Martin, Aspen Fleming, Genesis Soliz, Nic Baucom, Skip Hodges, and Dr. Don Klinger.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather March 17-23	T 48 25 N 25-35	F 60 33 NW 5-10	S 69 39 W 10-15	S 74 42 S 25-35	M 59 31 SW 20-30	T 48 30 N 20-30	W 63 35 NNW 10-20	Precipitation March 0.10 Year 0.26	Burn Ban Yes
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March is "Friona Business Month"

Mayor Ricky White proclaimed March as "Friona Business Month" at the City Council meeting on Monday evening and recognized the following local businesses.

Community Calendar

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

March 14-18
• Spring Break

March 17
• St. Patrick's Day
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 21
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 22
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

March 24
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 28
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 31
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center



Dairy Queen
Rocio Hernandez



Friona Wheat Growers
Jerome Provencio



Thai Sky
Mekkala Bovrap



La Casita
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Free Vaccination Clinics

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PMC will conduct shot clinics on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Friona at the 6th Street Church of Christ and on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bovina at the XIT Recreation Center.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

1 Wolfe _____, TX

5 Texas is 2nd biggest state by _____

6 TXism: "the _____ and chain" (spouse)

7 boot width

8 Fort Worth Univ.

9 TXism: "I'm gonna eat your _____"

14 TXism for this ringed tail animal dressing area for swimmers

19 mediocre ability

21 TXism: "sit and _____ spell"

22 Tyler, TX: "Rose _____ of the World"

27 "V" of "VIP"

28 today, these are mostly streamed

29 corn chip created by TX Charles Doolin

30 roads into Texas

32 TX Hillerman TV show: "Magnum _____"

33 truck drivers union

36 prepare for publication

37 TX "Eagle" Henley

38 TXism: "boot _____" (dances)

39 indicating

41 "_____ USA" supports commerce between Mexico and our country

44 one of the earliest explorers in Texas: Cabeza de _____

45 TXism: "_____ some gravel" (fell)

DOWN

1 Dallas or Houston conveyance

2 personal retirement nest egg (abbr.)

3 TX-based AT&T company, e.g.

4 alma mater of TX George W. for his B.A. degree

8 work strenuously

9 Texas Tech's women's basketball team (3 wds.)

10 Austin Univ.

11 Dallas sportscaster Hitzges (init.)

12 in Tom Green County on U.S. 277

13 chopped weeds

14 Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie is a _____ track

15 TX "Dandy Don" won the _____ Bell Award in 1966

16 TXism: "_____ your head for something besides a hat rack"

17 "_____ dime" (good brakes)

18 lessening discomfort

20 TXism: "sawbucks"

22 this Cal started TX Boy's Ranch (init.)

23 Dallas Museum of _____

24 TXism: "cut it up like a boarding-house _____"

25 in Hill County on I-35

26 male feline

28 blood vessel

31 TXism: "neon light _____" (inspiration)

34 TXism: "could sell sheep shears _____ cattleman" (persuasive)

35 and so forth abbr.

37 TXism: "shoots _____ over the phone" (risk taker)

40 Tall Texas _____

42 org. for some TX teachers (abbr.)

43 lockjaw

49 TXism: "_____ it with kid gloves"

50 this TX Detmer won Heisman in 1990

46 golfing start: "_____ ball up"

47 restaurant started in Texas: "Steak and _____"

48 TX QB whose jersey was retired by the NY Giants (init. + name)

51 TXism: "sounds like _____ axle" (bad singer)

52 word used to indicate the maiden name of a married woman

53 Ima Hogg's fictional sister

54 very fast plane (abbr.)

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from March 3, 2022 to March 10, 2022

(3/3/22) Paula Dean Fairchild — James Mark Gammon, Tammy Fairchild Gammon — All of the South 320 Acres of Section 15 Township Five One-Half South, Range 5 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(3/4/22) Frank Galvan, Dalia Galvan — Richard Brent Parrish, Sara G. Parrish — a Tract of Land out of Garden Lots 15 and 16, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(3/4/22) Jeanette Carroll Redwine — Daren Sudderth, Angela Sudderth, DAP Apartments — The South 45.0 Feet of Lot 8, Block 4, Ridgecrest Addition Unit No. 3, City of Farwell, Parmer County

(3/7/22) Simon Salinas, Maria G. Salinas — Simon Fabian Salinas, Raquel Luz Salinas — All of Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 12, Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas Vol. 5, Page 421

(3/7/22) Thomas M. Beauchamp, Debra Beauchamp — Thomas M. Beauchamp, Debra Beauchamp, Thomas and Debra Beauchamp Trust — The Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 11, Parmer County, Texas approximately 160 Acres, more Tracts on Exhibit "A"

(3/8/22) Javier Lugo — Freddy A. Campos — All of the West (69.4) Feet of Lots 11 and 12, of block 87 of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas Vol. 5, Page 241

(3/8/22) R. D. Sparks — Timothy Luke Steelman, Evangelina Steelman — The Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Block "B" Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(3/7/22) Jason L. Constable, of Grady, New Mexico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Tarrant County Warrant for Indecency with a child - Sexual Contact, Fugitive from Justice.

Commissioners have light agenda

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Minutes from the February 28th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a computer for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. The expense was already budgeted for the current fiscal year. A water line under a county road in Precinct 3 was approved. Also, Pct. 1 Commis-

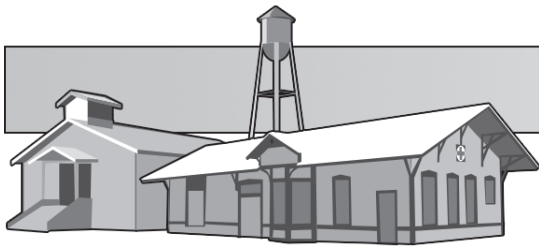
sioner Kirk Frye was approved to serve on the Panhandle Community Services Board.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 23 inmates. Of these, 13 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County. Sheriff Geske also said that there was a possibility that Dawson County would send some inmates to the Law Enforcement Center in the future.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

Puzzle Solution

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TOWN TALK

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Java News — The Prairie Cup opened last week at the new Legacy Senior Apartments (formerly Heritage Estates). The coffee shop will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until mid-afternoon. Drop in and grab a cup of coffee or a glass of iced tea and a snack. Bring a friend.

★★★

Day equals night — Spring begins on the March or vernal equinox, which is when the

amount of sunshine is approximately 12 hours long. The amount of sunlight will incrementally increase until the first day of Summer. The vernal equinox marks the moment the sun crosses the celestial equator. This is the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator, from south to north. The vernal equinox happens on March 19, 20, or 21 every year in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern

Hemisphere, this same event marks the beginning of fall. Meteorologists mark the spring from March 1st through May 31st.

