



## Mighty Chieftain Band wins Sweepstakes Award



Congratulations to the FHS Band. They earned a Superior Rating (1) in both the Concert portion and in the Sight-Reading portion of Contest this past week. The Sweepstakes Award is award to those bands who receive a "1" in both categories.



Back row (l-r): Malachi Torres, Angel Carranza, Magdalena Licerio, Giovanni Ponce, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Gabriel Rocha, Antonio Vasquez, Diego Escamilla, Cheyenne Correa, Jackie Reyes. Middle Row (l-r): Amy Montana, Gabriella Castillo, Charlie Herring, Jennyfer Munoz, Pamela Cardona. Front Row (l-r): Kasey Vargas, Lluvia Reyes, Esperanza Santiago, Reagan Daniels, Ellie Galaviz, Gia Elizalde, Andres Pinon, Anahi Villa.

## Choir members sing their way to State

The Friona High School Choir recently had 22 soloists and 3 ensembles compete at Contest. Twelve of the soloists received a "1" rating on their solos and

will be competing at State in May. The soloists are: Malachi Torres, Angel Carranza, Magdalena Licerio, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Amy Montana, Gabriella

Castillo, Charlie Herring, Ellie Galaviz, Reagan Daniels, Gia Elizalde, Andres Pinon, and Anahi Villa. The Ensemble consisting of Angel Carranza, Emmanuel

Gonzalez, Giovanni Ponce, and Antonio Vasquez also received a "1" and will compete at State. Congratulations to all and good luck at State!

## Commissioners purchase equipment

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 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 February 22nd meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

Judge Ellis said that masks are still required when conducting business inside the Courthouse.

Commissioners heard a Collections Report by Blake Newton from Perdue,

Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott concerning delinquent taxes. The county has received 97.5% of taxes that are due.

A request for a water line to run down a county road easement was denied. Commissioners stated that they had no problem with lines crossing underneath roads, but lines running down barrow ditches could be a hindrance in the maintenance of the ditches by county workers.

Approval was given for the purchase of a used (2017) Wheel Loader for Precinct 4 and the purchase of a new 2021 Road Grader for Precinct 3. The Road Grader purchase is part of the 5-year buyback program that the county utilizes to save money on grader purchases for all its precincts.

Sheriff Randy Geris reported that he was currently housing 22 inmates in the

Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Five of the inmates are from Deaf Smith County. The new phone system for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center is being installed. The Sheriff's Office will be the first to get updated since new Cat 6 wiring will be needed in a couple of areas of the building.

The FM 145 Bridge Project began on Monday, March 8. Completion date is expected for Fall 2021. See page 9 for details.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, March 22nd.

All meetings are open to the public. 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.

## City election is rescinded

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.

The Council heard an update from Fire Chief Danny Campbell concerning the operational status of certain fire fighting equipment.

Mayor Ricky White read a proclamation declaring March as "Friona Business Month" and recognized local business including H&R Block, Creative Chaos, Parmer Medical Center, Campbell Electric, Tyler Gun Works, and Bermea Construction.

Since each of the three candidates for City Council were unopposed, and with no Proposition appearing on the ballot, approval was given to the resolution to rescind the order calling for an election to be held on May 1, 2021. The resolution also declared that Bruce Fleming, Jeff Stowers, and Alan Monroe were elected to office.

Approval was also given to appoint election officials, set rate of pay and number

of clerks for polling place, and designate the early voting ballot board for the May 1, 2021 Friona School Board Election.

Consideration and action on the Agriculture Lease Agreement with Wade Schueler for S/2 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 4 East owned by the City of Friona was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved. The Accounts Payable for February 2021 and the Financial Statement for February 2021 were also approved.

A transfer of \$226,419 from the pool bank account to the Capital Improvement Fund for 2020-21 Budget balance transfers was also approved.

A resolution denying Southwestern Public Service Company's proposed rate increase request related to its Statement of Intent submitted on February 8, 2021 was approved.

Police Chief Isidro Jimenez presented a departmental report and the Friona Police Department's 2020 Racial Profiling Report. Both reports were approved.

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**SPRING FORWARD**

**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14 at 2:00 a.m.**

## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of March 9, 2021



Confirmed Cases  
**831**

Probable Cases  
**341**

Fatalities  
**34**

Active Cases  
**8**

Recoveries  
**1130**



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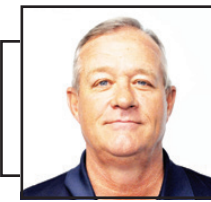
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| Friona Weather<br>March 11-17 | T<br>☀️<br>74   42<br>WSW 15-25 | F<br>☀️<br>72   45<br>SSW 10-20 | S<br>☁️<br>63   34<br>S 20-30 | S<br>☁️<br>57   28<br>W 20-30 | M<br>☀️<br>63   32<br>WNW 10-20 | T<br>☀️<br>60   29<br>WSW 15-25 | W<br>☀️<br>61   27<br>NNW 10-20 | Precipitation<br>March 0.00<br>Year 0.67 | Burn Ban<br><b>Yes</b> |
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**Community Calendar**

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- March 11**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 14**  
• Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 15**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center  
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- March 17**  
• St. Patrick's Day
- March 18**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 22**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 23**  
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- March 25**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center



**Mayor's Minutes** by Ricky White

Governor Abbot issued an Executive Order (GA-34) on March 2, 2021 in Lubbock, lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state 100%. However, businesses are able to limit their capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their discretion. With that said, each of us have control of our own personal safety. COVID-19 has not disappeared, but with vaccines, COVID-19 cases have declined. Currently, Parmer Medical Center has injected approximately 1100, 1st round vaccines and 800, 2nd round vaccines. People can still contract the virus and I want to encourage everyone to continue to follow safe practices learned this past year. Please stay safe.

The City had several water leaks pop after the last cold spell. Anytime the temperature falls below freezing for several days followed by a sudden rise in tem-

perature, there are going to be leaks. There was a major water leak on 10th & Summit following the snow storm and other water leaks at the RV Park, Boys Scout Hut, and around town. The Public Works Department handled all of our leaks quickly and worked hard to prevent any water damage.

The City will partner with the Friona Cemetery Association to pave a parking lot beside the Chapel and pathways inside the cemetery. The work will be performed by Bermea Construction. This will be a great improvement to the cemetery.

During the month of February, the Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to 3 calls as follows: February 4, 2021 - Oven fire at Lowe's grocery store. Eight firemen responded to the call and 2 trucks were sent to the location. February 24, 2021 - Mutual aid on a grass

fire. Nine firemen responded as well as 3 trucks sent to the location. February 26, 2021 - Dumpster Fire. 4 firemen responded to the call and one truck was sent to the location.

Emergency Medical Services had a total of 23 runs in February. Of those dispatched: 12 were results of 911 calls, 6 were no transport 911s, 1 fire standby, and 4 standby/COVID shots.

Friona Public Library was open 16 days in February, with a daily average of 19 in-person patrons and 305 electronic visits. The department also welcomed 4 new patrons and 31 new items added to their wide selection. It was a busy month at the library as 305 items were circulated. With the final stages of the Library Bookshop being worked on, we are excited to see how this extension will help the library reach out to our community.

