



## Friona ISD announces staffing update for the 2023-2024 school year

FISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns released a statement this week announcing staffing updates for the next school year. Burns stated, "Friona ISD would like to thank each of our employees who have dedicated their time to our students. Thank you for all that you do." Friona ISD is excited to announce a few familiar faces have changed positions within the district for the upcoming school year.

At Friona High School Hortencia Garcia will be moving from english to science. Friona Junior High will welcome Heather Stowers as the counselor for the upcoming school year. Candice Geske will be taking on some additional duties as the MTSS coordinator as well as continuing to teach Reading Language Arts. Joshua Portillo will be moving from math to science in seventh grade.

Current Friona Elementary Principal, M'Kell Jeter, will be moving to Director of Accountability and Strategic Initiatives at the administration building. Mario Moreno, current Assistant Principal at Friona Junior High and Elementary, will be the new principal at Friona Elementary for the upcoming school year. Friona Primary has a familiar face, Joyce Amaya, moving from Kindergarten to Pre-K.

Superintendent Burns is excited about the upcoming school year and the changes that have taken place. "Friona strives to always do what is best for students and that is what we are continuing to do by utilizing the strengths of our staff. We are sad to see some of our staff leaving or retiring but I wish them the very best in their future endeavors," Burns added.

Friona ISD has a few openings for the upcoming school year. Friona is looking for:

- High School: Math, English, Head Basketball Coach
- High School Counselor
- Elementary: Social studies
- Primary: First Grade Bilingual
- Kindergarten: Reading Recovery

## Commissioners receive update on voting procedures

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

County Clerk Susie Spring presented information to the Court concerning polling places in future elections. There is a possibility that voters from all four precincts would have the ability to cast their votes at any of the polling locations in the county.

Commissioners approved a contract with Auctioneer Express to sell an old maintainer used in Precinct 1.

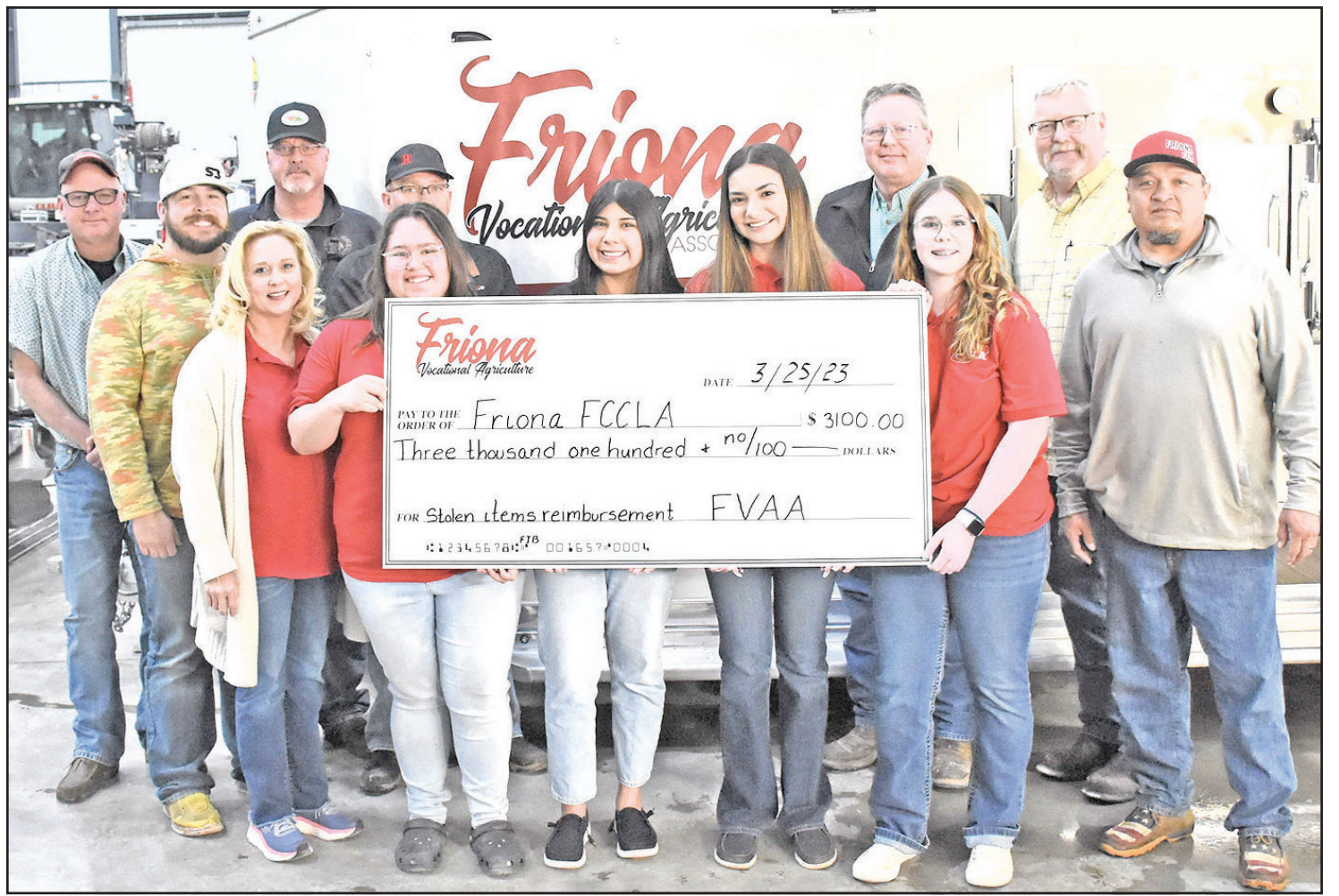
A motion was approved for the Parmer County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace. Pct. 2, and Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 to receive continuing education hours.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 20 inmates of which 2 are paying customers from Dawson County.

Judge Carrasco said that work would soon commence again on Highway 60 from Bovina to Farwell. The last part of the project would involve applying the final 2" layer on the road surface. Also, work is scheduled to begin on the new overpass west of Cargill sometime around late August or September.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the March 13th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved. The next regular meeting is Monday, April 10th.

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



In the photo (l-r) FCCLA advisor Erin Barnett and students Nadia Snyder, Blanca Chavez, Elaney Arzate, and Lilly Abarca receive a check from the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association. Members present were (l-r) Ritchie Herring, Sawyer Osborn, Kody Kimbrough, Clint Hurst, Greg O'Brian, Mark Osborn, and Roy Robledo.

## VoAg group helps FCCLA recover from loss

Friona FCCLA officers Blanca Chavez (President), Elaney Arzate (Vice President) and Lilly Abarca (Secretary) traveled to Dallas to attend the FCCLA Fall Conference on November 12th and 13th. Near the end of this trip, the school suburban was broken into and over \$3,000 in personal belongings, along with several school issued belongings, were stolen from the

vehicle. The Friona Vocational Agriculture Association has graciously helped the Friona FCCLA chapter by donating the funds to recover all of the lost personal belongings. To help raise funds for Friona FCCLA, the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association will be hosting a pancake supper on Sunday, April 30th. More details will be coming soon. Funds raised from

this supper will also help Friona FCCLA members attend the FCCLA State Conference this weekend, March 30 - April 2 in Dallas. The Friona FCCLA Chapter, advisor Erin Barnett and the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association would like to thank everyone who continues to support their organizations in providing vocational training for High School students.



Kevin Welch and Galen Jack won door prizes at the 68th Annual WTRT Membership Meeting held Tuesday evening at the Hereford Community Center. Kevin won a tool set and Galen won a casserole carrier. Coverage of the annual meeting in next week's paper.



## Assault victims now have instant access to help

Parmer Medical Center, through a partnership with the Texas Teleforensic Remote Assistance Center (Tex-TRAC), will be able to assist sexual assault victims ages 13 and older in conducting sexual assault forensic exams with guidance from a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) through the Telehealth cart starting April 3rd, 2023.

Tex-TRAC TeleSANEs are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and provide a seamless interaction between hospital nurses and victims during sexual assault forensic examinations by



using these telehealth carts with specially designed software. The TeleSANEs, via a secure internet connection, can advise and assist hospital nurses as they conduct the lengthy sexual assault exams, which are known to take three to six hours on average to complete.