★★★

Key to the city — Congratulations to Jeannie Martin for receiving a key to the city for eight years of service as EMS Director and Assistant Director. The award was

presented by Mayor Ricky White who is retiring this year. In fact, the council meeting Monday evening was his last as Mayor. He will be out of town during the April meeting and Greg Lewellen will be sworn in as the new mayor in May. Thanks to Jeannie and Ricky for their dedicated service to our community!!!



Prairie Acres administrator Jeff Procter and Legacy Pointe director Kathy Borchers invite you to try out the new Prairie Cup coffee shop.



Jeannie Martin and Mayor Ricky White

National Days

- March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 — Sloppy Joe Day
- March 19 — Certified Nurses Day
- March 20 — Spring Begins
- March 21 — Common Courtesy Day
- March 22 — National Ag Day
- March 23 — Chip and Dip Day

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...for radishes, herbs and flowers. Kids: color stuff in!

It's Time for... Spring Cleaning

There are many jobs to be done after a long winter. People in the city, town and country all do spring cleaning and chores based on their needs. Read the clues to fill in the crossword with chores. How many of these jobs have you seen people doing? How many did you help to do? (Hint: use a pencil to fill in the clues below first. This is tricky!)

- _____ messy closets
- _____ your warmer weather clothes that have been in storage
- _____ seeds so you can watch things grow
- _____ flowers to give the house some color
- _____ sidewalks that have gathered sand and dirt
- _____ fences that have been damaged during the winter
- _____ out your house with a fresh crisp breeze
- _____ storm windows with screens
- _____ driveways so that we can move cars about easily
- _____ the overgrown grass on the lawn
- _____ weeds from the garden
- _____ the furniture in your room for a new look
- _____ the dust out of rugs
- _____ soot from the chimney
- _____ the overgrown bushes
- wash and _____ the car
- _____ clean the dirty carpet
- _____ laundry to dry on a clothesline

Wow! Look what I'm finding under your bed!

It's that time of year when we can open the windows and freshen everything!

A good spring cleaning after winter is almost a pleasure to complete. Then, once our homes are in order, we are ready for sunny, warm summer.

Yikes!

Can You Clean Up These Messes?

How many of these DUST KITTIES did I find under your bed? Look around the whole page. Put your answer in the biggest bubble.

What things might you use to clean up? Can you find these items in the scrub brush and circle them?

- vacuum cleaner
- paper towels
- trash barrel
- hedge clippers
- brush
- pail
- soap
- wax
- ladder
- broom
- water
- rags
- rake
- mop
- hose
- sponges

Can you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

- clean sweep
- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean
- A. to stay out of trouble
- B. to win everything
- C. innocent, has done nothing wrong
- D. to take everything, empty
- E. confess, tell the whole story

SOAP

Busting Dust!

Little, fluffy, grey balls of dust found under the couch or behind the door are called "dust bunnies" or "dust kittens." We are usually made up of skin cells, hair and tiny pieces of dirt. To people, we can be a nuisance. We sometimes block air filters, get into computers or just gather together under your furniture. We can make people sneeze! Read each numbered word or phrase below. Next, choose the correct definition by circling the letter "A" or "B."

- dust
- dust bunnies
- an item is "collecting dust"
- the flies "bit the dust"
- the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
- I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
- when she works she "makes the dust fly"
- A. tiny pieces of dirt, skin, hair
- A. bunnies that clean your house
- A. isn't being used anymore
- A. died
- A. was far ahead of the others
- A. put the box into the closet
- A. she works with lots of energy
- B. tiny flower seeds
- B. little clumps of fluffy, grey dust
- B. putting dust into a bag
- B. ate dust for their lunch
- B. knocked other runners into the dirt
- B. take it out of storage to use again
- B. the dust balls jump into little airplanes

or

EEK!

Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

Potato Chips

This week is National Potato Chip Day on March 14th. You could just go buy a bag of potato chips or you could try these recipes and make some of your own. The flavoring options are endless.

Homemade Potato Chips

revisfoodography.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large Russet Potato
- 1 tsp Salt + as needed for seasoning
- Oil - For frying
- Freshly ground black pepper - for seasoning
- Red Chili powder - for seasoning

INSTRUCTIONS

First choose a large potato. A potato with a smooth surface and close to cylindrical will be easy to work with. Wash and peel the skin of the potato. Fill a large bowl with cold water and place the mandolin on top of the water bowl. Slice potatoes paper-thin across the width. Make sure that the potato slices immediately drop into the water. This will prevent the potato slices from browning. Once the whole potato is sliced up, wash the potato slices nicely in water for 2 or 3 times until the water runs out clean. This will remove any excess starch from the surface. Now, add about a tsp of salt to the bowl, mix well and leave the potato slices to soak up in water. After about 10-15 mins, remove the potato slices from

the water and leave them to dry on a clean kitchen towel / paper napkins in a single layer. Meanwhile heat oil for frying. Once the oil is hot, reduce the flame to medium low and drop a batch of the potato slices. Continuously keep tossing up the potato slices in the oil, until they turn slightly golden brown and/or crisp. Remove the chips from the oil using a slotted spoon. You can spread it on a large baking sheet / cookie sheet lined with paper towels to drain the excess oil. Before adding the next batch remaining potato slices for frying, wait for a few mins. Make sure that the oil is back hot again. Taste the potato chips and add additional sea salt per taste, toss it up and enjoy a plain salted version. You will not need much salt though. Add red chili powder to the chips and toss it up for a spicy chili version. Add freshly ground black pepper to the chips and toss it up for a spicy pepper version. After the homemade chips comes to room temperature, store in an air-tight container or plastic bag like zip lock and enjoy.

NOTES:

- Adjust seasoning per taste and try out as my flavor combinations as you like.
- Use a nice, sharp potato slicer to get thin and crispy chips. If you can't find one, use a sharp knife to cut thin slices of the potato.
- Washing the potato slices in water will remove the excess starches on the surface and provides even browning while frying.
- Do not add wet slices of potato in hot oil. Dry them off completely before adding to hot oil.
- Feel free to use a deep fryer for frying instead of pan. That would be best suited if making pounds of potato chips.
- If you don't get Russet potatoes, you can try with any other variety of brown potato.
- Use any oil for frying - While I used Sunflower Oil, others like Canola Oil / Peanut Oil / Vegetable Oil should be ok to fry with.
- You can use the same technique to make sweet potato chips as well.

