

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday at the new Library Book Shop adjacent to the southwest side of the Friona Public Library. In attendance at the event were: (l-r) Greg Lewellen, Mayor Ricky White, Lee Davila, Anahi Gomez, Tonia Abarca, Connie Slagle, Jeri Lynn White, Mary Stone, Katie Gilley, Esmeralda Mills, Patsy Vazquez, and Becky Upton.



Spring has arrived. This red bud tree across the street from Heritage Estates shows its colors despite the great Texas freeze-out and the ongoing drought.

Friona Playa Field Day is April 20th

Presentations will cover restoration and recharge efforts

A new season of presentations and training on the vital nature of the playas of the Southern High Plains gets underway on Tuesday, April 20th as Ogallala Commons hosts a Playa Field Day at Friona, in Parmer County, where playa restoration efforts have been underway.

The field day will cover general information about playa ecosystems as well as the restoration program known as the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative (TxPCI) involving a coalition of groups including Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas by Nature, Ogallala Commons, Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, and the Playa Lakes Joint Venture.

The goal of the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative is to create an abundance of healthy playa wetlands across the Texas Panhandle in order to benefit current and future residents and concerns reliant on the Ogallala Aquifer.

Efforts also support resident and migrating wildlife dependent on playa wetland habitat and the surrounding upland grasslands that encompass fully functioning playas. Work includes educating locals about playas and their link to a healthy ecosystem and to the sustainability and integrity of the Ogallala Aquifer. Currently, TxPCI is completing projects with private landowners to restore, conserve, and protect as many fully functioning playas as possible to help sustain residents and wildlife in the High Plains of Texas.

Presenters in Friona will include officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Pheasants Forever, and a contractor transferring conservation plans to work on the ground.

The field day is open to farmers, ranchers, agency



TO ADDRESS INITIATIVE — The opening presentation of the Playa Field Day event will be an overview of the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative by Dr. Rachel Fern, Statewide Wetland Program Leader, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. She joined TPWD last November and is responsible for administration of a wide range of wetland habitat projects benefiting migratory birds.

personnel, educators, and the interested public. It will be held at St. Teresa's Parish Hall located at 401 W. 17th Street on the north side of Friona, just east of Highway 214. The event will run from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. with doors opening at 9 a.m. for registration. Prior to lunch participants will take a tour of a playa restored through TxPCI in the Friona vicinity.

Registration for the Friona Field Day is \$15 per person, which covers the cost of lunch, drinks, and snacks.
To register, email or call Darryl Birkenfeld, Ogallala Commons Director (darryl@ogallalacommons.org or by phone at 806-945-2255).

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life Department. She joined TPWD last November as the new Statewide Wetland Program Leader and is responsible for administration of a wide range of wetland habitat projects benefiting migratory birds. In her own words, she "recognizes the centrality and importance of healthy wetland systems to migratory game bird populations."

Jordan Menge, Range and Wildlife Coordinator, Pheasants Forever, will also comment from the perspective of a biologist.

After a short break, Terry Boedeker, owner of Boedeker, Inc. Memphis, Texas, will talk on work he has done in playas. As the contractor who has carried out the pit reclamation work on all the playa restorations in the Panhandle, he will focus on considerations for landowners before a restoration project.

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Early voting begins Monday

School Board election

The FISD Board of Trustees has three positions open for election this year. The terms of Andy Montana, Jason Rector, and Antonio Rocha are expiring. School board members serve three year terms.

There will be five candidates running for the three positions. Incumbents Andy Montana, Jason Rector, and Antonio Rocha will be joined on the ballot by Kody Kimbrough and Dustin Thompson. The candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order: Antonio Rocha, Jason Rector, Kody Kimbrough, Dustin Thompson, and Andy Mon-

tana.

The Early Voting location will be at the FISD Administration Building at 909 E. 11th. You can vote from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, April 19th through Friday, April 23rd. The final two days of early voting are 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th.