Your Mayor

**March is Friona Business Month**

*"We recognize these business and also thank our entire business community for helping make Friona a great place to live and work." - Mayor Ricky White*

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- 1 TXism "never \_\_\_\_\_ eyes on it"
- 5 in Tarrant County on highway 199
- 6 burrowing rodent
- 7 West TX climate
- 8 name of several businesses in the Waco-Austin area: "\_\_\_\_-Tex"
- 9 TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can Only See \_\_\_\_\_ You"
- 16 TXism: "useless as a saddle on \_\_\_\_\_"
- 18 TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_\_\_ a cow in Texas"
- 21 Gov. Hogg's daughter (init.)
- 22 golf ball peg (2 wds.)
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Grande
- 24 many Texans have had to \_\_\_\_\_ COVID vaccine
- 30 time off when you are ill (2 wds.)
- 34 not morning (abbr.)
- 35 many Texas cities use the council-manager \_\_\_\_\_ government
- 36 dog's wagger
- 37 this Chiles once owned the Texas Rangers team
- 39 preacher's job (2 wds.)
- 43 workplace outfits
- 44 hit by TX-born Sly Stone: "\_\_\_\_\_ the Music"
- 45 TXism: "up \_\_\_\_\_ snuff"
- 46 these powers fought the Allies in WWII
- 47 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a calf crying for mama"
- 49 TXism: "got as much chance as a \_\_\_\_\_ a packing plant"
- 52 Texas \_\_\_\_\_-Step
- 53 univ. in Lawrence, KS
- 54 TX-born aviator: Wiley \_\_\_\_\_ man Post
- 55 College in Corsicana
- 58 TVs once had these
- 59 he took TX Foreman's title in 1974
- 60 this technical institute had five Texas campuses before it closed
- 61 19th gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Ross

**DOWN**

- 1 Port \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- 2 volcanic islands in the Atlantic
- 3 birth state of noted TX rancher Charles Goodnight
- 4 property document
- 9 TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_\_\_ the bit"
- 10 these look like onions
- 11 fancy word for "celebration"
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ of expertise
- 13 Pecos is the seat of this county
- 14 Groveton H.S. class
- 15 respectful word for a man
- 17 in Gregg County on U.S.80
- 19 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the bud" (stop)
- 20 TXism: "he's a good man (not \_\_\_\_\_ with" (mean)
- 24 in 1901, Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ Lucas helped drill first Spindletop well
- 25 surprise exclamation
- 26 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_\_\_-eyed cow"
- 27 "\_\_\_\_\_ what I said"
- 28 "on a need-\_\_\_\_\_ basis"
- 29 largest federation of unions in U.S.
- 31 TX Bonnie & Clyde always used a getaway \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 Basinger of 1986 "No Mercy" with TX Bruce McGill
- 33 Mexican "Edward"
- 38 "The Chicks" name once had this word
- 40 TXism: "does a fat man sweat?"
- 41 pigpen
- 42 some medicine is considered to be \_\_\_\_\_ forming
- 48 scuttled
- 50 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_\_ on a mule"
- 51 make a mistake
- 56 TXism: "he couldn't drive \_\_\_\_\_ into a snow bank" (inept)
- 57 Chevy hybrids

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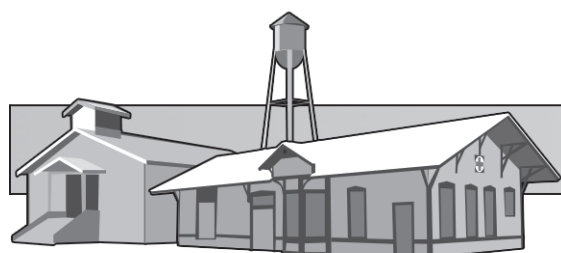
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# TOWN TALK

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St. Teresa's Catholic Church is hosting its Annual Mexican Dinner on Sunday, March 14th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Donations are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. The meal will consist of enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, chips & salsa, dessert, tea, and coffee. Take-out plates will be

available. To order, call Beth Davila at (806) 240-2334 or Santa Avila at (806) 433-8213. Please come and fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal.

★★★  
The Prairie Acres "Resident of Month" for March is Frankie Lindeman. The March "Employee of the Month" is Karina Loera. Karina works in the

nursing department and has worked at Prairie Acres since January of 2019. Congratulations to both!

★★★  
Don't forget to "spring forward" this weekend as we transform into Daylight Saving Time.

★★★  
Hold on to your love handles, March 14th is Pi day. Do you know the difference between pi and pie? Apparently, pi squared and pies be round. Do the math. If you cut a pie in thirds and then eat 3 pieces, how many pieces are left for your friends. If you have no friends, your are in great shape except for the fact that you just ate three pieces of pie.

National Pi Day recognizes the mathematical constant π. Also known as pi, the first

three and most recognized digits are 3.14. Consequently, after eating 3.14 pies you are twice the person you used to be using the formula UR-squared.

Pi is the ratio between the circumference of a circle and its diameter. Pie is the ratio of the pan diameter and the circumference of your waistline. Mathematicians such as Archimedes, Fibonacci, François Viète, Adriaan van Roomen, and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz all calculated pi by various methods.

Betty Crocker calculated pie by using numerous ingredients. My granddad said he only liked two kinds of pie. Hot pie and cold pie.

Don't worry if all this pi/pie talk has you worn out. Monday is National Napping Day. Try the California King.

| National Days                  |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| March 11: Worship of Tools Day | March 14: Pi Day            |
| March 12: Girl Scout Day       | March 15: Napping Day       |
| March 13: K9 Veterans Day      | March 16: Panda Day         |
|                                | March 17: St. Patrick's Day |

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(3/1/21) Juan Melendez, 30, of Dallas was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz, pending County Court

(3/3/21) Matilda Pando, 24, of Hereford was arrested by the Department of Pubic Safety on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz, pending County Court

(3/3/21) Anthony Mendoza, 35, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on Violation of Parole (Possession CS PG1 < 1 g), pending District Court.

(3/4/21) Jose Juarez, 20, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(3/5/21) Jesus Moreno, Jr., 43, of Hobbs, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for a FTA (Evading Arrest w/Vehicle) and Bail Jumping, pending District Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from February 25, 2020 to March 4, 2021

(2/25/21) Donna Beth Strickland — Justin Don Lide — The SW 1/4 of Sec 12 Township 7 S R 2 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County, The NW 1/4 of Sec 12 Township 7 S R 2 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County, A 2.92 Ac tract out of the NW part of Sec 13 Township 7 S R 2 E in Parmer County

(3/1/21) Justin Lide — SD Farms — A 288.73 Ac tract of land out of Sec 12 Township 7 S R 2 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and Vol 137 Pg 296 and Vol 109 Pg 467 in Parmer County

(3/1/21) Christopher Anthony Cortez — Child Support Office — See Doc.

(3/2/21) Bovina Church of Christ — Luke Steelman, Evangelina Casas Steelman — Lots 1, 2, and 3 Blk 44 of the Original Town of Bovina and Vol 2 Pg 69 in Parmer County

(3/2/21) Rickey Rector, Kathryn Rector — Jim Fischbacher — All that certain lot tract of parcel of land lying and being situated in Parmer County A 6.58 Ac tract out of corner of the S/2 of Sec 25 Township 3 S R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and Vol 3 Pg 558

(3/3/21) Jeff Actkinson, Robbi Actkinson — Hadley Bunch, Morgan Bunch — A tract of land out of the W part of L 32 Blk 27 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

## City election is rescinded

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The City Council approved an ordinance which would amend the City of Friona, Texas Code of Ordinances. The amendment sets rules, regulations, and requirements related to the prohibition of parking large vehicles on city streets; provides a penalty for violating such ordinance; and provides an effective date for the ordinance. The Council indicated that there would be a "grace period" involved while implementing the new policies.

The City Manager was authorized to solicit bids for a tract of land in the NW 1/4 Section 1, T3S R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas.

The Council approved a construction project partnership with the Friona Cemetery Association. The Parking Lot Project at the cemetery will be built by Bermea Construction.

All meetings are open to the public. 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.

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



PETITION SIGNED...Parmer County Community hospital board members, Dr. Dale Schueler, standing left, and Wendell Gresham, seated left, watch as longtime Friona resident Eufaula signs a petition to create a hospital district for the local hospital. Also looking on are Alan Monroe, president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and his son Kelby, three. (Friona Star, Saturday, March 9, 1991)

We don't have to be Irish to join... ...in fun and festivities with friends.