Currently, sexual assault victims in Parmer County and surrounding counties must be transported to local hospitals in those counties by either EMS, law enforcement, or private vehicle, which compounds the traumatic stress on the victim as well as preventing first responders from

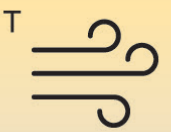
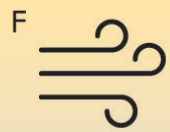


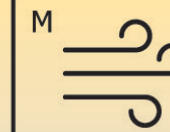
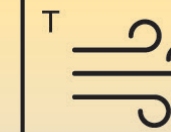
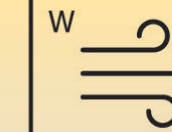
returning to their duties sooner.

Tex-TRAC, part of the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing, was established with federal grant funding from the Office for Victims of Crime and state funding from the Office of the Attorney General to provide a SANE telehealth program to serve rural and underserved communities in Texas.

For more on Tex-TRAC, go online to <https://tex-trac.tamu.edu> For more information on Parmer Medical Center, go online to [www.parmarmedicalcenter.com](http://www.parmarmedicalcenter.com)

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**Community Calendar**

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

**March 30**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Doctors Day Celebration

**April 1**

- April Fools' Day

**April 2**

- FHS Senior Steak Dinner from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Friona Jr. High or curbside pickup in west parking lot

**April 3**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**April 4**

- Packing SP4K bags at 2:30 p.m. at Friona Methodist Church north door

**April 5**

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

**April 6**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**April 9**

- Easter

**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Senate passes tax cut package**

The Texas Senate last week unanimously approved a \$16.5 billion package to lower property taxes and inject billions of dollars into public schools.

As reported by the Texas Tribune, the three separate bills require the state to send at least \$5.38 billion to public schools while at the same time raising the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000, with an additional \$20,000 exemption for homeowners 65 and older. According to the Tribune, the proposal would save an average homeowner \$341 on their annual tax bill. Seniors would save an additional \$227 annually.

In exchange for the increased state funding, local school property tax rates would be cut by 7 cents for every \$100 in appraised value. An owner of a \$300,000 home paying the state's average school tax rate would save \$210 annually in property taxes.

"This is off-the-charts, incredible property tax relief for millions of Texas homeowners," said state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston.

**Deadline to register for May 6 election nears**

The deadline for eligible Texas voters to register in order to vote in the May 6 local elections is just around the corner, Secretary of State Jane Nelson announced.

"If you are not already registered to vote in the upcoming local elections - there is still time! Make sure to submit your voter registration application to your county voter registrar by Thursday, April 6 so that you can have an opportunity to make your voice heard in your local community," Nelson said.

Check with the local elections office to learn which municipalities, school districts and other entities are holding elections. Early voting begins on April 24 and ends on May 2, with Election Day on May 6.

**Paid parental leave for state workers?**

For the first time, state employees could get 30 days of paid leave for childbirth or adoption. A bipartisan bill passed the Texas

Senate last week with unanimous support.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Senate Bill 222, besides allowing the 30 days of paid leave, would apply to anyone paying into the Employee Retirement System of Texas; to employees working within the executive branch of state government; and give 10 days of paid leave to employees whose spouse gave birth.

"Paid parental leave will help the state attract and retain talent while combating the workforce shortage," the bill's main sponsor, state Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, said. A similar bill in the House would grant 60 days of paid leave under the same circumstances detailed in the Senate bill.

**Agency warns of dangerous drug combination**

An animal tranquilizer called xylazine has been found mixed with illegal drugs distributed in the state, resulting in at least four deaths, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported.

The tranquilizer has been combined with fentanyl and other opioids, as well as Xanax and other drugs. It produces a strong sedative effect and can cause unconsciousness, low blood pressure, a slowed heart rate and breathing. It can also cause organ damage due to loss of blood flow.

Since it is not an opioid, the effects of xylazine cannot be reversed by using Narcan, officials said.

**New foster care model launched**

Community groups representing nearly 50 counties in North and East Texas are assuming oversight of foster care from the state of Texas in a groundbreaking attempt to boost capacity and essential services for children under the state's conservatorship.

Three contracts were signed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and private groups. One serves Dallas County along with eight surrounding counties. Another serves 23 counties in Northeast Texas, while a third serves the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

"This largest expansion to date for Community-Based Care is a real turning point in our state's intensive effort to move to local control, and a better system overall for the children and youth in our care," Stephanie Muth, DFPS commissioner, said. "Those kids belong to their communities, and those communities want the opportunity to make every day better for a child in foster care."

The expansion means that community-based care is now in place in half of the state geographically, representing a third of the population.

**School choice hearing draws hundreds**

A Senate Education Committee meeting on proposals that would give parents public money for private schools drew about 200 people and stretched past midnight last Thursday, the Statesman reported.

Supporters spoke about allowing school choice and financial relief for parents of private school students, while opponents warned against siphoning money from public districts, lack of oversight and using taxpayer money for religious schools.

State Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, is sponsoring Senate Bill 8, which would provide \$8,000 per child for private school, homeschooling, tutoring or other educational costs. He told the Statesman that education savings accounts would not hurt public schools.

"We can lift up public schools and teachers like never before," Creighton said. "We can reconcile both very easily."

Opponents say the proposal would harm public schools.

"For the state to statutorily tarnish the reputation of our public schools by directly putting dollars to private entities, that would further the vicious cycle," Francesca Fraga Leahy, an Austin mother attending the hearing, said.

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- 1 Texas-based "The \_\_\_ Picture Show"
- 5 \_\_\_ Park, TX
- 6 a Mike McCarthy design: "game \_\_\_"
- 7 Dallas County namesake (init.)
- 8 TXism: "in a coon's \_\_\_" (long time)
- 9 took illegal video recordings
- 16 TXism: "up and \_\_\_ 'juice' (coffee)"
- 17 TX Mark Chesnutt's "\_\_\_ Have New Names"
- 19 device inside Texas Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant
- 21 this Bill founded Texas-based "I Can't Believe It's Yogurt!"
- 22 former Rio Grande river channels
- 27 TXism: "neon light \_\_\_" (inspiration)
- 28 creepy term of endearment
- 29 "Border \_\_\_" along the Rio Grande
- 30 Rockets first round pick in 1990, Alec degree available at a Texas univer.
- 33 twisters in Texas
- 36 Tyler is in \_\_\_ TX
- 37 \_\_\_ Rio, TX
- 38 Rangers won first AL \_\_\_ in 2010
- 39 historic Austin hotel built in 1886
- 41 TXism: "\_\_\_ a spell"
- 42 Barbary sheep found in West Texas
- 45 wallet stuffers
- 46 TXism: "Texas \_\_\_" (oil)
- 47 TXism: "he \_\_\_ barbed wire as dental floss" (tough)
- 48 TXism: "I'm working without a safety \_\_\_"
- 49 an answer to a test question
- 52 TXism: "\_\_\_ 'nuff"
- 53 TXism: "the tail \_\_\_" (last)
- 54 one of TX Roy Orbison's labels: "\_\_\_ Victor"
- 55 "Honor \_\_\_ Father and Mother"
- 11 this Ray won 1977 Byron Nelson Golf Classic (init.)
- 12 supermarkets throughout Texas
- 13 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
- 14 "top dog" in the Middle East
- 15 sound loudness measures
- 16 Jay Gould's railroad car on display in Jefferson, TX
- 17 aces in blackjack?
- 18 you can't \_\_\_ of Texas in one day
- 20 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March"
- 22 TX Perot (init.)
- 23 rancher slogan: "\_\_\_ More Beef"
- 24 TXism: "call off the dogs"
- 25 put in custody
- 26 TX Dan Rather co-anchored with this Chung for 2 years
- 28 Lucy's hubby
- 31 pig fat
- 34 prosecutor (abbr.)
- 35 TX B.J.'s "Hooked \_\_\_ Feeling"
- 37 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gunpowder \_\_\_"
- 40 TXism: "\_\_\_ - walking drunk"
- 43 TXism: "\_\_\_ your head for something besides a hat rack"
- 44 pecan pie, e.g.
- 50 "night \_\_\_" (anytime)
- 51 dir. from Mineola to Mount Pleasant