The General Election will be held on Saturday, May 1st. The Election Day polling location is the Friona City Council Board Room at 619 Main Street. Voting takes place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on

that day.

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.

Comptroller distributes \$677m in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$677.3 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 3.5

percent less than in April 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$37,611.66 for April.

This payment is 21.27% higher than the \$31,013.60 received last April. The 2021 year-to-date total of \$179,715.16 is 16.54% higher than last year's total of \$154,206.79 during the same time frame.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of April 13, 2021



Confirmed Cases
897

Probable Cases
363

Fatalities
35

Active Cases
26

Recoveries
1199



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Friona Weather April 15-21	T 56 43 SE 10-20	F 56 30 N 20-30	S 54 28 NNE 10-20	S 60 31 N 10-15	M 67 31 WSW 10-20	T 63 33 NE 10-20	W 69 39 SSE 10-20	Precipitation April 0.00 Year 1.40	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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April 15
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

April 19
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
• Early voting begins for School Board election at FISSD admin building

April 20
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)

April 22
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

April 26
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

April 29
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center



Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

The city will soon solicit bids to remodel the kitchen at the Friona Community Center. This will be a great improvement. This has been discussed for years and we can finally make it happen. Once completed, this will be something that we can all be proud of and will make future events more enjoyable.

The city will make our last bond payment in February of 2022. The payment totals \$240,000. Once paid, this will be a great accomplishment for the city. The city will be debt free once the payment is made.

The city has received a total of \$216,000 in COVID reimbursement money from the Federal Government. We received part of the money in late 2020 and the remainder in early 2021. We have \$180,000 in our Grant Fund account. The city council has approved to spend the money as follows: (1) Police - \$80,000 to be used for portable radios, in-car cameras/computers, desktop

computers and a new server. (2) EMS - \$50,000 to help build a new parking lot, furniture for 4th bedroom, miscellaneous medical equipment. (3) Administration - \$50,000 to be used for office supplies, public works locator, municipal court, and other administrative expenses.

Chief Jimenez and the police department had 163 calls in March. There were 181 stops, 134 warnings, 47 citations, and 8 arrests (2-possession of marijuana, 1-driving with license suspended, 1-driving while intoxicated, 3-warrants, and 1-assault family violence). The officers drove a total of 4,682 miles patrolling and protecting our city.

Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine emergency calls in March. There were five grass fires, one pickup fire, one trailer fire and two car accidents. On each emergency there were a minimum of five firefighters that responded and up to twelve firefighters

responding on two of the emergencies. There were two to four fire trucks taken to each emergency.

Accounts Payable for the month of March totaled \$155,529.24. All bills were paid and the city is in good standing. The bills paid were normal operating expenses. There were no large expenditures.

Emergency Medical Service responded to 27 calls in March. There were sixteen calls for 911, three transfers, six calls ended in a "no transport" and two calls were disregarded.

Friona Public Library was open 22 days in March. There were 430 patron visits and 584 total internet uses. There were 325 items circulated and 129 items added to inventory. I had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Library Bookshop. Thanks to everyone that helped make this happen. This is a great addition to the Library.

Your Mayor

Commissioners extend burn ban

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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 March 22nd meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll report was also approved.

Commissioners discussed

the nomination of Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code. A vote on the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Court also discussed a Tax Abatement Agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. A notice will be placed in the newspapers and the agreement will be up for discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

The Tax Abatement Agreement is on the Agenda for 9:00 a.m. and the Cargill nomination matter is set for 9:30 a.m.

on the morning of Monday, April 26th at the Courthouse in Farwell.

In light of the ongoing severe drought conditions, Commissioners extended the county burn ban for another 90 days.

Approval was given to maintain the current COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy for the 2nd Quarter of 2021.

Seven applications for water lines and PVC pipelines to be installed under County roads were approved. Four were in Precinct 3 and one each for Precincts 1, 2, and 4.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 21 inmates in the

Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. The Sheriff also reported that Bi-Wize Pharmacy of Friona administered ten Covid-19 vaccinations to inmates who had volunteered to receive the shot.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, April 26th.

