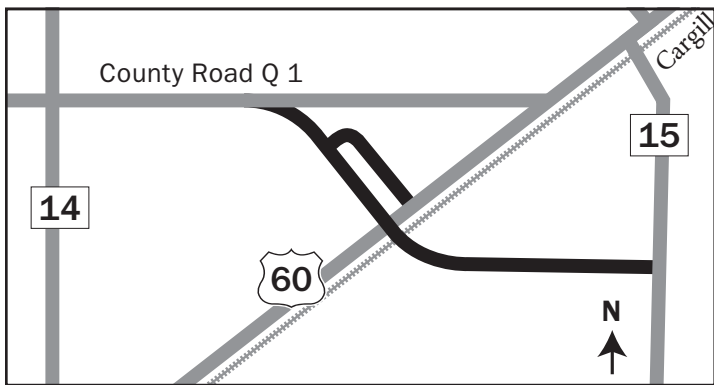




TxDOT ready to begin U.S. 60 Bridge Project



The Texas Department of Transportation is set to begin work on a project that will improve safety and mobility along US 60 in Parmer County.

The \$70 million project will build a new bridge at U.S. 60, as well as entrance and exit ramps, and add safety lighting, said Neil Welch, P.E., TxDOT's Littlefield area engineer.

"We know this project is located on a heavily traveled truck route and adjacent to one of Cargill's North America protein plants, which has a steady flow of traffic around the clock. It is going to affect a lot of motorists including the plant traffic.

Both eastbound & westbound U.S. 60 traffic, through the construction zone, will be reduced to 60 mph, Welch added.

"The project is scheduled to begin Monday, April 15, with project contractor Webber, LLC., of The Woodlands, TX, setting barricades and beginning work on bridge elements," said Welch.

TxDOT is committed to keep traffic flowing, but U.S. 60 motorists can expect various lane closures, traffic shifts and detours throughout the duration of the project," Welch said. "Our goal is to make sure we get the work done in the safest and most efficient way possible."

Drivers are asked to use caution through the work zone, since crews will be working in close proximity to traffic, and should keep the following tips in mind:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.
- Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Be patient. Delays from highway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.

The project's completion date is scheduled for spring 2027



Welcome to Friona — The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday at Bar B Studio. The hair and nail salon is located at 1201 Cleveland Avenue and you can call 806-240-6017 to schedule an appointment. In the photo — Emma Rector, Nora Mendez, Varla Wilcox, Brecklyn White (owner), Trey Hurst, Adrienne Vazquez, Yvette Williams, Patricia Yanez, Mari Martinez, and Sawyer Osborn.

Community Center renamed for former mayor

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Greg Lewellen read a proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and presented the certificate to representatives from the Deaf Smith Crisis Center.

Five former members of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department were recognized for their many years of service to the community. Certificates and "Keys to the City" were presented to each retired volunteer. See photos on back page.

Council members approved a motion to rename the Friona Community Center. In honor of Friona's longest serving mayor, the new name will be the Clarence Monroe Community Center. Monroe served as mayor from 1983 until 2002.

A motion was approved to allow members, retirees, and widows of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department to receive a monthly \$120 water

utility credit for services that protect the health, safety, or welfare of the city.

The council discussed the possibility of a water request from Weber Construction during the Cargill Overpass Project which begins next week. Weber Construction Sr. Project Manager Michael Oliver told council members that there would only be a slight chance that any additional water would be needed, but the company wanted

to be prepared for any contingency. Water would be available at the city park station.

A motion was approved for a professional services agreement with the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine regarding a feral animal control program. The program will start with feral cats and could include other animals in the future.

In other business, the accounts payable for March 2024 were ap-

proved as well as the financial statement for March 2024. The 2nd Quarter financial statement was also reviewed and approved. Minutes of the Minutes of the March 11, 2024 regular meeting were approved and the annual review of the city's investment policy was approved. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 13th.

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



State Medalist — Congratulations to Michael Bautista who earned a 4th Place medal at the State Powerlifting meet in Abilene. Michael competed in the 123 pound weight class and his lift total was 1,110 lbs. which included a 400 lb. squat, 285 lb. bench press and 425 lb. dead lift.



Mayor Greg Lewellen is shown presenting the Proclamation Certificate designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
March 4, 2024 to April 7, 2024 | Eric Geske, Sheriff

(3/5/24) Brittany Megan Barrows, 32, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Unauthorized Use of Vehicle.

(3/6/24) Eduardo Zaragoza, 24, of Texas was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on charges of Assault Causes Bodily Injury and Evading Arrest Detention.

(3/10/24) Joseph Candido Garcia, 25, of Lubbock was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Lubbock County Warrant for Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon. Also, on charges of Speeding 25 MPH or more over Limit and No Drivers License.

(3/12/24) Valerie Irene Otero, 19, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member.

(3/14/24) Joshua Nicolas Shelby, 37, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a U.S. Marshall Warrant (VOP/MTR) for Unlawful Possession Firearm by Felon and on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g.

(3/14/24) Antonio Enrique Valle, 22, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on two Parmer County Warrants (VOP/MTR) for Burglary of Habitation.

(3/19/24) Jose Armando Reece, 39, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on

a Parmer County Warrant (VOP/MTR) for Driving w/License Inv. w/Prev Conv/Susp/w/o/ Fin Res.

(3/20/24) Bo Bobby Gonzalez, 37, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on an AG Warrant-Child Support on a charge of Criminal Nonsupport.

(3/22/24) Travis Leroy Fisher, 41, of Mesa, Arizona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g.

