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# Cargill and TXDOT discuss new entrance for Friona Plant

Cargill and Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) officials met Monday to discuss possible options on improving the entrance to the Friona Cargill Plant. Parmer County officials were also invited to attend the meeting.

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Three options have emerged from the meetings between Cargill and TX-DOT. The following is a brief summary of the plans which includes a cost estimate and a possible completion date. These are preliminary estimates only. While there is no definite timetable, TX-DOT officials would like to start their planning process by the end of February.

#### The U-Turn Option

This plan would close the current entrance and exit from Highway 60. All traffic exiting the plant would be sent east towards Friona. U-turn lanes would be installed somewhere around Country Road J so employees would have the option to make a u-turn and then merge to Highway 60 and travel west. All traffic entering the plant would come from the west. Those employees arriving from the east would have to drive past the plant and a u-turn lane would be available somewhere around County Road 15 for them to u-turn and travel back east to the plant entrance. The two Uturn lanes would be large enough for both cars and trucks.

The estimated cost is \$6.5 million for this option. TX-DOT would fund this option and construction could begin sometime this summer. This option alleviates the danger of crossing Highway 60 in order to enter or exit the plant. It does not solve the problem of Cargill traffic crossing the railroad tracks to enter or exit the plant.

# The Highway 60 Overpass Option

This plan would call for the installation of an east/ west overpass over the current plant entrance. Motorists from Friona and Bovina would drive up and over the plant entrance. Cargill traffic would exit Highway 60 and would use the current roads to enter the Plant. Traffic would exit the plant and turn right to merge onto Highway 60 east or travel under the overpass and turn left to merge onto Highway 60 west.

The estimated cost is \$15 million for this option. TX-DOT would provide approximately \$11 million and Cargill would be responsible for \$4 million. Estimated completion time would be 2022. This option

also solves the cross traffic problems but does not address the railroad crossing issues.

Thursday, February 6, 2020

#### The County Road 15 Overpass Option

This plan would call for the installation of north/south overpass over Highway 60 and the railroad tracks somewhere near County Road 15. The current plant entrance would be removed. Cargill traffic would exit Highway 60 and use the overpass to travel over Highway 60 and/or the railroad tracks in order to enter the plant.

The estimated cost is \$21 million for this option. TX-DOT would provide approximately \$11 million and Cargill would be responsible for \$10 million. Estimated completion time would be 2024. This option solves both the Highway 60 cross traffic issues and the problems associated with crossing the railroad tracks.

One additional factor looming over the planning process is that BNSF Railway is adding a third track in Parmer County. Train traffic will definitely be increasing in the future. New Mexico officials have apparently approached TXDOT district engineers concerning a possible overpass in Farwell/Texico.



What was predicted as a "dusting" turned out to be a major 4.5 inch snowstorm that hit Friona on Tuesday. The low pressure veered northward and the temperatures headed south. School was cancelled on Wednesday as the Junior High School marquee indicates. The rain and snow received from December through this week has the area off to its best start to the growing season since 2017.

#### Charles Goodnight Historical Center to Transfer Ownership to Texas Historical Commission

The operation of the Charles Goodnight Historical Center will be transferred from the Armstrong County Museum Inc. to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). "We welcome the challenge to build on the legacy of this important institution and continue its work," said Mark Wolfe, THC Executive Director. "The Center helps preserve the important and compelling history of the Texas Panhandle and the role agriculture played in its growth. We look forward to maintaining a unique and significant site for heritage travelers and history lovers to enjoy."

THC staff will work with the

museum to complete a transfer agreement, which will identify a date for the formal transfer of operations. This site is the newest addition to the 31 sites under the management of the THC, and the first property that the agency will operate in the Panhandle region. For more information about these sites, visit www. StoriedSites.com.

About the Charles Goodnight Historical Center: The Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch House is one of the few remaining early ranch headquarters in the Texas Panhandle. It now serves as home to the Charles Goodnight Historical Center.

Charles Goodnight came to Texas from Illinois as a boy in 1845. During his youth, he held various jobs, from farming to racing horses, and in the 1850s, he began running cattle and freighting cotton. In 1876, he established the first cattle ranch in the vast Texas Panhandle, which became the internationally known JA Ranch. Involved in the preservation of the area's native buffalo, he also bred the first herd of cattalo by crossing buffalo with range cattle. Goodnight's life and career was critical to the development of "cattle culture" across the West and South-

# **Local Election Calendar**

Friday, February 14th (before 5 p.m.) Last day to file application for a place on the ballot for the May 2nd Election

Friona City Council (3 positions open)

FISD Board of Trustees (2 positions open)

Parmer County Hospital Board (3 positions open)

# Governor Abbott Attends USMCA Ceremonial Bill Signing

Governor Greg Abbott joined President Donald Trump on Wednesday, January 29th for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) ceremonial bill signing in Washington D.C. This trade agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada modernizes the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and will support mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade and robust economic growth in North America. It is estimated that the USMCA will have a positive impact of \$17.6 billion on Texas' annual gross product and create 164,700 new jobs in the state, according to December 2019 projections from Perryman Group. The USMCA also allows Texas increased access to trade with Mexico and Canada, the state's two largest export partners.

"Today's signing of the USMCA trade agreement is a win for the Lone Star State and all of America," said Governor Abbott. "As the number one exporter in the nation, a strong relationship with our trade partners is vital to Texas' booming economy and its unprecedented growth.

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FHS ALL REGION BAND MEMBERS — Front row (l-r): Daniela Rodriguez,16th chair clarinet Concert Band; Katricia Delacruz, 11th chair flute Concert Band; Angelica Molina, 1st chair baritone euphonium Concert Band; Alan Lechuga, 4th chair french horn Symphonic Band. Back row (l-r): Nathan Flores, 7th chair trumpet Symphonic Band; Lluvia Reyes, 2nd chair flute Symphonic Band; Audry Trevino, 9th chair flute Concert Band; Jackie Reyes, 9th chair flute Symphonic Band; Eric Gonzalez, 8th chair trombone Concert Band; Juan Mendoza, 1st chair tuba Concert Band.

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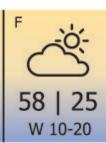
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# **Community Calendar**

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

#### February 6

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona

United Methodist Church

• Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

#### February 7

- Friona Caregiver Meeting at 10:00
- a.m. at the Friona Senior Center
- Chieftain Choices Career & Job Fair at Friona High School

#### February 10

• Parkinson Support Group Meeting at 5:30 p.m. (MST) at Clovis Community College Rm. 101 Main Bldg. in Clovis, New Mexico

#### February 13

- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

#### February 14

• Valentine's Day

#### February 17

• Presidents' Day

#### February 20

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

#### February 27

- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona
- United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

#### March 5

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

• Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Awards Banquet 6:00 p.m. at Community Center

# 'I'm an American and I'm Proud of it'

# A degree, a job, a family, Han Owens finally becomes a citizen

By JON MARK BEILUE

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As a young girl living in Taoyuan, not far from Taipei in Taiwan, Han Hsu always wanted to study abroad. She really wanted to go to England though college there was too expensive for her family, but she was determined to look at all options.