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

City Council moves forward with grant process

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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. City manager Lee Davila informed the council that work on the inside of the Depot in the park was complete. Johnny Alvarez worked on the ceiling, walls, and front door while Allen Humbert refinished the flooring. Exterior work on the building will begin later in the year.

Minutes of the March 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved. The Accounts Payable for March 2021 and the Financial Statement for March 2021 were also approved. The 2nd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2021) Financial Statement was discussed and approved.

The agricultural lease with Wade Schueler for 2021-22 crop years involving the S/2 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 4 East in Parmer County containing approximately 320 acres owned by the City of Friona was approved.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Friona and the Friona Volunteer Fire Department for a 2019 Brush Truck valued at \$66,546.00 was approved.

The city manager was authorized to solicit bids for a kitchen remodel/replacement project for the Friona Community Center.

The Council authorized the submission of Texas Community Development Program applications for the Community Development Fund (CDF) and the Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP). The CDF is a \$350,000 grant with a 15% match

requirement and would involve a water line extension from Walnut Avenue to the water tower. Also, the water tower would be repainted. The DRP is a grant for lights, benches, sidewalks, and ADA items for Main Street and would also include any demolition.

Consideration and action concerning a bid for a tract of land was tabled until the next meeting.

The vote to approve the annual review of the city's 2021 Investment Policy was tabled until the next meeting.

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ACROSS

- 1 technical college north of Waco (abbr.)
- 5 "Tyler Rose" Campbell
- 6 Superman's vision
- 7 TXism: "strong as battery ____"
- 8 a "top dog" at a car dealership (2 wds.)
- 17 old designation for a confederate ship
- 18 TXism: "____ run a six-legged bobcat" (fast)
- 21 TX soldier/actor Audie (init.)
- 22 TXism: "____-loop man" (good roper)
- 23 TX Pride's "Never ____ Loved"
- 24 horse pace
- 29 Lady ____ Johnson
- 30 famed late Austin bootmaker Charlie
- 31 TXism: "____ tight he squeaks when he walks" (miser)
- 32 TXism: "bean counter"
- 34 flowerless plant
- 35 horse doc
- 36 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The World of Henry ____"
- 37 drying oven for TX Acme Brick
- 38 a baseball team
- 39 TX Buck Owens tune: "____ Live Here"
- 41 former Aikman back-up Bernie
- 42 TXism: "body shops
- 43 reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony
- 44 TXism: "strike while the iron ____"
- 45 ____ Chico
- 46 TX jobs agency (abbr.)
- 47 State Farm does this in TX
- 48 TXism: "as welcome as ____ a picnic ____ a passel of years
- 51 Arlington university (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Red Skelton & Ester Williams 1951 film about TX (2 wds.)
- 2 cutting satirical utterance
- 3 1943 film featuring a Texas Ranger: "Thundering ____"
- 4 in Callahan County on I-20
- 9 TXism: "a day late and a dollar ____"
- 10 fix your jeans
- 11 TX Strait's ____ in the Hole Band
- 12 TXism: "leave ____ stone unturned"
- 13 TCU coach, Sullivan was a QB here
- 14 Tex Beneke was with the ____ Miller Orchestra
- 15 TX Larry Hagman's "Jeannie" on "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 16 TX Tarzan Ely
- 19 TX Ted Cruz's group (2 wds.)
- 20 TXism: "a ring tailed ____"
- 22 TXism: "____ prayer" (impossible)
- 24 governor (1894-98): ____ Culberson
- 25 summer house or car cooler (abbr.)
- 26 late wife of late John Connally (init.)
- 27 TX oil firefighters use brass ____ that don't spark
- 28 TX Bentsen flew a B-24 over this continent in WWII prohibitions
- 29 Coleman's "Fiesta ____ Paloma"
- 30 peps for TX golfers
- 31 TXism: "mighty ____" (okay)
- 35 poker or sun cap victories by TX George Foreman
- 37 silent signal from Dak? (2 wds.)
- 38 TXism: "he's a dozen biscuits away from the circus"
- 40 TXism: "____ slinger" (writer)
- 41 Sulphur Springs FM before it was KRVA
- 42 TXism: "____ touched in the head"
- 43 release shoe laces