Air Fryer Potato Chips

momsdish.com

Ingredients

- 4 medium yellow potatoes
- 1 tbsp oil
- salt to taste

Instructions

Cut potatoes into thin slices using a mandolin slicer or a

sharp knife. Place potatoes into a bowl with cold water and soak them for at least 20 minutes. Drain potatoes of water using a colander. Thoroughly pat them dry using paper towels. The more moisture you remove, the crispier they will get.

Season the potato chips with sea salt and olive oil. Place two layers of potatoes in the air fryer tray and cook for 20 minutes at 200°F. Toss the potato chips. Turn up the heat to 400°F and cook for an additional 5 minutes.

Happy Birthday

March 17
Delwin Allen
Frankie Allen
Mendon Dixon
Matt Mata
Gabriela Benavides
Geraldine Redwine
Amanda Boeckman

March 21
Joe Murphree
Lou Keith
Amelia Wright
Jeffrey Sunderlin
Peyton Schueler
Melissa Tamez
Olga Legarreta
Uriah Monreal

March 18
Ryan Cash
Bob Ferguson
Nick McFarland
James Dakan
Juan Tafoya

March 22
Zane Gonzales
Kenny Austin
Andrew Diaz
Lillyana Madrigal
Jane Veggeberg
Ezmeralda Rangel

March 19
Shara Renner
Laney Graham
Crystal Moroney
Randy Baize

March 23
Judy Potts
Mary Stone
Chase Alexander
Julie Reeve Banfield

March 20
Joyce Wells
Claudia Hanes
Kenda (Dunnam) Kiker
Tammy (Spencer) Fincher
Shelby (Hutson) Mata
Pamela Nelson-Ray
Karla Rector
Eric Gonzales
Sam Rushing



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

Gas prices unchanged

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas are unchanged in the last week, averaging \$3.99 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 83.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.38 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.89 while the most expensive was \$4.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.32 per gallon. The national average is up 83.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.47 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"After a furious increase in the national average over the last two weeks, the top appears to be in with average gas prices slowly starting to decline over the last few days," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysts at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "While the decrease could be short-lived, it is nonetheless a well-needed break from the large surge in gas prices we've experienced over the last few weeks. The situation remains fluid, and escalations remain very possible, if not likely. For now, a \$4.50 per gallon national average is off the table, but it certainly could be a future possibility as long as there is conflict between Russia and Ukraine."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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It is our privilege at Pack 56 to collect your donations this year and deliver them to the High Plains Food Bank partner Calvary Baptist Church. Please put any nonperishable donations in a bag by the street or in a clearly viewable spot from the street before 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 26th, 2022.

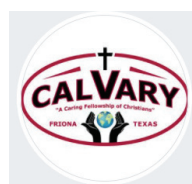
If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mayra Chico at (806) 240-3318 or contact the Scout Office at 806-358-6500.

Thank you for your support!



Donations can also be dropped off directly at the Calvary Baptist Church (1500 Cleveland Avenue) at the following times:

March 21st - 25th from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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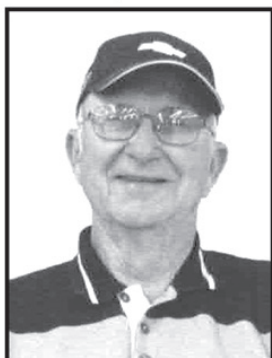
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Satisfied

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

It must be a natural thing to not be satisfied. We have all heard the phrase about the “grass being greener on the other side.” Well, I have known a horse or two that sure thought this phrase was true. They would stand in tall grass and stick their heads through the fence for that little three-leafed clump of grass that was hardly worth the effort. Why bend the fence? Is it a need to test their boundaries? This is not an exclusive problem to horses. Cattle do plenty of fence-bending as well. A bull will leave a pasture full of cows to go to the neighbor’s farm where there are only two cows. Why? I can’t say that I sit and ponder this mystery for any real length of time, but it does strike my curiosity.

People do the same thing and although there are explanations, I still do

not always understand. Is our appetite so large that we need more than what we have, when what we have is more than we need? We have somehow forgotten all is God given. Why do so many lack peace in their lives? They are too busy looking through the fence and not spending enough time enjoying the pasture. Many have traded their own future for a three-leafed clump of grass that wasn’t worth the effort while standing in the bounty of the kingdom of God. From the air you breath into your mortal lungs to the salvation He has provided for your eternal soul, is it enough? The realization of this one answer could lead you to the real understanding of what it means to be satisfied. By the way, I take a quote from the play, “Beyond Beatrice”. “The grass is greener where you water it!”

Barriers to Prayer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In 1935 the term “sound barrier” was coined to speak of the challenges of supersonic flight which seems to be an impossible barrier preventing a person from flying faster than the speed of sound. Although it was unknown if a person could fly through the sound barrier without their plane and themselves being shredded apart, this did not keep people from trying. In fact, on October 14, 1947, Captain Chuck Yeager’s X-1 rocket plane was dropped at 25,000 feet altitude by a B-29, then proceeded to climb to 40,000 feet altitude and push beyond the sound barrier. The booming thunder that ripped across the Mojave Desert gave evidence of the sound barrier being broken for the first time in the history of human flight.

Although breaking the sound barrier was a massive milestone in human flight, many people have constructed barriers to their prayer life that prevent them from praying in a way that soars before the throne of God. Two barriers that will short-circuit your prayer life are the barriers of an unrepentant heart and the barrier of strained relationships.

An unrepentant heart is a sure way to silence your prayers before the Father, because you have ignored his holy standard and chose not to repent of sin or even battle against it. Psalm 66:18 says, “If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” God is clear that to have your prayers listened to by God, then you must repent of sin that you cherish, love and pursue.

The barrier of strained relationships is another way to squelch your prayers. Not only does this barrier ignore the second greatest commandment, but it also blatantly rejects Romans 12:18 which says, “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all,” and Matthew 6:14-15 which gives a strong warning of coming to God when you have something unresolved against someone else. Breaking the barrier of strained relationships requires humility and action as you seek the Lord and attempt to mend the relationship.

As you demolish these barriers to your prayer, your prayers are able to be heard on high, as you cry out in sincerity in line with the will and word of God.

It’s Never Too Late

By Teena Hughs

Until I went to first grade, I knew four girls, two sets of sisters. I found out at last year’s junior college reunion that one of them had cancer, and it wasn’t good.

