



## We got the power!!!



The Friona High School Boys Powerlifting Team won first place at last week's Dimmitt Invitational Meet. It was the second team win of the season for the Chiefs. They also won the Cub Classic a couple of weeks ago in Brownfield. Check out the complete boys and girls powerlifting results on page 9.

## Future of rural telephone service is uncertain

By state code, every Texan is entitled to a telephone connection. The ability to make and receive emergency 911 calls from anywhere in the state was the guiding force in the legislation. Telecommunication companies such as West Texas Rural Telephone are approved to fulfill that mandate.

The Texas Universal Service Fund (USF) was established to ensure that the networks necessary to provide that mandate could be built and maintained. The USF is funded by a broad-based assessment on in-state voice calls made in Texas (about 27 million phone customers paying about 50 cents per month). These funds are allocated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), through a third party, among the approved providers (i.e. WTRT) to support Texans in high cost and rural areas of the state. In turn, the providers have dedicated service areas that they are obligated to serve. They must maintain service quality and bear the responsibility of providing service to anyone in their territory who asks to have service. These service providers must also file detailed annual financial reports with the PUC.

Last Friday, the PUC reduced the payments sent to the rural telephone providers by 66%. Providers were notified by email of the impending shortage 72 hours before it happened. This shortfall has already caused some companies to stop new investments in networks, and further lost

revenues may result in layoffs, longer service response times, and ultimately higher local phone rates. Some small companies might be in danger of financial ruin. The PUC has known for over a year that changes were needed to keep the USF viable but has taken no action to either raise rates or find new income sources.

Faced with financial uncertainty and the responsibility for the integrity of the rural telephone network, rural phone providers, including WTRT, filed a lawsuit in Travis County District Court requesting a court order requiring the state to remit its missed payments and issue an injunction that requires the state to fulfill its obligations going forward. In short, the suit asks the court to require the PUC to fully fund the support the PUC has previously approved for rural telephone customers. Amy Linzey, CEO of WTRT, said, "Filing a lawsuit is the last thing that West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative wanted to do and we are very disappointed that we had to do so — but with such a drastic reduction in state support, we simply did not have any other viable options."

With no relief, the reduced revenue could cost rural providers over \$80 million this year and over \$140 million in 2022. Eventually, rural customers could lose their phone and internet service. The 911 system could also be in jeopardy. Rural customers and their service providers face an uncertain future.

## Blood drive was a success

The Friona community rose to the occasion again as they made the "2020-2021 Fingers Crossed" blood drive last Thursday a huge success. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, brave donors showed up to help others in need.

Out of the 56 who registered, 48 were able to donate. At the end of the day, Coffee Memorial Blood

Center employees collected 41 units of whole blood, 4 RBC (doubles/8 units), and 3 plasma (CCP) donations. A low iron level or high blood pressure are the main reasons that prevent some from being able to donate.

The convalescent plasma is used to treat patients who have contracted the COVID-19 virus. Anyone who

has recovered from the COVID-19 virus and has not taken a vaccine is eligible to donate plasma for use in treating the virus. Call 806-358-4563 for more information.

Donors received a long sleeve t-shirt and a free pass to "Escape the Trap House" in Amarillo. The next Friona community blood drive will be in April.



Nohemi Castillo and Breanna Godinez were two of the 48 donors at last week's Friona Community Blood Drive hosted by the Friona Noon Lions Club. Coffee Memorial Blood Center representative Misty Newsom would like to thank Friona blood donors for their gifts of life.

## Judge serving final week

Judge Jo Beth Gipson is serving her final week as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1. She tendered her resignation on January 11th at the Parmer County Commissioner Court meeting in Farwell.

Judge Gipson was first elected JP in 2010 when she ran against Jerry Loflin. She ran unopposed in the 2014 election and won office for a third time in 2018 when she ran against Ross Paiz.

The JP Precinct 1 office will remain vacant until action by the Commissioners Court or until the next election in 2022. The current Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 is Judge Deena Leuea and Judge Pam Haseloff is the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3.

Jo Beth and husband Bruce are moving to Graham, Texas to be closer to family. Bruce was the Director of the Community Supervision & Cor-



rection Department from March 2005 until October 2016. He then worked briefly for Deaf Smith County as a CS&C officer and for Benchmark Solutions. In August 2017, he began work as a Supervisor in the Special Case Loads at CSCD where he is currently employed until his retirement on February 24th.

Jo Beth and Bruce have been a vital part of our community and will be missed. We wish them the very best.

### Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of January 26



Confirmed Cases  
**808**

Probable Cases  
**326**

Fatalities  
**33**

Active Cases  
**35**

Recoveries  
**1066**



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

Friona Weather Jan-Feb 28-3	T ☁️☀️ 53   31 SSW 15-25	F ☁️☀️ 61   39 SW 10-20	S ☁️☁️ 58   30 WNW 25-35	S ☀️ 53   28 NNE 10-20	M ☁️☀️ 57   37 SW 10-20	T ☁️☁️ 66   40 WSW 20-30	W ☁️☁️ 59   23 W 20-30	Precipitation January 0.33 Year 0.33	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

- January 31**  
• St. Ann's German Sausage Dinner 11:30 am till 2 pm at Parish Hall in Bovina
- February 1**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- February 2**  
• Groundhog Day
- February 12**  
• Deadline at 5 pm for candidates to file for May 1st election
- February 14**  
• Valentine's Day
- February 15**  
• President's Day
- February 17**  
• Ash Wednesday

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Stay 6 feet away  
Wear your mask  
Stay at home if sick**

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Antonio Rocha



Andy Montana



Jeri Lynn White

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The teachers, staff, and students of the Friona Independent School District wish to thank the Board of Trustests for their loyal service to the district and to our community.