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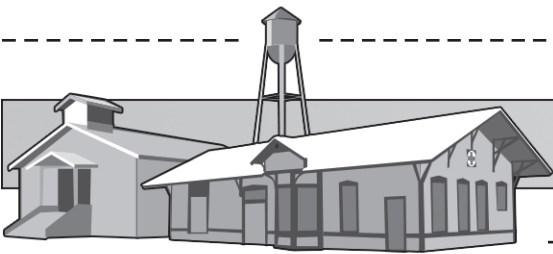
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Thank you to everyone who donated at the Friona Community Blood Drive last Thursday. Thirty-one people were able to donate. Twenty-three were whole blood donations and eight were via the doubles machine. Special thanks to Subway of Friona providing the meal. Please support our local Subway by dining there at least once this week. The next Friona blood drive is scheduled for June 10th.

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Do not forget to drop by the Friona Public Library this month and purchase tickets for a chance to win one (or more) of the 10 awesome Gift Baskets in the annual fundraiser raffle by the Friends

of the Library. See more on back page. The Friends Annual Meeting is May 2, 2021 at 2 p.m. in the Friona Public Library. Drawings for the Gift Baskets will be held then.

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Tickets are on sale for the 2021 FHS All Sports Banquet. The event will be held on Friday, April 30th at the Friona Community Center. The meal begins at 7:00 p.m. and the ticket price for non-athletes/parents is \$10 per plate. The menu is Steak & Fries with the Noon Lions Club cooking the "world famous" fries. All non-athletes/Parents who plan to attend are asked to purchase tickets in advance. Contact Mayra Olmos at 250-2900 for tickets. The Booster

Club will be accepting memberships for 2021-22 and the banquet.

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With the potential for severe weather approaching, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 26. Go to comptroller.texas.gov for more information.

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It seems like half of the students in high school are involved in some sort of UIL competition this week. Good luck to everyone and Go Big Red!!!

helm August Frobel (April 21, 1782 - June 21, 1852) is credited with starting the very first Kindergarten in Germany in 1837. Frobel was a German teacher and a student of Johann Pestalozzi. Frobel laid a foundation for modern education, recognizing that children learn through play and experience.

The first kindergarten (which means garden for the children) was developed in Blankenburg, Germany, in 1837. The kindergarten fostered Frobel's social experience for children, which

would allow them to transition from home to school more smoothly.

In 1856, Watertown, Wisconsin, opened the first kindergarten in the United States. Founded by Margarethe Schurz, this kindergarten was a German-language class, as were many in this region. Kindergarten found its way into private English speaking institutions across the country, but it wasn't until 1873 that it became part of any public school system.

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National Days
April 15:
Titanic Remembrance Day
April 16:
Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day
April 17:
Auctioneers Day
April 18:
Animal Crackers Day
April 19:
OK City Bombing Commemoration Day
April 20:
Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day
April 21:
Kindergarten Day



SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(4/7/21) Jeremiah Rando, 20, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Possession Marijuana < 2 oz.), pending County Court.

(4/7/21) Dominique Kellum, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

(4/7/21) Jose Luis Torres, 35, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Evading Arrest w/Vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

(4/8/21) Mark Lewis, 40, of Dalhart was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on the following charges: of Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon x 2; Possession CS PG1 > 1g < 4g; Possession CS PG1 > 4g < 200g; Prohibited Weapon; Burglary Habitation, pending Grand Jury.

(4/11/21) Jose S. Sanchez, 53, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a Curry County Warrant, released to Curry County.

(4/11/21) Edgar Chavira, 24, of Friona was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG1 > 1g, pending Grand Jury.

(4/11/21) Christopher Bolanos, 43, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Unlawful Restraint of Dog w/previous conviction.

