



Texas gets freezer burned

What started out as a Valentine's Day Arctic blast turned into a Presidents Day disaster as the entire state of Texas was hit with record low temperatures, high winds, ice, and snow. The double holiday polar express sent temps south of zero as it raced south to the Gulf of Mexico. Teeth were left chattering from Dalhart to Brownsville. Snow fell in the High Plains and on Galveston beach. Every part of the state was affected by the instant ice age. Wind turbines and solar panels were frozen and the intense cold even froze the natural gas fields in the Permian Basin which led to power shortages and left millions of Texans without power and the lucky ones with controlled outages. Mother Nature gave Texas the cold shoulder.

Local Conditions

Weather observer John Gurley reported that Friona received a total of 6.5 inches of snowfall Sunday and Monday. The snow translated into .34 inches of moisture. The low temperature of -13.2 degrees and was recorded Monday morning. Due to the potential for rolling blackouts, and in an effort to work with local utilities in controlling electrical usage, Friona ISD was closed Tuesday and Wednesday and all in-person and remote classes were cancelled.

Governor's Response

On Tuesday, Governor Abbott declared the reform of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) an emergency item for the current legislative session. The Governor is calling on the legislature to investigate ERCOT and ensure



Maintenance Director Javier Rangel clears the snow from the Emergency Entrance driveway at Parmer Medical Center on Tuesday.



John Gurley texted this photo showing the lowest recorded temperature during the recent storm.

Texans never again experience power outages on the scale they have seen over the past several days.

"The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has been anything but reliable over the past 48 hours," said Governor Abbott. "Far too many Texans are without power and heat for their homes as our state faces freezing temperatures and severe winter weather. This is unacceptable. Reviewing the preparations and deci-

sions by ERCOT is an emergency item so we can get a full picture of what caused this problem and find long-term solutions. I thank my partners in the House and Senate for acting quickly on this challenge, and I will work with them to enhance Texas' electric grid and ensure that our state never experiences power outages like this again."

The Fallout

Initial reports listed 10

deaths attributed to the storm. The number is sure to rise as power is restored and first responders and volunteers are able to go door-to-door and conduct welfare checks on their neighbors. Some parts of the state were without power for 3-4 days in extremely dangerous conditions.

Even in the Lower Rio Grande Valley the temperature dove down to 21 degrees and put citrus crops

in danger. The grapefruit crop was about 50% harvested when the cold front hit. The late season Valencia orange crop harvest has yet to begin. Texas is the third largest citrus-producing state behind California and Florida.

Unfortunately, everything will soon become more expensive as a result of what is sure to be a multi-billion dollar disaster. Everything is bigger in Texas. Even the bad stuff.



Construction of the new Primary School building is on schedule. Work has begun on the passageways that will connect the new building with the current Elementary School building across what used to be Cleveland Street.

City Council awards contracts

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments. Mayor Ricky White presented Jim Taylor a "Key to the City" in recognition of his 32 years of service as Fire Chief of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor White also read a proclamation thanking Jim for his dedication to public safety and protecting the community.

Byrers Paving of Amarillo, Texas was awarded the contract for the 2021 Sealcoat Project which includes the City of Friona and the City

of Bovina.

Approval was given for an interlocal agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for application assistance regarding the 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program.

Brandt company of Carrollton, Texas was awarded the contract for Engineering Services, if needed, relating to the application for 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program grants.

Approval was given for the order to call for a city officers' election and notice of election to be held on May 1, 2021. The mayor was also given approval to sign a joint election agreement with the Friona Independent School District.

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Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of February 15, 2021



Confirmed Cases
822

Probable Cases
333

Fatalities
34

Active Cases
13

Recoveries
1108



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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 February 18-24	T ☁️ 31 13 NNE 5-10	F ☀️ 48 26 WSW 15-25	S ☀️ 61 29 WSW 10-20	S ☀️ 47 23 N 10-20	M ☀️ 58 29 WSW 10-15	T ☀️ 65 35 WSW 10-20	W ☀️ 65 35 NW 10-20	Precipitation February 0.34 Year 0.67	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

February 18
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

February 22
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

February 25
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

March 7
• Senior Class 2021 Steak Dinner in Jr. High Cafeteria and curbside in west parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Farmhouse to Your House



You can now view the Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant on the Friona Star Newspaper Facebook page. The pageant was produced and recorded by: (l-r) Chamber President Cindy Moreno, City Manager Lee Davila; Chamber Treasurer Crystal Moroney, 2020 Miss Friona Esperanza Santiago, Chamber EVP Chris Alexander, and Chamber VP Yvette Willams.

City Council awards contracts

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Gayla Fullerton, CPA presented the audit report for fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. The Council was informed that it was “clean audit” and that the city had a net position increase of \$295,159.00 over last year. The audit was performed by Fullerton & Associates PLLC of Abilene, Texas.

Bids were reviewed for the lease of S/2 of Section 29,

Township 1 North, Range 4 East owned by the City of Friona. Wade Schueler of Friona was awarded the lease.

Bids were reviewed for the lease of Tract One: a 139.57 acre tract; and Tract Two: a 144.16 acre tract owned by the City of Friona. Wade Schueler of Friona was awarded the lease.

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 were reviewed and approved. The Accounts Pay-

able for January 2021 and the Financial Statement for January 2021 were also approved.

The Council approved the transfer of funds from interest & sinking to the pool bank account in order to make the February 2021 bond payment of \$237,640 to the Bank of New York. City Manager Lee Davila informed the Council that next February will be the final payment and that the City of Friona will become

“debt free”.

Approval was given to amend the Friona Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, “Business Regulations” to allow for the regulation of “Garage Sales” by the city. Regulations will include; permits, fees, allowances & limitations, hours of operation, effective date, penalties, a repealer, a savings clause, and a provision for publication.

The Council discussed an ordinance that would set forth rules, regulations, and requirements related to the prohibition of parking large vehicles on city streets. The item was tabled until the next meeting to allow for a 2nd reading of the proposed ordinance.

The Council approved the writing and transmission of a Letter of Recommendation to the Parmer County Commissioner’s Court regarding the Parmer County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 office.

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Visit cityoffriona.com to find agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.



Before the winter blast hit, Trejo Roofing & Construction was busy putting up walls at the new Bookstore on the southwest end of the Friona Public Library. With good weather, the project should be finished near the end of April.