Cathy has always had an attitude, and it didn’t improve with her cancer diagnosis. One of our mutual friends says she took a bitter pill, and sadly I can’t disagree.

I called her, and to my surprise, she answered the phone. We talked about everything, and I told her that if there was anything I could do for her, even two hours away (her excuse for not asking me to help her), I would do it. I told her I would pray for her, and surprisingly, she told me some things to pray for her.

I sent her a copy of my favorite Bible and The Red Sea Rules, 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times. I went to see her, and she never said a word about the Bible or the book.

Cathy and her sister have been estranged for years, and I was hoping that her diagnosis would encourage her to reconcile with her sister, but I was wrong. Her sister did something, acted some way that she shouldn’t have or something, and she had no desire to reconcile.

I heard that everything was going well with Cathy, and she wasn’t going to have to take as many treatments as the doctors originally thought. I wrote to tell her how happy I was for her, and that if I were her, I would be on my knees praising and thanking Jesus. I never heard from her.

Last week, Cathy was on my mind. I knew I should call her, but each day got by with me not doing it. I saw a picture of her and two friends on facebook, and I thought that except for some darkness under her eyes, she looked good; I thought I would call her this week. She went to Hospice yesterday.

The mutual friend Cathy has depended on during this journey told me she hasn’t eaten since last Wednesday; she wants to die alone, with no funeral and no obituary in the newspaper. Our friend asked her if she wanted to talk to a pastor, and she said it was too late, so our friend prayed for her.

When I found this out, I called her immediately; I wasn’t surprised she didn’t answer. Feller and I have been walking for exercise, and on last night’s walk, I asked God what I should do; He told me to text her; instantly, I knew what I needed to say.

I texted her about asking Jesus into her heart, and that as long as she is breathing, it is never too late. I also told her how I came to invite Jesus into my heart, and that from what I had read about hell, I wouldn’t wish that on my worst enemy.

I prayed last night and this morning that she would surrender her pride and invite Jesus into her heart. I received a message around 10:30 this morning that she is gone. Such a sad, tragic life!

To be honest, I doubt my text did any good; but, I hope with everything in me that someone in Hospice was able to talk to her and get her to receive Jesus.

Friends, if you aren’t in church, if you aren’t raising your children in church, run, don’t walk, to a Bible believing/teaching church. Get to know Jesus: read His Word, study it, live it. Have a relationship with Jesus and continuously work on and grow that relationship.

For those of us who already have a relationship with Jesus, we shouldn’t be afraid to live out the Word; to share what we know about Jesus with others; what He has done in our lives; how He has changed us. It may make a difference where someone spends eternity.

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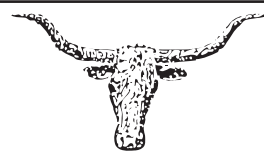
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Ben Moorman, police chief, prepares to resume his patrol in the new city police car. The new vehicle was delivered last Friday but spotlights have not been mounted at present. The flasher and lights will be installed in the very near future. (Friona Star, March 29, 1962)



Obituary



Dorothy L. Sorley

Dorothy L. Sorley passed from this life at the age of 88 years to her heavenly home on March 14, 2022. Home going celebration of life services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at First Baptist Church, Muleshoe, Texas with Dr. Stacy Connor officiating. Dorothy will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband, Grady, at the Bovina Cemetery.

Dorothy was born on December 14, 1933 at home in Lamb County, Texas to her parents, Ernest and Ethel (Perry) Jones. She grew up on the family farm near Olton and attended Olton public schools. She was a member of the Valley View Community Church during her formative years. At her mother's side she learned her wonderful cooking and homemaking skills with which she would later bless her family and friends. However, she had a bit of tomboy in her, as well. Dorothy's dad, Ernest, enjoyed tinkering on automobiles and all types of mechanical things. She loved spending time with him and learning some of those mechanical skills, but mostly just spending time with him. She also delighted in telling stories of flying with him in his airplane and the thrill of doing loop de loops through the sky. During high school, her dad's shop seemed to be a gathering place where many young high school boys liked to hang out, tinkering on cars and other such things. This is where Dorothy would eventually meet the love of her life, Grady. Dorothy and Grady were married on August 26, 1950 and set out on their life journey together. In 1952, they became the proud parents of a son, Phillip. In 1954 they moved their young family from Olton to Bovina, Texas where they were later blessed



with a daughter, Debra, and then a son, Ken. They lived and farmed in the Bovina community for many happy years. Dorothy and Grady went about their lives as a team, where you saw one, you most often would see the other. They were active in their community and church. Dorothy taught Sunday School at the First Baptist Church, was a member of W.M.U., sang in the choir, and was busy in many other church and community activities. She took great pride in her home and worked tirelessly on her beautiful landscape which everyone admired.

Dorothy and Grady are lovingly remembered for the many years they blessed others with their beautiful voices, as they sang for worship services, revivals, and many other happy and solemn occasions. They comforted many families at the passing of their loved ones. In 1978, they recorded a gospel album, "Sweet 'n Easy", that many friends and family still enjoy today.

In 2011 they moved from their beloved home in Bovina to Lubbock, Texas. In 2013, however, they decided to make the move back to their hometown of Olton where Dorothy could receive the care she would need after her receiving the devastating diagnosis of Alzheimers. Dorothy will be remembered for many things, not the least of which was her beautiful smile and loving, compassionate spirit. Dorothy was preceded in death by her

husband, Grady W. Sorley, her parents, Ernest and Ethel Jones, and one sister, Frances Allene Jones.

She will be forever loved and remembered by her sister, Barbara McFadden of Olton; sister in law Nita Powell of Rockdale TX; and brother in law and wife Gene and Imogene Sorley, of Lubbock, TX. Her children, Phillip and wife Patty of Huntington Beach, CA; Debra and husband Mike Beauchamp of Friona, TX; and Kenneth and wife Terri of Clovis, NM. Her 9 grandchildren, David Cole Sorley of Columbia, MO; James and Alison Sorley Atwood, of San Diego, CA; Chris Sorley and Jill, of Manhattan Beach, CA; Angela Beauchamp of Friona TX; Jeremy and Lori Beauchamp Tharp, of Hydro, OK; Tony and Traci Beauchamp, of Lazbudie, TX; Sara Sorley, of Clovis, NM; Seth and Jill Sorley Ellsworth, of Clovis, NM; and Sydney Sorley, of Lubbock, TX. 15 great-grandchildren; Ethan, Lorelei, Isaiah, Maia, Kolsen, Carter, Callan, Wyatt, Grady, Kate, Natalie, Autumn, Madelyn, Nick, and Luke.