(4/13/21) Jesus D. Rodriguez, 29, of Olton was arrested by the Friona Police Department on the following charges: Possession CS PG2 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury; Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. and Theft of Property > \$100, pending County Court.



COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 1, 2020 to April 8, 2021

(4/1/21) Olen Edward Wilson Revocable Living Trust — Kevin Gene Welch, Linda Wise Welch — The NE/4 of Sec No 4 of the Roberts Subdiv in Parmer County and the SE/4 of Sec No 4 of the Roberts Subdiv in Parmer County

(4/1/21) Keith Meeks, Lacy Meeks — Daniel Wiseman — All of the W/2 of Sec 6 Township 6 S R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(4/5/21) James L. Wedel, Susan G. Wedel — James L. Wedel, Susan G. Wedel — The 160 Ac out of the Se 1/4 of Sec 1 Blk X W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdiv in Parmer County and the W/2 of Sec 17 Township 15 S R 2 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and the NE 166.72 Ac of Sec 17 Township 15 S R 2 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(4/7/21) Philip Kerry Burrell, Rebecca Ann Burrell — Daniel Aguilar — A 11.075 Ac tract out of the NW part of the NE 1/4 of Sec 31 Township 1 N R 4 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 5 Pg 394

(4/7/21) 1031 Services Corporation — Michael Riethmayer — All of the NW 1/4 of Sec Num 4 in Roberts Subdiv of Capitol League Num 488 in Parmer County All of the SW 1/4 of Sec Num 4 in Roberts Subdiv of Capitol League Num 488 in Parmer County Vol 132 Pg 160

(4/7/21) Michael Riethmayer, Rebecca Elliot Riethmayer — Alisa G. Trimmell — See Doc.

(4/7/21) Parmer County Cotton Growers — Michael Bradley Branscum, Stephanie Renae Branscum, Donald Joseph Birkenfeld, Kimberly Ruth Birkenfeld — Lots 1-4, a portion of Lots 7 and 8, Lots 9-12 Blk 1 Fox Addition Town of Lariat and a tract of land in the W 1/2 of Sec 17 Blk Z W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdiv in Parmer County

Puzzle Solution

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



RIBBON EVENT...Friona Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting this week for Wilhelm's, which is holding a Grand Opening this weekend for their nursery division. Shown from the left are B.K. Buske, Bill Stovell, Carmen Rape, Lois Norwood, Bonnie and Joe Wilhelm, Dave Hutson and Lou Ann Smith. (Friona Star, Sunday, April 6, 1986)

Newspaper Fun!

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What does your school, town or...
Kids: color stuff in!

Earth Day
Keeping it Green!
My puzzle is about how schools are helping to conserve. Some are built from recycled materials, and have features to save energy, such as motion-activated lights and faucets.
Fill in my puzzle!

Students are "going green" to help keep the environment clean. To save paper, our homework assignments now come in daily emails. Everyone has learned what items can be recycled, and they put these into bins.
Read my clues to fill in my puzzle with things kids can do to help:

- use _____, sandwich boxes, thermoses and reusable water/sports bottles
- sort bottles and cans into bins for _____
- turn off all _____ and electronics when not using
- use both sides of _____ (may make into notepads)
- _____ school uniforms, gym clothes for others to use
- read and do _____ on computers
- create a _____ where students can pin up and share their ideas for recycling
- _____, bike, take a bus or carpool with others
- have a swap at school to _____ things that you are done with for "new" stuff
- use items for a new or _____ purpose - old school clothes cut for art projects, a box made into a game you invent (some call this "repurposing")

Peak's Puzzle
1. _____ panel rooftops
2. _____-activated faucets
3. waterless or low-flow _____
4. buy from companies that use less _____
5. use food service company that offers _____ vegetables and fruits
6. more _____ in classrooms gives an "energy" boost
7. wireless tablet _____ and energy saving monitors
8. buying _____ paper
9. better airflow and filters to keep air _____
10. rooftop _____ to keep heat in (or out), and for people to study life cycle of plants

Forest's Puzzle
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Cool Hybrid & Electric Cars!
London has started using electric double-decker buses.