ACROSS

- TXism: “it’s all water ___ duck’s back to me” (indifferent)
- fold a Lone Star flag
- tall Texas tale (2 wds.)
- walk heavily
- those who study crime and prisons
- historical period
- TX Buddy’s widow, Maria (2 wds.)
- TXism: “hard ___ nails”
- railroad track piece
- 1970s bumper sticker: “I’m ___ Eddie!”
- TXism: “mud ___” (wasp)
- late TX actor, Rip
- some Texans fish for yellowfin ___ in the Gulf
- Tex-___ Weekend
- Texas ___ is roughly 29 million
- TX stand-up comedian, Vidale
- DFW Airport secur.
- certain prayers
- TXism: “jump ___” (escape)
- TXism: “___ like death warmed over” (sick)
- ample portions of TX beef (2 wds.)
- TXism: “_ ___ barn burner” (exciting)
- Texas is number ___ in cattle production
- a Great Lake
- branding implements
- TX Anderson, director of “Moonrise Kingdom”
- TXism: “smart as a bunkhouse ___”
- tapered wood wedges
- TXism: “___ squirrel up a tree”
- large antelope you can see at a Texas zoo
- TX Willie’s dad
- TX singer, Stuckey
- dir. from New Baunfels to Gonzales

DOWN

- Greg Abbott list: “schedule ___”
- grooves on knife blades
- “Cheeseburger Capital of Texas”
- in Parker County on FM 1187
- TXism: “study up”
- longtime U.S. representative of Texas ___ “Tiger” Teague
- hair product
- TX Willie sang “Blue Eyes Crying ___ the Rain” (1975)
- two men of this name collaborated on the “Walker Colt”
- TXism: “plucked cleaner ___”
- soft drink
- ___ Gov. Dan Patrick
- TXism: “___ a goose”
- what yankees think Texans say (2 wds.)
- male chicken
- 15-down created in TX (abbr.)
- early internet and email provider
- a raise in poker? (2 wds.)
- “it’s not whether you win or lose, ___ you play the game”
- John Steinbeck’s Texas wife
- cowboy bolos
- TXism: “enjoyed about all ___ I can stand” (bored)
- “___ Tok,” a video-sharing service by a Chinese company
- ___ a bow”
- persons with ages 13 to 19
- TXism for “go fishing” (3 wds.)
- TX Nanci Griffith sang “___ Distance” (1988)
- rub out writing
- a Greek team for ex-Mav Roy Tarpley
- TX Trini’s “If ___ a Hammer” (1963)
- where Cruz and Cornyn serve
- TX Charley Pride’s “My Eyes Can Only See as ___ You”

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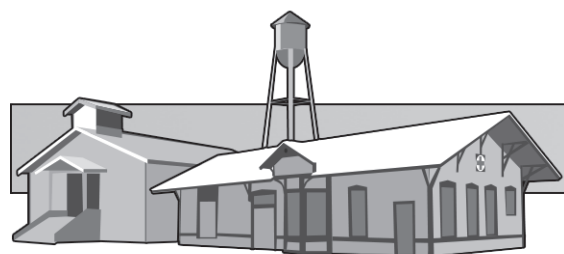
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The Friona Noon Lions Club will put out flags on Monday, February 22nd to celebrate a belated Presidents Day. Last Monday morning's -13 degree temperature would have been a little brisk even for Old Glory. Luckily, Monday will be George Washington's birthday so what better way to celebrate than with the first president of our Country.

Look for Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball League registration forms at school beginning this week. Online registration is also available on their Facebook page. You can select No Pay & still pay by check or cash in person.

Deadline is March 5th!
★★★
You can now view the Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant on the Friona Star Newspaper Facebook page.

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The FHS Senior Steak Dinner is Sunday, March 7th in the Jr. High Cafeteria (limited seating) and curbside in the west parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.00 for all ages and can be purchased from any 2021 Senior. Proceeds will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration Party.

★★★
Top 100 — The Texas University Interscholastic League

(UIL) is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Part of that celebration is a recognition of the 100 greatest basketball coaches in Texas history. Among the first 10 that were honored was F.G. Crofford. Coach Crofford coached at Sunray, Whiteface, Petit, Claude, Friona, Gruver, and Spearman. His 32-year career record was 721-326 and he won a state championship in 1962 at Claude. He was inducted into the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

★★★
Agriculture Exports Set Record — U.S. agriculture exports totaled \$15.91 billion in December, setting a new record for the month and marking the first time that the value of U.S. agriculture exports has topped \$15 billion three months in a row. The prior monthly record was \$15.82 billion that was set in December 2013. The December total was up from \$15.48 billion in November. USDA forecasts U.S. agricultural exports at \$152 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2021 against imports of \$137 billion, for a surplus of \$15 billion. Three months into FY 2021, exports already total over 30% of the forecast for the entire FY. Source: National Sorghum Producers

★★★
National Battery Day is Thursday — While battery manufacturing for everyday personal use developed in the last 50-60 years, archaeologists found evidence of a

device that may have been used to electroplate gold onto silver, much like a battery would. In 1936, during the construction of a new railway near Baghdad, a Parthian tomb was found. Archaeologist Wilhelm Konig found a clay jar containing a copper cylinder encasing an iron rod. Konig suggested the find to be approximately 2,000 years old.

National Days
February 18 — Battery Day
February 19 — Caregivers Day
February 20 — Love Your Pet Day
February 21 — Sticky Bun Day
February 22 — Margarita Day
February 23 — Banana Bread Day
February 24 — Tortilla Chip Day

Deadline Approaching in Texas for SBA Working Capital Loans Due to Drought

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West today reminded small nonfarm businesses in 20 Texas counties and neighboring counties in New Mexico of the March 16, 2021, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury.

These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in the following primary counties that began June 30, 2020. Primary Texas counties: Armstrong, Baily, Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Lamb, Parmer, Randall and Swisher; Neighboring Texas counties: Briscoe, Carson, Cochran, Crosby, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hockley, Lubbock, Oldham and Potter; Neighboring New Mexico counties: Curry, Quay and Roosevelt.

disaster. "Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact," said Garfield.

The interest rate is 3 percent for businesses and 2.75 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in drought disasters.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from February 4, 2020 to February 11, 2021

(2/4/21) Joyce Maxine Loflin — Kinley Jones — All of L 10 and E 25 ft of L 11 Blk 3 of the Western Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County and Vol 135 Pg 489

(2/5/21) Betty Reeve — Denae Reeve McLellan, The Denae Reeve McLellan Asset Trust — An undivided 14.627% in and to all the Sec 18 of the Charles E. Harding Subdiv of Parmer County and being a part of Capitol Leagues Nos. 459 and 460 and containing 558.35 ac of land more or less

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(2/9/21) Donald Jones, Victoria Jones — Cynthia Burton — Lot 24 less and expect the N 3' of the W 75' and the E 75' of L 25 and 26 and the S 10' of the E 75' of L 27 Blk 11 of the Original Town City of Farwell in Parmer County

(2/9/21) Linda Ann Jennings, Estate of Virginia Lucille Jennings — Linda Ann Jennings, Rex Ewing Jennings — The NE 210 Ac out of Sec 100 Blk H Thomas Kelly Subdiv and the NE/4 of Sec 36 Doud and Keefer Subdiv 320 Ac of the W/2 of Sec 41 Blk C Rhea Brothers Subdiv and 204 Ac being all of the Sec 42 Blk C Rhea Brothers Subdiv in Parmer County

Puzzle Solution

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



NEW CONTRACTS... The three Friona school principals and counselor Baker Duggins received new two-year contracts this week. Shown with Superintendent Alton Farr, they are, left to right, Tom Jarboe, J. T. Gee, Raymond Cook, and Baker Duggins. (Friona Star, Thursday, February 20, 1964)

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I might run for class president...
...We'll need to run a cool campaign!
Kids: color stuff in!