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

You won't see me, but I'll be part of all the fun and festivities for St. Patrick's Day. I love the Irish dancers and music of the harpists, bagpipers, fiddlers and drummers. I follow the floats and bands in the parades. I even pop into a few homes to taste the family's special treats and meals like corned beef and cabbage. You can look for me if you want...I'm the knee-high guy wearing green and holding a 4-leaf shamrock. Meanwhile, fill in my puzzle about Ireland and celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

- 12 is a beautiful "Emerald" 9 in the Atlantic Ocean. It is west of England, separated by the Irish Sea.
- The capital and largest city in Ireland is called 15.
- In the mid-1800s, an important crop suffered terrible blight, causing what is now called the "Great 3 Famine."
- To escape 6, about one and a half 13 people left Ireland, sailing in 11 to get to America.
- Most arrived in large cities and took jobs in 7.
- Today in America, the Irish people share their joy of 1 and 2, like the Irish jig, with everyone else on St. Patrick's Day.
- People like to wear something that is 4.
- You might hear a story about how lucky it is to find a four-leaf 5 or to catch a 14.
- Some cities dye a river or the water in a fountain green and people line the streets to watch 10.
- Everyone can enjoy an Irish-American dinner of corned beef and 8.

True or False?

- was brought to Ireland as a slave; he escaped and went back years later to teach about Christianity
- has many Irish boys named after him
- is a symbol of the Irish "spirit"

### Upon Catching a Leprechaun!

Leprechauns are found in Irish 2 and legends. They are wee folk who wear 10 and work hard at making 7. That may be because they love 4. The fiddle and harp are 1 to their ears! They like playing 5. It is said that they store their 9 in a pot at the end of a 3. If a person catches a leprechaun, he or she may have a few 8 granted. If they take their eye off the leprechaun, he will 6.

### Springing Clocks Ahead!

Use the code below to see my timely message!

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### St. Patrick's feat

According to legend, what did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland? Use the color key to find out: G = Green Y = Yellow

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## Puzzle Solution

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# Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

## National Meatball Day

This week is National Meatball Day. Each year it is celebrated on March 9th. I'll be honest. My family does not eat meatballs

very often. It's not because we don't like them, but because they are labor intensive. I just don't love them enough to take the time to

make them. Nonetheless, I have found a couple of recipes I think look good. If you are interested, the website is worth a visit be-

cause the author provides detailed instructions as well as other tidbits of information about making meatballs.

### Meatball Recipe

www.cookingclassy.com

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups (5.2 oz) fresh bread crumbs\*
- 3/4 cup whole milk, then more if needed
- 1 lb. 85% lean ground beef\*\*
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup finely minced yellow onion\*\*\*
- 2 garlic cloves, minced (2 tsp)
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh basil
- 2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 Tbsp finely chopped fresh oregano
- 1 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup olive oil, only if using the fried method

#### Instructions

In a large mixing bowl stir together bread crumbs and milk while adding more milk 1 Tbsp at a time to moisten bread fully. Let rest while you prep ingredients (or at least 5 minutes).

To breadcrumb mixture add beef, pork, eggs, onion, garlic, basil, parsley, oregano, parmesan and season over top of ingredients evenly with salt and pepper (I only use 3/4 tsp salt if I plan on using jar sauce to coat since it can be salty).

Gently toss mixture and break meat up with fingertips until ingredients are evenly mixed.

Shape mixture with greased hands into even size meatballs, about 1 1/4-inches each (or about 38g).

#### Oven Baked Method

Preheat oven to 400 degrees before you begin preparing meatballs.

Spray two dark coated non-stick pans well with non-stick cooking spray (see note 4), or brush with olive oil.

Place formed meatballs on baking sheets, fitting about 20 per each and spacing evenly apart. Bake in upper and lower third of oven 10 minutes.

Remove and turn meatballs if browned already on bottom (use a thin metal spatula to scrape from baking sheet). Transfer pans to opposite racks and bake until cooked through, about 8 - 12 minutes longer (should register 165 degrees in center of meatballs).

Stir into warmed marinara sauce. Simmer on low heat if desired for even more tender meatballs (about 10 - 20 minutes, toss occasionally gently).

#### Pan Fried Stovetop Method

To pan fry meatballs pour 3/4 cup olive oil into a 12-inch non-stick skillet, heat over medium heat.

Cook meatballs in 3 batches (so they aren't overcrowded) until golden brown on bottom, about 4 - 6 minutes. Then turn to opposite side and cook opposite side until golden brown. Transfer to paper towels to drain.

Transfer meatballs to warmed marinara sauce (see note 5) in a large pot,

submerge in sauce. Cover and simmer over low heat until meatballs are 165 degrees in center, gently tossing meatballs occasionally, about 15 - 20 minutes.

#### Notes

1. \*To make fresh bread crumbs tear slices of stale hearty bread into pieces and place in a food processor, pulse mixture to fine crumbs.

2. \*\*You can also use 2/3 lb ground veal, 2/3 lb ground beef, 2/3 lb ground pork.

3. \*\*\*Be sure to chop yellow onion to a fine mince, about the size of the minced garlic otherwise it won't be tender by the time meatballs are done cooking.

4. \*\*\*\*Standard light aluminum baking sheets will work too meatballs just won't brown as much.

5. \*\*\*\*\*For this amount of meatballs you'll need 2 (24 oz) jars tomato basil sauce (such as Rao's) or 1 recipe marinara sauce. Then you'll also need about 16 - 20 oz. spaghetti, cooked to al dente according to package instructions.

6. Nutrition estimate based on using baked method. Fried method will absorb some of the oil so calorie and fat count will increase. Also nutrition does not include pasta or sauce as that will vary based on what is used and how much is used.

### Swedish Meatballs

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#### Ingredients

- 2 oz (about 1 cup) fresh crustless bread crumbs\*
- 1/4 tsp each nutmeg, allspice, cardamom
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 1/2 Tbsp butter, divided
- 2/3 cup finely chopped yellow onion (1/2 medium)
- 1 tsp minced garlic (1 clove)
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 large egg yolks
- 3/4 lb 85% lean ground beef
- 3/4 lb ground pork
- 3 1/2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cups low-sodium beef broth
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh parsley (optional)

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed 18 by 13-inch baking sheet with

aluminum foil, spray with non-stick cooking spray. Add bread crumbs, nutmeg, allspice, cardamom, 1 tsp salt (or to taste), 1/2 tsp pepper to a large mixing bowl. Pour in milk and toss with a fork, let rest while sautéing onions. Melt 1 Tbsp butter in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until softened and slightly golden brown, about 6 minutes, while adding garlic during the last 30 seconds. Add beef and pork to bread crumb mixture along with egg yolks and onion mixture. Gently toss mixture to evenly distribute ingredients. Scoop dough out 1 oz at a time (using either a medium cookie scoop or nearly 2 tsp each) and shape into balls. Transfer to prepared baking sheet spacing evenly apart. Bake in preheated oven until cooked through (center should register 160 degrees on an instant read thermometer), about 18 - 22 minutes.

Meanwhile in same skillet used to sauté onions melt remaining 3 1/2 Tbsp butter over medium-heat. Add flour and cook and whisk until golden brown, about 2 - 3 minutes. While whisking, slowly pour in broth and cream. Add in Worcestershire sauce, season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat whisking constantly. For a thicker consistency simmer over low heat for a few minutes. Add meatballs to warm sauce and toss, sprinkle with parsley. Serve warm with egg noodles or mashed potatoes and lingonberry jam if desired.

#### Notes

\*To make fresh bread crumbs I use day or two old fluffy French bread. Remove crusts, tear bread into pieces then blitz in a food processor until they're fine crumbs.

## Letter to the Editor

My thoughts and thoughts of others on Covid-19.