(3/22/24) Kisha Johnson, 25, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Criminal Trespass.

(3/22/24) Jose A. Vazquez, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on a Parmer County Warrant for Assault Family/Household Member w/Prev Conv. Vazquez was also arrested by the Potter County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County Warrant for Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon.

(4/1/24) Daniel Ray Tavarez, 49, of Roswell, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant (VOP/MTR) for Theft of Material Alum/Brnz/Copper/Brass < \$20K.

(4/2/24) Blanca Leon Rodriguez, 28, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. and Driving w/ License Inv w/Prev Conv/Susp/

W/O Fin Res.

(4/2/24) Juan Velasquez Solis, 36, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Public Intoxication.

(4/3/24) Christopher Steven Muzik, 42, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1g < 4g.

(4/4/24) Ismael Rocha Jr., 29, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member and Terroristic Threat of Family/Household.

(4/5/24) Andres Guico-Ramos, 33, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(4/6/24) Laura Perez, 21, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(4/6/24) Saul Rodriguez-Cruz, 22, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g.

(4/6/24) Salome Viernes, 20, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Public Intoxication.

(4/7/24) Lurbin Dionel Lemus Santos, 19, of Earth was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle.

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-5200

April 11

- Chicken Pot Pie Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

April 15

- Turkey & Dressing Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

April 17

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

April 18

- Becky's Enchiladas at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

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The FHS Senior Banquet tour made a stop at First Baptist Church on Monday. The Class of 2024 would like to thank all the volunteers who made the evening of food, fun, and fellowship possible.

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- 1 Texas amateur radio operator (2 wds.)
- 5 TXism: "a sheep in wolves clothes"
- 6 this Texas Speaker was a great center fielder
- 7 seat of Jackson County
- 8 TXism: "that ___ won't drill" (differ)
- 9 who TX Jeannie C. Riley "socked it to"
- 12 TX Tommy Lee Jones won one for "The Fugitive"
- 17 in Andrews County on U.S. 385
- 19 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out of ___ bag"
- 21 Zagreb is this country's capital
- 22 the ___ Bend Reservoir is near Hemphill
- 23 TX Vernon Dalhart tune: "Can't ___ Me Callin' Caroline?"
- 28 TX Orbison's "___ Woman Blues"
- 29 car washing aids
- 30 ___ soil is hard to farm
- 31 how a Texan says "can't"?
- 35 historical "Texas Gazette" was published by this Cotten (init.)
- 36 eastern Houston suburb
- 42 TXism: "bellered ___ bull"
- 44 TXism: "no flies ___" (pretty)
- 46 TXism: "he's a frisky fiddler"
- 48 rich layer cake
- 49 George W. to George H.W.
- 50 close a person's eyes
- 51 TXism: "she's ___ best when her lips ain't moving"
- 52 TXism: "scarce ___ wildcatter with a bank balance"
- 53 TXism: "___ it or lose it"
- 54 coldly ignores
- 56 actress Adams in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- 57 TXism: "head rug" dejected
- 10 former newspaper in Munday (3 wds.)
- 11 TXism: "limp ___ dish rag"
- 12 horse morsel
- 13 Texas-based Haggard products, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 14 TXism: "___boose" (jail)
- 15 TXism: "got knocked down ___ or two"
- 16 Cincinnati MLB team
- 18 "Petticoat" actor, TX Meredith Mac ___
- 20 singer in 28-across (init.)
- 23 TXism: "dance with who brung ___"
- 24 "good ___ boy"
- 25 big Brahman ranch in Texas
- 26 TX Don Henley's rock group
- 27 Snyder has ___ buffalo statue
- 32 TXism: "he's ___ ornery old cuss"
- 33 TXism: "dab ___ on"
- 34 TXism: "___ dice"
- 36 TX Tracey Needham military TV series
- 37 king toppers in poker
- 38 TXism: "___ a bug's ear"
- 39 TX Autry's "Back ___ Saddle Again"
- 40 TXism: "suits me to a fare-___-well"
- 41 2024, e.g.
- 43 TXism: "let ' ___ rip!"
- 45 actor Ulrich (init.)
- 47 ___ Alta Taylor Johnson (Lady Bird)
- 48 in Milam County on U.S. 79/190
- 55 Dallas (2 wds.)

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To question why you do,
And at the same time to question why you don't;

Is a foolish man of indecision,
Or a wise man in decision.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from March 28, 2024 to April 4, 2024

(3/28/24) Coleman Young, Melissa — Caleb Robert Christian, Jordan Lee Christian — All SW/4 of Section 8, T10S, R2E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County; More tracts on doc

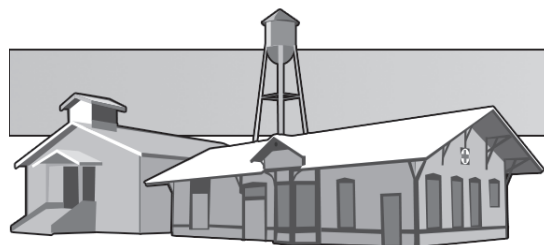
(3/28/24) Michael William Barnett, Martha Gleason Barnett — Elizabeth Aulenbach — 10 Acres out of the SW Corner in the North 234 Acres of Section 2, Block C of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

(4/1/24) Andrew Jesus Espinoza, Elevelina Garza Espinoza — Cesaria Melissa Thoresen — A Part of Lot 4, Block 101, of the Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

(4/2/24) 7M Cattle Feeders Inc. — Tommy Heffner — All of Section 25 and Portion of Section 24 of Charles E. Harding's Subdivision of Capitol League 473 and Part of 459, 460, 461, 4772, 474 in Parmer County