Memorials may be made in Dorothy's name to First Baptist Church Muleshoe, PO Box 483, Muleshoe, Texas, 79347; First Baptist Church Bovina, PO Box 550, Bovina, Texas, 79009; Running Water Draw Care Center, PO Box 409, Olton, Texas, 79064; or The National Alzheimers Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois, 60601.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

City of Friona - Civil Rights Notices

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Proclamation of April, 2022 as Fair Housing Month

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CONSIDERANDO que la Ley Nacional de Vivienda Justa, durante el mes de abril, brinda una oportunidad para que todos los estadounidenses reconozcan que el éxito total en la meta de la igualdad de oportunidades de vivienda solo puede lograrse con la ayuda y cooperación de todos los estadounidenses.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, NOSOTROS, el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Friona, proclamamos el Mes de la Vivienda Justa en la Ciudad de Friona en abril de 2022 y exhortamos a todos los ciudadanos de esta localidad a conocer y apoyar la ley de Vivienda Justa.



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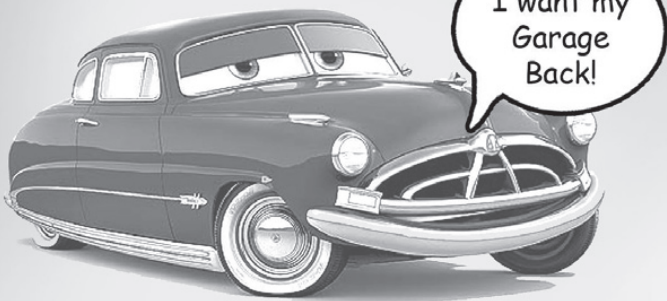
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Sports



Sports News

Boys Powerlifting

Four Frióna powerlifters earned medals in the THSPA Regional Meet last week in Sundown. Mario Bautista placed 3rd, Jose Ticum placed 2nd, Jake Padilla placed 2nd, and Michael Bautista placed 5th in their respective weight classifications. Jose and Jake qualified for the THSPA State Meet to be held in Abilene on March 26th.

Girls Powerlifting

Magdalena Licerio will compete March 17th-19th in the THSWPA State Championships in Corpus Christi. She qualified for state by finishing 2nd in the Regional Meet.



Golf

The varsity boys golf team competed at Dimmit on March 9th. Anthony Abarca finished in 1st place, Kade Crosby finished 2nd, Aiden Pitsch finished 4th, and Elijah Thompson finished 5th.

Track

The track meet in Tulia was cancelled last week due to extremely poor weather conditions. The high schools teams will compete at the Panhandle track on March 18-19.

Baseball

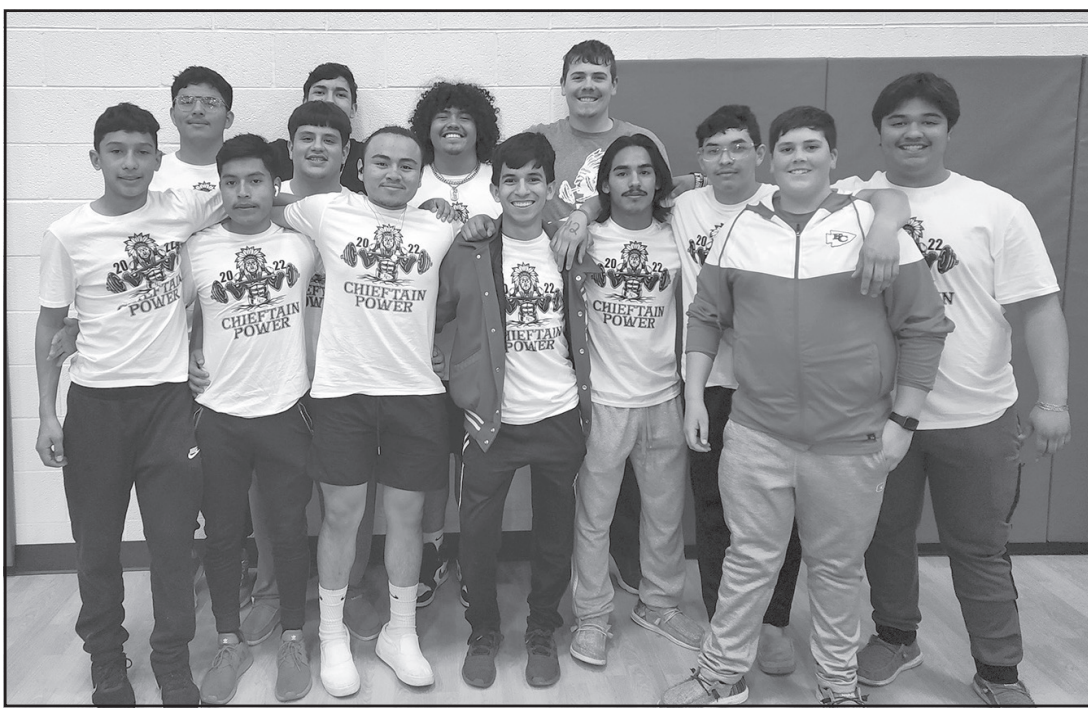
The varsity baseball team is 1-2 for the year and will begin district play on Tuesday, March 29th when they host the Tulia Hornets.

Powerlifting Results

Boys Region 1 Division 3 - Sundown High School - 3/12/2022 - THSPA Boys

Team Results: 1. Lubbock Roosevelt, 24 points; 2. Ballinger, 23 points; 3. Merkel, 20 points; 4. Tulia, 16 points; 5. Clyde, 15 points; **6. Frióna, 14 points**; 7. Big Lake Reagan County, 13 points; 8. Crane, 12 points; 9. Brownfield, 10 points; 10. Sonora, 10 points; 11. Lamesa, 8 points; 12. Stanton, 7 points; 13. Kermit, 7 points; 14. Amarillo Highland Park, 6 points; 15. Tuscola Jim Ned, 6 points; 16. Dalhart, 5 points; 17. Dimmitt, 5 points; 18. Slaton, 4 points; 19. Midland Classical Academy, 2 points; 20. Coahoma, 2 points (779.95 avg coeff total); 21. Abernathy, 2 points (769.51 avg coeff total); 22. Muleshoe, 1 point; 23. Denver City, 1 point (735.31 avg coeff total); 24. San Angelo Grape Creek, 0 points; 25. San Angelo TLC Academy, 0 points; 26. Childress, 0 points

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132	9	Jorge Garcia	126	320	185	270	775
148	6	Xuan Garcia	147	375	215	405	995
165	2	Jose Ticum	159.6	470	285	485	1240
181	8	Kevin Lucatero	176.2	405	240	440	1085
242	8	Aaron Rodriguez	240	520	270	470	1260
242	10	Ishmael Flores	223.4	515	270	445	1230
275	2	Jake Padilla	254.4	580	350	565	1495
275	8	Elijah Robledo	260.4	520	290	405	1215
275	10	Anthony Abarca	251	500	240	445	1185
308	SC	Eric Jaramillo	0	0	0	0	0



Boys Powerlifting Regional Qualifiers - Front row (l-r): Gabriel Ramos, Jorge Garcia, Jose Ticum, Michael Bautista, Mario Bautista, Xuan Garcia, Gabe Abarca, Elijah Robledo; Back row (l-r): Ishmael Flores, Kevin Lucatero, Aaron Rodriguez, Jake Padilla, Anthony Abarca.