**ACROSS**

- 1 in San Patricio County on U.S. 77
- 5 TXism for "no"
- 6 Whitney, Manning, & UT grad Wallach
- 7 noted pianist from Texas, Samaroff
- 8 TXism: "a \_\_\_ piece" (distant)
- 9 this boxer took TX Foreman's title in 1974 in Zaire
- 12 TXism: "come \_\_\_ at the seams"
- 17 a John Deere, e.g.
- 19 TXism: "gone \_\_\_" (deteriorated)
- 21 "what \_\_\_ in Vegas, stays . . ."
- 22 instrument for 7-across (2 wds.)
- 23 Biden and Trump did it twice in 2020
- 28 TXism: "I got the \_\_\_ of it" (learned)
- 29 H.E.B. transport
- 30 TXism: "happy \_\_\_ with two tails"
- 31 TXism: "I \_\_\_" (intend)
- 35 Astro or Ranger mistake
- 36 TXism: "as much chance \_\_\_ packing plant"
- 42 TXism: "\_\_\_ mummy's tomb"
- 44 TXism: "put my head in a \_\_\_" (created trouble)
- 46 part of college that isn't athletics
- 48 "\_\_\_ gauntlet"
- 49 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ playing with a full deck"
- 50 non-Jew, to a Jew
- 51 elevator man
- 52 TX-born Debbie Reynolds 1966 film: "The Singing \_\_\_"
- 53 TX-based restaurant chain: "\_\_\_ Cabana"
- 54 biggest TX universities are \_\_\_ Division 1
- 56 late TX actor "Rip"
- 57 what a tachometer measures (abbr.)
- 58 TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"

**DOWN**

- 1 Menger Hotel's mango ice cream: "\_\_\_ treasures in American life"
- 2 investing a \_\_\_ day will yield huge dividends later in life
- 3 newspaper in Springtown, TX
- 4 flat-topped hill
- 9 \_\_\_ gallon hat
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ mile"
- 11 TX Willie's "The \_\_\_ Tapes: Who'll Buy My Memories?"
- 12 TX Tanya's "One Love \_\_\_ Time"
- 13 TXism: "high as \_\_\_ picture show"
- 14 continent for Texas mohair exports
- 15 TX Nimitz's rank before WWII: "\_\_\_ admiral"
- 16 camping shelter
- 18 TXism: "tax wrangler" (abbr.)
- 20 TX Willie's "Why I Have to Choose"
- 23 co. prosecutor dir. from Marlin to Groveton
- 25 saloons
- 26 this TX Peterson is a star NFL RB
- 27 "Hughes \_\_\_" was the beginning of Howard's wealth with 33-down, TX Willie sang "Let \_\_\_ . . . Be \_\_\_"
- 34 Jay Novacek pos. enjoyed supper
- 37 General Houston
- 38 "it's \_\_\_ of the times"
- 39 relating to ions
- 40 a Texan wants to move to the north? "\_\_\_ much"
- 41 TX Mary Kay \_\_\_ state on Canadian border, directly north of TX (abbr.)
- 45 a boot width for "fainting"
- 47 in Fisher County on highway 70
- 55 2nd Amendment subject

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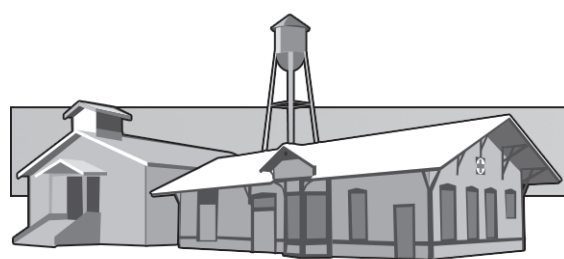
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# TOWN TALK

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The 2021 FHS Mid-Winter Senior Recognition Night Ceremony will be on Tuesday, February 2nd immediately following the Friona Squaws basketball game. The Basketball King & Queen will be announced and Senior basketball players, powerlifters, and cheerleaders will be recognized along with their parents.

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FYI — St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is having their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Texas time) at the St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas. Donations will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under six years of age. Take-

out plates will be available at no additional charge.

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Candidate filing is open for positions on the Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees, Friona City Council, and Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors. The filing period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12th. The general election will be held on Saturday, May 1st from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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February joined the calendar with January around 700 B.C. When February was first added to the calendar along with January in 700 B.C. by Numa Pompilius, it became the last month of the year. Pompilius tacked on these

two months to line up with the lunar cycle. Julius Caesar attempted to align the calendar with the solar season creating the Julian calendar. February, already a short month, gained a few days bringing it to 28. Then every four years, a leap day was added. Under the current Gregorian calendar, the leap year functions differently. Leap years are divisible by four, with one exception. Centennial years must be divisible by 400. February is unique in other ways, too. Because it usually has 28 days, once every 6 years, it's the only month to have 4 full 7 day weeks. In the years that aren't leap years (otherwise known as common years), February and March start on the same day of the week.

- National Days**
- January 28: Have Fun At Work Day
  - January 29: Puzzle Day
  - January 30: Croissant Day
  - January 31: Hot Chocolate Day