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "he couldn't lick his upper \_\_\_" (weak)
- 2 internet provider
- 3 Carl Sandberg: "Texas is valor and \_\_\_"
- 4 two can take a \_\_\_ in the TX wine country
- 8 "threw everything they had \_\_\_"
- 9 TXism for "satisfied" (3 wds.)
- 10 DL or SSN

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(3/20/23) Gilberto Gonzalez Cabrales Jr., 23, of Amarillo was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS PG 2 ≥ 4g < 400g, Possession CS PG 2 ≥ 4g < 400g, and Possession Marijuana ≤ 4 oz > 2 oz

(3/24/23) Jose Guadalupe Robledo, 26, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon

(3/25/23) Shania Lynn Stanhope, 26, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz

(3/25/23) Austin Ray Walker, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury

# COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

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

(3/17/23) Celso Medrano, Silvia Medrano — Florentino Franco, Angelica Catsro — West 70' of Lots 9 and 10, Block 15, Original Town Addition, City of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

(3/17/23) Silver Sand Farm Properties LTD — Boehning Family Farms LLC — The North One Half of Section 14, Block "H", Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More Tracts on Document

(3/20/23) Tomas Pacheco — Robert Shane Johnson — 3.507 Acres out of the Northeast Part of Section 13, Harrah Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

(3/20/23) Brett Valentine, Jaclyn Jolley Valentine — Heart of the Plains Investment LLC — All of Lots 1 and 2, and the North 20' of Lot 3, block 23, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(3/21/23) Del Rio Dairy LLP — Dianna K. Wright — All of Lot 33, of Block 1, Western Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(3/21/23) Boehning Family Farms LLC — Blue Sky Farms LLC — The North Half of Section 14, Block "H", Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More Tracts on Document

# Local 4-H student qualifies for state competition



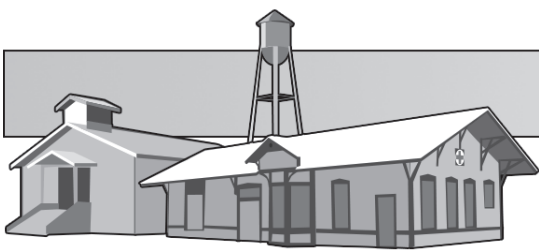
4-H (District 2) held their Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase contests on Monday, March 27th in Lubbock. Delynda Wium competed in the Choreographed Routine category of the Talent Showcase contest. She won 1st place in the contest and qualified to compete at Round Up (state competition) in College Station this June.

Delynda is 15 years old and is in the 10th grade. She has been a member of the Friona 4-H Club for 4 years and has competed in multiple 4-H projects including Food Show, Photography, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase.

**Puzzle Solution**

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# TOWN TALK

**Phone:** 806-250-2211 • **Fax:** 806-250-5127  
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**Don't Forget** — the FHS Senior Steak Dinner is Sunday, April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available from any FHS Senior for \$20 or \$22 at the door. See ad on page 8. ★★★

**The Big Show** — A Parmer Stock Show meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. at extension office in Bovina. ★★★

**Tag, your it** — Summer sheep and goat tags are due April 3rd @ \$17 per tag. Steer tags are due April 5th @ \$27 per tag. Summer pig tags are due April 24th @ \$17 per tag. ★★★

**Save the Date** — The next Friona Community Blood Drive is Thursday, April 13th from 3-7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall. Each donor will receive a t-shirt, jump pass from AMP'D, free tea from Water Still, and one entry to the OKC Zoo. More info next week. ★★★

**Seeing Stars** — This

week sky gazers had the opportunity to see Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Uranus, and the moon in the western sky after sunset. Four of the planets were visible to the naked eye, but you needed binoculars to see Uranus. Sometimes you don't need a punchline, the story is

enough. Also, according to a 70s pop band, when the moon is in the 7th house and Jupiter aligns with Mars, then peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars. ★★★

**National Days**  
March 30:  
Doctors Day

March 31:  
Crayon Day  
April 1:  
April Fools' Day  
April 2:  
Geologists Day  
April 3:  
Tweed Day  
April 4:  
School Librarian Day  
April 5:  
Walking Day



**End of an Era** — had to replace the Maytag washer and dryer this past week. They were part of the company's "heavy duty" line of appliances and were purchased in May of 1982. We did make any repairs during the 41 years of service. Just changed the light bulb in the dryer. They really do not make them like they used to.

Buzz, crunch...we like the... ...sounds words make in our poems!  
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 Kids: color stuff in!

**Poets and Poetry!**

To write a bit of poetry, you can use a computer or some paper — also me!

Wow! That's a big word!  
Hmmm...I need just the right word...

So, you want to learn about poetry. Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with some "keys" to poetry:

1. single line of poetry  
2. small part of a word that makes *diff - i - cult* words easier to break up and say  
3. to say one syllable of a word **LOUD**-er than others  
4. a pair of lines, every time having the same length and rhyme  
5. two or more lines put together that usually follow the same meter and rhyme  
6. words that **SOUND** like their meanings: **buzz**, **hiss**, **crack**, **crunch**  
7. string of words that all have the Same Starting Sound  
8. a little bounce within a poem that sets a funky beat  
9. organization of each line of poetry, takes into account the number of syllables and which syllable is stressed  
10. when two or more words have similar ending sounds, as in ground and round and pound

**Favorite Poets**

Read about these favorite poets, then match each poet to one of his well-known books:

1. Jack Prelutsky - first *Children's Poet Laureate*; traveled and talked about poetry for children  
2. Dr. Seuss - invented the word "Nerd" in one his books; sold hundreds of millions of books worldwide  
3. Shel Silverstein - said he started writing because he wasn't good at baseball and girls didn't like him; he never studied other poetry and therefore developed his own style  
4. Roald Dahl - spoke English, Norwegian and Swahili  
5. Lee Bennett Hopkins - used poetry to teach topics like geography, mathematics and science  
6. Thanhha Lai - used prose poetry to tell her story of escaping from Vietnam  
7. Kwame Alexander - poet and an educator; his sports books written using verse

A. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
B. *My America*  
C. *James and the Giant Peach*  
D. *Green Eggs and Ham*  
E. *The New Kid on the Block*  
F. *Inside Out & Back Again*  
G. *The Crossover*

**Stir Up A Pinch of Poetry!**

There are many types of verse. The definitions below of **three** of these types are silly. Read them all to decide which five are True and which three are False (and silly).

1. **Haiku** - Simple, small poem With five then seven then five Syllables each verse T  F

2. **Shape** - poem formed to look like what it's talking about T  F

3. **Nursery rhyme** - poems that teach lessons to chickens T  F

4. **Riddle** - tricky question often put to a fun rhythm T  F

5. **Tongue twister** - a sentence using a string of pearls that begin with the same letter; is hard to say T  F

6. **Lullaby** - rhyming song used to put a cat to sleep T  F

7. **Fingerplay** - poem told using hand motions T  F

8. **Ballad** - tells a story, usually a folktale or legend T  F

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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Hot Chicken

This recipe is probably not for everyone, but if you are a fan of spicy food, then you will love it. Hot Chicken or Nashville Hot Chicken is fried chicken with a spicy kick. It is traditionally served with white bread and pickles. It is believed to have originated at Prince's Hot Chicken Shack in Nashville but has become popular across the country. If you haven't ever tried hot chicken, then March 30th, National Hot Chicken Day, is great time to start.

**Chef John's Nashville Hot Chicken**  
www.allrecipes.com

### Ingredients

1 whole chicken, cut into 8 pieces

### Marinade:

1 cup buttermilk  
¼ cup pickle brine  
2 tablespoons Louisiana-style hot sauce  
1 large egg

### Flour:

2 cups all-purpose flour • 2 teaspoons fine table salt

### Sauce:

¼ cup butter • ¼ cup lard  
2 tablespoons cayenne pepper  
1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar  
1 teaspoon paprika • ½ teaspoon garlic powder  
½ teaspoon kosher salt  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup vegetable oil for frying, or as needed

### Directions

Arrange chicken pieces in a large bowl. Whisk buttermilk, pickle brine, hot sauce, and egg together in a mixing bowl. Pour marinade over chicken and stir to ensure each piece is thoroughly coated. Cover and let chicken marinate in refrigerator 2 to 4 hours. Mix flour and salt together in a shallow flat dish. Remove chicken from marinade and blot with paper towels. Reserve marinade. Toss chicken in flour until thoroughly coated. Return chicken to marinade, coating all sides; remove chicken from marinade allowing excess to drip back into the bowl. Coat the chicken once again in flour mixture. Place on a rack. Repeat with all chicken pieces. Allow to sit out about 15 minutes to allow coating to dry out a bit. Place butter and lard in a large pot. Add cayenne pepper, brown sugar, paprika, garlic powder, kosher salt, and black pepper. Place over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until fats melt. Remove from heat; keep sauce warm. Fill cast iron skillet about 1/3 of the way with vegetable oil. Heat oil to 350 degrees F over medium-high heat. Carefully place chicken into hot oil, skin side down. Maintain an oil temperature of 325°F, adjusting heat as need. Fry until instant read thermometer reads 160 degrees F, 8 to 10 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a rack to drain. Brush with the sauce on both sides.