"We listened to the radio a lot in Taiwan, an all-English station, and they were talking about an exchange student program," she said. "My parents had no idea what I was listening to, but I told them about the conference where you could learn about exchange student options. They said, 'Sure, you can go."

It wasn't all that long before Han Hsu found herself, at age 16, in Denton, Texas. She stayed with the Bob and Lillis Owens family, who had a son named Nathan. For her junior year in 2006, she went to Ryan High School but returned to Taoyuan to finish high school in 2008.

However, she intended to return to the United States for a college education. She took the foreign student entrance exam, and her score and interests best fit three college options: the University of Kentucky, University of North Texas in Denton, a place she was familiar, and a school in Canyon, Texas, called West Texas A&M University.

"I had zero knowledge about WT," Han said.

But WT did offer the most enticing scholarships for foreign students. She knew the University was a part of The Texas A&M University System, which is well known in Taiwan. Han spent time on Google, talked to a few people, checked on some ratings, and did some other homework. With a long leap of faith across the Pacific Ocean, Han headed for Canyon in the fall of 2008.

"I thought I'd give it a shot," she said. "If it didn't work out, I'd study there the first semester and transfer to UNT and be close to my host family again."

And?

"In the beginning, I was terrified," Han said. "I had no idea if I'd ever make friends and survive college and the whole process."

She had to will herself to break out of a shell that a different language and culture in a strange place might keep sheltered. It started with student orientation where she met others in similar straits that became her best friends. Clubs and honor societies furthered her transition from Southeast Asia to the Texas Panhandle.

"You have to step out of your comfort zone, that's what I would tell any foreign student," Han said. "Taiwanese students typically don't go out much. The culture is different. We don't hang out the way students do here. Maybe your English is not as good or you're scared to say the wrong word. So it's easy not to get out and explore. It is a culture shock, but you can get through it."

It was also at WT that the Owens family in Denton would have a more lasting impact. That young boy, Nathan, had since become her boyfriend. He came to Canyon in the winter of 2009 to be closer to her.

Han would graduate in 3 ½ years in 2011 with a degree in mass communications with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in business administration. Former professors Lori Westermann, Dr. Butler Cain, and current associate professor of media communications, Dr. Enyonam Osei-Hware, played key roles in Han's development.

"They were just phenomenal," she said. "As a foreign student, there was definitely some assignments I had no idea about and didn't understand. They patiently helped me through my college years."

A marketing internship with the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum turned into a position as marketing administrator for the Amarillo Civic Center after

graduation. That was a job she learned of while scanning the City of Amarillo website in looking for work for Nathan.

The two married in July 2012. Nathan works at Bell Helicopter. Han still has her same position with the Civic Center. Together, they have Addelyn, 2 1/2, and a German Shepherd, Sam, and a Labrador, Raiden.

Even though she has carved a stable and warm life in the United States, there was a bit of a hole. She studied at WT on a student visa. To remain in the U.S. legally, she purchased a 10year green card, the "lawful permanent resident" card.

But what about the biggest step, an American citizen? Was that doable?

"It had been in my head for a while," Han said. "We had been talking about it ever since we got married. To be honest, some of it was being lazy. I had the 10-year green card, so I thought I could put it aside and think about it later."

For this only child, the death of her mother, Mei-Hsie, a few years ago was a catalyst to maybe quit thinking about it and do it. So last June she applied for citizenship. There was initially an interview test that included writing and reading three months ago. That was followed by a civil test where there were 100 possible questions on history, culture and civics of which she would answer six.

Then, on Jan. 7, the first Tuesday of the new year, Han Owens and 97 others took the Oath of Allegiance at a naturalization ceremony at the Marvin Jones Federal building in Amarillo. She now had dual citizenship in Taiwan and the United States.

"At first, I didn't feel anything," she said. "It was more I'm glad it's behind me. It was not until a few days later that it hit me. I'm an American and very proud of it. Now when we pledge allegiance to the flag, I can do it too. I used to stand respectfully. Now I can do the same thing everyone else does. I am happy and proud to do that."



**Han Owens** 

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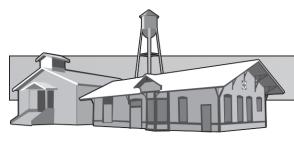
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# TOWN TALK

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You are invited to a Sweetheart Breakfast on Friday, February 14th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. @ Prairie Acres. Bring your sweetheart to an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast. Come have breakfast made for you, your family and friends. Enjoy pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

February 2nd (02/02/2020) was World Palindrome Day. The date was an eight-digit

palindrome. It reads the same forwards or backwards. It was also a palindrome day of the year (day 33) and palindrome days left in year (333 days) If that wasn't enough, it was Groundhog Day and Super Bowl Sunday.

It was a good year for football and Chiefs. The Friona Chiefs made their deepest playoff run since 1996 by reaching the regional semi-finals. The 2019 team won two playoff games and broke five

school records along the way. The Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl again after a 50 year absence from the big game. Kansas City beat Minnesota in Super Bowl IV back in 1970. Hail to the Chiefs!!!

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The Freshman Class had a great turn-out for their pancake supper. In fact, so many turned out that there was a longer wait time to get served than usual. Over 400 tickets were sold for the event. Class sponsor Sandra Berend wished to thank everyone for their support and patience. Next time there will be more griddles!!!

Good luck to the FHS powerlifting teams as they travel to Dumas this Saturday.

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Basketball Senior Recognition night is Friday, February 7th. The Basketball King and Queen will also be announced. The girls game against Spearman starts at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities

will take place immediately after that game and before the boy's game.

Congratulations to the FHS band members who made All Region and to those who will advance to area competition. See photos on the front and back page.

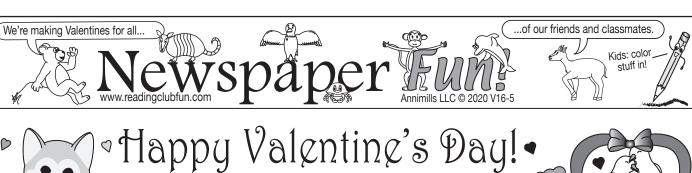
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Friday, February 14th is the last day to file to enter the race for School Board, City Council, or Parmer County Hospital Board of Directors.

Election day is May 2nd.