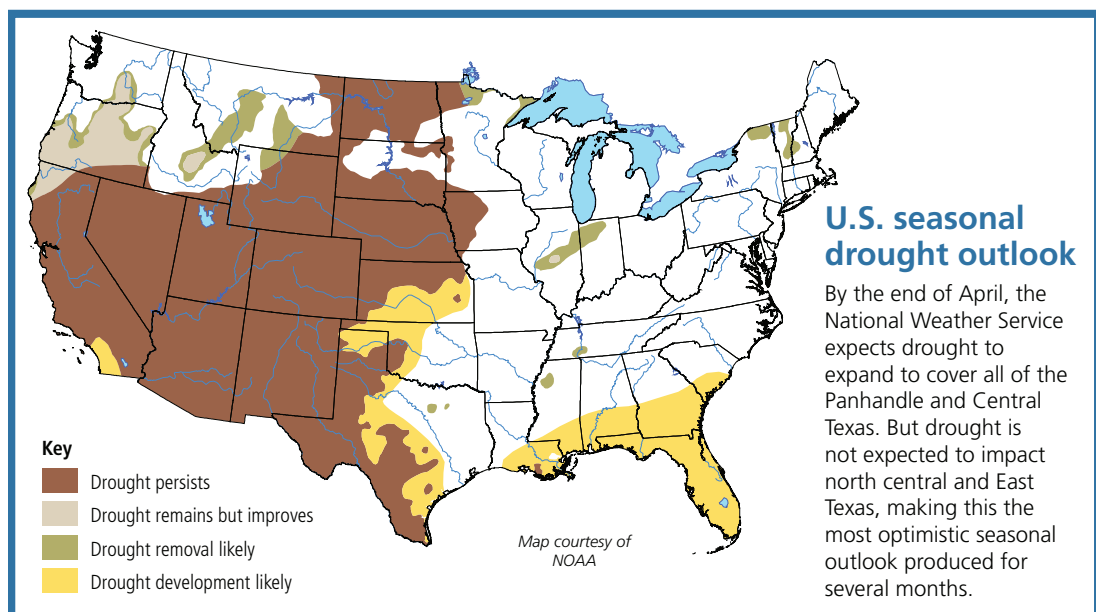
- February 1: Freedom Day
  - February 2: Groundhog Day
  - February 3: Missing Persons Day
- ★★★

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**BANKIN' ON DA' BOYS...**Friona State Bank employees were getting ready for Super Bowl Sunday. L-r, back row, Lou Fields, Dorothy Jackson, Susan London, Marca Lynn Herring, Judy Martin, Dave Hutson. Front, Collette Torres, Elaine Cain, Cathy Spencer, Kathy Hitchcock, and Carolyn Dement. (We counted three Emmitts, three Troys, one Moose, and some UFOs). (Friona Star, Saturday February 3, 1996)



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### SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

- (1/19/21) Jorge Castillo, 36, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, pending Grand Jury.
- (1/19/21) Jeremiah Kando, 19, of Farwell was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.
- (1/21/21) Kristen Carter, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone and Possession of Dangerous Drug, pending County Court.

### COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

- Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 14, 2020 to January 21, 2021**
- (1/14/21) Arnulfo Gallego — Elaine Hernandez — All of Lot 5 Blk 6 Drake Addition to City of Friona in Parmer County
  - (1/14/21) 4T Electric and Construction Inc. — Vicente E. Terrones, Juana I. Terrones — 4.050 Ac of Land out of Sec 10 Blk E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County, A Tract of Land in NW/4 Sec 10 Blk E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
  - (1/14/21) Robert Dial Sparks — Justin Lyn Ware — The NW/4 of Sec 25 Blk B Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
  - (1/15/21) Jesse Onod, Leah Senibalo Onod — Carlos Eduardo Hernandez — Lot 1 Blk 7 Lakeview Addition City of Friona in Parmer County
  - (1/15/21) Preston Greg Martin, Timothy Boyd Martin, Lual Kirt Martin, Paula Rolyn Martin, Keith Dewitt Martin — Larry J. Smith, Shauna L. Smith — A 69.9 Ac Tract of Land in Garden Lots 11 and 14 E 1/2 SW 1/2 Sec 34 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
  - (1/15/21) Preston Greg Martin, Timothy Boyd Martin, Lual Kirt Martin, Paula Rolyn Martin, Keith Dewitt Martin — Larry J. Smith, Shauna L. Smith — A 10.00 Ac Tract of Land in Garden Lots 11 and 14 E 1/2 SW 1/2 Sec 34 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

**Puzzle Solution**

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### Newspaper Fun!

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**Groundhog Weather Forecaster?**

Hey, let me shine!

Are you awake, Mr. Groundhog? I don't mean to hound you, but maybe you can predict the winner of the Super Bowl, too? Hello!

Do you think that a groundhog can predict the weather? On February 2, some people will get up very early to watch the groundhog come out of its home. They will stand around the groundhog's hole in the ground and study the sky. As soon as they see the groundhog poke out of its hole they will snap pictures. Who do you think will see the funnier sight...the people or the groundhog?

**Time to Rhyme!**

Find and circle the ten words that rhyme with "ground."

count, mound, frowned, wound, pound, crowned, groaned, hound, crouch, found, sound, browned, pounce, round, crow

Our whole family doesn't weigh a pound!

**Football Fever**

Find and circle these football terms:

touchdown, tackle, referee, kickoff, field goal, quarterback, huddle, defense, offense, tackle, referee, kickoff, field goal, quarterback

Look at him bound off to watch the game!

Off to watch the Super Bowl...chicken wings, potato chips, veggies and dips...yay!

**Is Winter Almost Over?**

Why did the groundhogs cheer when they came out of their burrows and saw only clouds? Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks and find out:

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Yay! It's cloudy!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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**Weather Superstitions and Forecasts?**

Match these weather superstitions and forecasts: (More than 1 superstition can have the same forecast...you'll see!)

1. If squirrels store large numbers of acorns.

2. When frogs croak louder and faster.

3. If March comes in like a lion.

4. When tree leaves flip over.

5. "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning,..."

6. If animals grow heavy fur.

7. If a groundhog awakens from hibernation and sees sunshine and his shadow.

8. When your bones ache.

A. it is going to rain.

B. it will go out like a lamb.

C. it is going to rain.

D. sailors take warning.

E. it will be a long, cold winter.

F. spring is far away!

G. it will be a long, hard winter.

H. rain is coming.

Fill in the blanks to spell weather words!

1. \_ ain \_ ow      5. o \_ erca \_ t

2. cl \_ ud \_      6. cli \_ at \_

3. met \_ oro \_ ogis \_      7. tem \_ er \_ ure

4. \_ liz \_ ard      8. dr \_ zzl \_

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### Commissioners table lease agreement extension

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the January 11th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report and the Quarterly Report were also approved.