U.S. Presidents

Well, it's certainly cuddlier than a real bear.

Who was the first president of our country? Why George Washington, of course! President Joe Biden is our 46th president. How much do you know about the presidents? **Read each clue below and fill in the crossword with the last names of each president:**

- During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.
- This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.
- While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.
- As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.
- This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.
- This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.
- This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.
- This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.
- This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.
- This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.

Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of these 4 U.S. presidents?

1. _ osep_ _ iden
2. _ onald J. _ rump
3. _ arack _ bama
4. _ eorge W. _ ush

During the War of 1812, the British marched on Washington, D.C.

They burned the White House, and other buildings. They were only there about one day.

Dolley Madison saved the giant portrait of our first president, George Washington, with the help of staff at the White House.

Fill in the blanks to spell the names of these U.S. First Ladies?

1. Dr. _ ill _ iden
2. _leanor _ oosevelt

Do You Ever Think about Running for President?

Presidents Day is a good time to think about the leaders of our country. Do you ever wonder about the jobs they did before they held the office of the presidency of the United States?

Well, they were soldiers, lawyers, teachers, farmers and writers. Some went to private or public colleges and some were self-taught!

Does this sound like any of the people you know? Do you think that they could become President of the United States if they wanted to seek this important office? Or...maybe it is **your** dream?

I like reading about the kinds of things the presidents did when they were kids.

Check out your library for cool books about the presidents.

What? I still like cherries.

Find and circle the words below connected to the Presidential Office:

President	Constitution
Vice President	elections
First Lady	Inauguration Day
White House	oath
West Wing	serve
Oval Office	lead
Pennsylvania Ave	duty
Marine Sentries	campaign
Washington D.C.	Air Force One
public tours	Camp David

What Do You Need to Run for the Office of U. S. President?

According to the U.S. Constitution, to run you need to:

1. be a "natural born Citizen"
2. have lived here at least 14 years
3. be at least...

...and a staff and lots of money help!

Use this color key to see the answer:
R = Red
W = White
B = Blue

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Gas prices follow oil prices higher

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 3.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.19 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 10.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 9.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state is \$1.69 while the highest is \$2.59 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.50 per gallon. The national average is up 11.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"It's not surprising that gasoline prices

continue to follow oil prices higher, as the national average now stands at its highest level since January 2020 as Pay with GasBuddy data shows U.S. gasoline demand rose over two percent last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The rise in gas prices continues to be driven by improving demand in the United States, and has nothing to do with who sits in the White House, but rather how many motorists are filling their tanks on a daily basis, and from that data, it's no guess, but prices will continue to trend higher. This situation will last as long as OPEC continues to restrain their oil production, creating the situation we're in

where demand is recovering faster than demand. The situation won't get better, just wait until spring, it's likely the national average will rise another 10 to as much as 50 cents per gallon if oil production doesn't respond to the continued recovery in demand."

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>.

Comptroller to distribute \$1.05 billion in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.05 billion in local sales tax allocations for February. This total is 0.7% higher than amount

in February 2020. **These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2020 sales by businesses that re-**

port tax annually.

The City of Friena will receive \$55,050.28 for February which is 10.01% higher than the \$50,040.58 payment received last February. Friena has received \$96,125.10 year-to-date which is an increase

of 9.49% over the \$87,789.66 received last year-to-date.

The Friena Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$13,762.57 (25%) of the February payment for its operations.

Happy Birthday Friena Folks!

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| <p>Feb. 18
Ginger Stephens
Dianna Wright
Heather (Clark) Grimsley
John Seright
Patsy Vazquez
Cole St. Clair
Esmeralda Mendez
Ruth Miller</p> | <p>Feb. 22
Jacy (Grimsley) Weatherly
Natasha Lafuente-Butler
Matt Gammon
Brenda (Murphree) Turrubiarte
Marla DeBons
Ronnie Williams
Gabriel Huckins
Yvette Ramos</p> |
| <p>Feb. 19
Heath Gammon
Kristina Anthony
Callie Hefner
Jared Turner</p> | <p>Feb. 23
Doyce Barnett
Matthew Kendrick
April (Pope) Guidry
Ryan Lopez
Liz Gingg
Gayle O'Brian
Dexter Allen
Brooke Kuhlmeiy
Megan Brewster</p> |
| <p>Feb. 20
Larry Potts
Clint Hurst
Carol Smith
Gretchen Edelman
Christa Moyer</p> | <p>Feb. 24
Sharon Rector
Janice Auburg
Lisa Veggeberg
Robin (Rushing) Stolzhus
Carmella Hernandez
Shirley Daniel
Lacey (Lookingbill) Poage
Sabrina Vargas
Joe Bob Johnson
Mark Sundre</p> |
| <p>Feb. 21
Virginia Moyer
LaFawnda (Mays) Kubacak
Lacy (Venhaus) Canon
Brooke Kuhlmeiy</p> | |



Rugged Individualism

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President

The concept of belonging to something larger than self in the Texas Panhandle and the power of sustaining oneself, family and extended community is as old as the Palo Duro Canyon. The harsh regional geography drives people to band together into groups. It is the nature of the place.

In contrast to the notion of supportive communities for survival and progress is the seemingly competing idea of self-reliance. The blending of strong self and strong community requires neither the sacrifice of self nor community. It comes from the ageless realization of the human condition: Acknowledgement that everyone, no matter how able, settled or educated, is subject to forces outside of themselves. This creates a strain of humility in thoughtful individuals, nearly neediness, which helps balance strong self and strong community.

The Grange sprang to life following the Civil War to "promote the social and economic needs of farmers in the United States." It resulted from a weak economy, falling crop prices, increasing transportation costs and reliance on silver and gold, as paper money rotted in people's pockets. Circumstances formed a perfect storm that challenged farmers and ranchers in many parts of our nation, including Texas. The Grange also promoted the concept that agriculture was central to every aspect of life. Ulysses S. Grant was supportive of the Grange. The Grange movement contributed to populist political perspectives, and eventually, aspects of progressivism.