*Cook's Note: For best results, Chef John recommends tossing the chicken pieces with 1 tablespoon kosher salt in a bowl; cover and refrigerate overnight.*

## Happy Birthday

### March 30

Jana Barnett  
Annette Loflin  
Feller Hughs  
Margie Bridges

### April 2

Samuel Frye  
Erika Montana  
Pam (Messer) Thomas

### April 3

Charla Chesher  
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Glendel Jones  
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### April 5

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## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

### Who must file a rendition?

A person shall render all tangible personal property used for the production of income that the person owns or that the person manages and controls on January 1st. Examples of personal property that shall be rendered are inventory, machinery and equipment, and furniture and fixtures. If you do not render, render late, or file a false rendition, a 10% penalty may be imposed.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of current appraised value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2022. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2023.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2023 renditions is April 17. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 17 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

### Parmer County Appraisal District

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Jill Timms -- Chief Appraiser  
Deanna Curtis -- Deputy Chief Appraiser

**Special note: The deadline for vehicle exemptions for those who qualify are due by April 30, 2023.**

## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



### Going to Europe but staying in Texas

I am due for a road trip. Nothing major but something to reward myself. I just survived a hectic month of UIL academic and speech competitions with my students in addition to judging 18 speech and debate rounds. This is my version of March Madness.

The route chosen is from [www.texaskidsadventures.com](http://www.texaskidsadventures.com). I qualify as a kid in every way except for my 67 trips around the sun.

The letters correspond with the following Texas towns that have a European connection: A Paris, B Athens, C Moscow\*, D Berlin, E Vienna, F London, G Florence, H Holland, I Dublin, and J Italy

\*much of Russia is in Asia, but the capital

city is on the far eastern edge of the European continent

My dear friend Laura, who has seven years on me, will ride shotgun. The only restriction I have for her involves music. SiriusXM Channels 05 and 06 are off limits.

Leaving Austin on a Sunday and returning late on Wednesday night will not leave room for much sight-seeing. I can do that another time when the school calendar is not in play. Much like my memorable Texas Iditarod in March 2016 when I drove the perimeter of the Lone Star State over a seven-day spring break, the goal is to simply do it. Ride in the car. Drink a lot of water. Make discerning stops for bathroom



breaks and unusual photo ops and say we did it in 80 hours (modified shout-out to the novel by Jules Verne, Around the World in Eighty Days, published in 1872).

My social media accounts will be entertaining and enlightening. If we aren't friends

and you can't follow along, just imagine the fun we will be having driving some farm-to-market roads, a few US highways, and maybe an occasional dirt road. No interstates.

Trips are for kids. And big kids. And old grannies. My bags are packed.

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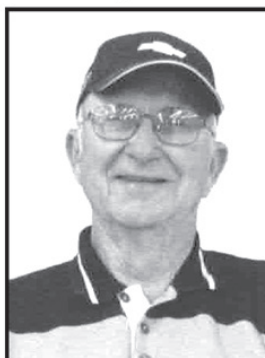


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# Greatness in God's Kingdom, pt 2

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever been so bold and so carnal that you ask God for exactly what you want without giving consideration if it even remotely lines up with what God wants? In Mark 10:35-40, just after Jesus prophecies to his disciples about the most significant events in human history, Jesus' death and resurrection, two of his disciples decide to make their move and come to Jesus with a really big request. The big ask from James and John, was "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." These two places of prominence and prestige in Christ's kingdom were theirs for the asking, so that's what they did. Jesus didn't rake them over the coals, but he did direct them away from seeking their own will, to see that following Jesus requires full commitment.

Jesus called them to deeper commitment by talking to them about

sharing Jesus' cup and baptism. The cup in scripture often points to suffering, baptism points to identification, and the reality is that those who will become great in God's kingdom, find their identity in Christ alone. Jesus invitation to James and John was to suffer with Him, because they were identified with Jesus as they followed him. They sought their own will in asking for the prominent places in kingdom, but Jesus called them to a place of suffering and identifying with Him, to the point that they sacrifice their will and surrender fully to God's.

Greatness in God's kingdom is not driven by demanding my will be done, but by surrendering to the Lord's will, whatever that may be, wherever he may lead. When one seeks exaltation and attention, Christ points one to humble service that places God's will above your own as His love compels you to care for others.

## Panhandle Parables

# April Showers

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

Weather is a topic of much interest these days as plans are being made in the agricultural setting. We are in a season of change. The winter is leaving and the spring is taking hold and April can hold a little of both, with the constant being wind.

Transition is always a struggle. I am not big on change, but more an unwilling participant it seems at times. The moisture of April can come with a lot of extra challenges. It may come frozen as in snow, of frozen as in hail, it can come in down pours or gentle rain, yet in all forms it is water and water is a necessity in these parts.

When we take that moment to reflect on transitions in our lives we often see struggle, anxiety, faith, hope, despair... are all mingled together when what our soul thirsts for is the well of eternal water. It is often a transition that gives us pause, that makes us consider what realities surround us.

Jesus gives us a calming answer. A promise. In Matthew 5 He says,

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." If we hunger and thirst we will be filled, yet righteousness needs a key ingredient for that promise to be fulfilled and that is change. We MUST change, if righteousness is to characterize us we must change. We must be open to that change, not an unwilling participant, but a committed believer in the promise.

My challenge for you in this fourth month is to decide to change. This is not something done alone, but through His Spirit the rains come. The soul is softened and life becomes abundant.

We will always pray for rain, and each April we will make decisions based upon the moisture we get. (agriculturally speaking) Yet spiritually, we must also thirst for the only thing to fill the soul. His spring of eternal water. So spiritually when the winds, blow and the transitions seem hard remember the promise. They shall be filled.

# Which Is Easier?

By Teena Hughs

In the story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man, Matthew 9:1-7, Mark 2:1-12, and Luke 5:17-26, Jesus asks the question, "Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'?" I have often wondered the answer to this question. I know that since Jesus is God, both questions are easy for Him. But, I decided to do a little research and see what commentators have to say.

YMLP.com says, "It is easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven.' Why? Well, because what human being can dispute it? Anyone can say your sins are forgiven, yet what evidence is there to prove or disprove the forgiveness of sins?"

"On the other hand, if someone says to a paralyzed man, 'Arise and walk,' something has to happen. If the man doesn't arise and walk, then that word is shown to be inept, without authority or power."

Matthew Payne points out, "Forgiveness is an invisible action. Jesus healed the man visibly to prove that His invis-

ible act of forgiving sins was also effective."

But, here is where Payne disagrees with YMLP.com: "Christians know that full forgiveness of sins before a just and holy God was a far more significant undertaking than any miracle ever was. God effortlessly parted the Red Sea for Israel to escape Egypt, but it took nothing less than the death of God's Son to achieve the forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 10:10-14). The fact is that it was far easier for Jesus to heal the man than it was to forgive Him."

Payne seems to contradict himself by saying that if Jesus had ordered the paralyzed man to get up and walk, and he didn't, then Jesus would have been ridiculed and scorned as a fool. "Few of us would dare invite that kind of reaction by promising a healing. So, if forced to choose, we would have to say it is easier to say: 'your sins are forgiven.'"

Payne doesn't end there; he says this is the logic of an atheist! He

says that it is "far better to look a fool in the eyes of the world than it is to offend God." "It is clear that the criteria against which Jesus considered what was 'easier to say' was what God thought of His actions, not what people thought. Risking upsetting people is a small matter compared to disobeying God. Jesus only ever acted with His Father's authorization (cf. John 5:19)."