\*\*\* **National Days** 

February 6 – Frozen Yogurt Day February 7 — Wear Red Day February 8 — Kite Flying Day February 9 — Pizza Day February 10 — Clean **Out Your Computer Day** February 11 — Make a Friend Day February 12 — Plum Pudding Day





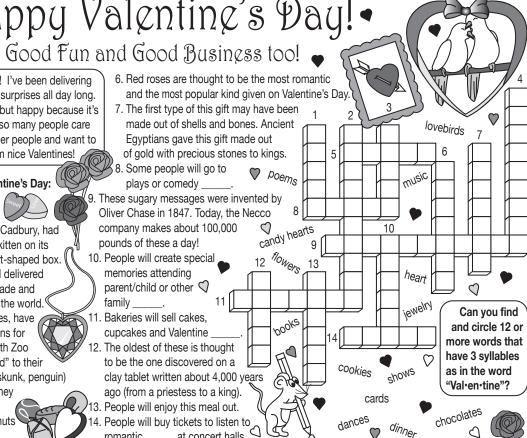
Whew! I've been delivering Valentine surprises all day long. I'm tired, but happy because it's nice that so many people care about other people and want to send them nice Valentines!

the crossword to discover the most popular gifts given on Valentine's Day: 1. Poetry and fun Valentine stories will fly off store and library shelves.

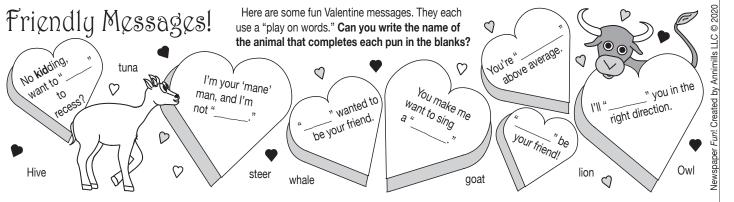
2. The first box, introduced by Richard Cadbury, had a painting of his daughter holding a kitten on its cover. Later, he created the first heart-shaped box. 3. These used to be made by hand and delivered in person. Now they are machine-made and

about one billion are mailed all over the world. 4. These snuggly birds, along with doves, have been popular to give or use in designs for Valentine's Day. Each year, Fort Worth Zoo in Texas lets people add a "wild child" to their family by buying a Valentine's Day (skunk, penguin) or other adoption package. The money raised goes to care for animals.

5. People will sell a lot of pizza, doughnuts and other food items in this shape.







# **UIL Realignment**

The new district alignments for the next two years were released Monday morning. As usual, good luck explaining some of the choices.

3A Volleyball	3A Div. 2 Football	3A Basketball
District 3	District 3	District 3
Brownfield	Amarillo Highland Park	Brownfield
Denver City	Canadian	Denver City
Dimmitt	Childress	Dimmitt
Friona	Dimmitt	Friona
1110111	Friona	Lamesa
Lamesa	Spearman	Littlefield
Littlefield	Tulia	Muleshoe

**NEXT FRIONA LTC CLASS IS FEBRUARY 29, 2020 CONTACT BRENDA TYLER** (806) 293-4400 FOR MORE INFORMATION

# **Lazbuddie School** Menu for Feb. 10-14

Monday 10

Breakfast: Mini Waffles Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Roll Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday 11

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Fajitas w/garnish, Salsa, Rice, Beans, Baby Carrot, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday 12

Breakfast: Egg, Sausage, Biscuit/Gravy, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Salad, Cucumbers, Fries, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday 13

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Fiesta Pile-On, Garnish, Rice, Beans, Veg Cup, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

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#### COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from January 23, 2020 through January 30, 2020:

Buddy Leon Lunsford by Brandon Lunsford — Brandon Lunsford — All of Lot 1 Block 11 in the Burton Addition of Farwell

Ashley Wiseman — David G. Davila, Beth N. Davila — A 6.453 acre tract of land in the SE quarter of Sec 28 T1N R4E in Parmer County

Sergio Salas — Maximino Salas, Patricia Salas — The easterly 1/2 of L 13 and all of L 14 and 15 S of State Highway 86 of B 75 of Bovina

Bovina Economic Development Corporation — CDE DG Bovina LLC — All of certain lot tract of L 1-5 and 22-23 of Gardner's Subdivision Sec 8 B E of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Vol 48 Pg 456 Underground Water Conservation District No 1 Vol 70 Pg 548 Vol 266 Pg 776 covering Lots 1-5 and L 22 Block 4 Vol 159 Pg 459

Shelley Grain LP, Shirley Grain Management LLC — Created with Purpose of West Texas — A 1.175 acre tract of the westerly part of L 11 B 1 Ridgelea Subdivision to the City of Bovina Vol 116 Pg 510

John Baxter — Ever Estrada — All of L 3 and 4 of B 51 Original Town of Friona Vol 5 Pg 421

# Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 4.3 cents in the past week to an average of \$2.14 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 13.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but are 18.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.86 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country stands at \$1.23 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 4.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.45 per gallon. The national average is down 13.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 19.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"For the third straight week, motorists have been greeted by falling gasoline prices in virtually every corner in every city and state in the country," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Oil prices continue to sag on worries over the spread of the coronavirus, blowing the door wide open for a continued slump at the pump. Nearly 5,000 stations are currently selling gasoline under \$2 per gallon, a critical psychological level, while some 17 states have at least one gas station under the mark. For most, there's no signs of the slump slowing, especially with fears of the spread of the Chinese-originating continuing to grow. Motorists need not be in a rush to fill up again, and with prices plummeting, I would urge them to be mindful that some stations are passing the drops on much faster and to shop around."

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

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50th Anniversary of Rex and Darla Bracken.
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#### State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3 Billion in January

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.08 billion in January, 8.9 percent more than in January 2019. "Growth in state sales tax revenue was led by receipts from the retail trade and information services sectors, while receipts from oil- and gasmining were down from a year ago," Hegar said. "January retail trade sector collections were higher than a year ago in part because more Christmas shopping days fell in December. Collections also were slightly boosted by marketplace providers and remote sellers, who first began collecting Texas sales axes in October."

The majority of January sales tax revenue is based on sales made in December

and remitted to the agency in January. Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2020 was up 6.6 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In January 2020, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$471.0 million, up 10.6 percent from January 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$308.9 million, up 1.3 percent from January 2019; (3) natural gas production taxes — \$131.0 million, down 14.4 percent from January 2019; and: (4) oil production taxes — \$395.7 million, up 44.1 percent from January 2019.

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: Randy Geries, Sheriff

1-27-20 — Jose Torres, 34, of Friona was arrested by Parmer County SO on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court

1-28-20 — Alfredo Tovar, 32, of Muleshoe was arrested by DPS on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

1-31-20 — Marcos Munoz, 25, of Muleshoe was arrested by Parmer County SO on a MTR-Possession CS, pending District Court.

2-1-20 — Billy Chisom, 38, of Bovina was arrested by Friona PD on a charge of Public Intoxication, pending Municipal Court.