Commissioners discussed a lease extension involving the county's land in the Permanent School Fund. Disagreements arose over the wording of the extension and whether or not the county would have any control over the publication of an intended survey of the property by the company currently leasing the land. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Approval was given for contracting of part-time assistance in the Treasurer's Office. Altha Herrington has been hired in the past to assist with the budget process and the end-of-year budget adjustments that are required.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a Road Grader for use in Precinct 1. The new grader will be purchased from Warren Cat in Lubbock utilizing their 5-year trade-in program. The \$127,600 pay-

ment will be made in full to avoid any interest charges. The purchase price for a new grader is \$272,000 without trade-in.

A new COVID-19 Leave Policy was approved. The policy grants each county employee 80 hours of COVID-19 leave with the stipulation that they must take the vaccine when available to remain eligible for the leave time. The policy also becomes null and void if the federal government offers an identical COVID-19 Leave Policy.

In other business, a bond was approved for Tax Assessor Awyna Sanchez, twenty CE hours were approved for District Clerk Sandra Warren, and consideration on a water line under a county road was tabled until the next meeting.

Approval was given to the request by Bovina ISD for \$116,290.88 of its Permanent School Fund money to pay for construction projects.

An internet provider contract was approved with Plateau for \$392 per month to facilitate the installation of the new phone system.

A lease agreement was extended with Sea Scrolls for the Friona offices of Justice of the Peace #1, Department of Public Safety, and Parmer County Sheriff.

Commissioners accepted the resignation of long-time groundskeeper Andria Griswold.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he is currently housing 20 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Approval was given for a security fence to

be constructed to protect the new generator that was installed at the center.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, February 8th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's

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



Bailey County Judge Sherri Harrison administers the oath of office to Precinct 3 Director Tony Beauchamp (left) and Precinct 4 Director Lynn Tate (right) during the January 12th Board Meeting at the City of Muleshoe Training Facility.

### Precinct 3 & 4 Directors receive Oath of Office

#### The Cross Section

Tony Beauchamp of Muleshoe and Lynn Tate of Amarillo received their respective Oaths of Office as Precinct Three and Precinct Four District Director during the January 12th HPWD Board of Directors meeting in Muleshoe.

The regular meeting was held at the City of Muleshoe Training Facility due to ongoing renovations at the District's office in Lubbock.

The newly-elected HPWD Board Officers include Tate as President; Precinct Two Director Brad Heffington as Vice-President; and Precinct Five Director Ronnie Hopper as Secretary-Treasurer.

- Other business items included:
  - Approval of the Consent Agenda
  - Approved Fiscal Year 2020 financial Audit Report
  - Approved purchase of surety bonds for newly-elected directors
  - Discussed submission of a grant funding application to the TWDB Agricultural Water Conservation Program
  - Approved Fiscal Year 2020 HPWD Annual Report
  - Reappointed current County Advisory Committee members for a one-year term
  - Received an update on HPWD Office building improvement & renovation
  - Discussed future board meeting locations as a result of office renovation.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Feb. 9, 2021. The Cross Section is a publication of the High Plains Water District

### Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

Jan. 28  
Margie Rivera

Jan. 29  
David Barnett  
Weldon Williams  
Copper Brewster  
Charlie Milner  
Andrew Chico  
Jazzy Reyes

Jan. 30  
Denise Padilla  
Clay Hurst  
Justin Hyde  
Camryn Kube  
Brittany Jones  
Styler Haddock  
Mayra Garcia

Jan. 31  
Blake Stowers  
Ellie McEuen  
Louise Walker  
Skyler Harris  
Lupe (Brallif) Taylor

Feb. 1  
Randy Geries  
Don Spring, Sr.  
Lorraine Jarecki  
J'Mae Randolph  
Garth McDonald  
Diana Santellana  
Molly (Carthel) Sue  
Brenner Barnett  
Debi Goodwin  
Amber (Widner) White

Feb. 2  
John Fred White  
Sonny Mays  
Emily Silva

Feb. 3  
Tonya Lookingbill  
Josh Barnett  
Lezli St. Clair  
Derek Alger



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to [frionastar@wrrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wrrt.net) or call @806.250.2211



## Jr. High News



The Friona Junior High Student of the Month embodies our mission and exhibits good character, leadership, and personal academic success. **Left to Right:** 6th Grade: Mason Ramos, 7th Grade: Francisco Gutierrez, Esmeralda Guevara, 8th Grade: Alexis Soto and Arturo Tafolla. Not Pictured - 6th Grade: Jocelyn Reyes



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## 30 in 30 Days

Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag Fundraiser

Chance to win 30 high quality firearms over a 30 day period  
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Winners will receive firearms directly from Tyler Gun Works, LLC  
All Federal Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco & Firearms rules will apply

### Drawing every day in APRIL 2021

Need not be present to win

Must be 21 to enter

- Call 250-3491 for tickets or info -

\$25.00 Donation

### The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!

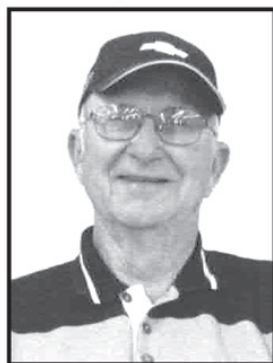
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# Government Authority

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In scripture, the authorities that God has established are an integral part of his created order and are to be honored. God's authority and sovereignty is the ultimate authority, and all authorities that he has allowed or instituted will give account to him. In Romans 13:1-7 scripture details the God given establishment and purpose of government authority, as well as the attitude a believer should have toward their government.