Pop Quiz

- Hybrid cars are powered by gasoline and electricity. T F
- The gas engine takes power from the battery. T F
- They get fewer miles per gallon than a gas-only car. T F
- Electric cars use electricity to power everything. T F
- Owners can plug these cars in at home. T F
- Lots of pollution is added to the air from electric cars. T F
- People are hoping to have recharging stations built in parking lots of apartments, stores and train stations. T F
- Wind-, water- and solar-generated electricity will allow for less pollution in the air. T F

An Easier Way to Recycle!
Putting most recyclables together is easier. This kind of recycling is called **single** or...
Many towns are switching to this "mixed" recycling. It is a newer way to recycle paper, glass, cardboard and plastic. Using this method, we no longer separate and sort all of our recyclable items. Recycling plants are able to separate these items and recycle them into new materials.

G = Green
B = Blue



Grilled Cheese Sandwich

It is hard to pinpoint exactly when the grilled cheese made its appearance. But during the 1920s, the open-faced cheese sandwich gained in popularity. Processed cheese, created by James L. Kraft in the early 1900's, added to the ease of making the famed sandwich. These inexpensive sandwiches were popular

during the Great Depression and during World War II by the Allied Armed Forces. Soon a second piece of bread was added to make the sandwich more filling. The classic combination of grilled cheese and tomato soup was created when schools needed to meet the Vitamin C and protein requirements for lunches.

Earlier this week, on April 12th, the nation observed National Grilled Cheese Day. It's not too late to celebrate with a grilled cheese sandwich for lunch, supper or even dessert. If you are interested, there are also breakfast grilled cheese recipes online.

Jalapeno Popper Grilled Cheese

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
 2 large jalapeño peppers or a handful of jarred pickled jalapeños
 1 1/2 ounces cream cheese (room temperature)
 1 scallion (chopped)
 Black pepper to taste
 2 slices Colby Jack cheese
 2 slices sourdough bread
 1 tablespoon butter

Steps to Make It
 Roast fresh jalapeños on a grill or burner of a gas stove top, charring all sides. Place the roasted jalapeños in a paper bag to steam and loosen the skin. After 10 minutes, remove the peppers and, wearing rubber gloves, peel the charred skin from the peppers. (Don't try to do this without gloves.) With gloves still on, cut off the top of each pepper. Slice in half and remove the seeds. Now you can slice the remaining pepper into bite-size pieces.

(Note: you can skip this step if you opt for the jarred jalapeños). In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, green onion, and some black pepper. Butter one side of each of the bread slices. Flip over the slices and on one, generously slather the cream cheese mixture. Top with the jalapeños and cheese. Close over with the other slice of bread, buttered side out. Place the pat of butter in a skillet and heat over medium high heat. Grill both sides until golden brown and cheese is melty.

Garlic Bread Grilled Cheese

By Diana Rattray
 www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
 For the Garlic Spread:
 8 tablespoons (4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
 4 cloves garlic
 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
 For the Sandwiches:
 8 slices bread
 8 ounces sliced or grated cheddar, mozzarella, or American cheese
 Kosher salt, to taste
 Freshly ground pepper, to taste
 Soup or salad, for serving, optional

Steps to Make It
 Gather the ingredients. Combine the softened butter with the garlic and parsley. Spread the softened garlic butter on both sides of two slices of bread. Place a large nonstick skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Place a buttered slice of bread in the pan and cook for about 2 to 3 minutes, or until nicely browned. Turn to brown the other side. Repeat with another slice of bread. Reduce the heat to low. Mound shredded cheese on one slice of bread or arrange sliced cheese on the bread. Season lightly with salt and

pepper. Place the second slice of bread on the cheese layer. Cook the sandwich for about 4 to 6 minutes, or until the cheese melts. Gently press the sandwich with a spatula as it cooks. Repeat with the remaining bread, garlic butter, and cheese. Slice the sandwiches and serve warm with soup or a salad.
 Tips: To serve the sandwiches all at once, place the first batches on a rack and place them in a warm—175 F to 200 F—oven.
 Scale the recipe up or down depending on how many sandwiches you need.