(4/3/24) Jorge Garcia, Estate of Nefstali — Jilia P. Carbajal — 10 Acres Out of Capitol Leagues 505 and 522, the West Part of Section 1, Block A, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(4/3/24) Maria Guevara — Refugio M. Guevara — Order Admitting Will to Probate



TOWN TALK

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Eclipse Watchers — Emma and Mari at the Chamber of Commerce were just two of the millions (or billions) of people who viewed the solar eclipse on Monday. More importantly, they got to view a near 2 inch rain on Tuesday. Note: We need an eclipse every 13 years; others show up every 17 years. This year, according to the entomologists, the two species are expected to join forces and show up this spring. According to the University of Connecticut, the 13-year Brood XIX -- the largest of all pe-

riodical cicada broods "will co-emerge with 17-year Brood XIII." They'll be showing up mainly in the Southeast and in Illinois. Biophysicist Saad Bhamla at Georgia Tech says "trillions of these amazing living organisms [will] come out of the Earth, climb up on trees and it's just a unique experience, a sight to behold. It's like an entire alien species living underneath our feet and then some

prime number years they come out to say hello." Some experts call the event a "cicada-geddon" **★★★**

Texas Facts — Texas is home to one UNESCO World Heritage Site: the San Antonio Missions, which includes the famous Alamo Mission in San Antonio, associated with the battle for Texas' independence from Mexico. Source: funworldfacts.com

And Many More — Happy 70th Birthday to Gary Johnson. He is the Maintenance director at Prairie Acres and Legacy Pointe. He got the honor to wear the "birthday crown" at the Senior luncheon last Thursday. **★★★**



Gary Johnson

'Cicada-geddon' — Some cicadas surface



Emma Rector & Mari Martinez

National Days

April 11 — Pet Day; April 12 — Big Wind Day; April 13 — Thomas Jefferson Day; April 14 — Pecan Day; April 15 — Take A Wild Guess; April 16 — Orchid Day; April 17 — Banana Day

Thank You

The family of Mona Sharrock would like to express our deepest gratitude for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and food everyone sent to us during Mona's passing. She was truly one of a kind and loved by so many. She will be missed.

Troy Sharrock
Terry & Casey Sharrock, Maddie, Megan & John
Jeff & Rene Sharrock, Savanna

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

If you are planning on going to college and choosing an agricultural major, you should check out the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District's college scholarship. It's not difficult to apply, and the deadline is May 3, 2024. Contact your high school counselor or call the conservation district directly at 806-481-3311 x3.



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Friends of the Friona Public Library Annual Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets for the basket drawings are available

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Tickets will be sold until April 28!

Tickets are \$1 each

Drawing will take place at the Friends Annual Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend!

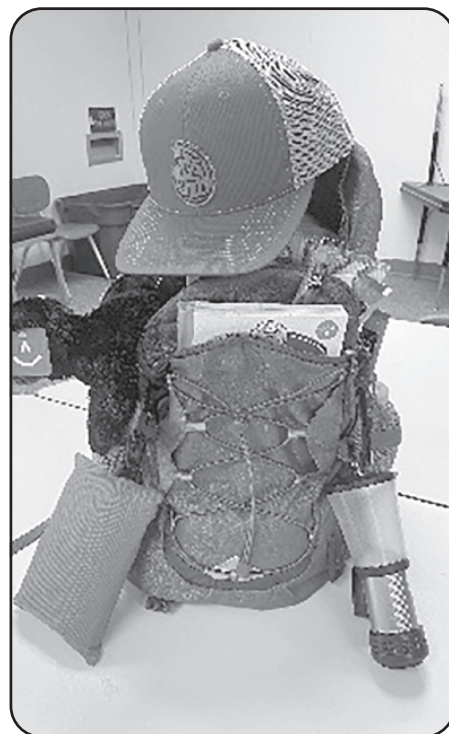
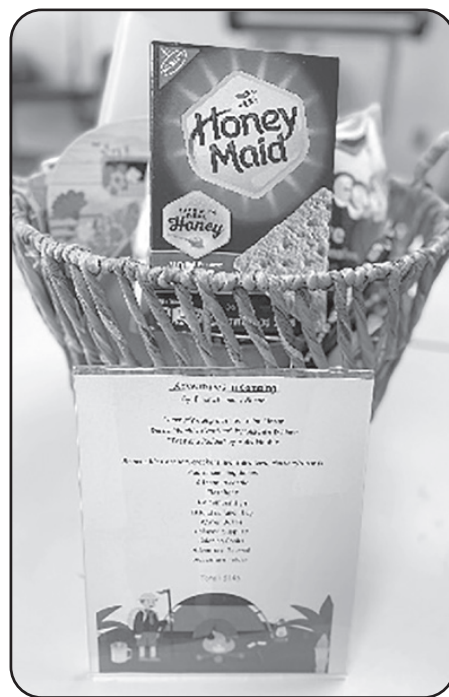
Date: April 28, 2024

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Friona Public Library

Thank you to the following for donating the baskets:

- Frio Draw Driving School
- Parmer County Farm Bureau
- Kitty Gallman
- Friona Primary School
- Friona Elementary School
- Friends of the Library
- Teddy and Jim Job Jones
- Kendrick Oil
- First National Bank
- Parmer Paws



Puzzle Solution

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Spring Recipes

This week is another recipe I just chose randomly because it sounded good to eat. Hope you enjoy.