Paul makes clear that all authority is a subsidiary under God's authority, and that

one is to willingly submit to the government authority over them. The reason for such submission is twofold. First, you submit to avoid punishment, but secondly, you submit for conscience sake. Romans 13:5 says, "Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience." Based on these verses, it is impossible to be in step with the Lord, if you are blatantly disobeying the government authority that is over you, unless that authority is pressur-

ing or forcing you to disobey God. This is because one's view of their government's authority is a reflection of how they view God's ultimate authority. Obviously, no government perfectly dispenses its authority, but the abundant abuses and imperfections of government authority, cause us to long for the one's authority who will one day fill the earth, as all things are made new and only under the jurisdiction of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ!

# January 2021 WASDE report highlights

**WHEAT:** The outlook for 2020/21 U.S. wheat this month is for stable supplies, higher domestic use, unchanged exports, and lower ending stocks. The 2020/21 global wheat outlook is for smaller supplies, increased consumption, higher exports, and reduced stocks.

**COARSE GRAINS:** This month's 2020/21 U.S. corn outlook is for lower production, reduced corn used for ethanol, smaller feed and residual use and exports, and decreased ending stocks. Corn production is estimated at 14.182 billion bushels, down 324 million on a lower yield and slight reduction in harvested area. Sorghum production is estimated 2 million bushels higher as increased harvested area more than offsets a reduction in yield. Global coarse grain production for 2020/21 is forecast down 9.3 million tons to 1,438.5 million. This month's foreign coarse grain outlook is for lower production and consumption, and smaller ending stocks.

**OILSEEDS:** U.S. oilseed production for 2020/21 is estimated at 122.4 million tons, down 1.25 million from the previous report. Foreign 2020/21 oil-

seed production is relatively unchanged, with higher sunflowerseed mostly offset by lower soybean, cottonseed, peanut, rapeseed, and palm kernel output.

**LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND DAIRY:** The 2020 total red meat and poultry production estimate is reduced from last month. The beef production estimate is reduced on lower cattle slaughter. The pork production estimate is reduced as the slower pace of slaughter in late 2020 more than offset heavier carcass weights. The broiler production estimate is reduced on recent hatchery and slaughter data, while the turkey production estimate is lowered or recent production data. The egg production estimate is unchanged. The milk production estimate for 2020 and forecast for 2021 are raised from December on growth in milk per cow and higher dairy cow numbers. Fat basis imports for 2020 and 2021 are reduced from last month on lower expected imports of but-terfat products

**COTTON:** The U.S. 2020/21 cotton outlook shows higher exports, and lower production and ending stocks this month.

Production is lowered nearly 1 million bales to 15.0 million, led by a 500,000-bale decline in Texas. The largest changes in the global 2020/21 cotton outlook this month are lower production and ending stocks, led by changes in the United States. World production is forecast more than 1.0 million bales lower.

*The World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates are published monthly by the United States Department of Agriculture.*

# Take America Back

By Teena Hughs

I told you last week that covid messed with my mind; so, this week, I may be proving that. I need to give you some disclaimers: I think the election was stolen from President Trump; I was very disappointed when Mike Pence did not return the electors to the states that requested them so they could fix their state's mistakes; I was disappointed that fear stopped people in the House and Senate from doing their jobs on January 6th.

With that said, I almost laughed when, after people broke into the Capitol, and the police just stood there and let it happen, the National Guard was called in to protect the Capitol and members of the House and Senate.

Members of the House and Senate, both Republicans and Democrats have done things to further themselves and their lifestyles, and we, the hard-working American people, have had to pay for it. Just look at their healthcare vs. our healthcare.

The thing of it is, they play by one set of rules, and we have to play by another set of rules. And, very seldom is their set of rules fair. So, when things happen, like what hap-

pened on January 6th at the Capitol, they got scared. They didn't know what President Trump was going to do; they didn't know what his supporters were going to do; and, they were scared. Thus, 30,000 members of the National Guard were called out to protect everyone on Inauguration Day!

When you don't live your life right, like many in the House and Senate, you are always looking over your shoulders to see who is coming after you. You live your life in fear and worry. Of course, if you do try to live your life according to God's Word, you don't have to live your life being scared. In fact, God tells us in 2 Timothy 1:7 that He does not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and self-confidence, sound mind, or self-control, depending on the version of the Bible you read.

A LOT of bad things are trying to be put into effect with the Biden administration, and it is time for Christians to stand up and fight against those things. We need to fight ILLEGAL immigration; we need to fight things like boys getting to compete against girls just because the boys

feel like they are females; we need to fight for the unborn; we need to fight to stay energy-independent; and, the list goes on and on with what is important to you.

Plus, there is an effort by the left to ruin people like Mike Lindell, the My Pillow guy. People have been lying about him in the media; they have been making robo calls to big box stores and so his products are no longer being sold in those stores; all because he is an evangelical Christian whose life was changed by God and he supported President Trump. He is not the only one this will happen to. So, I called Bed Bath and Beyond, and I canceled my discount membership, and told them their politics were costing them customers like me!

I plan to bombard Senators Cruz and Cornyn and my new House member Tony Gonzales with letters about how I feel about issues and what I expect them to do. Your house rep is Jody Arrington; get to know him on a first-name basis!

Friends, it is time for Christians to stand up and take our country back. Your letters, emails, texts etc. make a difference. Liz Cheney wasn't paying attention to her constituents in the good state of Wyoming. She never dreamed she would experience the backlash she has, and an opponent for 2022, because she voted to impeach President Trump. Believe me, others in the House and Senate took notice to the quick action of the people of Wyoming, and they will take notice when we let them know our feelings.

Don't live in fear. Use the power and self-confidence God has given you to help take our country back. Trust me when I say that people who live in fear have no idea what to do with people who have God on their side. Take America Back!!!!

### Groundhog Weather Forecaster?

Are you awake, Mr. Groundhog? I don't mean to hound you, but maybe you can predict the winner of the Super Bowl, too? Hello!