2-2-20 — Jerry Ruiz, 42, of Friona was arrested by Friona PD on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

#### **Happy Birthday Friona Folks!**

#### Feb. 6

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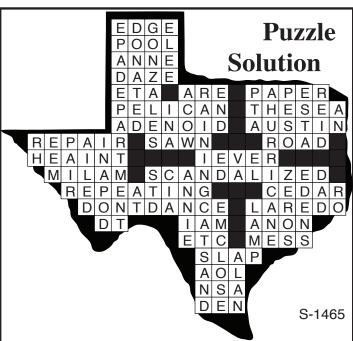
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Dale Widner Kody Kimbrough Halle Haile

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By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

A podcast is an internet based method of distributing news, information, sermons and a host of other info to consumers. Podcasts can be downloaded on your phone to listen to in the car, streamed on your computer, enjoyed on your laptop, and

have amassed a huge au-

dience in the digital age in

which we live.

One podcast that has been a tremendous blessing to me for many years is a Christian news podcast titled, "The World and Everything in It." It is produced by World News Group and produces a program each weekday that lasts for about 25 minutes and covers news, culture and world events helping listeners think through them through a Christian worldview. There are so many news sources and outlets available today, but this free podcast is professionally produced, delivers information

you need to stay current in today's world and equips the listener to think and discuss complex issues that affect us today. The podcast can be located on all major podcatchers (apps that play podcasts), from https://world.wng.org/ radio/worldandeverything, or simply search "The World and Everything in It."

The purpose in sharing a great resource such as this flows from 1 Peter 3:15, "but in your hearts honor the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect," (ESV). Intellectual laziness is an easy path that far to many Christians have trod in our modern world. Resources such as this help equip believers to stay current in the news and think through issues in light of biblical truth. May it be a blessing to you.

#### Join the Arbor Day Foundation in **February and Receive 10 Free Trees**

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February will receive 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday. org/February or send a \$10 contribution by February 29th to: Ten Free Norway Spruce Trees

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#### Don't Give Up on Church or Jesus By Teena Hughs

Last Wednesday, one of my "favorites" at Kidz for Christ told me: "I am giving up on church today; I am TIRED!!!" "Out of the mouth of babes!"

Are there people who are tired and giving up on church? I have been told by numerous parents who raised their children in church, that their adult children do not attend church.

I recently heard of a panel discussion on young people not attending church. Of the five on the panel, two of them did not attend church. They did not feel relevant in the churches they attended; they didn't feel like members wanted to hear from them or try any of their ideas.

I have another young adult friend who recently wrote that, while she is still a believer, she no longer attends church. Something happened at the last church she attended, and she said she guessed she was "church hurt".

I have many adult friends who have left the church because of conflict; because some people are trying to make the Bible say and fit what they want it to; they want to have a deeper spiritual relationship with God, and they aren't finding it at their church; music; they didn't feel welcome or someone hurt their feelings. I am sure there are countless other reasons for leaving churches.

Thanks to my friend Sharon Rector, I am currently reading The Daniel Dilemma by Chris Hodges. He talks about the culture of today and how we live in a world focused on ME, MYSELF, and I; a world where truth is whatever you make it, and you do whatever makes you happy.

When you have a world where anything goes, you will eventually have chaos because you have no foundation; you have nothing to use as a guide to live your life; you have no boundaries; you have no God, and you don't have His Word.

It is a complicated, perplexing problem, but when all is said and done, I believe everyone wants truth. They may not like truth; they may not want to live their lives according to God's truth, but they want truth, especially when they find themselves in a tough situation.

God's Word is truth. God's truth is exciting! It is tough love; it tells us how to live our lives; and, it tells us to how to correct mistakes we are making. God's Word is love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and so much, much more.

THE WORD, Jesus Christ, is ready to refresh us if we are tired. Go to church; meet with Jesus; get to know Him again by reading and studying His Word, and not just on Sundays. Let Him revive you and help you become enthusiastic for Him again! Hopefully you won't ever want to give up on church or Jesus again!

#### **Panhandle Parables** A Sudden Change in The Weather

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

On Monday we enjoyed a pleasant day in the 60s and felt blessed by such a beautiful day in February. On Tuesday...we were reminded it is February with four plus inches of snow and the temps never leaving the 20s. I know the old saying, "If you don't like the weather, stick around 15 minutes and it will change." Thus, the life in the Texas Panhandle. Even being raised here I still am amazed at the sudden harshness that comes with changes in the weather so quickly. Schedules get changed, driving times get changed, life if but for a moment, gets changed. It is a reality we live with far beyond the weather.

Life is always in motion and sometimes the change in direction challenges our faith and creates questions that the day before could not have been imagined. What do we do when life takes a turn and not always for the better? It is hard to expect the unexpected all the time. That in and of itself, can be very stressful. I know as I write I really don't have answers to the curve balls and u turns that life brings. In reading Job, one finds a man whose life is going quite well until God and Satan have a little conversation and in a very short time Job's life is turned upside down in everyway imaginable. Yet, Job says, "Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed is the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) As you continue to read you find a spiritual struggle that will find a hard answer in the Sovereignty of God. I, like Job believe in God, but when life hits you with such force it is hard to hang on to faith and to allow that faith to be greater than the Why questions that bounce around my brain. Why Lord? What have I done... and the waves batter at the anchor connecting me to God?

Even Jesus struggled as he prayed in the garden before His arrest and crucifixion. This life will not be fair, heartache and struggle come just as comfort and victory. I want to encourage you today if you find yourself battered by life, please know you are not alone. If you are in a spot of strength and comfort don't waste that moment but cherish it as it is fleeting. But one thing is sure, God is the same yesterday, today and forever, may we anchor deep in Him.

On Sunday, February 9, First Baptist Church Friona will host a Father-Daughter Date Night from 5-7 pm. This special night is for dads and daughters who are college age or younger, and will be a special evening including a wonderful meal, biblical encouragement, and a few laughs along the way. Space is limited so call the church office to get your ticket today! Cost is \$20 per couple, plus \$5 for each additional daughter. Call 806-250-3933 or visit fbcfriona.com for more information.

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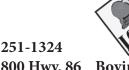
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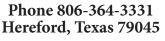


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# **State Capital Highlights**

By Ed Sterling



Abbott joins officials in response to virus originating in China

AUSTIN - Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 30 commented on a White House briefing about actions to stem the transmission of novel coronavirus in the United States.

Speakers at the briefing concerning the outbreak of the new respiratory illness that originated in Wuhan, China, included U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health.

"The State of Texas is continuing to collaborate with our local, state and federal partners as updates come in on the status of the coronavirus," Abbott said. "Our local communities will have the resources they need to respond to any potential cases of the coronavirus in their area, and we remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of all Texans."

On Jan. 27, Abbott met with state health and emergency management officials for a briefing on the same topic. "The Lone Star State will remain vigilant to protect the health and safety of all Texans," Abbott said.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is working with local health departments to assess people with respiratory illness and recent travel to the province of Hubei, China, for possible 2019 novel coronavirus testing.