Today, the Grange continues to encourage families to work together in pursuit of economic success. Markedly different from many contemporary organizations, the Grange supports only policies, not political candidates or parties. Franklin Roosevelt (won the panhandle presidential vote with 87% in 1932 and 96% in 1936) and Eleanor Roosevelt were members of the Grange; as was Harry Truman, Norman Rockwell and a host of other leaders committed



Paul Engler

to the development of self-reliant people and families to sustain agriculture. Agriculture sustained the nation then and continues to do so today.

While president of the West Texas State Teachers College, now West Texas A&M University, Joseph A. Hill spoke often and forcefully on the importance of individualism to the educational process for students, the region, state and the nation. In an address to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society on April 12, 1935, Hill said, "The pioneer wherever found, is self-reliant of necessity there is no one else upon whom he can depend, likewise he is courageous... tenacious and determined... resourceful..." And further, "Institutions are like individuals: they take their color from their environment.

Citizenship is most powerful when exercised by people who exhibit toughness and commitment through action." President Hill believed the University had an important responsibility inculcating a strong personal perspective by valuing intelligence, productivity and accomplishment. Charles Goodnight, John Adair, Quanah Parker, Thomas Sherman Bugbee and Paul Engler made lasting impacts through

personal toughness and commitment—rugged individualism—to the Panhandle's culture and values.

Some universities sacrifice the strength of individual thought and action on an altar of public, often superficial, "group-think" agreement. Others value intellectual liberty and the interdependence of thought and action, leading to a cultivated mind accompanied by effective contributions to a free society. The balancing recognition? No matter how strong an individual may be, surviving alone is nearly impossible. The people of the Panhandle possess many old fashioned Grange beliefs. Horace Greeley reportedly said on July 13, 1865, "Washington is not a place to live in. The rents are high, the food is bad, the dust is disgusting and the morals are deplorable. Go West, young man, go West, and grow up with the country." To reiterate, 1865.

The Grange and WT share a touchstone of agreement believing in the power and importance of education. Early in the history of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Granger Archibald J. Rose became a director on the board of Texas A&M in 1887, and from 1891 to 1896, he served as president.

While WT's relationship to The Texas A&M University System is currently celebrating the 30-year partnership, the Panhandle shares alignment with Texas A&M University, especially its heart and soul. The Panhandle is Texas, as is WT.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His reflections are available at <https://walterwendler.com/>

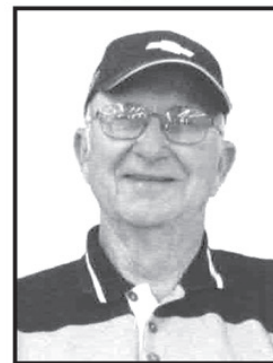
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Authority in the Workplace

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What if your work was viewed as worship instead of wasted weariness? What if your employees viewed work as a purposeful gift from God, instead of a mandatory drudgery that was required to get a paycheck? What if Christians worked and viewed work according to biblical truth, instead of a worldly mindset?

Biblically, work is a task ordained from God, given to Adam before sin entered the world in Genesis 3, and the work that a Christian does is to be a powerful witness for Christ. Ephesians 6:5-9 and Colossians 3:22-4:1

give God's expectation for Christian's in their work ethic. God honoring work is done as to the Lord, with respect and honor toward one's boss or authority. This does not mean that one's boss or authority is perfect or always right, but if they are not leading those under them into sin, then employees are to respond to them with respect and hard work. In other words, your work is to be done as worship unto the Lord. A misguided view of worship only as an event on Sunday will cause one to miss the reality that biblical worship is a way of life, whether one

is praising in song, laboring at work, or spending time with the family. In fact, if you are not working in a way that is worshipful and honoring to the Lord, then your acts of worship during a church service, are simply a resounding gong or a clanging symbol before God. God is worthy of you honoring him at the church building and at your work! In fact the way you work will have a greater evangelistic impact on the lost around you than your activity on church property because at work a lost world is watching to see if Jesus has made a difference in your life.

West Texas A&M University announces graduates and honor students

Each fall semester and spring semester, undergraduate students at West Texas A&M University are recognized for academic achievement if they earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher in at least 12 semester hours of residence credit for which standard letter grades are given.

The President's List recognizes students who have earned a 4.00 GPA for the semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a GPA from 3.50 to 3.99 for the semester. Friona students recognized were:



Fall 2020 President's List

Almadelfina Trejo De Leon Senior / Interdisciplinary Studies	Brooklynne Johnston Senior / Music
Eduardo Guaderrama Sophomore / Music	Rosa Maria Macias Junior / Health Sciences
Brenda Yessenia Jaramillo Junior / Management	Jasmin Salas Senior / Health Sciences

Fall 2020 Dean's List

Elvira Escamilla Carrasco Junior / Social Work	Derreck Hernandez Junior / General Studies
Stephanie Corrales Junior / Interdisciplinary Studies	Bailey Pope Sophomore / Pre-Comm Disorders

Alexa Garcia
Senior / English

Emma Rector

Fall 2020 Graduate

Lynsey Ann Hatley
BS / Ag Media & Communication

God Is Counting On You

By Teena Hughs

Last week's column about turning America around through the church, and through each of us, came about as a result of some notes I found when I was looking through a notepad. This pad had notes from Bible studies and conferences I had attended.

Apparently I was taking a class on Acts, Acts 13 to be exact, when I wrote these notes: "God wants to change the world through the church. Are we willing to let the Holy Spirit work through our church? Are we willing to let the Holy Spirit awaken us? We must have faith in God to lead us where He needs us to go! We need to awaken our gifts and callings."

I read Acts 13, and it was about Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey. We all know Paul faced much opposition and adversity in preaching the Good News to people, es-

pecially the Jews. But, what would have happened if Paul wasn't willing to let the Holy Spirit work through him? What if he wasn't willing to go where the Holy Spirit directed him? What would have happened if Paul hadn't been willing to boldly speak the Good News, even in the face of opposition and adversity?

These questions can be asked of so many people throughout the history of our world. We can go back through the Bible and read about people who boldly preached the Good News; in our denominations, we know leaders who were known for leading people to Christ; today, we remember Billy Graham and his crusades that brought no telling how many people to Christ.

It is easy to talk about and preach the Good News to our friends and relatives

that know Jesus, but it is tough to talk about Him to those who don't know Him, and there are MANY people in the world today who don't know Jesus. So, are we willing to let the Holy Spirit work through our church, through each of us, so that we can change our community, our state, our country, our world? Are we willing to allow the Holy Spirit to awaken each of us, and our gifts and callings, so that we can boldly proclaim the Good News? Do we have the faith to let the Holy Spirit lead us where He needs us to go?