Hey, let me shine!

Why did the groundhogs cheer when they came out of their burrows and saw only clouds? Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks and find out:

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Ten words that rhyme with "ground:"  
sound, pound, found, mound, crowned,  
frowned, wound, round and browned  
and hound.

1. E, 2. A, C, 3. B, 4. A or C, 5. D, 6. G, 7. F, 8. H

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## Driver licenses expiration waiver ends in April

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding the public the waiver on expiration dates for driver licenses (DLs) and identification cards (IDs) ends on April 14, 2021. Customers who need to renew are urged to make an appointment or renew online today.

The waiver, granted by Governor Greg Abbott in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, applied to DLs, commercial DLs, commercial learner permits, ID cards and election identification certificates that expired on or after March 13, 2020.

"Driver License employees have worked diligently to help Texans during challenging times and should be commended for their dedication," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The Driver License Division has innovated to better serve constituents by implementing a new appointment solution to improve services and by providing extended hours at several locations across the state."

### Online renewals still a convenient option

Many Texans are eligible to skip the

trip to the office entirely by renewing their DL/ID card or changing their address online at [texas.gov](http://texas.gov). Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-DL-RENEW (1-866-357-3639). The requirements and cost for online and phone renewal are the same as in-person transactions.

### Scheduling an appointment

Services at driver license offices are now conducted by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or check availability, visit the online appointment scheduler. If you are unable to find an appointment at the office of your choice, check back for availability at that office or other locations nearby. Please check often as availability does change.

If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please reschedule or cancel it ahead of time. While the department is working to serve as many customers as possible, people with appointments not showing up continues to be a major obstacle. In December 2020, for example, approximately 31% of people were no-shows for their appointments.

The appointment system, which debuted in May 2020, is designed to provide additional convenience, reducing the time Texans wait in line. Customers can book appointments for a specific day and time, up to six months in advance, and show up 30 minutes or less before their scheduled time. Customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device.

All offices offer a **limited** number of same-day appointments. These appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can leave the DL office until their designated time.

Additionally, most offices also offer customers without an appointment a spot on a "standby" list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the event of a cancellation or no-show. The number of standby appointments available is limited to ensure all customers who are placed on the list will be served by the end of the day.

To ensure a safe environment, COVID-19 protocols have been implemented at DL offices.

## Gas prices unchanged

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices are unchanged in the past week, averaging \$2.09 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 16.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but stand 10.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.74 while the most expensive is \$2.81 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.1 cents in the last week to \$2.40 per gallon. The national average is up 14.4 cents per gallon from a month ago but are still 12.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Finally, after several weeks of sharply rising gas prices, the pace of price increases has slowed significantly in recent days as prices are now largely caught up to oil's increases as of late," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While the national average remains at its highest level since the pandemic, increases are likely to slow down in the immediate short-term unless and until oil prices see renewed momentum. When it comes to demand, Pay with GasBuddy data showed last week's gasoline demand at its highest level since November, another bullish factor as the nation continues to see slow improvement from the pandemic."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

# Katherine Smith

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## Parmer County 4-H Adult Leaders would like to thank all the people and businesses that made donations to support the concession stand at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show.

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Parmer County Dairy Farmers – donated dairy products

Amigo's – donated tortillas

Vet Industries – paid for the meals of the buyers

Hop In – bags of ice



# Friona School Calendar for February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 -JH Basketball vs. Littlefield G(H) B(T) 5:00	2 - HS Basketball vs. Littlefield 5:00 -Parents Night	3 -District CX Debate @ Denver City	4	5 -No School -JH U.I.L Solo and Ensemble @ Palo Duro HS -HS Basketball vs. Lamesa 5:00	6 -Powerlifting @ Dumas
7	8 -FISD School Board Meeting 7:00	9 -HS Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00	10	11 -1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Valentine's Program 2:00 & 5:30	12 -Early Release -Baseball @ Denver City 4:00 -Last Day to File an Application for School Board Election 8:00-4:00	13
14	15 -No School	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 -Baseball @ Boys Ranch 4:00	24	25 -JH Track @ Muleshoe	26 -Parent Teacher Conference for Primary & Elementary -HS Track @ Muleshoe	27
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# ★ STAR CLASSIFIEDS

**250-2211**  
 Deadline: Tuesday @ 5 p.m.



## HELP WANTED

### NOW HIRING

**Friona ISD is looking for a full time custodian.** Hours are 7 am -6 pm with a 2 hour lunch and a 30 minute break in the morning and afternoon. Interested applicants may call Friona ISD 806-250-2747 or Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

**Friona ISD está buscando una persona que ayude a limpiar la escuela a tiempo completo.** El horario es de 7 am a 6 pm con un almuerzo de 2 horas y un descanso de 30 minutos por la mañana y por la tarde. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

The City of Friona will accept applications for the Public Works Department:

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Job descriptions and application forms may be picked up at the Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until job is filled.



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## NOTICE

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# Sports Page



## Powerlifting Results

### Dimmitt Boys Invitational - Dimmitt AC - 1/23/2021

Team Results: **1. Friona: 42 points**, 2. Tulia: 41 points, 3. Dimmitt: 28 points, 4. Wolfforth Frenship: 27 points, 5. Amarillo Highland Park: 24 points, 6. Muleshoe: 12 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	1	Giovanny Ponce	121.2	345	170	350	865
123	4	Michael Bautista	119.6	265	165	275	705
132	1	Mario Bautista	132	315	230	325	870
165	3	Tony Rodriguez	163.2	325	170	335	830
165	6	Jarrett White	160.6	260	155	310	725
165	8	Isaac Olmos	153	260	165	275	700
181	2	Matthew Dimas	175.4	365	200	370	935
181	9	Gabe Abarca	177.6	270	135	260	665
198	3	Eduardo Juarez	197.6	345	190	320	855
242	1	Aaron Rodriguez	236.4	445	185	385	1015
242	2	Anthony Abarca	229.2	400	215	380	995
242	3	Frank Perez	236.6	380	215	360	955