I came to the conclusion that there is no definite answer as to which is easier, forgiving or healing; but whatever we do, we must do what God wants us to do; we must please Him. In studying Revelation, I have come to realize life isn't all that tough if we love Jesus and His Word, and we obey Him. He will bless us and take care of us for our living in and through Him, and He will help us get through those unexpected tough times of life that are handed to us, oftentimes by others! It doesn't matter which is easier; it matters what God thinks!

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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



ENTERTAINMENT for the Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op annual member meeting was provided by the Flying J Wranglers from Ruidoso, New Mexico. This was their third appearance at a DSEC member meeting. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Friday, March 28, 2003)

### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Daycare Renovation/Remodel Project for city property located at 704 Ashland, Friona, Texas 79035 formerly known as the Girls Scout Building.

The City will be the sole arbiter of what offer, if any, constitutes the best value for the City. The City is seeking a combination of the best construction price for the Project as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at City Hall located at 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Bids received after such time may not be opened or considered. The highest, best or most acceptable bid will be presented to the City Council for review and possible approval at a meeting on March 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Bidders may also contact the City of Friona to schedule an onsite inspection of the property by calling (806) 250-2761. Additional information, such as designs of the bathroom, may be obtained at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling City Manager Leander Davila at (806) 250-2761.

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CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS  
By: Leander Davila, City Manager



The Friona and Farwell 4-H clubs came together for a county-wide service project, cleaning the Bovina cemetery. Top photo (l-r) Sirina Samrripa, Janelle Duffy, Kaiden Samrripa, Naima Gunter, Oceana Gunter, Eleanor Ball, and Les Ball. Bottom Photo (l-r) Kasen Klinger, Kenlee Klinger, Jarrett White. The City of Bovina would like to thank the Parmer 4-H members who came helped clean the cemetery last week. They did an amazing job!



# Friona School Calendar for April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 -Baseball vs. Bushland -FCCLA State
2 -Senior Steak Dinner	3 -Boys & Girls district Round 2 @ Lubbock -HS District Tennis @ Brownfield -Catholic Senior Banquet	4 -HS District Tennis @ Brownfield -Baseball @ River Road	5	6 -HS Track @ Hereford -Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt	7 -Baseball vs. Tulia	8 <b>*Possible Inclement Weather Days/ No School</b>
9 -Easter 	10 <b>*Possible Inclement Weather Days/ No School</b>	11 -Baseball @ Dimmitt	12	13 -HS District Track Meet Denver City	14 -HS District Track Meet Denver City	15 -Baseball vs. Dalhart
16	17 -Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene -6 <sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ Senior Banquet -Tankersley's Suit Fitting for Prom <b>*FISD School Board Meeting 7:00</b>	18 -Boys Regional Golf @ Abilene -Baseball @ Bushland	19 -Girls Regional Golf @ Baird -Band @ Abernathy Music Festival	20 -Girls Regional Golf @ Baird -Band @ Abernathy Music Festival -OAP Regional	21 -HS Area Track Meet Denver City -Band @ Abernathy Music Festival -Baseball vs. River Road -Regional Academic Meet @ Abilene	22 -Band @ Abernathy Music Festival -JH Tennis @ Levelland -Regional Academic Meet @ Abilene
23 30 FCCLA Pancake Dinner	24 <b>*Early Voting @ Friona ISD Admin Building 8-5</b> -Methodist Church Senior Banquet	25 -Baseball @ Tulia <b>*Early Voting @ Friona ISD Admin Building 8-5</b>	26 <b>*Early Voting @ Friona ISD Admin Building 8-5</b> 	27 <b>*Early Voting @ Friona ISD Admin Building 8-5</b>	28 -Baseball vs. Dimmitt *Senior Night <b>*Early Voting @ Friona ISD Admin Building 8-5</b>	29 -JH Tennis @ Levelland



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## Gas prices rise slightly

By GasBuddy

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The national average price of gasoline fell 0.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon. The national average is up 7.8 cents from a month ago and stands 83.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 5.9 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.19 per gallon.

"The national average price of gasoline has seen little overall change over the last week, with big decreases in states like Colorado and Ohio offset by large increases in Arizona and North Carolina. While more states saw declines than increases, any downward trends are still likely to be temporary and not necessarily long lasting," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan explained, "While Colorado's refinery issues are largely moving into the rearview mirror, challenges making the transition to summer gasoline in Arizona are leading to tight supply and accelerating prices. Motorists in some areas may be on the receiving end of good news, while others may not as we hit the second half of refinery maintenance season. You never know what the closing moments will look like, and motorists could be in for a dramatic ride if issues develop."

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# Sports



## Chiefs compete at State Championships in Abilene



Jorge Garcia



Michael Bautista



Erik Jaramillo

### Powerlifting Results

Boys State Meet - Division 3 - Abilene- Taylor County Expo Center - 3/24/2023 - THSPA Boys

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	7	Michael Bautista	Frióna	121.2	375	235	400	1010
132	8	Jorge Garcia	Frióna	130.2	405	250	390	1045
308	9	Erik Jaramillo	Frióna	285.4	600	370	540	1510

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Powerlifting

Three Frióna Chieftain powerlifters competed in the Division 3 State Powerlifting Championships on March 24th at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas.

FHS junior Michael Bautista placed 7th out of 19 lifters in a tight race in the 123 lb. weight class with a 1010 lb. lift total. In the 132 lb. weight class, junior Jorge Garcia placed 8th out of 14 lifters with a 1045 lb. lift total. Erik Jaramillo, also a junior, placed 9th out of 12 lifters in the 308 lb. weight class with a 1510 lb. lift total. Congratulations to all three lifters for representing Frióna at the state meet. Please see results above. Go Big Red!!!

#### Golf

The Boys Golf team played its first round of District on Monday at Seminole and will play the second round on Monday, April 3rd in Lubbock.

#### Baseball

The Frióna Chieftains Baseball Team is now 7-7 for the season and 0-1 in district play. The Chiefs fell to Daltart 8-7. Frióna had a 7-6 lead in the 5th inning but could not hold on as the Golden Wolves won their district home opener. The first home district game is Saturday, April 1st when the Chiefs host Bushland. Start time is 12 noon.

#### Track

The Junior High Track teams will participate in the District Track in Muleshoe on Thursday. The High School track teams do not compete this week.

#### Tennis

The Varsity District Tennis Tournament is March 29-30 in Brownfield and the JV District Tennis Tournament is also in Brownfield on April 3rd.