The world didn't get in the shape it is in overnight; it won't get turned around overnight. We have to be committed to a long, difficult road, but God is counting on each of us to do what He is calling us to do, just like He counted on Paul, Barnabas and Billy Graham!

Panhandle Parables

The Cat Whisperer (Part 1)

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

(Authors note, the trilogy of articles that follow are from 2015. As I was looking for something else on my computer I came across these and wanted to share them once more. Hope you can glean something from them. God bless. JP)

Just for the record, I am not a real cat fan. I do not hate them; it is just not my pet of preference. Last week on Wednesday just prior to our snow on Thursday, a young cat arrived in our backyard. I was not thrilled by this prospect and sent our first line of defense into the backyard to reclaim the territory, but our Chihuahua didn't exactly put much fear in this feline invader.

Then the snow came and the meowing moved from the backyard to the carport.

Compassion runs deep at my house and sometimes it takes a child to remind you of that, so we stuck a bowl of milk with a little dog food out under the minivan to assist this invader turned traveler. Jump forward to Saturday and I found that traveler turned resident had decided to reside in the motor area of our minivan. Needing said van, I commenced to reason with the cat of the dangers of living in such a place, I honked the horn, opened the hood, banged on this or that, and used a stick to poke around there. After thirty minutes of "Here Kitty, Kitty..." which I thought was universal no progress. I just wanted the cat safely out of danger. Why couldn't it understand? So extreme measures were needed, with old coat and leather gloves I

crawled half under the van, grabbed the cat like a momma cat would and finally got it out and set in the fork of the elm tree in the front. Cat was safe and we were off. This would have been a whole lot easier if I was a cat whisperer. Upon our return the cat had moved on.

God looked down at humanity that He created. Their sin had separated them and now they lived in danger. He would go to extreme measures to become one of them that He could communicate through His Son the safety in which He provided if only they would believe. Some have responded, and have found refuge in Christ, others still live dangerously because they will not listen to the call of repentance and hope. Stay tuned this story is not over...

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Sports Page



Chieftains & Squaws Tennis Schedule 2021

March 2, 2021 @ Amarillo
 Rebel Small School Invitational (JV & V)
 March 11, 2021 @ Levelland
 Levelland Small School Tournament (V)
 March 25, 2021 @ Littlefield
 Littlefield Duels Tournament (JV & V)
 April 1, 2021 @ TBA
 SPCHEA Tournament (V)
 April 6, 2021 @ Littlefield
 Littlefield Duels Tournament (JV & V)
 April 12 - 13, 2021 @ Brownfield
 District Tournament
 April 26 - 29, 2021 @ TBA
 Regional Tournament
 May 20 - 21, 2021 @ TBA
 State Tournament

Braves & Maidens Tennis Schedule

May 8, 2021 @ Muleshoe
 District Tournament

FRIONA YOUTH SPORTS

Friona Youth Sports has officially started the third year of playing sports. This basketball season we have approximately 250 kids participating. Over the past three years, the organization has grown so much and has been able to offer the kids in our community a very affordable price to participate in four different sports throughout the year. Thanks to the help from businesses and families from within the community and donations from the EDC and United Way, FYS has purchased equipment for every sport, paid qualified referees and started skills camps. In addition, FYS has opened registration for all the kids in Parmer County and surrounding small schools.

Our goal is to continue to keep our fees affordable so that we can continue to have as much participation from our kids and keep them involved in some kind of a sport throughout the entire year. We plan on establishing ongoing skills camps aligned with the sport seasons that we currently have as well as adding another sport. We are working on obtaining a facility where the organization can have continual involvement throughout the year.

In order to continue the success of the program, we ask that you please consider donating for the year 2021. Even though we do have the donations levels listed below, please know there is no donation too big or too small. We will accept all dona-



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Action at last month's basketball skills camp conducted by Friona Youth Sports. Visit www.frionayouthsports.org to view basketball schedules and standings. Check out current news on their Facebook page.

Friona HS Track Schedule

Muleshoe Relays	February 26 th , 2021
OPEN WEEK	OPEN WEEK
Hornet Relays @ Tulia	March 12 th , 2021
Bobcat Relays @ Dimmitt	March 26 th , 2021
District Meet @ Denver City	April 1 st and 3 rd
Area Meet @ Denver City	April 15 th
Regional Meet @ Abilene	April 23/24 th
State Meet @ Austin	May 7/8 th

Friona JH Track Schedule

Muleshoe Relays	February 25 th , 2021
OPEN WEEK	
Hornet Relays @ Tulia	March 11 th , 2021
Bobcat Relays @ Dimmitt	March 25 th , 2021
District Meet @ Muleshoe	March 30 th , 2021

Friona Baseball 2021

Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Varsity	JV
Feb 12	Friday	Denver City	Denver City	6:00pm	4:00pm
Feb 23	Tuesday	Boys Ranch	Boys Ranch	4:00pm	
Mar 4	Thursday	Lubbock Roosevelt	Friona		5:00pm
Mar 6	Saturday	Lubbock Roosevelt (DH)	Roosevelt	12:00 / 2:00pm	
Mar 8	Monday	Hereford JV	Friona	5:00pm	
Mar 11-13	Thu-Sat	Muleshoe Tournament	Muleshoe	TBA	
Mar 27	Saturday	Randall JV	Friona	12:00pm	
Mar 30	Tuesday	Tulia*	Tulia	4:30pm	6:30pm
Apr 3	Saturday	Dalhart*	Dalhart	12:00pm	2:00pm
Apr 6	Tuesday	Bushland*	Friona	4:30pm	6:30pm
Apr 10	Saturday	Amarillo River Road*	River Road	12:00pm	2:00pm
Apr 13	Tuesday	Dimmitt*	Friona	4:30pm	6:30pm
Apr 17	Saturday	Tulia*	Friona	12:00pm	2:30pm
Apr 20	Tuesday	Dalhart*	Friona	4:30pm	6:30pm
Apr 24	Saturday	Bushland*	Bushland	12:00pm	2:00pm
Apr 27	Tuesday	River Road*	Friona	4:30pm	6:30pm
May 1	Saturday	Dimmitt*	Dimmitt	12:00pm	2:00pm

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Texas milk production moving up in U.S.