One-Pot Chicken Pasta with Cajun Seasonings

www.eatingwell.com

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 medium scallions, thinly sliced, greens and whites separated
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 12 ounces whole-grain penne or other short pasta
- 2 cups unsalted chicken broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can unsalted fire-roasted diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, cubed, softened
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions

Combine paprika, oregano, thyme, salt, pepper and cayenne in a medium bowl. Add chicken; toss to coat. Heat oil in a large, high-sided skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and cooked through, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Do not

wipe the pan clean. Reduce heat to medium. Add scallion whites and garlic to the pan; cook, stirring constantly, until softened, about 1 minute. Stir in pasta; cook, stirring often, until lightly toasted, about 1 minute. Add broth and tomatoes; increase heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to me-

dium and cook, stirring often, until the pasta is al dente and the liquid is mostly absorbed, about 10 minutes. Stir in cream cheese and the chicken; cook, stirring constantly, until the cheese is melted and the chicken is heated through, about 1 minute. Sprinkle evenly with scallion greens and parsley.

Friona High School District UIL Results

Current Events

Jarrett White3rd*

Feature Writing

Yoselin Vargas 5th

Headline Writing

Rosalia Silva3rd*

Kitzy Welch 4th†

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Noah Aguilar2nd*

L-D Debate

Rafael Rocha 5th

Literary Criticism

Team 2nd

Yoselin Vargas 4th*

Yvonne Legarreta..... 6th

News Writing

Kitzy Welch3rd*

Persuasive

Amy Montana1st*

Clayton Humphrey 2nd*

Poetry

Noah Aguilar 6th

Prose

Amy Montana1st*

Social Studies

Jarrett White3rd*

Speech Team

Team 1st

*Regional Qualifier

†Regional Alternate

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Attention to detail

Ah, the mentality of the five-year-old who whines to parents that he “really did take a bath” when the smell and dirt under the nails say otherwise. How about the students who wait until 7:56 a.m. to get that math homework done before an 8 a.m. first period class? I confess that sometimes I wash my towels with my cardigan sweaters because, well, I just want to get it over with.

But believe it or not, there are people who cannot and, thankfully, will not slack.

The farmer greasing the tractor joints every eight hours. The manager of an eating establishment ensuring a spotless kitchen each night.

A nurse charting her patient’s record with bull’s eye accuracy.

The caregiving daughter preparing daily medications for her mother with Al-

zheimer’s. A kindergarten teacher standing on high alert for five straight hours before the little non-stop rascals pull out the nap mats.

Whether it be manual or mental, professional or blue collar, athletic or artistic the approach taken to achieve good work is noteworthy. Increasingly, I am drawn to those who respectfully perform the repetitive skillsets of their jobs. An emergency room doctor may sew up ten cuts in one shift, but it is reassuring to know that my 10-inch long wound will receive the same attention to detail as the others did.

Doing a job well does not necessarily equate to perfection. For example, when teaching I found it a curious thing that students with horrible handwriting scored perfect grades on spelling tests. Then it occurred to me that

their attention to detail manifested itself not on the appearance of letters but on the correct placement of them—which was the objective, after all. (This mindset does not apply to the aforementioned ER doctor whom I hope will be mindful of both appearance/correct placement of my stitches).

Much gratitude to those who do their jobs well. Consistently and accurately taking care of business is commendable no matter what the task involves.

So, let’s all vow to scrub behind our ears, avoid putting off a chore four minutes before the deadline unless that chore is cooking Minute Rice, and make the effort to separate whites from darks when doing laundry.

It wouldn’t hurt to clean up our acts with some mindfulness to the little things.

Gas price jump up

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 11.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.20 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 30.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.35 while the most expensive was \$4.49 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 6.5 cents last week, averaging \$3.57/per gallon. The national average price of diesel increased 3.1 cents last week and stands at \$4.02 per gallon.

“After a brief break, gas prices have leapt back up, driven by extensive refinery maintenance on the West Coast, where prices have increased notably; only a handful of states have seen prices decline over the last week,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petro-

leum analysis at GasBuddy.

“With oil prices rising to nearly \$87 per barrel last week, their highest since October, we are not only facing the seasonal factors that push prices up—refinery maintenance, the switch to summer gasoline, and rising demand—but also escalating crude oil prices as OPEC’s production cuts continue to cause declining global oil inventories, with escalations between Iran and Israel adding to concerns of further destabilization. The West Coast is likely to see gas prices continue to jump, and in a week or so, will be joined by the mid-Atlantic and Northeast states as they wrap up the transition to summer gasoline.” De Haan added.

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Cursed by God

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Some things you read about in scripture you don't want to have any part of, and this is exactly the case in Deuteronomy 27-28 as the Lord lays out how to be cursed by him. Being cursed by God is not having an ill willed spell cast upon you, but being cursed by God speaks of going against His ways and suffering the consequences of your choices. This was especially serious to the Israelites, God's covenant people, who had been given God's salvation, the Law, and the Promised land. All they had to do was walk in God's ways to enjoy tremendous blessings. If they ignored God's law, then they were promised to be a people cursed by God

as the horrific consequences of their sin would unfold in their lives, through their generations and eventually lead to the ultimate consequence of losing their land, blessings, and freedom.

Just as in the Old Testament, so many people today are cursed by God. First and foremost, this curse is upon all who remain lost in their sin. One's sin is exposed in the Law of God, and Galatians 3:13 proclaims that "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..." At salvation, you trade the curse of your sin for blessing and salvation through Jesus. After salvation though, many Christians live back-

slidden lives where they are more at home in the world than in the church, and the consequences of their sins plague them with guilt and misery. They have cursed themselves with sinful choices, and reap what they sow. Such a cursed life of misery may have moments of happiness in sin, but is void of the Lord's peace, hope, and joy that comes from walking with the Lord.