If we were really in the middle of a devastating pandemic:

- Wouldn't we be seeing thousands of healthy people dropping dead like flies?
- Wouldn't people of all ages and physical condition be equally at risk?
- Wouldn't there be many more obituaries in local newspapers?

- Because of so many dead, would funeral home be overwhelmed? And if so, would there be waiting lines for the dead to be prepared for burial and interred?
- Wouldn't hospitals be obviously overwhelmed, with no online videos of dancing nurses?
- Wouldn't even "essential businesses" be too scared to open?
- Wouldn't we be too scared to go outside even for exercise?

- Wouldn't each of us take the initiative to do more to protect ourselves than just wearing a mask of questionable reliability?

Nobody would question the narrative - it would be obvious for all to see. Watch FreedomPlatform.tv/plandemic on the internet.

Alan Mowery  
Friona

# Happy Birthday Friona Folks

**March 11**  
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Rudy Rios  
Goldie Harrelson  
Adabeth Smith

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Justin Grimsley  
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Amber Drake

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Rainbo Snyder  
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## OPEC forces prices higher

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 7.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.50 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 34.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 41.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.95 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.77 per gallon. The national average is up 29.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"OPEC surprised oil markets last week by extending oil production cuts for another month, ignoring the resurgence in global demand as economies recover from COVID-19. Markets responded by pushing oil prices up some 12%. As a result, motorists should prepare for further gas price increases in the weeks and potentially months ahead, with a \$3 per gallon national average potentially less than a month away," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"At the start of this year, it was somewhat outlandish to predict a \$3 per gallon national average for the summer driving season, but thanks to the speed of recovery from the pandemic pushing demand higher and OPEC's reluctance to raise oil production, we're on the cusp of making that a reality. It's extremely frustrating as a consumer to feel helpless as prices soar and as millions remain unemployed, so the only advice I can offer consumers is prepare for further increases, and to mitigate rising prices, shop around for the low prices every time you need to refuel. I'm hopeful OPEC will see the error in their ways at next month's meeting, but with demand exceeding supply, the longer the imbalance continues, the longer it will take for any rise in oil production to offset it."

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://FuellInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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# Taste of Spring

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

The changing of seasons can be an exciting time. Seeing the Robins begin to reappear and of course for us, wind, wind and more wind. Just seems how seasons have to change in the Texas Panhandle is with wind. However, it is not all bad, as days become longer and warmer, life begins to bud as winter dormancy is over. I am always amazed at this time of year, the prepping of the fields for a summer of growth and a fall of harvest. The displays of nature in thunderstorms and the overall green up that occurs from trees to grass.

For me and I am sure many of you are ready for a new season. Last year took its toll

on our lives in so many ways. There are lots of loved ones no longer with us because of a virus gone crazy. Its time for a new start and that truly is my prayer. Folks have been divided and hurt long enough, a time of healing and renewal is needed.

One thing constant in this season of Spring is a reminder that there can be new life, new beginnings, second chances and hope for a better future. We are still a few weeks away from Easter, but I want to encourage you to begin to think about the significance of an innocent death and an empty tomb. Jesus would return to Jerusalem one last time at Passover

and while there according to the prophets and the gospel retelling, Jesus would be arrested, tried, beaten and hung on a cross for the sins of the world, not His own. Now as we near 2000 years later it is this simple message of Jesus dying for us that we might live that continues to provide light in world of darkness.

So, in this season, let your mind go back to the cross, go back to the empty tomb and then remember because of all of that you can have a future. A future like none other and without end. Enjoy this season, be thankful, mindful and prayerful as you are a day closer to a home with God. Have a blessed week.



**Congratulations to 1984 Friona graduate and Marine, Edward Garcia, for being selected the 2021 Region Assistant Principal of the Year for Region 15. Edward works in the Winters ISD. His parents are Mike and Diane Garcia. Edward's sisters are Jo Ann, Veronica, and Cynthia. Jo Ann lives in Plainview. Mike & Diane, Veronica, and Cynthia live in San Angelo.**

# Praying Out Loud

By Teena Hughs

I continue to study the book of John in Community Bible Study. It has been an awesome study!

In my Bible, the notation before John 17 is, "The Prayer of Jesus". In this prayer, Jesus prayed for three different things: the relationship between the Father and the Son; for his closest friends, the disciples that had followed Him from the beginning of His ministry; and, He "prayed for everyone who would follow Him as a result of the disciples' faithful witness", meaning He was even praying for you and me!

Question 6 of our Bible study notes that, "For John to have recorded this prayer, Jesus must have prayed it out loud." In her lecture, our teaching director talked about Jesus praying aloud, and she encouraged us to try praying out loud.

I am here by myself with two cats, so I decided to accept her challenge. I prayed my usual prayer requests, but I was surprised at the difference between praying out loud and silently.

First of all, I was so much more focused on what I was saying, and I didn't take rabbit trails to other things. In my silent prayer time, when I would drift into other things on my mind, I would have to make myself get back to praying about what I originally started praying for. Losing focus cost me a lot of time.

I was also surprised at the tone of my voice. Our teaching director encouraged us to be bold in talking to God, and it was much easier than I thought it would be to just say how I feel about some things when I spoke them aloud. Praying aloud about the things that make me angry, or things where I think there is injustice, reflected in the tone of my voice.

The most surprising thing about praying aloud is how much more emotional it was. When I was praying for my sick, hurting friends and relatives, I just started crying. I have cried during silent prayer time, but not like I did when I prayed aloud.

I have prayed silently a

couple of times since my teaching director's challenge, but I do prefer praying aloud. Like my teaching director, I encourage you to try praying out loud and see what happens. You may not see any benefits to it, but like me, it may change your prayer life in some way. Take care and however you pray, enjoy your time with God. It is time well spent!

# Subversive Authority

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

It is the makings of a movie. A discontent group works for years on end to destabilize the country and seize control for themselves. Their ideology and practice are a direct opposite of the powers in control and they are willing to use any means necessary to seize control for themselves. Although they appear to be on the brink of achieving their goal

through their wicked ways, they can never quite gain power, and in the end they are squashed and left in ruin.

Such a subversive attempt is fitting for a movie plot, but there is a very real subversive authority in the world today. This subversive authority is allowed by God for a time, and is hard at work to undermine and

dethrone God's authority, work, words and ways. This subversive authority is not anything new, but if you are not aware of satan's strategies and power you will be left in ruin or even become one in his ranks. His power is not equal to God's, but his ways are far beyond human strength, which is why Ephesians 6:12 says "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." These forces are unseen, but felt on countless levels, as they bring darkness and wickedness in societies and individuals leaving them in disaster.

Although Satan's power is real and powerful, Christ is greater, and only by standing in the Lord can one experience victory. Satan's subversive authority is limited in time and reach, because he will one day be vanquished forever, but until that time, may you be strong in the Lord!

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# Sports



Four members of the FHS Boys Powerlifting are advancing to Regionals. (l-r) Mario Bautista, Michael Bautista, Jake Padilla, and Giovanni Ponce will compete in the Regional Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, March 13 in Sundown. Also, Magdalena Licerio will compete in the Girls State Powerlifting Meet next week in Corpus Christi. Go Big Red!



Congratulations to these FHS students who made All Region Band. They are (l-r): Audry Trevino on flute, Jackie Reyes on flute (area qualifier), Ramon Ortiz on trumpet, Reagan Daniels on percussion, Dani Rodriguez on clarinet, and Valeria Corallez on clarinet.