THSPA Regional Meet Medalists (l-r): Mario Bautista - 3rd place, Jake Padilla - 2nd place (State Qualifier), Jose Ticum - 2nd place (State Qualifier), and Michael Bautista - 5th place.



State Powerlifting Qualifiers — Jose Ticum and Jake Padilla

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Xcel Energy honored for third consecutive year

For the third year in a row, Xcel Energy has been named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

Xcel Energy is one of only nine honorees in the Energy & Utilities category, and one of only five of those companies in the United States recognized this year. In 2022, 136 honorees were recognized spanning 22 countries

and 45 industries. "It's an amazing honor to be recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies once again. We're so proud that our nation leading energy goals and commitment to integrity and sustainability are worthy of this award and we'll continue to build on our strong foundation," said Bob Frenzel, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy.

"Today, business leaders face their

greatest mandate yet to be ethical, accountable and trusted to drive positive change," said Ethisphere CEO, Timothy Erlich. "We continue to be inspired by the World's Most Ethical Companies honorees and their dedication to integrity, sustainability, governance and community. Congratulations to Xcel Energy for earning the World's Most Ethical Companies designation for a third consecutive year."

Dry spell, drought deepens across Texas

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Over the past 120 days, Nielsen-Gammon said much of the state had only received 25% of its average rainfall for that period.

La Niña continues

Nielsen-Gammon said the La Niña weather system, which typi-

cally delivers below-average precipitation to much of Texas, continues to hang on. Most forecast models expect the La Niña system to enter a neutral period by April.

Expectations for April through June are that the state will receive below-normal rainfall, but

Nielsen-Gammon said the same was expected last April through June prior to the widespread and consistent rains.

"There are a few storm systems coming through, but it doesn't look promising for most of the state," he said. "After that, it's hard to tell."

Remembering Carmon McCain

Carmon McCain passed away suddenly on February 24, 2022. He worked with HPWD for almost 35 years, and was a loyal staff member.

Carmon began work at the district in April 1987. His skill as a writer and his passion for water conservation created a real love for HPWD and its mission. Carmon took great pride in his work, especially as the editor of the district's newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

A number of fellow staff members truly benefited from his expertise in communications. His coworkers



frequently asked him to write and share important groundwater news and information.

He was also admired and respected by HPWD board members, who depended on his extensive knowledge of the organization and its history. Carmon had a wealth of experi-

ence and knowledge at HPWD that cannot be replaced.

Carmon had the respect and admiration of many colleagues throughout Texas. He was a dignified representative of HPWD, and admired for his devotion to water conservation and education. There are countless residents of HPWD that have learned about HPWD and water conservation because of his service.

Source: *The Cross Section, Friday, March 11, 2022 - Volume 9, Number 5, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, Lubbock, Texas*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

FRIONA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Date: **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

Time: **5:30 p.m.**

Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall, 617 Main St., Friona, Texas

Applicant(s): City of Friona

The Friona Planning and Zoning Commission will consider in public hearing a request for the rezoning of 1400 US Highway 60, Friona, Texas 79035 (previously referred to as 4-Way Pump) as defined in Attachment A, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from "A" District – Single-Family Dwelling District to "D" District – Local Retail District.

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

The Friona City Council will consider this proposed change in a public hearing on **Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

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

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

The City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Leander Davila, City Manager at (806) 250-2761 or Fax (806) 250-2893 for further information.

Attachment A

TRACT I

All of that approximate 2.548 acre tract of land out of the East part of an 8.13-acre tract of land situated in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section One, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas, said 2.548 acre tract being the remainder of a 3.32 acre tract described by metes and bounds as follows after a 0.772 acre tract was conveyed to DQ Properties, a Texas Partnership in deed recorded in Volume 217, Page 658, Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas:

BEGINNING at a pipe which is 40 feet South and 340 feet East of the North Quarter corner of Section 1, T3S, R3E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas;

THENCE South 00 deg 58 min West, 685.8' to a pipe in the North R/W line of U.S. 60;

THENCE Northeasterly, 330.2' along a curve of U.S. 60 to the Right of radius 2915' whose chord bears N. 50 deg. 13' East 330.0' to a pipe in the R/W line U.S. 60;

THENCE North 00 deg 58' East, 474.7' to a pipe;

THENCE West, 250.0' to the point of beginning.

TRACT II

A 2.305 acre tract out of the Northwest part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of the Northeast ¼ of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East;

THENCE South 00 deg. 01 min. 52 sec. West along the West line of the Northeast ¼ of said section, 40 feet to a point in the South line of Farm Road 1731 and also being the Northeast corner of Block 1, Western Addition to the City of Friona;

THENCE North 89 deg. 04 min. East along the South line of Farm Road 1731, a distance of 40 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe for the Northwest corner of a tract known as 1.1 acres as conveyed to Glenn E. Reeve, Sr. by deed of record in Vol. 126, Page 312, Deed Records;

THENCE South 00 deg. 01 min. 52 sec. West parallel with the West line of the Northeast ¼ of said section, at 160.0 feet pass a ¾ inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of the tract known as 1.1 acres, at 273.35 feet pass a ½ inch iron rod for the Northwest corner tract known as 1.606 acres and at a total distance of 506.55 feet a ½ inch iron rod for Southwest corner of the tract known as 1.606 acres and also being the NORTHWEST and actual BEGINNING corner of this tract;

THENCE North 89 deg. 14 min. 10 sec. East 299.85 feet to a ½ inch iron rod in the West line of a tract known as 3.32 acres for the Southeast corner of the tract known as 1.606 acres;

THENCE South 00 deg. 04 min. 09 sec. West along the West line of the tract known as 3.32 acres, 178.20 feet to a ¾ inch iron pipe in the Northerly ROW line of U.S. Highway 60;

THENCE Southwesterly along the Northerly ROW line of U.S. Highway 60 and along a curve to the left with a radius of 2915 feet and a central angle of 08 deg. 50 min. 38 sec., an arc distance of 449.94 feet to a point;

THENCE North 00 deg. 01 min. 52 sec. East parallel with the West line of the northeast ¼ of said section, 509.05 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing a computed area of 2.305 acres.