Fortunately, there is a way to move from being cursed by God to being blessed by God. If you are lost in your sin, turn to Christ for salvation. If you know Christ, turn back to the Savior, and seek his cleansing, then walk in his blessing (1 John 1:9).

Panhandle Parables

Imitation: When It's Bad

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

"Ladies and gentlemen, step right up, I have the latest in imitation vinyl. This is the latest in knockoff products. Many have called vinyl the imitation leather and we have taken that a step further. Imitation vinyl will change the way you sit on your couch. It works great for seats in cars as long as the temperature inside the car does not reach 52 degrees, then it may be a little sticky. But, hey it is cheap which means you can buy a lot of it. So call now 555-111-2323. Sorry, we do not take imitation money."

We do live in a world where imitation reigns supreme, and not in a good way. It is the mar-

keting ploy to appear to be something that it is not. You can look at all the high-end products and you will find an imitation. I think a fancy word for it is "faux" which out here in the Panhandle, where we try to say what we mean, is "fake." It is never ending. If you want a faux fur coat, ok or a pair of faux designer sunglasses go right ahead. I would rather lose a \$5 pair of sunglasses rather than a \$500 dollar pair any day.

The problem comes when you decide to feed your soul something other than that which is real. Jesus was not the first Messiah to show up in Jerusalem during Passover. In fact, Pass-

over being so politically charged as the remembrance of the Exodus that on more than one occasion a "messiah" was followed in a sort of small revolt against the Romans to the detriment of all those involved. A bold leader upset with Roman occupancy could lead a few folks into believing he was "the one" and yeah...history bears out the reality of their failure. Buying into a lie led to their death, and still does today. Many will believe that an imitation is just as good and it doesn't cost as much so why not. Imitation, when it is bad, can be deadly. Next week we flip this coin to see imitation when it is good.

Thank You, God!

By Teena Hughs

A friend asked me if the eclipse was everything I expected it to be.

Even before the eclipse, we knew clouds were predicted for our area, so I prayed for clear skies. I didn't get the clear skies I asked for, but God parted the clouds at times, so we knew what was going on. It was amazing!!! My cousin from O'Donnell and her husband joined us, and even with the clouds, she was so glad she came here to experience the eclipse!

Some of the colors and effects were totally unexpected, and I loved that! At one time, it looked like the bottom of the moon and sun were on fire. And then, there were these silver and blue things that looked like they were dripping off the moon and sun! And, while it didn't get as dark as I thought it would get, my cousin and I got to see a

star, and we wanted to see at least one so badly!

It is neat to talk to people and hear what their eclipse experiences were like. In Barksdale, it was darker, and the town lights and solar lights came on, and the roosters crowed. My cousin's daughter-in-law in San Angelo took her daughter and son to Mason to watch it. They didn't have any clouds, and Erin got a perfect picture of the diamond ring effect! Another cousin was in Lewisville, and she saw at least three stars and three planets in alignment with one another.

I felt different after the eclipse. I felt more calmness and peace; I just felt really good because I knew I had experienced something with God, and it was wonderful and perfect, even with the clouds. My cousin and I felt the clouds enhanced our eclipse experience.

God could have made it to where we didn't see anything because of the clouds, but the beauty of the clouds going over the sun and moon was something to behold; I am just thankful God was gracious and let us see it.

God is so good!!! He gave everyone similar, but different, experiences while watching the eclipse. Also, He has given us phones with cameras and high-powered cameras so we can enjoy each other's eclipse experiences!

Even today, I have the same feelings I had after the eclipse. Although today would have been a better day to see the eclipse from my point of view, God gave us all the experience He wanted us to have. That means it was the experience I was supposed to have, and that means it was perfect; and it was! All I can do is say, "Thank You, God!!!!"

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April Bible Verse

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Porque somos hechura de Dios, creados en Cristo Jesús para buenas obras, las cuales Dios dispuso de antemano a fin de que las pongamos en práctica. Efesios 2:10 NVI



has an archive of past obituaries at frionaonline.com

Battle of the Books

Seven teams from Friena Elementary and Junior High journeyed to Amarillo on March 26th and 28th to take part in the Battle of the Books competition.

The contests took place at the Amarillo ISD AACAL facility. In addition to Amarillo public and private elementary and middle schools, Friena students also competed with Tulia, Lazbuddie, Bushland, Boys Ranch, River Road, Pampa, and Canadian.

Battle of the Books is a book-based quiz competition. The three divisions that compete are 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade, and 7th & 8th grade. In teams of five, students analyze and respond to questions regarding a set list of novels that have been read by the contestants in preparation for the competition. The top teams at the end of three rounds

are awarded.

This year, the 7th & 8th grade team, The Five Battling Books, took 5th place in their division. The Book Warriors took 2nd place in their division at the Area contest. All three 5th & 6th teams scored high enough at Area to advance to the Regional competition. 5th & 6th is the only division to have both an Area and Regional competition. The 4th grade team, Allergic to Losing, took home 5th in their division.