The DSHS said travelers should monitor themselves for symptoms and contact their health care provider if they develop fever, cough or shortness of breath within 14 days of being in Hubei. The agency urged Texas health care professionals to ask patients with respiratory symptoms about their travel history and contact their local or regional health department if they think a patient may have novel coronavirus. The state had not posted the number of diagnosed cases of the disease in Texas as of Feb. 2.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the best way to prevent infection is to take precautions to avoid exposure to novel coronavirus — precautions which are similar to those the agency recommends to avoid influenza.

#### Abbott attends signing

Gov. Abbott on Jan. 29 joined President Donald Trump for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement ceremonial bill signing in Washington, D.C.

The agreement, Abbott said, modernizes the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement "and will support mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade and robust economic growth in North America."

It is estimated that the USMCA will have a positive impact of \$17.6 billion on Texas' annual gross product and create 164,700 new jobs in the state, according to December 2019 projections from the Waco-based Perryman Group. The USMCA also allows Texas increased access to trade with Mexico and Canada, the state's two largest export partners, according to the governor's office.

#### Law aids in unsolved cases

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 30 said law enforcement agencies have identified suspects in more than 45 unsolved cases thanks in part to the implementation of House Bill 1399, the Krystal Jean Baker Act.

The new law, which took effect Sept. 1, 2019, authorizes the collection of DNA samples from individuals charged with certain felonies and compares the samples through the Combined DNA Index System database in an effort to clear unsolved cases.

"By allowing us to collect and enter DNA evidence from offenders in a much quicker time frame, we are able to make a critical connection to previous crimes committed by the same offender. We are aiming to stop these criminals from committing any other violent acts against innocent people," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

According to the DPS, Baker was 13 years old when she was abducted, sexually assaulted and killed in 1996. DNA evidence was collected at the time of her death but no arrests were made. In 2010, the perpetrator was arrested on an unrelated charge in Louisiana. DNA taken at the time of the arrest linked him to Baker's murder and he ultimately pleaded guilty.

#### New tax guide is released

The Texas Comptroller's office on Jan. 27 announced its release of "A Field Guide to the Taxes of Texas" — a report providing an overview of Texas' major state taxes.

Every year, the state collects billions in state taxes and fees, federal receipts and other sources of revenue. The funds are used to pay for all of the responsibilities of state government, including the education of more than 5 million public school students and the provision of health insurance for more than 4 million low-income Texans, said state Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

The publication, which can be downloaded free of charge from the website, comptroller. texas.gov, shows:

- -How major taxes have contributed to state revenue during the past 10 years;
- —Future revenue estimates, exemption value estimates and tax allocations; and
- -Links to other resources about state taxes. AG: Letter to school districts

School districts must refrain from spending public funds to advocate for or against political candidates, said Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in a Jan. 28 mailing to school districts across the state.

Included in the mailing were educational materials detailing the importance of the role of educators in the civic process and providing guidelines for legally and effectively leading both employees and students through the 2020 election.



# **Katherine Rogers Smith** celebrates centennial birthday

Katherine Rogers Smith was celebrated by members of her family on the upcoming occasion of her 100th birthday at the home of Danny and Adabeth Smith on January 25th. She was born on the 8th of February, 1920 in Ochiltree County, Texas.

Katherine moved to Friona in 1939 with her new husband Hoyt, where they lived and farmed 15 miles northwest of Friona in the Bootleg area. They raised 4 children, Adelle, Danny, Mike, and Linda. Katherine resided in the Friona area for the next 66 years where she was an active member of the Friona United Methodist Church and the community. She moved to King's Manor in Hereford in 2005.

In attendance were 3 grandchildren, Dana, Amy, and Steven, with their spouses, Ron Rains, Kris Miller, and Tammy Smith, and 2 great-granddaughters, Jordan Rains McGregor and Tarah Read. Unable to attend were 2 great-grandchildren, Kirstie and Daniel Smith. Katherine was surprised by the attendance of a great nephew, Toby Smith, and great niece, Amber Smith and her husband Bill Miertschin.

Greetings and congratulations may be sent to Katherine at King's Manor, 400 Ranger, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

Pictured with Katherine are great-granddaughters Tarah Read and Jordan Rains Mc-Gregor



#### Romantic Dinner for Two

This week seems like a good time for a romantic dinner for two. The recipes feature a meal and dessert that is just right for a Valentine's dinner. You can add or take away for serving size depending on how many people you need to feed at your romantic dinner.

#### Honey Glazed Salmon with Orange and Ginger Sauce www.laughingspatula.com

#### **Ingredients**

2 pound salmon fillet

1/2 cup honey

2 oranges - 1 for zest and juice and 1 for slicing 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger

1 tablespoon fresh grated orange zest 1 orange

2 cloves garlic grated

2 tablespoons fresh orange juice salt and pepper

#### **Instructions**

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Line large baking sheet with foil. Rinse and pat dry the salmon fillet and lay on

top of foil.

Liberally salt and pepper entire fillet.

Combine honey, grated ginger, grated garlic, orange zest and orange juice in a small bowl.

Pour over salmon fillet.

Place slices of one orange around fillet.

Bake for 25-35 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork

If you want a bit more caramelization, broil for an additional 2-3 minutes.

#### **Asian Glazed Broccoli**

kitchenetteblog.com

2 lb broccoli crowns

**Ingredients** 

1/4 cup water

3 tablespoons hoisin sauce

3 tablespoons brown sugar 2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon + chili garlic sauce (add more to up the spice level)

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar 1/2 teaspoon fish sauce (optional)

1/2 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1 teaspoon cornstarch

vegetable oil

toasted sesame seeds for garnish

#### Method

Chop the bottom off the broccoli stems and discard. Cut off the broccoli florets and cut into medium sized pieces. Peel the remaining stems and cut into matchsticks roughly the length of the broccoli florets.

In a small bowl whisk the water, hoisin, sugar, soy sauce, chili garlic sauce, rice wine vinegar, fish sauce and sesame seed oil until combined. Whisk in the cornstarch until well combined.

Heat a large pan over medium-high heat for a couple minutes, then add enough vegetable oil to coat it. Add the broccoli, toss to coat in the oil and cook until well browned and almost cooked through (poke a few pieces with a fork to test). Add the sauce, stir and lower the heat a bit. Simmer

for a couple more minutes until the broccoli is cooked through and glazed with the sauce. Garnish with sesame seeds.

Note: The fish sauce is optional, but it gives the dish that extra savory quality. I promise the end result doesn't taste fishy, but if it weirds you out or you want to make the dish vegetarian, you can leave it out.

#### **Red Velvet Cupcakes for Two** dessertfortwo.com

#### **Ingredients**

For the cupcakes:

1/4 cup canola oil

1/4 cup sugar 2 tablespoons buttermilk

1 egg white

1 teaspoon red food coloring

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

1/8 teaspoon white vinegar 1/3 cup + 1 tablespoon flour

#### 3 ounces cream cheese, softened 2 tablespoons butter, softened

6 tablespoons powdered sugar

2 teaspoons cocoa powder

1/8 teaspoon baking soda

For the cream cheese frosting:

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

1 teaspoon buttermilk

#### Instructions

In a cupcake tin, place 4 cupcake liners on the outside edge. Preheat the oven to 350.