### Bobcat HS Relays (High School)

Thursday, March 24, 2023 at Bobcat Stadium

#### JV Girls (1st Place)

100 Meter
4 Ortiz, Leslie .....14.92
5 Leon, Sophia.....14.96
7 Arzate, Abril.....14.85

#### 200 Meter

1 Ortiz, Leslie .....32.15
4 Leon, Sophia .....33.26
7 Steelman, Reese .....35.59

#### 400 Meter

1 Arzate, Abril.....1:14.00
2 Ortiz, Leslie .....1:16.14
3 Leon, Sophia .....1:17.34

#### 800 Meter

1 Hernandez, Jocelyn.3:11.09
2 Hernandez, Evelyn.3:19.08

#### 1600 Meter

2 Hernandez, Jocelyn.7:06.06
6 Hernandez, Evelyn.7:33.18
-- Bolanos, Aurora ..... NT

#### 3200 Meter

1 Hernandez, Jocelyn15:08.00
4 Hernandez, Evelyn15:59.00
-- Bolanos, Aurora ..... NT

#### 100 Meter Hurdles

1 Steelman, Reese ..... 19.98
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#### 300 Meter Hurdles

2 Steelman, Reese .. 1:02.81
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#### Long Jump

1 Ortiz, Leslie ..... 12-04.75
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#### Shot Put

2 Phillips, Marie ..... 26-05.00
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#### Discus

3 Phillips, Marie..... 57-10
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#### Varsity Girls (1st Place)

100 Meter
6 Carranza, Anaesha .. 14.09
10 Rivera, Breanna..... 14.72
12 Faudoa, Yaseline ..... 14.90

#### 200 Meter

4 Stowers, Reese..... 30.06
9 Faudoa, Yaseline ..... 31.40
-- Chico, Ashley .....NT

#### 400 Meter

6 Ramos, Makayla ... 1:09.74
8 Bunker, Aubree ..... 1:12.37
9 Santos, Belinda..... 1:14.08

#### 800 Meter

1 Legarreta, Yvonne 2:35.41
-- Santos, Belinda.....NT
-- Salinas, Merary.....NT

#### 1600 Meter

1 Legarreta, Yvonne. 5:50.46
6 Hernandez, Leah .. 6:57.12
-- Santos, Belinda.....NT

#### 3200 Meter

1 Legarreta, Yvonne12:31.00
5 Salinas, Merary ... 15:29.00

#### 100 Meter Hurdles

2 Welch, Kitzy ..... 17.44
6 Falcon, Jacquelyn .... 19.00

#### 300 Meter Hurdles

3 Welch, Kitzy ..... 52.98
-- Falcon, Jacquelyn .....NT

#### 4x100 Meter Relay

5 Frióna 'A' ..... 55.18
Breanna Rivera, Anaesha Carranza, Naara Saucedo, Ashley Chico

#### 4x200 Meter Relay

4 Frióna 'A' ..... 1:57.59
Ashley Chico, Anaesha Carranza, Aubree Bunker, Reese Stowers

#### 4x400 Meter Relay

2 Frióna 'A' ..... 4:36.84
Makayla Ramos, Aubree Bunker, Kitzy Welch, Reese Stowers

#### Pole Vault

2 McFarland, Ella ..... 7-00.00
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#### Long Jump

4 Rivera, Breanna .. 14-09.00
9 Toledo, Lizbeth..... 12-11.50
11 Faudoa, Yaseline 12-01.00

#### Triple Jump

3 Welch, Kitzy .....31-11.00
6 Rivera, Breanna..... 30-08.00

#### Shot Put

3 Arias, Reyna ..... 33-01.00
5 Reyes, Angelica .... 32-05.50
8 Barnett, Mihret ..... 27-09.00

#### Discus

2 Welch, Kitzy ..... 102-11
4 Montana, Amy.....84-10
6 Reyes, Angelica.....79-04

#### JV Boys (2nd Place)

100 Meter
3 Flores, Azriel .....2.26
-- Jeter, Brice.....NT
-- Quezada, Diego.....NT

#### 200 Meter

6 Cook, Thomas .....27.65
-- Gonzalez, Jonathan ..... NT

#### 400 Meter

2 Gutierrez, Francisco 1:01.63
4 Trevino, Jonathan .....1:02.48
6 Santiago, Israel.....1:04.39

#### 800 Meter

4 Santiago, Israel.....2:27.87
-- Gutierrez, Nicholas.....NT

#### 1600 Meter

5 Gutierrez, Nicholas.6:13.07
-- Jimenez, Eduardo ..... NT

#### 3200 Meter

3 Gutierrez, Nicholas.3:27.00
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#### 4x100 Meter Relay

1 Frióna 'A' .....47.14
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#### 4x200 Meter Relay

1 Frióna 'A' .....1:41.74
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#### 4x400 Meter Relay

2 Frióna 'A' .....4:09.29
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#### High Jump

3 Jeter, Brice ..... 5-04.00
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joe Francis Reeve, Deceased, were issued on February 16, 2023, in Cause No. P03328, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Mitchell Thad Reeve.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Betsy S. Clark  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 236  
Frióna, TX 79035

DATED the 16th day of March, 2023.

/s/ Betsy S. Clark

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## FHS SENIOR STEAK DINNER

Sunday, April 2nd 2023  
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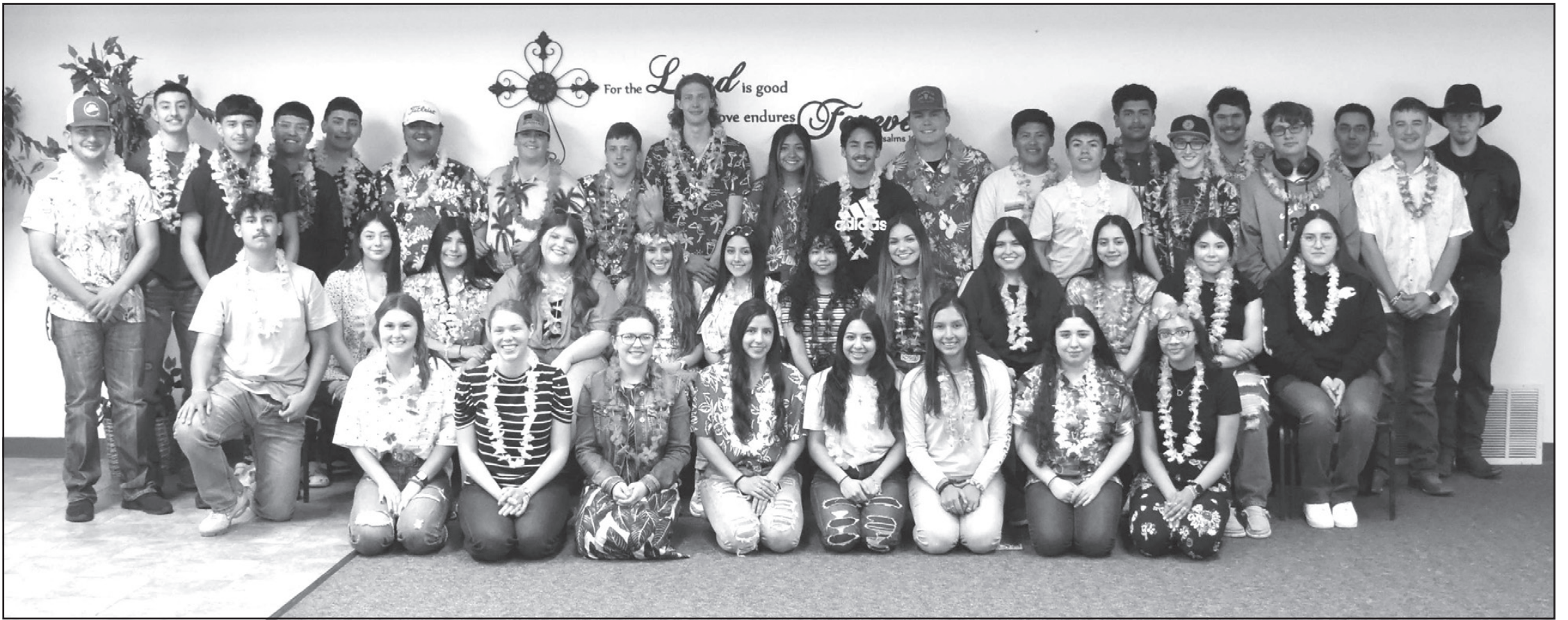
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# First Baptist Church hosts Senior Banquet



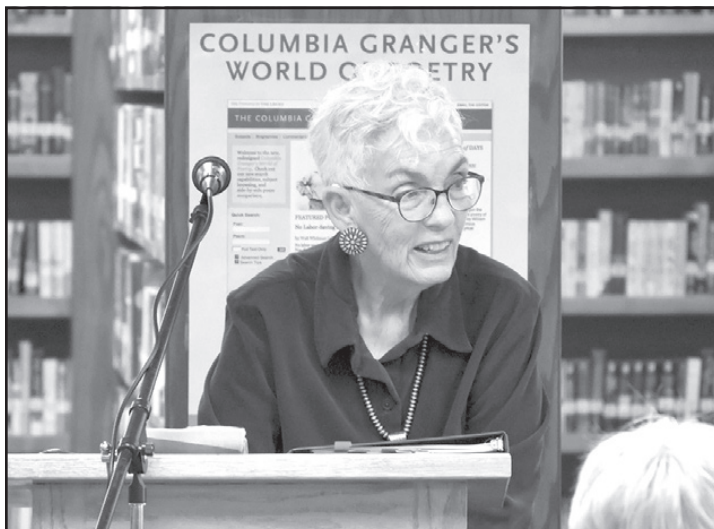
First Baptist Church hosted the first FHS Senior banquet of the season last Monday evening. The theme for the banquet was Hawaiian. The Class of '23 was served fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans for the main course. Dessert included homemade peach cobbler and Blue Bell ice cream. Thanks to all the volunteers at FBC for making it a memorable evening. St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host the future graduates next Monday. See photos from the banquets at [www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com)

## Friends host book reading event



Esmeralda Mills

Friends of the Library hosted a "Book Reading with Teddy Jones" last Saturday in the Friona Public Library. Friends Vice President Esmeralda Mills welcomed attendees and introduced the hometown author. Ms. Jones gave a brief overview and read excerpts from the new book, Marva Cope, which is the latest novel in the Jackson's Pond series. Next, the audience was given the opportunity to ask the author questions about her career, past writings, and the new book. Joy Morton received a free copy of Slanted Light, in a drawing held after the Q&A session. Friends of the Library members served punch and snacks while Ms. Jones signed books and posed for pictures.