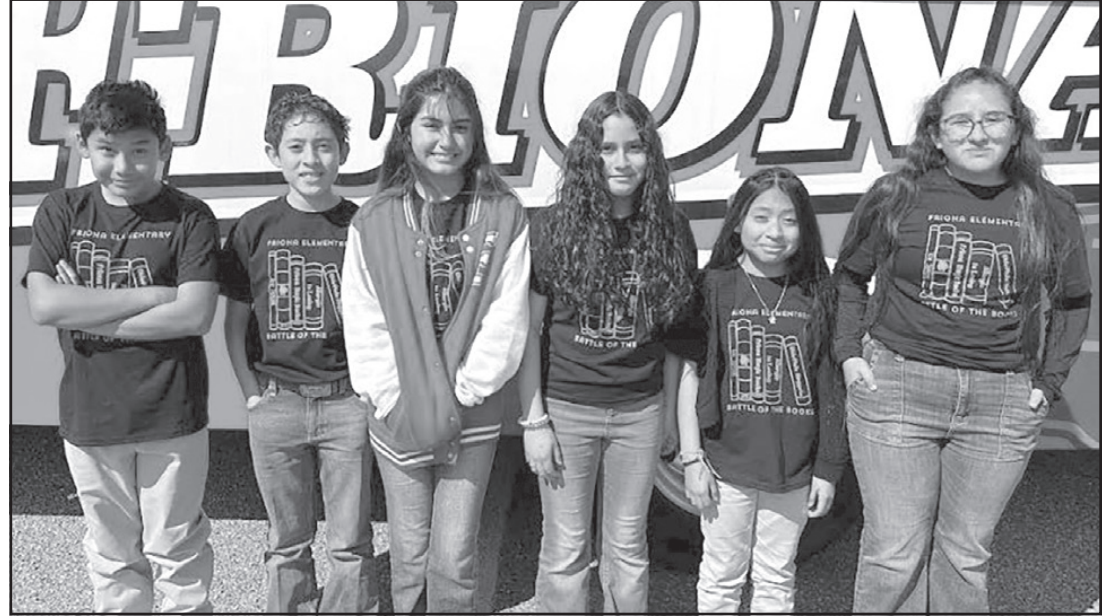
The goal of the Battle of the Books program is to encourage students to read more quality literature across a variety of genres and enjoy scholastic competition. Students interested in competing can visit with coaches Katie Gilley at the elementary or Jennifer Gonzales at the junior high.



ALLERGIC TO LOSING, 4th grade (l to r: Tristan Gonzales, Brayan Lopez, Matthew Zetino, Colt Carthel, Lucas Guerrero, Abraham Reyes, Elian Aguirre)



FRIONA MAGIC BOOKS, 4th grade (l to r: Myrna Hernandez, Camila Morales, Malillany Perez, Zitlaly Cervantes, Noah Carrasco, Johnny Garcia, Juan Garcia)



ICE SPICES, 5th grade (l to r: Roman Salinas, Giovanni Gonzalez, Katiyah Perez, Jade Mills, Rosalinda Ordenez, Emely Bejar Hernandez)



CHIEFTAIN NUGGETS, 4th grade (l to r: Jay Medina, Alie Chapman, Sofia Salinas, Itzel Aguilar, Jesalyn Jarecki, Danay Perez)



THE FIVE BATTLING BOOKS, 7th & 8th grade (l to r: Leah Salazar, Aylene Moreno, Liandra Ramos, Fernando Moreno, Porter Gilley, Fernando Perez,)



BOOK BOTS, 6th Grade (l to r: Sarina Amaya, Kamila Moreno, Genesis Aguirre, Owen Daniels, Jace Jarecki, Christian Reyes)



BOOK WARRIORS, 6th Grade (l to r: Karleigh Rangel, Sophie Lewellen, Mateo Salinas, Zane Gonzales, David Avila)

USDA Designates 12 Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Three natural disasters have been designated which involve 12 Texas counties and their neighboring counties. Triggering forces listed include excessive heat, drought, and high winds. Disaster #2 declares Briscoe and Parmer as the primary counties affected. Contiguous counties are Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, and Lamb in Texas and Curry County in New Mexico.

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA)

to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans.

Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or live-

stock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

TRIGGERING DISASTER #1

Impacted Area | Texas
 Triggering Disaster | Excessive Heat
 Application Deadline | September 3, 2024
 Primary Counties Eligible | Aransas, Eastland, Freestone, Grayson, Mills, Rockwall, San Patricio, and San Saba
 Contiguous Counties Also Eligible | 31 other Texas counties
 Oklahoma | Bryan, Love, and Marshall

TRIGGERING DISASTER #2

Impacted Area | Texas
 Triggering Disaster | Excessive Heat, Drought, and High Winds
 Application Deadline | September 3, 2024
 Primary Counties Eligible | Briscoe and Parmer
 Contiguous Counties Also Eligible | Armstrong, Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Lamb, Motley, Swisher
 New Mexico | Curry

TRIGGERING DISASTER #3

Impacted Area | Texas
 Triggering Disaster | Excessive Heat and Drought
 Application Deadline | September 3, 2024
 Primary Counties Eligible | Childress and Robertson
 Contiguous Counties Also Eligible | Brazos, Burleson, Collingsworth, Cottle, Falls, Hall, Hardeman, Leon, Limestone, Madison, and Milam
 Oklahoma | Harmon

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help you determine program or loan options.