In a medium bowl, beat together the canola oil, sugar, buttermilk, egg white, red dye, vinegar, and vanilla using an electric mixer.

In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda,

Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, while mixing.

salt and cocoa powder.

Divide the batter between the four cupcake liners and bake for 20-22 minutes until a cake tester comes out clean. Let cool completely on a wire

Beat together all icing ingredients using an electric mixer. Frost cupcakes when







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# ~OBITUARY~

#### Karon Zachary

Karon Zachary, 77, of Friona, Texas passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle and Rev. Skip Hodges, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Karon was born on June 19, 1942 in San Angelo, Texas to the late C.M. and Beatrice Peterson. Her early years were spent on a dairy outside of Elida, New Mexico. During the 1950s drought, Karon and her family moved to Plainview, Texas where she spent her high school years. In 1968, Karon moved to Friona and on February 5, 1969 she married Gene Zachary.

Karon was a "Super Mom" who took pride in working hard, both at home and at her job. She worked for Monsanto, Friona Industries and the Friona Independent School District and had great co-workers and bosses at all 3.

Karon spent much of her life fighting multiple sclerosis. With Gene by her side, she battled the disease every day and refused to let the disease define her. Karon never stopped smiling.

Karon is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gene; sons Mark and wife Shannon, and Kevin and wife Belinda;

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Texas are kicking off the 2020 growing

season, but the region, like much of the

state, is behind on rainfall, according

to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ser-

Drier-than-normal conditions may

not worry producers who use irriga-

tion, but dryland growers could be

looking at a disastrous season if signifi-

cant and timely rainfall doesn't mate-

Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Exten-

sion horticulturist, Weslaco, said tem-

peratures in South Texas have been

mild with below-average rainfall since

November. Despite drier-than-normal

weather, growing conditions have been

ideal for cool-season vegetable crops

like cabbage, onions and carrots under

has been good for growth," he said.

"There's also been little, if any, insect

Producers will be harvesting those

crops up to May, Anciso said. Some

warm-season crops are being planted,

and growers are preparing cropland,

and disease pressure on crops."

"It's been nice and sunny, which



grandchildren Chelsea Johnson and husband Patrick, Kevin Jr., Matthew, Arin and Drew; sister Marla McBryde and husband John; brother in law Ted Planje and wife Lee; two aunts, Beth Cobler and Allene Pearce; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Karon was predeceased by her parents, Marvin and Bea and sister Dorothy Planje.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th Amarillo, Texas 79101, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105 or your favorite charity.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com

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# 2020 Warrant Roundup The Friona Municipal Court and Police Department

is conducting a warrant round up in February for people who have warrants or unpaid fines.

The Friona Municipal Court suggest you take care of them now or face being arrested.

The roundup is set to take place from Thursday, February 6th through Saturday, February 29th.

Extra officers are being brought in to make arrests at people's homes, places of work, and other locations they might find those avoiding their responsibility to

The Friona Municipal Court states that if you're arrested in your vehicle at the time of the roundup, you run the risk of being towed.

Individuals who have a warrant and who want to avoid a potential arrest can contact the City of Friona Municipal Court to clear the warrant. You can contact the court in person at 105 West 7th Street Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or call (806) 250-2198

La Corte Municipal de Friona y el Departamento de Policía están llevando a cabo una orden de arresto en febrero para las personas que tienen órdenes de arresto o multas impagas.

El Tribunal Municipal de Friona sugiere que se encargue de ellos ahora o se enfrente a ser arrestado.

El resumen se llevará a cabo del jueves 6 de febrero al sábado 29 de febrero.

Se están llevando oficiales adicionales para realizar arrestos en los hogares, lugares de trabajo y otros lugares de las personas que podrían encontrar a quienes evitan su responsabilidad ante el tribunal.

El Tribunal Municipal de Friona afirma que si lo arrestan en su vehículo en el momento del rodeo, corre el riesgo de ser remolcado.

Las personas que tienen una orden de arresto y que desean evitar un posible arresto pueden comunicarse con el Tribunal Municipal de la Ciudad de Friona para borrar la orden. Puede comunicarse con la corte en persona en 105 West 7th Street los miércoles, jueves o viernes entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m. o llame al (806) 250-2198.

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2020 growing season underway amid dry conditions in much of Texas

including prewatering to improve soil

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moisture levels for seeds. Anciso said watermelon growers have been planting in small tunnel houses, which work like mini greenhouses, and will continue planting over the next several weeks. The tunnel houses allow those growers to start their crops and get to market earlier than normal. The region typically ex-

periences its last freeze on Feb. 14. Growers are also preparing to plant other warm-season crops including tomatoes, cantaloupes, honey dew melons and peppers, but that watermelons are the primary warm-season crop.

**Row Crops** 

Danielle Sekula, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Weslaco, said growers were also preparing soil, spraying preemergent herbicides and prewatering for row crops like corn, sorghum and cotton. Many growers were ordering seeds while others were still considering their planting options.

Some growers with irrigation had already planted corn with planting operations expected to ramp up over the next few weeks, she said. Sorghum

planting was expected to begin within the next two weeks, but many dryland growers were waiting for rain.

"Hopefully it rains," she said. "Some producers are waiting until the threat of a cold front passes, but all the dry-

land acres are waiting for some rain." Sekula said some areas had received up to an inch in December, but conditions have been dry otherwise. Producers are hoping 2020 is not a repeat of 2018 when planted crops in many areas were lost to drought.

"It's been cloudy and looked like rain but then nothing falls," she said. "If it continues like this a lot of cropland will likely burn up in the summer heat."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summary:

PANHANDLE: Areas of the district received up to half an inch of snow or wintery mix. Southern areas remained very dry. No farming activity was reported. Cattle on rangeland were receiving supplemental feed. Producers with stockers on wheat pasture reported good gains. Producers applied fertilizers in preparation for the upcoming spring planting season.