## Track & Field Meet Results Fritch, Texas - March 5, 2021

| Varsity Boys  | Varsity Girls   |
|---|---|
| <b>100 Meters</b><br>2. Abisai Torres ..... 11.34   | <b>100 Meters</b><br>Lylianna Martinez ..... 3rd                                    |
| <b>400 Meters</b><br>1. Alan Martinez ..... 54.26<br>4. Tony Rodriguez ..... 57.29                                      | <b>200 Meters</b><br>Lylianna Martinez ..... 4th                                    |
| <b>800 Meters</b><br>1. Adrian Legarreta ... 2:14.7<br>6. Tony Rodriguez ..... 2:30.0                                   | <b>400 Meters</b><br>Lylianna Martinez ..... 2nd<br>Makayla Ramos ..... 4th         |
| <b>1600 Meters</b><br>2. Adrian Legerreta ... 5:05.8<br>4. Michael Bautista ... 5:37.6<br>6. Gabriel Perez ..... 5:40.9 | <b>800 Meters</b><br>Yvonne Legaretta ..... 1st                                     |
| <b>3200 Meters</b><br>2. Adrian Legerreta .10:57.6<br>4. Dieter Ally ..... 12:04.5<br>5. Michael Bautista .12:07.4      | <b>1600 Meters</b><br>Yvonne Legarreta ..... 1st<br>Makayla Ramos ..... 5th         |
| <b>4 x 100m Relay</b><br>2. Friona ..... 46.06  | <b>3200 Meters</b><br>Yvonne Legaretta ..... 1st<br>Adamaris Rivas ..... 3rd        |
| Abisai Torres<br>Angel Carranza<br>Marc Mendoza<br>Jacob Bautista   | <b>100m Hurdles</b><br>Jaquelyn Falcon ..... 5th                                    |
| <b>4 x 200m Relay</b><br>1. Friona ..... 1:35.6   | <b>300m Hurdles</b><br>Jaquelyn Falcon ..... 6th                                    |
| Abisai Torres<br>Marc Mendoza<br>Angel Carranza<br>Jacob Bautista   | <b>4 x 100m Relay</b><br>Friona ..... 1st<br>Rebecca Schlenker<br>Destini Fernandez |
| <b>4 x 400m Relay</b><br>1. Friona ..... 3:39.6   | Noelia Bautista<br>Anahi Gonzalez   |
| Tony Rodriguez<br>Aaron Salinas<br>Alan Martinez<br>Marc Mendoza  | <b>4 x 200m Relay</b><br>Friona ..... 1st<br>Rebecca Schlenker<br>Destini Fernandez |
| <b>Pole Vault</b><br>2. Angel Carranza ..... 10'<br>5. Mario Bautista ..... 8'  | Noelia Bautista<br>Anahi Gonzalez   |
| <b>Long Jump</b><br>5. Abisai Torres ..... 17" 1/4"   | <b>4 x 400m Relay</b><br>Friona ..... 1st<br>Rebecca Schlenker<br>Destini Fernandez |
| <b>Shot Put</b><br>2. Jake Padilla ..... 38' 3.5"<br>6. Andrew Husted ..... 37' 4"                                      | Noelia Bautista<br>Anahi Gonzalez   |
| <b>Team Results</b><br>1. Friona Varsity Boys... 133  | <b>Long Jump</b><br>Rebecca Schlenker ..... 6th                                     |
|   | <b>Triple Jump</b><br>Rebecca Schlenker ..... 2nd                                   |
|   | <b>Team Results</b><br>Friona Varsity Girls ..... 2nd                               |

## EG Photography



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**THANK YOU...** The Senior Class of 2021 would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the Steak Dinner last Sunday. The proceeds will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration Party. Approximately 1,268 steaks were sold and since seating was limited in the Junior High Cafeteria because of Covid-19, the vast majority of the steak lovers picked up their meals via drive-by curbside delivery as shown in the photo.

## FHS Class of 1970 announces reunion

Date: April 16-17, 2021  
Main Day: April 17th

The Friona High School Class of 1970 announced this week that they are holding their "50-year Reunion" on April 16-17, 2021. Like everything else, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the class to postpone the celebration last year.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 16th at the Holiday Inn South in Lubbock. Rooms have been reserved for reunion attendees. The deadline to

get the \$105.00 rate is Tuesday, March 16th. Casual visiting is suggested for that evening in the open areas of the hotel.

On Saturday, April 17th, all events will take place at the Reese Event Center. Breakfast will be available with breakfast, snacks, and visiting throughout the day. At 5:00 p.m., a catered meal will be served.

Information and registration forms are on Friona Class of 1970 Facebook page or you can contact Kay Rogers, Roxanne Hurst, or Danny Kendrick

to have the forms texted, e-mailed, or mailed.

Local contacts are Danny Kendrick, Chief Buchanan, Larry Rector, Floyd Schlenker, and Ted Procter. They are on the committee and are ready to assist.

All classmates are asked to text name, address, phone number, & e-mail to Roxanne Hurst @ 806-265-7106 for future reference. Please indicate if you are planning to attend the reunion.

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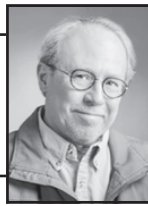
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# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## Mask mandate ends March 10; many entities to continue requiring them

While Gov. Gregg Abbott has lifted the statewide mandate to wear a mask in public and allowed all businesses to operate at full capacity, many businesses, schools and other entities say they will continue to require that masks be worn. Abbott issued the order last week, effective March 10.

"With the medical advancements of vaccines and antibody therapeutic drugs, Texas now has the tools to protect Texans from the virus," Abbott said. "We must now do more to restore livelihoods and normalcy for Texans by opening Texas 100 percent." He urged Texans to take responsibility for themselves when it comes to wearing masks and following other health safety practices.

Political leaders in several of the state's largest cities criticized the decision. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner tweeted, asking (and answering for himself) whether Abbott's move was "an attempt to deflect from the winter storm systemwide state leadership failure. Yes." San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg urged residents to join him in continuing to wear a mask, a sentiment echoed by Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

Meanwhile, the Texas Education Agency revised its health guidance policies, saying that "local school boards have full authority to determine their local mask policy." Many of the state's college campuses announced they would continue to require that masks be worn, including The University of Texas, the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech, Southern Methodist University and others.

Several large retailers announced they would continue to require customers to wear masks, including Walmart, Target, Costco and Whole Foods. Grocery retailer H-E-B will "strongly encourage" they be worn, according to a company statement, and employees will continue to wear masks. HEB president Scott McClelland told the Houston Chronicle that antagonistic customers have caused nearly 2,000 in-store incidents regarding masks at Houston stores alone. He said customers not wearing a mask would be asked to do so, and an employee would offer them a mask if they didn't have one. Store employees will not escalate the situation if a customer refuses, he said.

In the wake of Abbott's announcement, the Texas Supreme Court removed requirements that most court proceedings in the state be held remotely and gave judges the authority to require masks and social distancing. It encouraged judges to hold trials remotely. Three justices dissented.

## Texas getting more than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses this week

More than 1 million COVID-19 vaccine doses are shipping this week to providers across the state, a significant increase from previous weeks. That's largely due to nearly a quarter-million doses of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine coming to Texas. The single-dose vaccine began shipping last week. As of Sunday, more than 4.2 million Texans had received at least one dose and 2.319 million were fully vaccinated. That means about 22 percent of the state's population has gotten at least one dose. Teachers and school staff have been added to the list of those

eligible for one of the three vaccines being offered.

## COVID-19 cases drop, but deaths increase in past week

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas in the past week dropped to 43,328, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine. That's down 22 percent from the previous week and down nearly 73 percent from the record high of 158,922 recorded the week of Jan. 10. However, recorded deaths in Texas rose to 1,730, up 17 percent from the previous week. Hospitalizations for lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients totaled 4,921, down from the record high of more than 14,000 during the week of Jan. 11.