Members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are cordially invited to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting

Time: Dinner at 6 pm, meeting to follow
Date: Tuesday, March 22nd
Place: Deaf Smith Co. Bull Barn in Hereford

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Did you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

- clean sweep
- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean

- to stay out of trouble
- to win everything
- innocent; has done nothing wrong
- to take everything; empty
- confess, tell the whole story

Busting Dust!

- dust
- dust bunnies
- an item is "collecting dust"
- the files "bit the dust"
- the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
- I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
- when she works she "makes the dust fly"

Can You Clean Up These Messes?

It's Time for... Spring Cleaning

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Friona Youth Sports had a great winter season. There were over 260 participants from Friona, Farwell, Bovina, and Lazbuddie. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, coaches, athletes, parents, and supporters for helping to make Friona Youth Sports successful.



The End-of-Season Tournament was held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the FHS Activity Center. This week we showcase the 1st and 2nd graders. Next week we will feature the 3rd and 4th graders and the following week will be the 5th and graders turn to shine.



1st & 2nd Grade Girls • Hi-Pro Feeds

Coach: Kenzi Williams, Coach: Kiki Woods; Team Members: Sena Dannelly, Kollins Blakey, Dylan Williams, Isabella Juarez, Josie Holt, Kamryn Bradley, Jay'Lean Martinez, Catelyn Schilling, Jazmin Sanchez



1st & 2nd Grade Girls • Friona InterBank

Coach: Jordan Jarecki; Team Members: Jesalyn Jarecki, Avery Rangel, Aubriella Sloniker, Neidelyn Rodriguez, Malillany Perez, Sophia Quintana, Itzel Aguilar, Danay Perez, Kayleigh Juarez, Jaelyn Rodriguez, Genesis Bautista



1st & 2nd Grade Girls • Del Rio Dairy

Coach: Ricky Antillon; Team Members: Sofia Antillon, Elyn Montemayor, Brittany Lara, Annabelle Guerra, Evelyn Salas, Zoey Espinoza, Jazly Salas

03/05 11:20 AM-Friona High...		Del Rio Dairy 10 2nd	
03/05 08:00 AM-Friona High...		Hi- Pro Feeds 11 1st	
Hi- Pro Feeds	10		
Friona Interbank	4		
Girls			
Boys			
03/05 10:20 AM-Friona High...		Chico's Welding 12	
03/05 09:10 AM-Friona High...		Jarecki Custom F... 15	
03/05 12:40 PM-Friona High...		Chico's Welding 10 1st	
		Jarecki Custom F... 7 2nd	
Lonestar Ag	10		
D&D Aviation	8		



1st & 2nd Grade Boys • Jarecki Custom Farms

Coach: Brandon Foster, Coach: McKenzie Hettinga; Team Members: Slyde Sehlab, Braxton Foster, Carson Schilling, Devin Carrillo, Dagon Aday, Hudson Hettinga, Rustin Belcher, Dathin Toliver, Phillip Carter



1st & 2nd Grade Boys • Lonestar Ag

Coach: Jared Allen, Coach: Rob Cook; Team Members: Bex Allen, Ilijah Nicolas, Kaleb Friesen, Rhett Ledbetter, Shaw Holt, Hudson Cook, William Lucio, Rodrigo Ortega, Ryker Reid, Wilder Reid



1st & 2nd Grade Boys • Chico's Welding Construction

Coach: Andy Carthel, Coach: Andrew Aguirre ; Team Members: Elian Aguirre, Wylie Steelman, Eli Rocha, Keller Burch, Nathan Salas, D'Marcus Shelby, Sterling Smith, Kaiden Perez, Isael Olmos, Noah Ramirez, Colt Carthel



1st & 2nd Grade Boys • D&D Aviation

Coach: Herman Marquez; Team Members: Matthew Marquez, Marcos Lujan, Aldo Salazar, Ian Martinez, Landon Shields, Jace Garcia, Lucas Guerrero, Yahdriel Faudoa, Memphis Olivas, Malyk Miller, Jacob Medina, Evan Montemayor

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Nine accused of sex trafficking at center

Nine employees at a Bastrop County facility that cares for young victims of sex trafficking have been accused of trafficking those same girls, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

One employee of the state-contracted Refuge Ranch has been arrested on an undisclosed charge and more arrests are anticipated, according to Tara Olah, a director with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The facility employed more than three dozen employees to provide 24-7 care for the girls. According to Olah, DFPS received multiple phone calls in January to the statewide intake hotline that “alleged sexual and physical abuse, sexual exploitation, neglectful supervision and medical neglect” at Refuge Ranch, according to the Statesman.

“This is appalling and is a disregard of these children,” U.S. District Judge Janis Jack, who presided at a hearing Thursday evening, told state staff, including Family and Protective Services Commissioner Jaime Masters and contract monitors. “And we had to wait for eight calls to come in before we took already trafficked children out of this situation. This is a system that remains broken.”

Jack pointed out it took almost six weeks and several phone calls before the girls were removed from the facility. The Texas Rangers have been called in to investigate.

Refuge Ranch opened in 2018 on 50 acres in Bastrop County and is designed to house girls ages 11 to 19. The state ordered the shelter to close on Friday.

Task force to address teacher shortages

At the behest of Gov. Greg Abbott, a task force has been created by the Texas Education Agency to address staffing shortages facing the state’s public schools.

“Teachers play a critical role in the development and long-term success of our students,” Abbott said. “This task force should work diligently to ensure that best practices and resources for recruitment and retention are provided to

districts to ensure the learning environment of Texas students is not interrupted by the absence of a qualified teacher.”

The Teacher Vacancy Task Force is intended to ensure Texas schools are equipped to deal with these challenges, relying heavily on the input of current and former teachers. More than two dozen superintendents, administrators and teachers have been appointed to the task force.

The state has long endured a shortage of certified teachers that has been exacerbated by the pandemic. A survey of more than 900 teachers last year by the Charles Butt Foundation revealed 68% of those surveyed were seriously considering leaving the profession.