The FHS Floriculture team placed 6th out of 40 teams at the Fort Worth Stock Show Floriculture Contest. It was their first competition of the year. Team members are (l-r): Carly Drake, Adaline White, Marie Nunez, and Emma Schueler. (courtesy photo)

# 2019 Friona UIL Award Winners

#### **2nd Grade Contests**

Storytelling: Coach S. Garcia; Abigail Guerra-5, Avril Soltero-4

Creative Writing: Coach Annett; Zane Gonzales-6, Teresa Alvidrez-3, Sophie Lewellen-1

Chess: Coach Welch; 1st Team- Lakota Zeller, Julian Guerra, Jonah Aguilar, Mateo Salinas; Individual- Jonah Aguilar-3, Julian Guerra-2, Lakota Zeller-1

Oral Reading: Coach Suarez; Owen Daniels-6, Sophie Lewellen-1

Music Memory: Coaches Herring & De La Cruz; 1st Team- Bennett Weatherly, Owen Daniels, Sophia San Miguel, Jace Jarecki, Genesis Aguirre; Individual- Sophia San Miguel- 6, Owen Daniels-4, Bennett Weatherly-1

#### **3rd Grade Contests**

Storytelling: Coach Munoz; Kolton Thompson-6, Marely Quinones-5, Angela Hernandez-4

Spelling: Coach Rodriguez; 2nd Team-Avril Wells, Fernando Moreno, Dustin Shields, Luis Grado

Individual-Fernando Moreno-5, Avril Wells-4

Ready Writing: Coach Huckins; Analee Aragon-5, Fernando Perez-4, Natalie Achor-1

Music Memory: Coaches Herring & De La Cruz; 2nd Team- Fernando Moreno, Sophia De La Cruz, Jalond Rejino, Juliett Vega, Jayleigh Contreras; Individual- Fernando Moreno-1

Chess: Coach Welch; 1st Team- Andrew Marquez, Ian Vasquez, Darius Gonzalez; Individual- Darius Gonzalez-3, Ian Vasquez-2,

Andrew Marquez-1

Oral Reading: Coach Jarecki; Eli Rosales-5, Aylen Moreno-3

#### 4th Grade Contests

Spelling: Coach Samarron; 2nd Team-Jesus Mendoza-Campos, Kailey Jaramillo, Arianna Gallegos, David Tafoya; Individual-Kailey Jaramillo-3, Jesus Mendoza-Campos- 1

Ready Writing: Coach Hickman; Janithzel Munoz-6, Aiden Tafoya-4, Alayha Rubalcava-1

Oral Reading: Coach Miller; Peyton McFarland-6, Angelina Esparza-4, Alexis Pharis-1

Number Sense: Coaches McLellan & Jones; 2nd Team- Ivy Schueler, Nathaniel Padilla, Bryan Cecena, Kennedy Ashlock; Individual- Nathaniel Padilla-3,

Ivy Schueler-1

Art: Coach Kimbrough; 1st Team- Giovanni Santiago, Aidelyn Faudoa, Harley London, Isael Guzman, Yahaira Rivas, Yahaira Rivas-6, Isael Guzman-5, Harlev London-3, Aidelyn Faudoa-2, Giovanni Santiago-1

Music Memory: Coaches Herring & De La Cruz; 2nd Team- Salvador Chavarria, Aimee Jimenez, Max Reyes, Jett Jerden, Kimberly Avila, Gabriel Castillo; Individual-Aimee Jimenez-6, Salvador Chavarria-5

Chess: Coach Nix; Octavio Arias-2

#### **5th Grade Contests**

Spelling: Coach Contreras; 2nd Team- Aubree Salas, Carlos Rodriguez, Grayson Nix, Ketzally Tafova; Individual- Grayson Nix-6, Carlos Rodriguez-5, Aubree

Ready Writing: Coach Hickman; Mariela Soto-4, Stevie Herring-1

Dictionary Skills: Coach Carrillo; 2nd Team- Yvette Zetino, Rolando Pu, Kayla Vielman, Miranda Pina; Individual- Yvette Zetino-1

Listening Skills: Coach R. Garcia; 1st Team- Shelby Lewellen, Dorian West, Mason Ramos, Caesar Ortiz; Individual- Mason Ramos-6, Dorien West-5, Shelby Lewellen-1

Social Studies: Coach Bulin; 1st Team-Noah Aguilar, Cutter Burney, Mariela Soto, Leydy Calachij; Individual- Mariela Soto-6, Cutter Burney-3, Noah Agui-

Art: Coach Kimbrough; 1st Team- Kyleigh Stephens, Eden Mills, Anneliese Ro-Shelby Lewellen, Litzy Gonzalez; Individual- Litzy Gonzalez-5, Shelby Lewellen-4, TIE Eden Mills & Anneliese Rocha-2, Kyleigh Stephens-1 PER-FECT PAPER

Music Memory: Coaches Herring & De La Cruz; 2nd Team- Alizah Dominguez, Stevie Herring, Jaylee Alvarado, Lexi Saldana, Amberly Madrid; Individual-Stevie Herring-3, Alizah Dominguez-1

Chess: Coach Nix; 1st Team- Grayson Nix, Heriberto Gallegos, William Husted, Alessander Vega; Individual- Heriberto Gallegos-2, Grayson Nix 1

Number Sense: Coaches McLellan & Jones; 1st Team-Aaliyah Padilla, Grayson Nix, Natalie Herrera, Michael Alvarez; Individual-Natalie Herrera- 4, Grayson Nix-3, Aaliyah Padilla-1



# FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**NEW COPTER VISITS...The new medical helicopter from Northwest Texas** Healthcare System, Amarillo, paid a visit to Parmer County Community Hospital's new landing pad last Saturday morning. Hospital employees, EMS workers and other interested parties are shown looking at the red and white medical vehicle. (Friona Star, August 21, 1993)

# **Governor Abbott Proclaims February** 2020 African-American History Month

As a state and nation shaped by the diversity of our citizens, it is vital we recognize and celebrate the different races, nationalities, and backgrounds of the land we love.

As a state and nation shaped by the diversity of our citizens, it is vital we recognize and celebrate the different races, nationalities, and backgrounds of the land we love. Having faced slavery, many forms of oppression, deep-rooted adversity, and the life-threatening dangers of demanding equality and change, African-Americans are imbued with a unique strength and resilience, and their contributions and achievements are respected and greatly valued in the Lone Star State.

There are many examples of excellence throughout African-American history in Texas. The Buffalo Soldiers, regiments in the post-Civil War U.S. Army, overcame both harsh conditions and

prejudice to help tame the Texas frontier, serving our nation with distinction. Bessie Coleman grew up in Atlanta, Texas, and inspired people worldwide, shattering longheld stereotypes as the first African-American woman to become a pilot. Barbara Jordan rose from humble beginnings in Houston to become the first African-American state senator in Texas in more than 75 years and a leader of the civil rights movement. Wallace Jefferson, raised in San Antonio, made history as the first African-American justice on the Texas Supreme Court and the court's first African-American chief justice. Doris Miller and Richard Overton, American heroes and Texas legends, stand out even amongst America's greatest generation who selflessly risked their lives in World War II. In our multicultural state, there is simply not a facet of life that has not

been shaped in some way by the contributions of African-Americans.

Each year, February is designated African-American History Month to remember and reflect on the tribulations faced by the African-American community while learning from the vibrant culture and history and celebrating its many invaluable contributions. At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in taking pride in and discovering more about the strength that comes from our diversity.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 2020, to be African-American History Month in Texas, and urge the appropriaterecognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 24th day of January, 2020.