## More heads roll in wake of widespread blackouts during winter storm

As state and federal investigations continue into the massive blackouts during the Valentine's Day winter storm, leaders of both the Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas left their positions. DeAnn Walker, chairman of the PUC, resigned on March 1 and was replaced by fellow PUC member Arthur D'Andrea. Abbott will appoint someone to fill D'Andrea's position. ERCOT's CEO Bill Magness was fired a few days later by his board, which has lost nearly half its members to resignations. Magness, whose annual salary was at least \$800,000, soon said he would not seek or accept severance pay, which would have been equivalent to a year's pay, according to the Texas Tribune.

## School districts not penalized for high absences, remote learning

The Texas Education Agency announced last week that it will "hold harmless" school districts that have seen attendance declines because of the pandemic, as long as they at least maintain current levels of in-school learning. Districts will be funded on attendance projections made before the pandemic, allowing them to retain teachers who might have faced layoffs because of lower enrollment. The state's top leaders announced their support for the hold-harmless provision in a March 4 press release.

## Teens urged to buckle up

Car wrecks are the leading cause of death among teenagers, and 41% of Texas teen drivers killed in 2019 weren't wearing a seat belt. That's why the Texas Department of Transportation is conducting a "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign in March. TxDOT is sending out safety messages via social media, TV, radio and digital media.

"Due to their limited driving experience, teens are far more susceptible to being in a crash," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Far too many of these crashes are deadly because of the failure to buckle up. Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Click it and be safe."

*Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.*

# School Board appoints election officers

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Frona ISD was held on Monday, March 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Fisd Administration Building located at 909 E. 11th Street in Frona, Texas.

The current Fisd Covid-19 Mask Policies will remain in effect until further notice.

The Fisd Board of Trustees approved the following for the May 1st General Election. The Early Voting location will be at the Fisd Administration Building at 909 E. 11th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on April 19-23. Early voting on April 26-27

will run from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. each day.

The Election Day polling location is the Frona City Council Board Room at 619 Main Street from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Rosa Mendez will be the Elections Administrator. Claudia Castillo will serve as the Early Voting Clerk and Lee Davila will be the Deputy Clerk. Wendy Samarron is the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Pam Mercado is the Alternate Judge.

Wendy Samarron will also serve as the Central County Station Manager and Tabulations Supervisor, and the

Central County Judge. She will also serve as Election Judge on Election Day and Pam Mercado will be the Alternate Election Day Judge.

In other business, the consent agenda was approved. It included the Minutes of previous meeting, fund reports, maintenance reports, account reports, and the payment of monthly bills.

This is only a brief summary of the meeting. Any questions should be directed to the Fisd Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting can be found at frionaids.com and by clicking on the Boardbook link.

# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Norman Joe Mayes, Sr.

My daughters' grandfather passed away last week. It was not a virus that got the best of him but the fact that he had used his nine lives. Catlike he was in that department, having overcome numerous health concerns in his 86 years. When a person is as cantankerous as Norman was, coupled with a mischievous streak and sharp mind, well, there is a good possibility that he can outfox nature for some bonus years. Those bonus years gave him some additional yard time as well as welcome phone calls and visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Norman also had more time to share, upon request, his financial, political, and gardening acumen.

Norman was my father-in-law for sixteen years. Before that, during the dating years with his second-born son, Stormin' Norman and I enjoyed the back-and-forth banter that was his trademark. He brought the jokes, the teasing, and the occasional harassment of my New York Yankees. I gave it right back, and that's when he knew we had secured a healthy respect for each other. It was I who called him on many occasions "you old goat." That moniker was spoken so often in front of his first granddaughter, my Julie, that she began to call



him Papa Goat. When he was buried this week, my other daughter Emily had a custom-made t-shirt made just for the graveside service—and her grandfather would have given his hearty laugh of approval.

My first crappie fishing experience was with Norman and his wife Patsy. They gave me a choice of fishing in waders with a cork or a jig, and I went with a cork. I got so tickled every time that sucker bobbed down and I pulled one up. Norman gently reminded me not to be

too loud on a lake because someone might come and find our special place, one of many lessons he taught me. When the family had the old lake house in Stamford with a crappie hole on the pier, I could get excited, especially when I pulled out a five-pound bass one time using a sinker/cork/minnow. Norman and I both laughed a lot that time.

He loved my girls fiercely but quietly, never a showman or one who sought attention. When they were little, he made sure they learned how to eat barbecued ribs. I think he thought they were good teething utensils. As the girls grew older, he mentored Julie about investing, sent her okra and his prized tomatoes from his garden, and shared favorite recipes. Emily made sure to take both of her newborns to see her grandparents for those treasured generational photos. When Papa Goat turned 80, Emily had her first graders cut out and color 80 paper goats. The large poster birthday card generated a proud smile and a classic Norman laugh of appreciation. He kept any card they ever sent to him, as Emily discovered this week going through some of the special shoe boxes he had labeled—Norman was also organized.

When the girls' dad remarried, I changed my name back to my maiden name Sullivan in respect of that. But, I told my students I still wanted to be called "Mrs. Mayes." That's how I started and wanted to end my teaching career. It was important to me to honor the name that came from Norman and passed along to me through marriage—I wanted to make him proud and hope that I did. By virtue of my daughters, I have maintained that connection, and both Norman and Pat welcomed me at any time, unannounced.

Of course, GOAT is also the acronym for Greatest of All Time. The Norman I knew and loved would agree totally that this was indeed perfect for him. Rest in peace, you old goat.

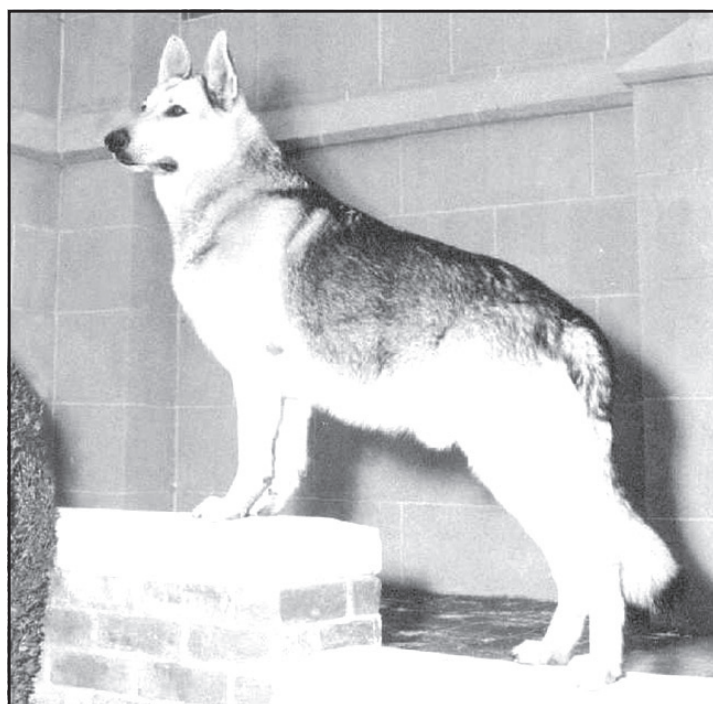
# Gone to the dogs

by John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The first Rin Tin Tin to become a movie star was brought home by an American GI from World War I. Apparently, it was the pup of a German "War Dog" that got cast in a 1922 silent movie, *The Man from Hell's River* --the first of twenty-seven "Rin Tin Tin" films.