By Darren Turley

Texas has done it! For the first time Texas has ranked as the fourth largest milk producing state in the nation for the month of December. Texas has continually climbed in production over the last year, inching closer and closer to New York. It finally happened in December, when Texas overtook New York in milk production with our 7.5% growth over the 2019 December production level. It will be interesting to see in this new year if the tiered pricing program will reduce our output back to our fifth seat or if Texas dairy farmers continue to increase production and start to chase the No. 3 state, Idaho. If Texas production continues to grow at a 7% rate, it wouldn't take much to catch Idaho. The tiered pricing program goes into effect this month for Texas dairy farmers, and it will probably continue for several months before milk production drops enough to disengage the program. The

concern about the impact of this program on dairy farmers is obvious - consolidation. While many producers are looking for additional production allotment to allow them to sell more milk than they were originally allotted, other producers are taking advantage of the increased demand and choosing to sell their cows and production allotment while demand is high and prices are good. Will this consolidation continue to move the concentration of dairy in Texas even more into the Panhandle area, which already has the majority of production? Dairy farms choosing to purchase a milk allotment may not need to purchase a large farm's production; the allotment of smaller farms - which are in areas outside of the Panhandle - may be enough to satisfy their shortfall. Will this put these smaller farms out of business? Texas has 351 dairy farms now, but only time will tell how many we will have at the end of 2021.

The one thing that stands true today is that producers must sell more milk to survive. Texas producers will continue to lead the country in milk production and innovation. This is why Texas Association of Dairymen (TAD) continues to work hard to protect Texas producers. TAD has ongoing efforts at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, Department of State Health Services, Texas Animal Health Commission and, of course, the Texas Capitol as legislators consider bills this session (you can learn more about this in this newsletter from TAD's governmental relations team). These efforts will continue to make Texas a great place to dairy for the next advancement in production. Darren Turley is Executive Director of the Texas Association of Dairymen. TAD has been the advocate and unified voice for the dairy industry in Texas since 1991. Visit www.milk4texas.org for more information.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund* General Enrollment Ends Feb. 28

Did you know that general enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund*, the state's tax-advantaged prepaid college tuition plan, ends Feb. 28? (Enrollment for newborns or children younger than 1 year of age extends through July 31.) That makes this month the perfect time to attend a webinar about the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and the Texas Match the Promise FoundationSM, a 501(c)(3) public charity offering unique scholarship opportunities to eligible participants in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. The next general enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2021-22 academic year. **Sign up for one of our upcoming webinars.** These presentations will provide an overview of

the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and information on the different types of tuition units, tuition redemption values and payment options.* In addition, the webinars will present information about matching scholarships and tuition unit grants available through the Texas Match the Promise Foundation.** If you have any questions regarding the webinars, please contact us at TuitionPromise@cpa.texas.gov. For more information about the plan, visit TuitionPromise.org or call 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5. * Residency restrictions apply. ** Residency restrictions, age requirements, eligibility criteria, household income restrictions and contribution requirements apply.



January was National Soup Month

I just don't think you can go wrong with soup, so here are a few more soup recipes to try out this week.

VEGETABLE BARLEY SOUP www.budgetbytes.com

Total Cost: \$6.67 recipe / \$1.11 serving

- INGREDIENTS**
- 1 yellow onion (\$0.32)
 - 2 cloves garlic (\$0.16)
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil (\$0.32)
 - 1/2 lb. carrots (about 4) (\$0.45)
 - 1 28oz. can diced tomatoes (\$1.59)
 - 1 cup pearly barley (\$0.89)
 - 1/2 tsp dried basil (\$0.05)
 - 1/2 tsp dried oregano (\$0.05)
 - freshly cracked black pepper (\$0.05)
 - 6 cups vegetable broth (\$0.78)
 - 1 russet potato (about 3/4 lb.) (\$1.22)
 - 1 cup frozen green beans (\$0.271)
 - 1/2 cup frozen corn (\$0.10)
 - 1/2 cup frozen peas (\$0.19)
 - 1 Tbsp lemon juice (\$0.03)
 - 1 handful fresh parsley (optional garnish) (\$0.20)

INSTRUCTIONS
Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Add the onion, garlic, and olive oil to a large soup pot and sauté over medium heat for about 5

minutes, or until the onion is soft and translucent. Meanwhile, peel and dice the carrots. Once the onions are soft, add the carrots to the soup pot, along with the canned diced tomatoes (with juices), barley, basil, oregano, some freshly cracked pepper, and vegetable broth. Stir the contents of the pot to combine, place a lid on top, turn the heat up to medium-high, and bring the broth up to a boil. Once boiling, turn the heat down to medium-low, and let the soup simmer, with the lid in place, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. While the soup simmers, peel and dice the potato into 1/2-inch cubes. After the soup has simmered and the barley is mostly tender, add the diced potatoes and continue to simmer for 10 minutes more, or just until the potatoes are tender. Once the potatoes are tender, add the frozen green beans, corn, and peas. Stir to combine, and heat through (about 5 minutes in the simmering soup). Finally, add the lemon juice to the soup and stir to combine. Taste the soup and adjust the salt or pepper to your liking. Serve hot, with fresh chopped parsley on top as a garnish, if desired.

Potato Soup www.food.com

- INGREDIENTS**
- 6-8 medium potatoes
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 6 cups milk
 - 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 lb cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS
Peel, cube, boil, drain and "mush" potatoes to the consistency you like (I like them lumpy, but my kids like smaller pieces). In separate pan, melt butter, add flour, and cook while stirring for about a minute or so. Add half the milk and stir until lumps are out of flour mixture. Add remaining milk and on med-high heat, heat to a boil. Stir almost constantly or it will scorch. After boiling, turn heat off and add remaining ingredients.

CHUNKY HAM AND BEAN SOUP www.budgetbytes.com

Total Cost: \$6.70 recipe / \$1.68 serving

- INGREDIENTS**
- 1 yellow onion (\$0.32)
 - 3 carrots (\$0.30)
 - 3 ribs celery (\$0.35)
 - 2 cloves garlic (\$0.16)
 - 1 lb. cooked ham (\$3.75)
 - 1 Tbsp cooking oil (\$0.04)
 - 3 15oz. cans cannellini beans (\$1.47)
 - 1/4 tsp dried thyme (\$0.02)
 - freshly cracked black pepper (\$0.03)
 - 2 cups chicken broth (or more as needed) (\$0.26)

INSTRUCTIONS
Dice the onion, peel, and slice the carrots, slice the celery, and mince the garlic. Dice the ham into bite-sized chunks. Add the ham and cooking oil to a large soup pot. Sauté the ham for 3-5 minutes over medium heat, or until it achieves a decent amount of browning. Remove the browned ham to a clean bowl. Add the onion, carrots, celery, and garlic to the pot in place of the ham. Sauté the vegetables for about 5 minutes over medium heat, or until the onions have softened. Allow the moisture

released from the vegetables to help dissolve the browned bits of ham from the bottom of the soup pot as you stir. While the vegetables are sautéing, add one of the three cans of beans to a blender, with the liquid from the can, and purée until smooth. Drain the remaining two cans of beans. Add all three cans of beans (one puréed and two drained) to the soup pot with the vegetables. Also add 1/4 tsp dried thyme, some freshly cracked pepper (about 10 cranks of a pepper mill), and 2 cups chicken broth. Stir to combine, then turn the heat up to medium-high and allow the soup to come to a boil. Once it reaches a boil, turn the heat down to medium and allow the soup to continue to boil for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. As the soup boils it will reduce and thicken. If the soup becomes too thick, add more chicken broth or water to achieve your desired soup consistency. After the soup has boiled for 15 minutes and has thickened, stir the cooked ham back into the soup. Give the soup a taste and adjust the salt or pepper to your liking. I did not add any additional salt, but I did top each bowl with a little fresh pepper. Serve hot!