Governor Greg Abbott

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that, on January 30, 2020, letters testamentary upon the Estate of Ileta Uldene Grimsley, Deceased, were issued by the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to Wyndol David Grimsley and Jayson Kent Grimsley, Independent Co-Executors. The residence and post office address of Wyndol David Grimsley1717 West 9th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. The residence and post office address of Jayson Kent Grimsley is 1708 West 9th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

> Wyndol David Grimsley, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of Ileta Uldene Grimsley, Deceased

Jayson Kent Grimsley, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of

Ileta Uldene Grimsley, Deceased

# Don't Mess With Texas® Offering Prizes **And Scholarships To Texas Students**

#### Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest and Don't mess with Texas K-12 School Art Contest now taking submissions

Don't mess with Texas is holding two contests to award prizes and scholarships to Texas students demonstrating efforts to raise awareness about litter prevention in their communities. The 2020 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest and the Don't mess with Texas K-12 School Art Contest are presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Both contests are currently accepting applications and submissions.

The 2020 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the coming year. The contest will award one \$5,000 scholarship, one \$4,000 scholarship and one \$3,000 prize in May 2020. The scholarships recognize the achievements of high school seniors who are taking an active role in preventing litter in their schools and communities, while working to build awareness for the Texas Department of Transportation's

Don't mess with Texas initiative.

In the Don't mess with Texas K-12 School Art Contest, Texas students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to submit their original artwork for the opportunity to be featured in the 2021 Don't mess with Texas Calendar. The artwork should promote the Don't mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful litter prevention messages to encourage and inspire Texas residents to advocate and take action for litter prevention. The top 14 winning designs will be featured in the calendar. Each winner will receive a Samsung Galaxy Tab A 10.1 tablet and a gift basket from Buc-ee's. Teachers representing the students who produce the top 14 designs will each win a \$100 gift card from H-E-B/Central Market.

To submit to the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest or the Don't mess with Texas K-12 School Art Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications for the Don't mess with Texas

Scholarship Contest must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. (CST) March 31, 2020. Submissions for the Don't mess with Texas K-12 School Art Contest must be sent through the U.S. mail and postmarked on or before April 24, 2020. Sponsors for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship include Buc-ee's, iHeart Media and the Astros Foundation.

"We are looking forward to rewarding students for their creativity and hard work in developing projects that keep their communities and Texas clean," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the campaign.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations MediaRelations@txdot. gov or (512) 463-8700.

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# NOTICE OF INTENT

#### TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE OF A COUNTY ROAD

Pursuant to Chapter 251 of the Texas Transportation Code, the parties identified below, each being a property owner of land situated in Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas, hereby provide Notice of their Intent to Petition the Commissioners Court of Parmer County, Texas, for the closure of an existing public road, specifically Parmer County Road B 1 and part of CR 29, from a point described as CR B1 from where it intersects with CR 28 to a termination described as where CR B1 intersects with CR 29 and CR 29 from where it intersects with CR C to a termination with CR B1.

The parties identified below will make application for closure of the identified public road by filing a petition with the Parmer County Commissioners Court on the 23rd day of March, 2020, at a regular meeting of said Court scheduled for that date. Persons requiring further information should contact the Parmer County Judge, Hon. Trey Ellis, at his office at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas, or by calling at 806/481-3383. Interested parties should also plan to attend the Commissioners Court meeting on the date above.

Posted this 03rd day of February, 2020, in the Parmer County Courthouse and at two other places in the vicinity of the affected route.

1. Dennis Dewbre (Cattletown Feed Yard)

3.

#### **Governor Abbott Attends USMCA Ceremonial Bill Signing**

**Continued from Page 1** 

Whether it be agriculture, technology, or energy industries, the USMCA will promote free enterprise and help create even more jobs in the Lone Star State. I thank the Trump administration and the Texas Congressional Delegation for their hard work and persistence to pass this monumental agreement."

#### **USMCA** benefits to Texas include:

- Strengthened trade relationships with top trading partners: Texas has been the number one exporter in the country for the past 17 years and relies heavily on its North American trade partners. USMCA will allow Texas increased access to trade with Mexico and Canada, the state's first and second largest export partners, respectively. In 2018, total trade between Texas and Mexico surpassed \$216 billion (\$109.7 billion in exports and nearly \$107 billion in imports) and trade with Canada surpassed \$47 billion (\$27.5 billion in exports and \$20.2 billion in imports).
- Greater workforce opportunities and protections: Texas leads the nation in jobs dependent upon exports. With nearly 1 million people employed in trade with North American partners, USMCA will assist job growth in Texas. USMCA will also raise the bar for enforcement of labor

laws, allowing Texas workers to benefit from higher wages and robust benefits. Innovative rules of origin will encourage more goods and materials to be manufactured in the U.S. and Texas and ensure that benefits of USMCA flow to

- North American workers. Cross-border investment opportunities: Mexican firms invest \$3.4 billion into Texas and Canadian firms invest \$7.2 billion into Texas annually. USMCA will allow for greater foreign direct investment from Mexican and Canadian firms through expanded collaboration and efficiencies between the international markets.
- Access for agricultural goods: According to a statement from the Texas Farm Bureau from December 20, 2019, current agricultural exports from Texas to North American partners amount to about \$7.2 billion and stand to increase \$2.2 billion under USMCA. In addition, USMCA is the first free trade agreement for the U.S. and Texas that addresses cooperation, information sharing and other trade rules related to biotechnology and
- gene editing. • Energy industry growth: Texas is the top energy-producing state in the nation and is the leader in both natural gas and crude oil production. In 2018, Texas exported

a combined \$22.8 billion in petrol and coal products and \$10.8 billion in oil and gas to Canada and Mexico. USMCA opens up opportunities for Texas to create new energy partnerships and increase exports in energy, particularly natural gas, which accounts for a majority of Mexico's electricity production and overall energy use. USMCA streamlines the regulatory process for U.S. LNG exports to Mexico and Canada, and provides new flexibilities in rules of origin certification requirements for oil and gas moving between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. It also fixes a longstanding issue in allowing hydrocarbons transported through pipelines to qualify as originating, provided that any diluent, regardless of origin, does not constitute more than 40% of the volume of the good.

• Small business benefits: small businesses account for nearly 93% of all Texas exporters. New customs and trade rules will make it easier for small businesses to tap into foreign markets and participate in cross-border trade. Moreover, the USMCA eliminates local presence requirements for cross-border service providers, benefiting small businesses by removing the unnecessary burden of opening a foreign office as a condition for doing business.



FHS Band members advancing to Area—(l-r) Angelica Molina, Lluvia Reyes, Jackie Reyes, and Alan Lechuga



4-Year All Region FHS Band members—Angelica Molina and Nathan Flores













Friona hosted River Road last week in district basketball action. The Lady Wildcats defeated the Squaws 62-27. The Chieftains played well and were only three points down after the 3rd quarter but could not get any closer and lost by the final score of 53.47. Bryan Chavira scored 15 points and Jose Grado added 11 points. Basketball Senior Recognition night is Friday, February 7th. Basketball King and Queen will also be announced. The girls game against Spearman starts at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities will take place immediately after that game and before the boy's game.

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