Both sides in the conflict used War Dogs, mainly to carry messages. But it wasn't until March 13, 1942 that the first official K-9 Corps was established by the U.S. Army's Quartermaster Corps to train dogs for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

According to History.com "The K-9 Corps initially accepted over 30 breeds of dogs, but the list was soon narrowed to seven: German Shepherds, Belgian sheepdogs, Doberman Pinschers, collies, Siberian Huskies, Malamutes and Eskimo dogs. Members of the K-9 Corps were trained 8 to 12 weeks; then, they were put through one of four specialized programs to prepare them for work as sentry



Rin-Tin-Tin

dogs, scout or patrol dogs, messenger dogs or mine-detection dogs. In active combat duty, scout dogs proved especially essential by alerting patrols to the approach of the enemy and preventing surprise attacks."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **No Better Friend: Young Read-**

**ers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II** by Robert Weintraub.

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## Obituaries



### Jason Lee Vaughn

Graveside services for Jason Vaughn, 50 of Allen, Texas will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Friona Cemetery with Pastor Randa Reeves of the Union Congregational Church officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Directors of Hereford. Mr. Vaughn passed away February 24, 2021 in Allen.



Jason Lee Vaughn was born August 8, 1970 in Friona, Texas. He attended school in Friona, and graduated Friona High School in 1988. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Gulf War. He met the love of his life Midori and he

and Midori married in January 1994, in Ssaabo, Japan.

The legacy he leaves are his wife, Midori, of Allen; one son Duran, of Allen; his parents Glenn and Carolin Reeve, of Friona; three sis-

ters Denette Vaughn, Glenda Richards, and Janna Preston, all of Lubbock; three nieces Valerie Lopez, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Allison Fluck of Rockwall, Texas; and Melissa Francis of Lubbock; one Nephew Cody Ruth, of Lubbock, and six great-nephews and one great-niece.

The family suggest that memorials in Mr. Vaughn's name be made to a Charity of choice.



## State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.5 billion in February

With an additional \$167 Million from March 1 activity

The majority of February sales tax revenue is based on sales made in January and remitted to the agency in February. For this period, however, the Feb. 22 due date for state taxes and fees to be reported and paid was extended by one week, due to effects of the winter storm, to March 1.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.51 billion in February, 13.3 percent less than in February 2020; however, after adjusting the February totals to account for March 1 activity, February sales tax revenue totaled \$2.68 billion, down 7.5 percent from February 2020.

"The pattern in sales tax collections we've seen for the past several months continued, with receipts from the retail trade sector showing gains over the prior year while receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors show deep declines," Hegar said. "Receipts from the service sector, as well as from restaurants and bars, also remain down significantly as many of these businesses had occupancy restrictions or were required to be shuttered during the COVID-19

pandemic.

"Sales tax collections from the mining, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade and equipment leasing sectors continue to be depressed. Much of the sales in these sectors are tied to oil and gas drilling activity, which has picked up some since the downturn last spring but remains well below what it was a year ago.

"Receipts from online, sporting goods, furniture and home improvement retailers continue to be elevated, a trend apparent since the start of the pandemic as Texans spend more time at home."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2021, after adjusting for March 1 activity, was down 4.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in February 2021.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, some of which

also were affected by the extension of the Feb. 22 deadline: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$370 million, down 13.8 percent from February 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$371 million, down 13.6 percent from February 2020; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$286 million, down 5.2 percent from February 2020; (3) oil production tax — \$291 million, down 21.8 percent from February 2020; (4) natural gas production tax — \$113 million, down 17.1 percent from February 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$114 million, down 15.7 percent from February 2020; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$25 million, down 51.4 percent from February 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$27 million, down 46.3 percent from February 2020; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$70 million, down 36.5 percent from February 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$84 million, down 24.2 percent from February 2020.

## Project to rebuild US 70 intersection begins next week

US 70/84, FM 145 intersection in Parmer County to be realigned

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is ready to begin work on a \$3.2 million project to realign the FM 145, US 70/84 intersection in Parmer County. Project contractor Gilvin-Terrill, LTD, of Amarillo, is scheduled to start work on Monday, March 8.

"We're realigning, or moving, FM 145 to connect with US 70/84 at a new location that makes more sense and improves safety," said Steve Perez, P.E., TxDOT Littlefield area engineer. "Currently, all FM 145 traffic is

detoured around a closed Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) underpass. The new FM 145 route will shift the roadway about half a mile east and create a new at-grade railroad crossing and connection with US 70/84."

The new intersection location will require improvements to be made to US 70, including rebuilding and resurfacing the roadway, adding accel and decel lanes, and new pavement striping. Drivers should anticipate speed limits to be reduced

through the active work zone, lane closures along US 70, and FM 145 to be closed.

"At some point during construction, FM 145 traffic will be closed and traffic detoured at FM 1731 to connect with US 70. FM 145 is expected to be closed for about five months before reopening at the new location," Perez said. "The existing FM 145 segment, westward to the railroad bridge, will be permanently removed."

The project is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

## DSEC scholarships available

Application deadline is March 15th

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award several \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members, living in the same household, and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. Since the program began back in 1998, DSEC has awarded \$420,000 in scholarships to members across the cooperative's system.

Applicants may be either traditional high school grad-

uates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from three different sources. Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include a written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be

obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford, or on the web site www.deafsmith.coop.

Applications must be received at P.O. Box 753, Hereford, TX 79045, or the offices of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, no later than March 15, 2021.

Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL OR EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the sale or exchange of certain city property ("Property") described as THE SURFACE ONLY of:

A tract of land in the NW ¼ section 1, T3S R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas and said tract being described as follows: BEGINNING at a point from which the NW corner of said section bears N 89° 46' 47" W 624.71 feet and N 01° 06' 38" E 2174.16 feet; THENCE S 89° 46' 47" E a distance of 851.36 feet; THENCE S 01° 34' 16" W along a fence being the west line of the Raymond Hamilton tract described in Volume 214 Page 374 of the Parmer County Deed Records, a distance of 150.0 feet; THENCE N 89° 46' 47" W along the north line of the Bobby Tyler tract, a distance of 850.15 feet; THENCE N 01° 06' 38" E a distance of 150.0 feet to the point and place of beginning. Said tract contains 2.93 acres of land more or less.

The City will consider cash offers, exchange of existing land and buildings, or some combination thereof. The City will be the sole arbiter of what offer, if any, constitutes the best value for the City.

The City is seeking a combination of the best purchase price or exchange value for the Property as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021, at City Hall located at 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud on April 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest, best or most acceptable bid or bids will be presented to the City Council for review and possible approval at a meeting on April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Bid security in the amount of five percent of any cash bid amount submitted is required. Bidders must also submit with their bid evidence that they have legal title to any property offered in exchange for the Property or sufficient funds, or access to funds, to pay the entire purchase price within five business days of the City accepting the bid.

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

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE CITY FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY AND ANY OF ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.**

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked "City of Friona Real Property Bid" in the lower left-hand corner and must be received before the above stated time. To be valid, the bid must be manually signed in ink by an authorized person. By such signature, the bidder agrees to strictly abide by the terms, conditions, specifications contemplated in this invitation for bids. Failure to comply with any bid requirement will result in the bid being considered void by the City.

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initialed by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

The City reserves the rights to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS  
By: Leander Davila  
City Manager

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## Drinking Green Beer? Use a Designated Driver!

St. Patrick's Day celebrations in America date back to the country's founding. With large parties discouraged this year due to COVID-19, 2021 celebrations may look a little different across the country. However, one aspect of St. Patrick's Day celebrations will remain: alcohol consumption—which is why it is important to remember: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.

It is imperative to plan ahead for a sober designated driver if consuming alcoholic beverages. To help keep local communities safe, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many.

"We understand people are looking for a reason to celebrate, and we want our community members to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day, but we also want to impress upon everyone the importance of safe driving," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Parmer County "If you've been drinking, make the right choice to find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving."

According to NHTSA, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2019. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each

year from 2015 to 2019—one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes in 2019. This is why AgriLife Extension is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, but also a matter of life and death.

During the 2019 St. Patrick's Day weekend alone (6 p.m., March 16, to 5:59 a.m., March 18), more than 3 out of 5 (63 percent) crash fatalities involved a drunk driver. In fact, from 2015 to 2019, a total of 280 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes during the St. Patrick's Day period. Drivers should also keep an eye out for pedestrians who have had too much to drink. Walking while intoxicated can also be deadly, as lack of attention to their surroundings could put pedestrians at risk of getting hit by a vehicle.