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Michael Bautista | 1st Regional and 4th State • Jorge Garcia | 1st Regional and 12th State
Frank Perez | 1st Regional and did not place in State



Friona FFA News

Judging Contest Results

Info and photos courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook



Sweetwater
Floral Team: 4th
Leslie Rodriguez: 7th
Glen Rose
Dairy Cattle Team: 27th
Meats and Floral
Teams: Top 20%
Land Team: 11th of 42
Tarleton
Dairy Cattle Team: 18th of 172
Dieter Ally: 3rd
Floral Team: 77th of 189
Land Team: 17th of 87
WT
Floral Team: 12th of 60
Leslie Rodriguez: 11th
Land Team: 2nd of 24

Dylan: 3rd of 86
Kaleb 7th of 86
Meats Team: 21st of 73
Canyon High
Floral Team: 6th of 16
Leslie Rodriguez: 6th
Clarendon
Land Team: 6th of 16
Mario: 8th of 76
Dylan: 9th of 76
Meats Team: 12th of 39
Water Valley FFA
Floral Team: 1st
Kyleigh Stephens: 1st
Leslie Rodrigue: 2nd
Shelby Lewellen: 7th
Genesis Rodriguez: 8th

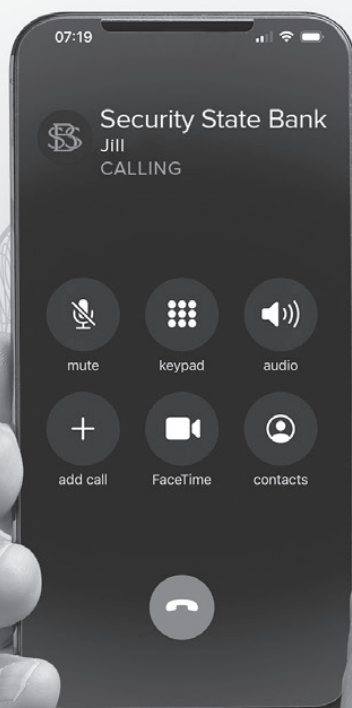
Meats Team: 13th
San Angelo State
Land Team: 5th
Livestock Team: 42nd of 110
Meats Team: 17th of 53
Hico FFA
Land Team: 2nd overall
Jonathan Anderson: 6th
Mario Molina: 7th
Kaleb Nunley: 9th
Texas Tech
Floral Team: 16th
Kyleigh Stephens: 13th
Leslie Rodriguez: 14
Livestock Team: 51st of 101
Meats Team: 14th of 43

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CITY OF FRIONA (CIUDAD DE FRIONA)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Friona, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Friona, Texas :)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, on May 4, 2024, for voting in a special election for the purpose of legalizing "the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages".

(Aviso, por lo presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM el 4 de Mayo 2024 para votar en la Elección Especial con el propósito de legalizar "la venta legal de todas las bebidas alcohólicas, incluidas las mezclas".

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (DIRECCIÓN DE LAS CASILLA ELECTORALES)

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 619 MAIN, FRIONA, TEXAS
(CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 619 CALLE MAIN, FRIONA, TEXAS)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

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(CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 619 CALLE MAIN, FRIONA, TEXAS)

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning on April 22, 2024, and ending on April 30, 2024. The Friona City Council Chambers will stay open between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the last two days of early voting (April 29 & April 30, 2024).

(Entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Abril, 2024 y terminando el 30 de Abril, 2024) Las oficina de la Friona Council Chambers estera abierta desde las horas de las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM durante los ultimos dos dias (29 y 30 de Abril, 2024).

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 23 de Abril, 2024.



Sports



Tennis Update

FHS varsity tennis players will compete in the District Tournament on April 12-13 in Brownfield. The JV District Tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 15th in Brownfield.



Pam Cardona
5th Place
Varsity Girls Singles



Estefany Cecena & Marilyn Antonio
2nd Place | JV Girls Doubles



Emily Castillo & Michelle Perez
2nd Place | JV Girls Doubles



Ivette Carrillo
2nd Place
JV Girls Singles



Jocelyn Reyes
Consolation
JV Girls Singles



Shelby Lewellen & Stevie Herring
1st Place | JV Girls Doubles

UIL 3A District 3 Track & Field Championship

Varsity Girls Results

The Varsity Squaws finished 4th place as a team with 93 points

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 800 Meters | 4x400 Relay |
| 1. Yvonne Legarreta... 2:29.88 | 5. Frióna 4:45.79 |
| 16. Lexi Saldana 3:06.27 | Ashley Chico, Leslie Ortiz, |
| 1600 Meters | Aubree Bunker, Kitzy Welch |
| 1. Yvonne Legarreta... 5:39.62 | Shot Put |
| 14. Lexi Saldana 7:24.12 | 2. Reyna Arias 36' 6.5 |
| 3200 Meters | 4. Marie Phillips 32' 3 |
| 1. Yvonne Legarreta. 12:09.66 | Discus |
| 9. Jocelyn Hernandez 15:23.13 | 1. Kitzy Welch 125' 7 |
| 12. Lexi Saldana 16:06.40 | 2. Reyna Arias 100' 6 |
| 100m Hurdles | 4. Caydee Humphrey... 92' 10 |
| 3. Kitzy Welch 17.22 | High Jump |
| 300m Hurdles | 5. Caydee Humphrey 4' 6 |
| 2. Kitzy Welch 51.40 | 7. Aaliyah Padilla 4' 6 |
| 6. Reese Steelman 54.74 | 13. Meya Orozco 4' 4 |
| 4x100 Relay | Pole Vault |
| 7. Frióna 54.52 | 4. Ella McFarland 7' 0 |
| Mireya Shelby, Anaesha Carranza, Yaselene Faudoa, Aaliyah Padilla | 5. Duvy Ortiz 7' 0 |
| 4x200 Relay | Long Jump |
| 6. Frióna 1:57.49 | 13. Leslie Ortiz 13' 2.5 |
| Ashley Chico, Mireya Shelby, Yaselene Faudoa, Aaliyah Padilla | 15. Ashley Chico 12' 10.75 |
| Triple Jump | 16. Anaesha Carranza 11' 10.25 |
| 9. Yaselene Faudoa 28' 7 | |
| 13. Leslie Ortiz 25' 8.75 | |