A Healthy Heart in the Time of COVID-19

By Wendy Case

For those with heart conditions or other medical conditions that may weaken your heart, keeping your heart healthy and protected during a pandemic is important. Cholesterol and blood pressure issues, as well as arrhythmias or cardiomyopathy, are heart conditions that can make contracting COVID-19 more serious. Your heart is the most "essential" worker you have. It beats more than 110,000 beats a day and pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood throughout your body. This fist size muscle is so important, it only makes sense to keep it healthy and happy. To help support and improve your heart, try some simple changes that everyone can make. **Variety and Veggies** Eating balanced and nutritious meals daily can help you reduce sodium and sugar intake, helping to maintain or

lose excess weight, manage your blood pressure, control cholesterol. The nutrient dense foods that we consume help in providing those vitamins that support our bodies. Eating a colorful variety of fresh fruits and vegetables helps to support our health and our immune systems. Try new recipes throughout the week to add variety and enhance enjoyment. Visit www.dinnertoneight.org for delicious and healthy recipes that are lower in calories, saturated fat, and sodium. **Keep Moving** Staying physically active can also improve and support your heart. It strengthens your heart so that it can efficiently pump blood throughout the body. A stronger heart also helps to keep your blood pressure under control. Try to take a brisk walk outdoors daily or keep active around the house; not only are you keeping social distance,

but you are improving circulation to help reduce stress. **Mask, Hands, & Distance** Always remember to follow the CDC guidelines for COVID-19. Wash your hands frequently, continue to wear a mask, stay six feet apart from others, and avoid large crowds. For more information contact your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office at 806-251-5120 and check out our COVID-19 hub of Extension resources at <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/coronavirus>. *Wendy Case is a Parmer County AgriLife Extension agent. County offices offer outreach education to individuals, families and communities. They also provide comprehensive educational programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth development and community development.*

LIVING heart HEALTHY

1 UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

Risks factors Include:

- High Blood Pressure
- High Cholesterol
- Overweight or Obese
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Physical Inactivity
- Family History of Heart Disease
- Have Unhealthy Eating Habits

2 GET CHECKED

Get your blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels checked regularly. These are two major risk factors for heart health and need to be monitored by your health care provider.

3 AIM FOR A HEALTHY WEIGHT

If you are overweight or obese, a loss of 5% to 10% of body weight over 6 months can decrease risk for chronic disease

4 CHOOSE HEART HEALTHY FOODS

Eating heart-healthy Includes choosing foods such as lean proteins, fruits and vegetables, while limiting added sugars, saturated and trans fats.

5 GET REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Visit with your doctor before you start a new exercise plan. Ask how much and what types of physical activity are safe for you. Even modest amounts of physical activity are good for your health.

6 QUIT SMOKING

Smoking can raise your risk of heart disease and heart attack and worsen other heart disease risk factors

7 GET ENOUGH, GOOD QUALITY SLEEP

Sleep helps heal and repair your heart and blood vessels. Over time, not getting enough quality sleep, can raise your risk of heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke.

Created by: Courtney Lowe, MS, RDN, LD Extension Agent Health

8 MANAGE STRESS

Consider healthy stress-reducing activities like:

- Talking to a professional counselor
- Practicing meditation
- Being physically active
- Trying relaxation techniques
- Talking with friends, family, and community or religious support systems

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Obituaries



Philip Burke Hand

Philip Burke Hand, 61 of Friona passed from this life from a brief, but courageous battle with cancer, on February 9, 2021 surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly. No services are scheduled. Philip's wishes were for his family to be together, enjoy each other and remember him. Also, to be cremated and his final resting place will be somewhere in the southern Colorado mountains where he loved to spend time. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Philip announced his wishes several days ago after his journey began with a perfect stranger helping him from the parking lot into the emergency room in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to ending up in his family home in Friona, Texas. He felt blessed by so many people during this time. This journey lasted 50 days.

Philip was born to Burke and Retta Hand on March 24, 1959, in Dimmitt, Texas. He was raised in Friona, Texas. He attended Friona schools and graduated in 1977. Philip graduated from Texas Tech in 1981. Then he was off to the Dallas area to begin a career in marketing. This

career led him from Dallas to Albuquerque to Lubbock and back to Albuquerque.

Philip loved helping with Boy Scouts as his son grew up. There was always an adventure ahead. By the time his daughter got a little older he spent his time as a proud dad in the stands of her softball games. Scouts or softball, he was always so very proud of his children. Even now as adults there was still a glimmer in his eye as he spoke about them. This year he welcomed his first grandchild, Collins, and was excited to be a part of her future.

When it was playtime, Phil would often be found riding his motorcycle in the mountains of northern New Mexico, hoping that any ride would land him at Sipapu Lodge for a green chili cheeseburger. If he wasn't riding, he was often looking for a river or lake to spend

some time fishing or spending time with nieces and nephews trying to beat them at cards.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ira Burke Hand.

Philip will be dearly missed and loved by his mother Loretta Hand of Friona, Texas, his son - Branon Hand of Lubbock, Texas, his daughter- Cortney Peck and husband Chris of North Richland Hills, Texas and his precious granddaughter, Collins Peck. One brother - Danny Hand and wife Jiselle of Friona, Texas. One sister - Tawnya Wales and husband Tim of Dimmitt, Texas. He is also mourned by his nieces and nephews who will always hold him in their hearts.

"We would like to thank his caregivers. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. You made it possible for us to care for him at home and be with him until the end. Leesa Roush, Jacki Koehn, Natalia Costas, Kristal Smith, Linda Rice, BSA Hospice - we will be forever thankful for each of you."



Wanda Mae Wilson

Graveside service for Wanda Mae Wilson will be held Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Dawson County Cemetery, in Lamesa at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Dee Woolam officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home. (Masks and social distancing are required at the funeral home and cemetery)



On Thursday, February 11th, 2021, Wanda Mae (Wolf) Wilson, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and Nana, passed away at the age of 85. Wanda was born in Coahoma, Texas on April 25th, 1935 to John and Esther (McCallister) Wolf. She graduated from Lamesa High School in 1953. Wanda

married Hilton Leon Wilson, on December 26, 1952.