"Drunk drivers are a continuing problem on our nation's roads, especially around holidays like St. Patrick's Day," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Parmer County. "People need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely by ensuring they have a sober driver take them home. Don't be the reason someone—including yourself—doesn't get home. Don't let St. Patrick's Day become an anniversary of a tragic night."

If functioning as the designated driver, make sure to keep that promise of safety to oneself and all passengers. It can be a long night, but people are counting on the designated driver, not

to mention the other drivers, passengers, and pedestrians on the roadways. Take the role of designated driver seriously—people are relying on it.

### Party with a Plan

Before ever heading out, it is vital to plan ahead. Be honest about drinking: Know whether alcohol will be consumed or not. Follow these ideas to ensure that all partygoers stay safe:

- Remember: It is never OK to drink and drive. Even after only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- If available, use the community's sober ride program.
- If a suspected drunk driver is spotted on the road, contact local law enforcement.
- Have a friend who has been drinking and is about to drive? Take their keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

For more information, contact: Bobbi Brooks, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, Watch UR BAC program, by phone: 979.321.5224; or email: Bobbi.Brooks@ag.tamu.edu. Website: https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

# What La Niña means for Texas' winter fire season

Weather pattern indicates 'high impact fire events' likely

By Kerry Halladay

Texas' winter/spring wildfire season is about to begin. Fire experts predict it could be a particularly active season because of La Niña this year. The weather pattern often brings drier, warmer weather and strong winds: the perfect recipe for fire.

"Mid-February through mid-April is the peak of winter/spring fire season," said Brad Smith, the predictive services department head at Texas A&M Forest Service, a division of Texas A&M AgriLife.

"Coincidentally, that lines up with when La Niña presents itself."

La Niña refers to a cyclical weather pattern characterized by drier, warmer conditions. Meteorologists at the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center, CPC, issued a La Niña advisory in November 2020. This means the conditions were present at the time. CPC later extended the advisory in February, with predictions the condition will last through April or May.

Despite the historic freeze and snow from Winter Storm Uri in February, Smith said La Niña is still in play. That means the fire season concerns still exist.

"The precipitation was beneficial and has delayed the start of the fire season, but it was not enough to prevent it," Smith said. "Despite the February precipitation, the drought monitor still shows 75% of the state at some level of drought or abnormally dry."

## Winter fire season in Texas

"I sometimes call it the dormant season," Smith said. "We have the cold winter weather that freezes and kills our grasses or sends them into dormancy."

Winter winds dry already dead or dormant grasses even more, turning them into excellent fuel for wildfires. They also help spread fires once they start.

La Niña takes those conditions and makes them worse. Where Texas winters are normally dry, La Niña brings even less precipitation and warmer temperatures.

Historically, La Niña years have seen more, bigger fires that burn more acres. For example, over 5.7 million acres have burned in Texas since 2005 during the winter/spring seasons in La Niña years. This compares to 280,511 acres burned during non-La Niña years. Texas A&M Forest Service fire experts attribute this to the extended drying and the strength of the weather during La Niña years.

## Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreaks

According to Smith, La Niña conditions increase the risk for "high impact fire weather events." Key among these are Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreaks, SPWOs. Smith described these as situations with strong winds and "a lot of great ingredients for large fires that are very difficult to control."

He cited records showing that SPWOs account for only 3% of the reported winter/spring wildfires, but 49% of the acres burned.

"These SPWOs over the past 15 years have been the biggest threat to property and public safety," said Smith. "Because of our experience over the past years with La Niña winter fire seasons, we expect large fires. I think there's a good chance we will see one, if not more, SPWOs this season as well."

## Soil moisture and the end of winter fire season

"Our winter/spring fire season will end when the grass turns green," said Smith. "When we get warm enough temperatures, and enough precipitation and soil moisture, the grasses will green."

That usually happens in May in the High Plains of Texas, an area that is particularly susceptible to winter/spring fires, under neutral conditions. But La Niña conditions are not neutral. The combination of less precipitation and higher temperatures means soil moisture levels are typically lower for longer during La Niña years. This is the case currently.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, soil moisture is currently low-

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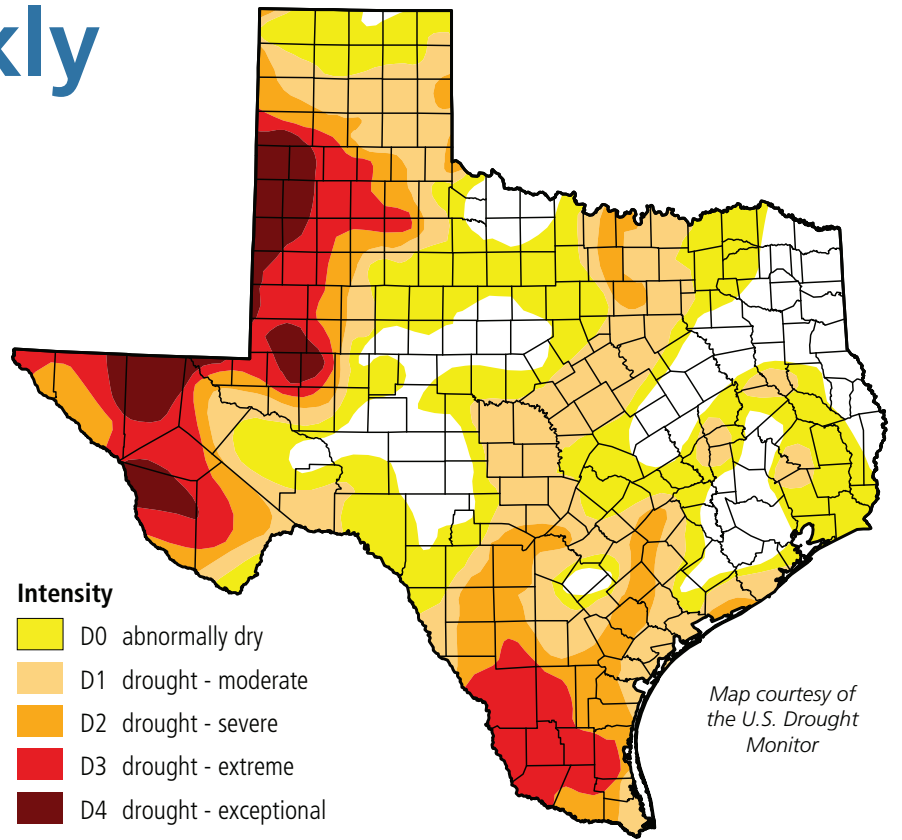
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### Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of March 2 shows continued expansion of drought conditions. Since early February, drought has expanded 9 percentage points. With little precipitation forecast for the next week, we can expect additional drought expansion on next week's map.

### Drought conditions

- ◆ 54% now
- ◆ 51% a week ago
- ◆ 79% three months ago
- ◆ 21% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

er than average for the state. That condition is expected to persist through the end of April at least. Similarly, the CPC projects Texas has a strong to moderate likelihood of seeing above-normal temperatures and a mod-

erate likelihood of seeing below normal precipitation rates in the next three months under La Niña.

"We still have a lot of time to dry out and incur some of these large wildfires," Smith said.

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dinator for the Texas Water Resources Institute, the Natural Resources Institute, the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture and the Institute for Infectious Animal Diseases at Texas A&M AgriLife.



A motorist from Kansas was passing through town on Highway 60 Monday morning when his pickup started smoking. He turned south onto Main Street and pulled to the curb in front of the Fitness Center. He managed to get out of the vehicle before it caught on fire. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene and put out the blaze. There were no injuries reported.



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