Drought conditions stable in February

Precipitation in February was close to normal, but Andrew Weinberg with the Texas Water Development Board predicts the entire state will be in drought conditions by the end of spring.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, only a few counties in Texas, mainly in far south Texas and along the Gulf Coast, are not considered to be in drought conditions.

The most severe drought is occurring in the Texas Panhandle, through the Great Plains and into the Big Bend area.

Panel reviews Rolling Pines wildfire

An independent panel reviewing a prescribed fire that got out of control at Bastrop State Park recommends requiring more personnel present and smaller burns at the park.

The Rolling Pines wildfire in January involved nearly 800 acres and forced about 150 households to temporarily evacuate. No private property damage was reported. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department two days later formed the panel to investigate why the fire got out of control.

The panel also recommended that bulldozers be required to be on site during prescribed burns, which are intended to lessen the risk of large-scale fires such as the Bastrop County Complex Fire in 2011, which destroyed nearly

1,700 homes and scorched almost 35,000 acres.

Members of the panel included fire experts from across the United States.

Kaufman woman arrested for timber theft

A Kaufman woman has been arrested for timber theft in Hopkins County, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Frances Charline Cole, 51, was charged with hiring a logging company to harvest timber on 42 acres on which she had entered into a real estate agreement but never actually bought.

A timber deed filed with the county clerk indicates she was paid \$8,000 for the timber. However, the logger returned to cut the tract and discovered she had backed out of buying the land.

“Essentially, the logger paid her for timber that wasn’t hers, that she had no rights to sell,” said Jonathon Keller, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement

Investigator.

New COVID-19 cases rise, but deaths, hospitalizations drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose to 31,965, up about 5,000 compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. However, the number of new deaths reported dropped to 678, down about a third from the previous week.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas dropped to 2,008, down 29% from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

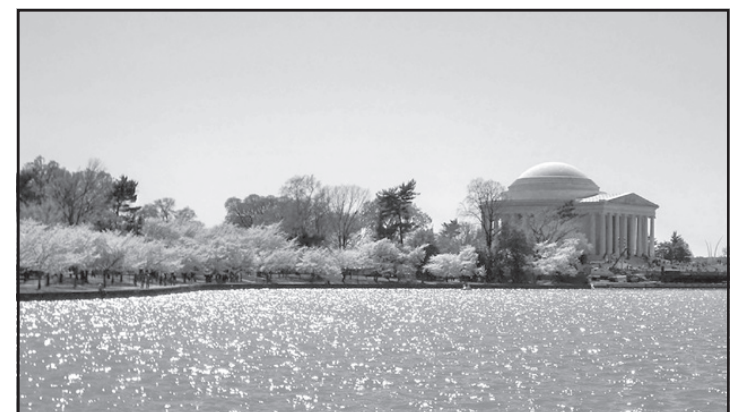
Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

A gift that keeps on giving

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Each year—since 1912—tourists from all over the world have visited Washington D.C. to catch a glimpse of the cherry blossoms.

Cherry trees are not native to the United States, but they are in Japan. First Lady Helen Taft spent a good portion of her time there when her husband, William Howard Taft, was President of the Philippine Commission. Her friend and socialite, Eliza Scidmore, knew of Mrs. Taft’s love of the cherry blossoms, and suggested that Japan create a field of them as a gift to the people of Washington D.C. Ms. Scidmore even helped



finance the endeavor. When the Japanese consul in New York heard of the plan, he endorsed it. In June of 1910, 2,000 cherry trees arrived from the Japanese government, but they didn’t take; two years later, another 3,020 appeared—from an anonymous Japanese citizen. The Grateful American

Book Prize recommends Cherry Blossoms: Sakura Collections from the Library of Congress by Mari Nakahara and Katherine Blood. Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulameric anbookprize.com website.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person’s homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead.”**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.”**

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AVISO PÚBLICO

Aclaraciones Breves De Las Enmiendas Constitucionales Elección Especial del 7 de Mayo de 2022

Número de propuesta 1 (SJR 2)

La SJR 2 propone una enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a proveer la reducción del importe de la limitación sobre la cantidad total de impuestos sobre la propiedad que pueden fijarse, para fines generales de las escuelas públicas primarias y secundarias, sobre la propiedad residencial de una persona de edad avanzada o discapacitada para reflejar cualquier reducción reglamentaria del año fiscal anterior en la tasa comprimida máxima de los impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones fijados para esos fines sobre la propiedad.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta de la siguiente manera: **“La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a proveer la reducción del importe de la limitación sobre la cantidad total de impuestos ad valorem que pueden fijarse, para fines generales de las escuelas públicas primarias y secundarias, sobre la propiedad residencial de una persona de edad avanzada o discapacitada para reflejar cualquier reducción reglamentaria del año fiscal anterior en la tasa comprimida máxima de los impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones fijados para esos fines sobre la propiedad”.**

Número de propuesta 2 (SJR 2)

La SJR 2 propone una enmienda constitucional que aumenta el importe de la exención de la propiedad residencial de los impuestos a la propiedad para fines de las escuelas públicas de \$25,000 a \$40,000”.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta de la siguiente manera: **“La enmienda constitucional que aumenta el importe de la exención de impuestos ad valorem de la propiedad residencial para fines de las escuelas públicas de \$25,000 a \$40,000”.**

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Report on Operations by Amy Linzey, CEO



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The Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575.

For more information about the ACP program please contact West Texas Rural Telephone Coop. customer care at 806-364-3331 or WT Services customer care at 806-360-9000.

El Programa de Conectividad Asequible es un programa de la Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones que ayuda a conectar a las familias y los hogares que luchan por pagar el servicio de Internet. Este nuevo beneficio proporciona un descuento de hasta \$30 por mes para el servicio de banda ancha para los hogares elegibles y hasta \$75 por mes para los hogares en tierras tribales que califican. Los hogares elegibles también pueden recibir un descuento único de hasta \$100 para comprar una computadora portátil, computadora de escritorio o tableta de los proveedores participantes.

Los hogares elegibles pueden inscribirse a través de un proveedor de banda ancha participante o directamente con la Compañía Administrativa de Servicio Universal (USAC) utilizando una solicitud en línea o por correo.

Puede obtener más información sobre el beneficio, incluida la información de elegibilidad e inscripción, visitando www.fcc.gov/ACP, o llamando al 877-384-2575.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa ACP, comuníquese con el servicio de atención al cliente de West Texas Rural Telephone Coop. al 806-364-3331 o con el servicio al cliente de WT Services al 806-360-9000.



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