Teddy Jones



Teddy and Joy Morton



Teddy signing a book



## DSEC hosts 85th annual membership meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative held its 85th Annual membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 21st in the Hereford Bull Barn. Members received \$6.4 million in capital credits from 2012 and 2022 and G&T capital credits from 2005 and 2022.

Danny's Hens & Fins catered the meal which was followed by a short business meeting and the election of two directors. Jim Hoelting (incumbent) defeated Gregg Gerber (nominee) for Position 1 and Melvin


Betzen (incumbent) defeated Chris Urbanczyk (nominee) for Position 2 on the Deaf Smith EC Board of Directors.

DSEC President & General Manager Tim Burkhalter, presiding over his second annual meeting, told the 1400+ attendees that the cooperative's sales volume set an all-time record but that expenses were also at an all-time high because of the war in Ukraine and the explosion at a Texas LNG plant. Shortages of materials and lack of rainfall will be big factors

in the upcoming year.

Emma Schueler, a senior at Friona High School, gave a presentation at the DSEC annual meeting. Emma was one of the five winners of the annual DSEC Speech Contest which is part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Government-In-Action Youth Tour program. See photo above.




A drawing for door prizes, including round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines, was also conducted.




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## Obituaries



### Jennifer Jill Hefner

Jennifer Jill Hefner went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, after a 5-year battle with cancer. She passed peacefully at home with her husband, Tommy, by her side. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 1:00 P.M., at the First Baptist Church in Friona, Texas with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating.

Jill was born February 17, 1966, in Wheeler, Texas, to Mary Lea and Larry Barbour. She lived in the panhandle until she was 3 years old. Her mother married Robert Hefner in 1969 and the family then moved to San Marcos, Texas. Jill attended San Marcos High School and was a member of the Royal Guard. She was awarded San Marcos Junior Miss in 1983 and continued on to the state level where she was named 1st Runner Up. She was the Over All Winner in the Creative and Performing Arts area in recognition of her piano performance. Jill graduated from San Marcos High School in 1985 and then attended Texas Tech University where she earned a degree in Wildlife Management. She had a passion for animals all of her life. Jill and Tommy married on January 1, 1989 and together they enjoyed 34 adventure-filled years. Jill and Tommy have 3



children: son, Joshua, who passed away in 1990; daughter, Callie Mae; and son, Thomas Jacob (Jake), who passed away in 2018. Jill, Tommy and their children enjoyed many wonderful trips to state and national parks. They shared many adventures together as a family. Pets and animals were always an important part of their lives. They moved frequently during the early years, but settled in Friona, Texas in 2000. Jill homeschooled Callie and Jake, taught them piano, and encouraged their interests in a variety of things. Jill excelled at many things - music, raising and training dogs, cooking, nurturing all sorts of plants and animals, and most recently, she developed a passion for running her Border Collies at Sheep Dog Trials. She was gifted at this - more so than she knew. It wasn't long before she was well-known in the sheep dog trial world. She enjoyed running her dogs and she treasured the many

genuine friends she made along the way. Jill was an active member of Friona FBC. Her faith was rock solid and and resolute. She was faithful to pray for her friends and family. She loved God with all her heart and was so grateful for His faithful watch-care and provision for her. Through many losses and trials, she trusted God to be ever-present - and He was.

She was totally devoted to Tommy and to her children and loved them deeply. They meant the world to her.

Jill was preceded in death by: son, Joshua; son, Jake; father, Larry Barbour; step-father, Robert Lee Hefner; and her brother, Larry Clayton Barbour.

Jill is survived by her husband of 34 years, Tommy Hefner; daughter, Callie and significant other Colton; grandson, Thomas Rex; mother, Mary Lea Hefner; sister, Cheryl Waggoner; sister-in-law, Julia Barbour; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Memorials can be made to Imbila Nsuma/Gospel Wings Zambia, PO Box 66, Schooleys Mountain, NJ 07870

You may go online and sign the guestbook at [www.colonialfuneral-home.org](http://www.colonialfuneral-home.org)

### Jeffery "Joe" Whiteside

Jeffery "Joe" Whiteside passed away from this earth on March 22, 2023.

Joe was born in Dimmitt, Texas on March 31, 1960 to Minnie and Joe Whiteside. Those closest to him would call him Joe-Jeff, J, JJ, Jeff, Jeffry, Jeffro, Blur, or Pops. Joe was a native of Friona, TX, where he grew up and established many long-term friendships that have endured to this day. After graduating from Friona High School, Joe attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where he met his wife of 43 years, Carolyn Gum Whiteside. It was a little-known secret at that point that Joe was quite the athlete. Joe and Carolyn moved to Amarillo, Texas shortly after marriage where they happily remained until his death.

Joe started from humble beginnings, but he worked hard throughout his life, successfully building his company, WCSA, Inc. Joe was the hardest working man known to many of his



friends and family; but more importantly, he was also the most loving. He would do anything for anyone. His approach was always "count me in," never backing down from anything life threw his way. He always stood ready to lead when life presented a challenge. Joe led a life of one that puts love and heart behind all actions. He had an unbelievable ability to see the best in every situation and in everyone. He had an eye for the "silver lining".

He will be dearly missed by those that knew him and especially by those that loved him. He lived a complete life to be modeled by those that follow. He stared death in the face and

said "I'm ready" knowing that he lived a life to the best of his ability, always seeking to make a difference in everything he did and with everyone he met. Joe had many best friends and brothers on this earth; although we can't list you all in something like this, he'd want you to know that you are loved.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Minnie and Joe; a brother James; and a sister Betty Sue.

Joe is survived by his wife Carolyn; son, Jeremy and wife Mandy; son, Chris and wife Amanda; grandsons, Mason, Xavier, Nathaniel, and granddaughter, Abby; Sisters, Jacqueline Lewis and husband Leonard of Pine Bluff, AR; Sister, Lisa Johnson and husband Richard of Balch Springs, TX; and brothers, Joe-Lynn, Robert, and Terry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith City Mission at <https://www.faithcity.org/give> or 600 N Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79107.

### Mary Frances Dewey

Mary Frances Dewey Watson, 102 of Bovina passed away March 22, 2023 in Amarillo. There will be no services. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Frances was born November 13, 1920 in Pike County, Missouri to W J B (Bryan) and Egleana Green. She grew up in the Sugar Creek Community of Louisiana, Missouri and was a member of the Grassy Creek Baptist Church.

Francis married Henry Dewey in 1934 and from that union came 1 daughter, Melba. Frances opened an exclusive women's dress shop called House of Distinction in Louisiana, Missouri which she owned until she, her husband and father moved to Portales, N.M. While in Portales, Frances worked



at Playmates Children's Shop until it's closing. During this time she was an active member of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She later began working at VOH's clothing store in Clovis, New Mexico. She also wrote and produced a very popular play called The Womanless Wedding starring many well known gentlemen from Portales and Clovis. She was also honored as the Businesswoman of the Year twice in Portales. Frances left

the fashion industry and began working at Wheeler Mortuary in Portales. Frances married Lonnie Watson in 1998 and eventually moved to Bovina where they resided for the past 20 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bryan and Egleana Green, and her first husband Henry Dewey.

Those that will mourn her passing include her husband Lonnie Watson of Bovina, 1 daughter-Melba Dewey Britton of Portales, 1 granddaughter-Richelle Longo and Paul Freeman of San Antonio.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)

*Hansard Family*  
Funeral Home

### Elizabeth Ann "Annie" Fielding Fortenberry

Elizabeth Ann "Annie" Fielding Fortenberry, 89, of Santa Anna, TX, formerly of Friona, passed from this life on March 22, 2023, at Bangs Nursing and Rehab, in Bangs, TX. Interment of her ashes will be held at a later date in Oldham County, TX.