### Dimmitt Invitational Girls Meet - Dimmitt Activity Center - 1/23/2021

Team Results: 1. Dimmitt: 60 points, 2. Tulia: 41 points, 3. Brownfield: 30 points, **4. Friona: 17 points**, 5. Muleshoe: 14 points, 6. Wolfforth Frenship: 5 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
97	1	Trinity Ramos	96	155	70	185	410
105	3	Amor Espinoza	98	135	70	160	365
132	2	Magdalena Licerio	132.4	225	125	250	600
132	6	Janessa Garcia	128	180	85	200	465
198	4	Ahtziri Soltero	197	280	85	230	595



### Varsity Girls Basketball

Friona 31 Dimmitt 51  
Friona 24 Denver City 43  
Friona 43 Muleshoe 59  
Record: 2-14 District: 0-10

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Friona 36 Denver City 46  
Husted (11 pts) Rejino (10 pts)  
Friona 43 Muleshoe 59  
Husted (13 pts) Rejino 11 (pts)  
Record: 1-12 District 0-9



### ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Friona is seeking to select a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to A) prepare certain application material necessary for application submission to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2021 Downtown Revitalization Project and B) {Contingent upon funding availability from TDA} Provision of engineering services associated with project implementation including all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. The City of Friona wishes to improve slum and blight conditions in an area of Downtown Friona. Project activities may include: replacing old and dangerous sidewalks in the downtown area with ADA compliant sidewalks and access ramps and other eligible Downtown Revitalization program activities.

A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Alex Guerrero, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required.

Please submit your proposal and statement of qualifications to the address below:

Leander Davila, City Manager  
City of Friona  
623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035

Qualifications must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021, to be considered. Proposals will be considered during the regular Council Meeting scheduled on February 8, 2021 at Friona City Hall at 6:30 P.M. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit qualifications, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. All engineers/firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).

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### AGENCY: USDA Rural Development (RD)

### ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA)

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that RD, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an EA in connection with possible impacts related to the project proposed Del Rio Dairy, of Friona, Texas. The proposal is for construction of an anaerobic digestion facility in Parmer County.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To obtain copies of the EA, or for further information, contact: Terry Czerwien, State Environmental Coordinator, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501, at 254-742-9789 or [terry.czerwien@tx.usda.gov](mailto:terry.czerwien@tx.usda.gov). The EA is also available for public review at Amarillo Area Office, 6565 Amarillo Boulevard West, Suite C, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Del Rio Dairy proposes to construct an anaerobic digestion renewable energy facility to convert cow manure to biogas, on approximately 22 acres of land south of Friona.

Analytical Environmental Services, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RBS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects.

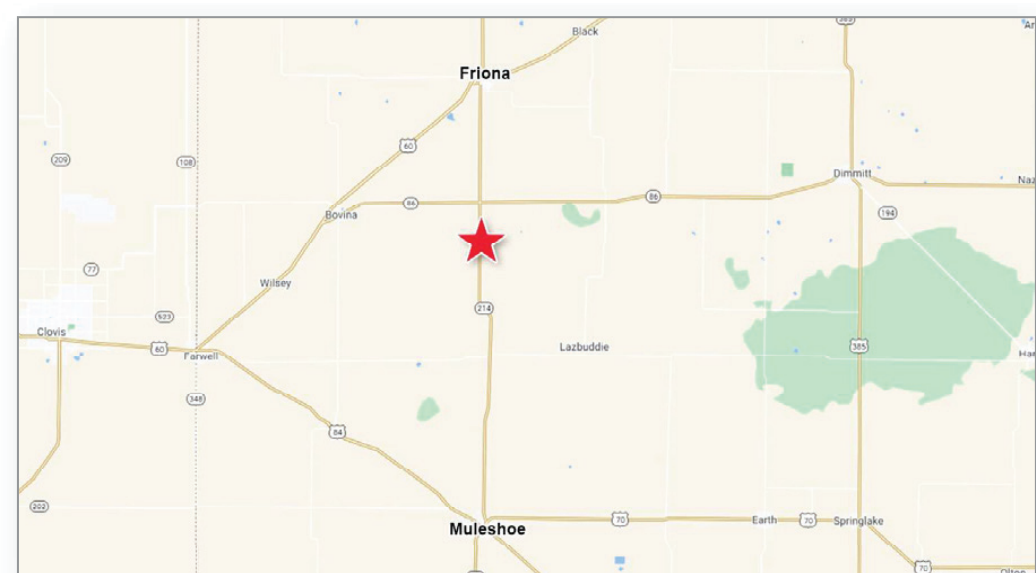
RD has conducted an independent evaluation of the EA and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RD at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the EA for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

Dated: January 27, 2021.



## Obituaries



### Billie Jo Hand



Billie Jo Hand, long time resident of Friona, Texas, passed from this earth on Saturday, January 23, 2021, surrounded by her adoring family. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, January 28, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 29, 2021 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter and Mark Dennis, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

A Valentine's baby, Billie Jo was born on February 14 1926 to Delmar and Carrie Brock Shirley in Wellington, Texas. She married her love, John Hand, in 1944 and built a life and family with him at their home and farm in Hub, Texas. Billie Jo was a woman of many talents but many of those talents revolved around her hard working, loving hands. With her hands, she could create the most delicious desserts. Her hands painted pictures that many might mistake for a famous artist. Her hands could play the most beautiful piano music that ranged from country to the blues. Her hands loved playing Skip Bo with her grandkids until they saw cards in their sleep. But most of all,

her hands were always seen holding onto those she loved.