Junior Varsity Girls Results

The Junior Varsity Squaws finished 3rd place as a team with 94 points

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 100 Meters | 3200 Meters |
| 7. Valentina Bohorquez. 14.51 | 2. Merary Salinas 15:07.06 |
| 200 Meters | 5. Eydi Lopez 16:13.56 |
| 1. Jessica Viss 28.59 | 100m Hurdles |
| 400 Meters | 1. Jessica Viss 18.98 |
| 6. Molly Rector 1:21.59 | 6. Stephanie Cruz 21.01 |
| 800 Meters | 300m Hurdles |
| 1. Merary Salinas 2:56.27 | 1. Jessica Viss 54.04 |
| 3. Molly Rector 3:05.59 | Shot Put |
| 1600 Meters | 2. Aaliyah James 27' 7.75 |
| 2. Merary Salinas 7:01.39 | 3. Stephanie Cruz 26' 2.75 |
| 5. Eydi Lopez 7:31.67 | Discus |
| 12. Miranda Pina 8:45.29 | 3. Anneliese Rocha 65' 5 |
| | 4. Aaliyah James 65' 1 |
| | 4. Stephanie Cruz 65' 1 |

Varsity Boys Results

The Varsity Chieftains finished 5th place as a team with 50 points

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 100 Meters | 4x200 Relay |
| 2. Abisai Torres 11.13 | 5. Frióna 1:38.08 |
| 3. Cade Seaman 11.22 | Jameson Daniels, Gael Lara, |
| 800 Meters | Aaron Rosales, Cade Seaman |
| 8. Noah Aguilar 2:29.23 | 4x400 Relay |
| 9. Iael Santiago 2:29.63 | 6. Frióna 3:59.78 |
| 10. Mason Ramos 2:33.77 | Gael Lara, Iram Gonzalez, |
| 1600 Meters | Rafael Rocha, Isaac Olmos |
| 11. Iael Santiago 5:57.01 | Shot Put |
| 12. Mason Ramos 6:00.40 | 1. Ishmael Flores 44' 0.75 |
| 13. Noah Aguilar 6:15.85a | 11. Hevilat Perez 36' 3.5 |
| 3200 Meters | 13. Francisco Perez 35' 10.25 |
| 10. Iael Santiago 12:38.12 | Discus |
| 12. Noah Aguilar 12:49.08 | 2. David McLaughy 121' 4 |
| 13. Mason Ramos 13:36.50 | 8. Hevilat Perez 106' 5 |
| 4x100 Relay | 12. Francisco Perez 91' 5 |
| 5. Frióna 46.00 | Pole Vault |
| Jameson Daniels, Iram Gonzalez, Aaron Rosales, Cade Seaman | 2. Thomas Cook 7' 6 |
|  | Long Jump |
| | 9. Iram Gonzalez 18' 1.5 |
| | 12. Rafael Rocha 17' 1.5 |
| | 15. Gael Lara 16' 1.5 |
| | Triple Jump |
| | 10. Jonathan Gonzales 36' 0 |

Junior Varsity Boys Results

The Junior Varsity Chieftains finished 6th place as a team with 47 points

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 100 Meters | Shot Put |
| 4. Azriel Flores 12.13 | 1. Lorenzo Silva 36' 11 |
| 7. JJ (Jonathan) Trevi 12.55 | 9. Eden Mills 31' 4.25 |
| 200 Meters | 9. Heriberto Gallegos SCR |
| 2. Brice Jeter 25.39 | Discus |
| 800 Meters | 4. Lorenzo Silva 94' 1 |
| 11. Kaysen Stanberry 2:36.96 | 9. Eden Mills ND |
| 1600 Meters | 9. Heriberto Gallegos SCR |
| 13. Kaysen Stanberry 6:36.30 | High Jump |
| 4x100 Relay | 9. Isaac Gonzalez NH |
| 5. Frióna Relay Team 49.18 | Long Jump |
| 4x200 Relay | 6. Bryer Stanberry 16' 8.75 |
| 4. Frióna Relay Team 1:45.45 | 8. Michael Alvarez 16' 5.5 |
| 4x400 Relay | Triple Jump |
| 5. Frióna Relay Team 4:22.71 | 4. Bryer Stanberry 35' 5.5 |



Frióna Chieftain Baseball Team:
Season 3-11, District 1-4



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John Taylor | 40 years

Friona Volunteer Fire Department Retiree Recognition

Five former Friona firefighters were honored at a Retiree Recognition Ceremony last Monday at the monthly city council meeting. A certificate and Key to the City were presented to each former volunteer firefighter by Council Member Alan Monroe (left) and Mayor Greg Lewellen (right).



Dewayne Procter | 35 years



Chuck Teague | 30 years



Salvador Garcia | 28 years



Bryan Harris | 27 years



Congratulations to Isaac Olmos. He signed to play football for the Pioneers at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview at a ceremony on Tuesday in the FHS gym. In the photo — Back Row (l-r) Dannelle Arguelles, Isaias Olmos, Alberth Arguelles; Front Row (l-r) Mayra Olmos, Isaac Olmos, Isaias Olmos.



Friona's newest business, Bar B Studio, held an Open House last Thursday. Attendees got a chance to view the completely remodeled building which had been the home of Dr. Jon Mack Roden's dental practice for most of his 40 years in business. In the photo at right, Bar B Studio owner Brecklyn White (left) visits with Jon Mack's wife Nancy and oldest son Rick, who is a dentist in Hereford and also started his career with his dad in the building.



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