She was employed by Texas Tech Farms-Pantex as an administrative assistant until she retired. She enjoyed traveling with Hilton and her daughters. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church for many years.

Wanda is survived by her children: Rhonda (Wilson)

Rebber and husband, Glenn Rebber and Tyra D'Aun (Wilson) Pratt and husband Dale Pratt, all in Waco; two grandchildren, Derek Rebber (Waco) and Nathan Pratt (Amarillo) and wife Catherine; three great grandchildren, Dusty and Sterling Rebber, Khloe Karnes, and another great granddaughter coming in April. Also, a sister, Ms. Helen Davis (Andrews); sister-in-law, Ms. Velora Copeland (Round Rock); and many nieces and nephews, as well as her beloved Dachshund, Millie. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 13 siblings.

The family would appreciate memorials to the "Alzheimer's Association" or a charity of your choice. To send online condolences, please visit: <http://www.branonfuneralhome.com>.

Pirates of the Mediterranean

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Twenty years after the United States was freed of Britain, America went to war, again--this time against the populous pirate population in the Mediterranean.

Pocketed throughout Africa--in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Tripolitania [Libya], they ambushed U.S. merchant ships, seized cargoes, commandeered crews, and collected large ransoms. Hostilities got so heated that President Jefferson dispatched the Navy in 1801.

In October 1803, the Philadelphia, a part of an expeditionary force, ran aground

off the coast of Tripoli, and was captured, causing concern that America's proprietary know-how would be re-constituted in enemy warships.

On February 16, Lieutenant Stephen Decatur and 74 of his men--including nine marines--disguised themselves as Maltese sailors, crept into Tripolitan waters, boarded the Philadelphia, overpowered the crew, and torched the vessel.

The daring nature of their perfectly executed mission--without a single American casualty--was

heralded around the world. Even British Admiral Horatio Nelson, arguably the most famous seafaring hero of the time, called it the "most daring act of the age."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History** by Brian Kilmear and Don Yaeger.

Courtesy of History Masters, a feature of The Grateful American Book Prize: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future.



The burning of the USS Philadelphia in Tripoli, 1804



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Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

Applicant: Del Rio Dairy

Agency: Rural Development, USDA (RD)

Summary: RD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for financial assistance to Del Rio Dairy for the construction of an anaerobic digestion biogas facility south of Friona, Parmer County, Texas.

Further Information: To obtain copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI, 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. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at the Amarillo Area Office, 6565 Amarillo Boulevard West, Suite C, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Supplementary Information: The proposed project consists of an anaerobic digestion renewable energy facility to convert cow manure to biogas on approximately 22 acres.

Alternatives considered by RD and Del Rio Dairy include: No action required. The alternatives are discussed in the Del Rio Dairy EA. The RD has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper: Friona Star on January 28 & February 4, 2021. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice. The EA was also available for public review at the RD offices as well as Del Rio Dairy office. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by Del Rio Dairy and no public comments received, RD has concluded that the project would have no significant impact to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. RD has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RD has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and RD's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RD is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RD's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: February 17, 2021.

LEGAL NOTICE

Friona Independent School District, Friona, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

Friona ISD Primary Building Asbestos Abatement and Demolition

All bids must be submitted by 2:00 P.M local time, **Thursday February 25th 2021** and addressed to:

Jimmy Burns Friona ISD, Superintendent
909 E. 11th St.
Friona, Texas 79035

All bids must be mailed or delivered by hand in a sealed envelope by due date.

Plans and Specifications are available and may be acquired by contacting:

G/A Environmental L.P.
21103 FM 179
Wolforth, TX 79382
806-787-8209
michael@g-aenvironmental.com

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M., local time, **Thursday February 18th, 2021**. All interested parties should meet at 802 Euclid Friona, Texas.

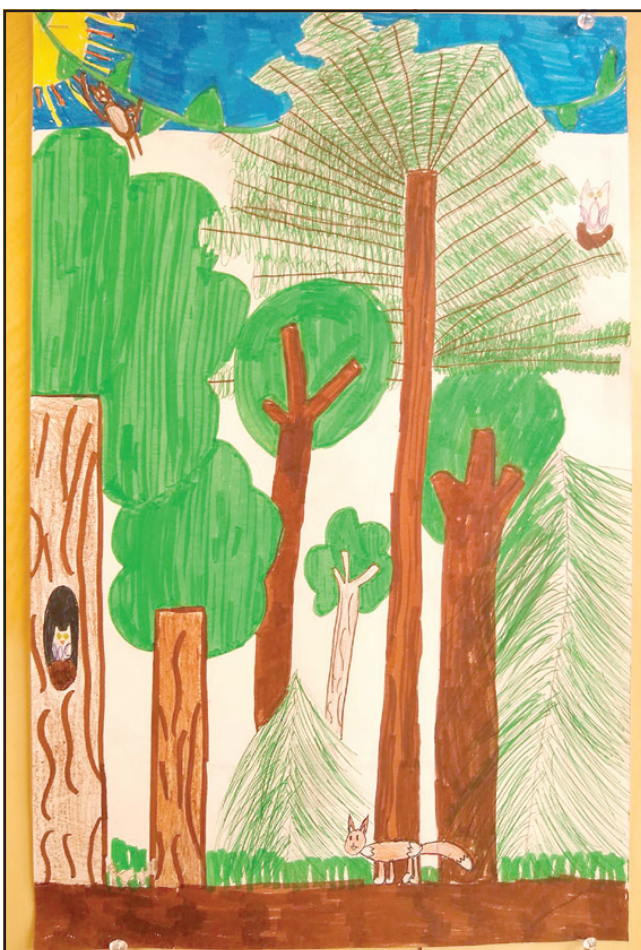
The Friona Independent School district reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.



Poster 1st Place
Bodie Altman,
Farwell 3rd Grade



Poster 2nd Place
Rowan Pomper,
Farwell 4th Grade



Poster 3rd Place
Paisley Branscum Lazbuddie,
5th Grade

Poster and essay contest winners announced

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to congratulate the winners of the poster and essay contest. They would also

like to thank the teachers of Parmer County for teaching our children about conservation. Photos courtesy of Donnelle Jones. The Parmer

County Soil and Water Conservation District #140 is located at 109 3rd Street in Farwell. Call 806-481-3311 x3 for more information.

Junior Essay 1st Place
Rowan Pomper, Farwell Elementary School
Junior Essay 2nd Place
Rhiannon Pomper, Farwell Elementary School

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