Billie Jo grew up listening to her talented father and uncles playing the fiddle and guitar in their band. Because of this, she loved listening to music and anytime it was playing she was sure to be found tapping her foot and shaking her finger in such a way that was contagious to everyone else in the room. "When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way." -Wayne Dier. Billie Jo did just that, not only on the dance floor but in life as well. You might see her sitting in church wearing her pearls one day and the next she might be killing rattlesnakes in her backyard or fighting off bear cubs with a broom from her back porch in Ruidoso. Although all of this brought a smile to her face, her greatest love was being with

her family; whenever they were together she had everything she needed. Billie Jo was a member of Sixth St. Church of Christ in Friona, Texas and a resident of Autumn Hill Manor in Weatherford, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, John Hand, her parents and one sister, Peggy Fern Milloy.

Billie Jo will be dearly missed and loved by her two sons- Gary Hand and wife Gail of Friona, Texas, Rex Hand and wife Evelyn of Gainesville, Texas and one daughter- Cari Dennis and husband Mark of Aledo, Texas. Billie Jo was blessed with eight grandchildren-Tamara Outland of Shallowater Texas, Boone Hand and wife Amy of Cave Creek, Arizona, Trista Stallings and husband Tommy of Shallowater, Texas, Bowie Hand and wife Abby of Austin, Texas, Tania Raindl and husband Brady of Shallowater, Texas, Josh Dennis and wife Lexi of Trophy Club, Texas, Jeremy Dennis of Hurst, Texas and Chase Hamilton and wife Karaline of Ft Worth, Texas, and twelve great-grandchildren who will all miss her warmth and kindness, laughter and love.

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### Mario Vega Sr.



Mario Vega Sr., 55 of Friona passed away January 25, 2021 in Lubbock. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be held at the Parroquia del Sagrado Corazon in Apaseo El Alto Guanajuato Mexico. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mario was born January 4, 1966 in Celaya Guanajuato Mexico to Jesus and Maria Luisa Jimenez Vega. He later married Maria Magdalena Hernandez.

He loved music, specifically playing keyboard and singing. While being a very

humble man, he also was a jokester. He loved soccer, wrestling, and martial arts, as well.

He is preceded in death by his father Jesus Vega Sr.

Those to carry on his legacy include his mother-Maria Luisa Vega, his wife-Maria Magdalena Vega, 2 sons-Mario Vega, Jr., and Alessander Vega, all of Friona, 2 daughters Maria Ulibarri and husband Nicholas of Clovis, and Yesenia Giron and husband Jesus of Pilot Point, Texas, 1 brother-Jesus Vega and wife Erika, 2 sisters-Teresa Marchant and husband Alfred, and Guillermina Vega, all of Friona, and 4 grandchildren.

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**It's  
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The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 11th. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and sweethearts. Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Tue. Feb 9.

Cost:  
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For more information call 250-2211 or email [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net)  
Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm

## FEDC holds quarterly meeting

The Friona Economic Development Corporation held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas.

The meeting began with a roll call. There were no public comments. Re-appointed board members were sworn in. Minutes of the September 29, 2020 Quarterly Meeting were reviewed and approved. Approval was given for the year-to-date financial statement for December 2020.

FEDC officers were elected for the year 2020-2021. Danny Kendrick was re-elected as President, Andy Alexander will continue as Vice President, and Holly Campbell will continue serving as Secretary.

Approval was given for a loan request of \$25,000.00 by Yvette Williams and Mayra Olmos for their company, Dos Chixx. The business specializes in mass custom printing with a goal to eventually add gift ship services

and items.

Approval was given for the replacement of the plastic tire climber section of the playground equipment located at Reeve Lake.

The Store Front project that was begun on Main Street last year will be expanded in the upcoming year.

The Board also heard a report from City Manager Lee Davila concerning the business climate in Friona and the need for a survey to quantify the needs of the community.



Re-appointed FEDC board members (l-r) Henry Clark, Andy Alexander, Holly Campbell, and Justin Jeter, are sworn in for another term.

## Southwest Volleyball Club team makes debut



The Tex-Mex 15u Southwest Volleyball Club team played their first ever tournament in Lubbock on January 17, 2021. They played in Division III 15u of the Next Level Tournament.

The team played three pool play games and then

had to play two more sets in a second place tiebreaker match. They came up one set short of playing in the Gold Bracket.

Next, the team had a bye in round one of the Silver Bracket. They won two hard fought matches to finish up as the champi-

ons of that bracket.

Team members are: Back row (l-r) Kinzee Crow, Reese Stowers, Jacee Burney, and Kitzy Welch. Front row (l-r) Erin Creasy, Reyna Arias, and Arela Sacerio. Coaches are Carrie Arias and Casey Sharrock.

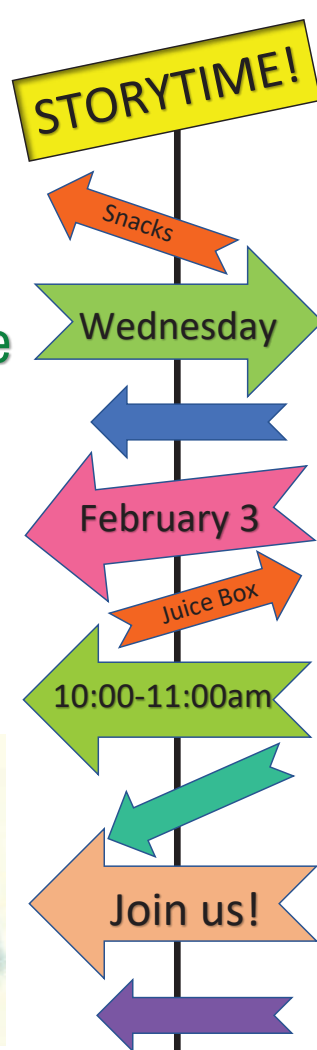
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***6pm-8pm, Sunday, Feb 14 @ First Baptist Church Friona***

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