Ann was born May 13, 1933, in Middletown, Connecticut, the first of five children, to Henry James "Red" and Adelaide Randall Fielding. She graduated from East Hampton High School in 1951 and enrolled in Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, majoring in creative arts and writing while working summers as a copy editor on an NYC newspaper to pay her way. While in NYC, she met the love of her life, Don Fortenberry. She said one look into those dark brown eyes and she was ready to follow him anywhere - which were the high plains of the Texas panhandle. She loved it, comparing the blowing "prairie" grasses to the waves in her beloved Atlantic Ocean.

Ann embraced farm life and her new family. With the help of both her husband and her father-in-law, she learned to cook the old recipes and to can what they grew in the garden and



orchard. She used her copy-editing and typing skills to help build the J.C. Fortenberry family record and her photography skills on the Walcott School yearbooks.

Ann was an avid reader of a vast array of subjects - and a dictionary critic! Her hobbies included the study of Bibles and religions, sketching and painting, and photography, and she loved in-depth discussions with all who shared her interests. She had a special calling and love for people with special needs, the elderly, and the homeless. Her favorite job, aside from being farm wife and mother, was working as a case worker with her shelter family at St. Vincent De Paul's place in Middletown, CT. She put her heart into her work and had such a positive impact on people's lives, but Ann would tell us she received far more than she gave.

As a young girl, Ann attended the Congre-

gational Church. As a young woman in NYC, she found the spiritual home she had been seeking among the Quakers, and in Texas, she continued that practice of spiritual meditation and prayer. She believed in the power of prayer! She loved singing the old Gospel songs whether alone with Don or gathered with friends and family. She loved all time spent with family and friends - and laugh - her laughter could fill a room.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents, her infant brother, Randy Fielding, and her infant daughter, Bonny Fortenberry. She is survived by her former husband and friend, Don Fortenberry of Friona, TX; her daughter Heather (Frank) Mares and her grandson, Cristian Mares, of Santa Anna, TX; her two sisters, Cynthia Fielding of Shirley, MA, and Janice (Owen) Choiniere of East Hampton, CT; and her brother Whitney (Susan) Fielding of East Hampton, CT - and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins - all dear to her heart - from the East Coast to Texas.

The family requests any donations in Ann's memory to be sent to a charity of choice.

#### A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Dusty's 20th Year of Funeral Service in Parmer County

6:00PM Thursday, March 30, 2023  
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### Book Lady visits schools

Continuing a book project begun 17 years ago by Parmer County Retired Teachers & School Personnel (PCRT&SP), Amelia Wright read to and gave a book to every kindergarten student in the four Independent School Districts in Parmer County. For 2023, that total amounted to 174 books for eleven classrooms.

Amelia, aka The Book Lady, read to Denise Parham's class in Lazbuddie and the combined classes of Gina Dorazio and Emily Matson in Bovina. The following day, she read to Neomi Brock's class, Crystat Potts' classe and to Keila Morris' class in Farwell. The following week she read to the combined classes of Cristina Aguiler, Joyce Amaya, Erika Vega, Aubrey Weatherly, and Alma DeLeon in Friona.

#### Project History

Beginning in 2006, PCRT&SP began giving a book to every kindergarten and first grade student in Bovina and Friona. The following year, 2007, books were donated to all four Parmer County schools. Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, students didn't miss getting their books each year. The books were delivered in 2020 before Spring Break just before Governor Abbott shut down the State. Due to problems getting the books in 2021, the students received their books the last week of April. Sandra Randall was the very first "Book Lady" followed by Sheri Taylor and now Amelia Wright.



Class of Keila Morris in Farwell



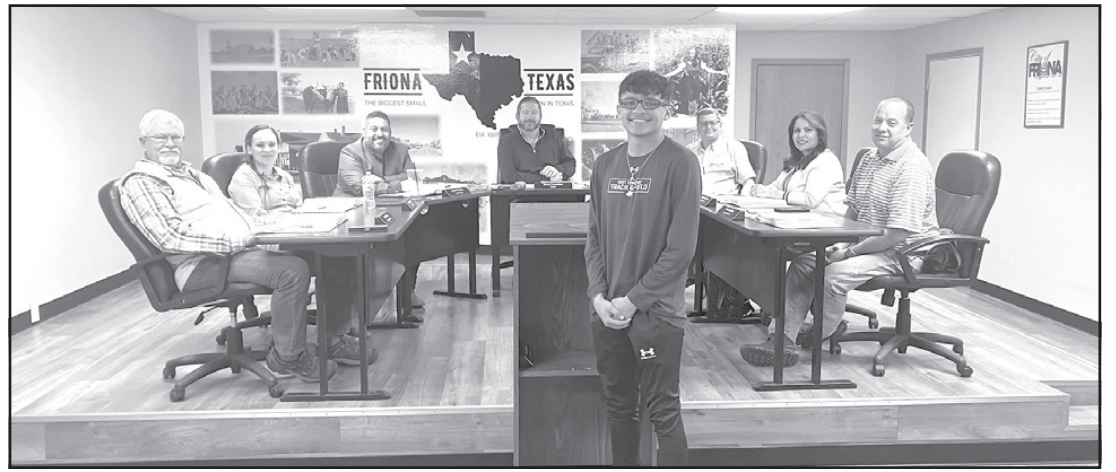
Class of Denise Parham in Lazbuddie



Combined classes of Cristina Aguiler, Joyce Amaya, Erika Vega, Aubrey Weatherly, and Alma DeLeon in Friona



Combined classes of Gina Dorazio and Emily Matson in Bovina



FHS grad and current West Texas A&M student/athlete Adrian Legarreta sat in on a Friona City Council meeting recently as part of a government course he is taking at the university.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The Friona Planning and Zoning Commission will consider in public hearing a request for the rezoning of Block 12 Lots 1 and 2 and North 42 feet of block 3 as defined in Attachment A, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from "C" District – Apt/Multi-Family Dwelling District to "E" District – Central Business District.

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

The Friona City Council will consider this proposed change in a public hearing on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

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

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

#### Attachment A

**Legal Description:** Block 12 Lots 1 and 2 and North 42 feet of block





Thanks to a generous donation, the Friona Volunteer Fire Department was able to purchase dress uniforms. Fire department members wore them for the first time in honor of longtime fire wife, Carolin Reeve, who passed away March 18th. Carolin's husband, Glenn, has been with the fire department for 67 years.



# NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY

## Celebration Reception

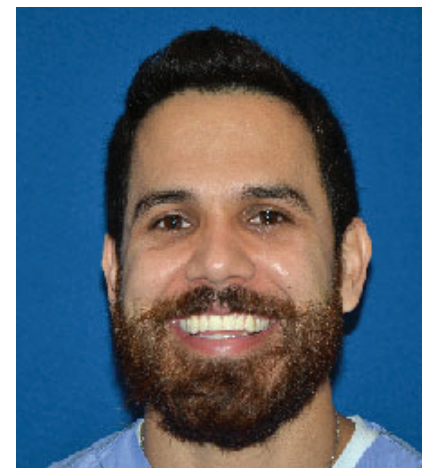
**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**  
**12:30-2PM**  
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*We would like to invite everyone to come and join us in saying "Thank You" to our providers*

Our wonderful Auxiliary ladies are providing tasty treats for everyone to enjoy. We would love to see you there!



Felipe Jubay, MD



Nathaniel Covarrubias, PA-C



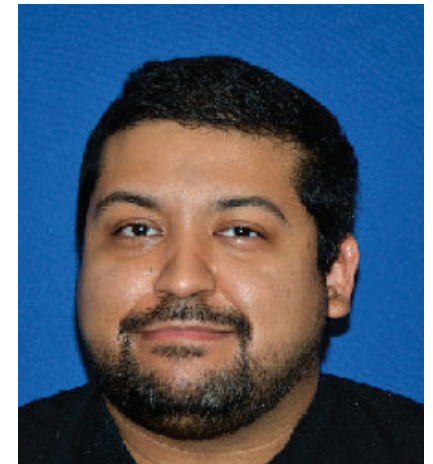
Amber Bonds, FNP



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Connie McCoy, FNP



Vincent Esparza, MD

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