French Toast Grilled Cheese with Mascarpone, Nutella, and Strawberries

Written by MacKenzie Smith
 www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
 For the French Toast Batter:
 2 large eggs
 3/4 cup milk
 1 splash vanilla
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 For the Sandwich:
 3 slices challah bread
 1/2 cup sliced strawberries
 1 tbsp salted butter, cut into two pats
 3 tablespoons mascarpone cheese
 3 tablespoons chocolate hazelnut spread, such as Nutella
 2 tbsp Garnish: whipped cream
 1 pinch cinnamon

Steps to Make It
 Gather the ingredients. Begin by mixing up your French toast batter. Combine the ingredients in a medium-sized bowl and whisk until batter is smooth. Set aside. Take a heart-shaped cookie cutter and cut out three 1-inch-wide hearts from the challah bread. In a large frying pan, melt butter and turn the heat to medium. Dunk the heart-shaped challah bread in the French toast batter quickly. Place the bread in the frying pan. Let them cook for a few minutes on each side until the French toast batter be-

gins to turn light brown and starts to get semi crispy. Once they're done remove from heat and set aside. On one heart, smear on 1 tablespoon mascarpone, then add the strawberries. On the next heart, smear on 1 tablespoon of Nutella and place that piece, Nutella side down on top of the strawberries. Add more mascarpone and another layer of strawberries and repeat until the stack is complete. Top with a giant squeeze of whipped cream and a dusting of cinnamon and enjoy!

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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 Phillip Tinner
 Elizabeth Campbell

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 Mike Chaney
 Kyle Wiseman
 Kathy (Anthony) Borchers
 Krystal Rios
 Amy (Osborn) Laing



- April 21**
 Rex Blackburn
 Riley Rector
 Brooklyn Elam

Gas prices continue downward

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.60 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 0.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stands 97.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.24 while the most expensive is \$3.50 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.1 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.85 per gallon. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"It has been a fairly tame last few weeks at the pump for most areas after a particularly active February and March when prices were screaming higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "After surging back then, we've seen the price increases fade, and while we haven't seen much of a decline, prices have been holding near their yearly highs. For now, it feels like the risk of seeing the national average climb to \$3/gal has been delayed by a recent surge in COVID-19 cases both here and abroad, limiting the upside to gasoline demand, but should things begin to improve, especially as we get closer to the start of the summer, we still have potential to see summer gas prices at their highest levels in years. Make no mistake, gas prices this year will be tied to the hip of the Covid situation."

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>.

Attention High School Seniors!

If you are planning on going to college and choosing an agricultural major, you should check out the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District's college scholarship. It's not difficult to apply, and the deadline is Friday, May 7th. Contact your high school counselor or call the District directly at 806-481-3311 x3.

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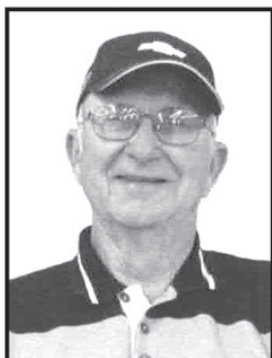
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Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Stress is just downright stressful! Its stressful to talk about, think about, deal with and handle as you have a host of other priorities that also must be tended to. Although we can all relate on some level to a stressful job, situation, or relationships, for many people the grind of their life reveals an inner struggle with mental health. One in four adults struggle with mental illness, but often times people don't know where to turn for help, and sadly the church isn't always prepared to minister to people in this area.

Grace for the Afflicted: A Clinical and Biblical Perspective

tion on Mental Health is a helpful and practical look at mental illness from Matthew Stanford, a church leader and professor of psychology. The aim of the book is to help Christians understand the reality of mental illness from a scriptural and modern perspective. He does this by looking at examples and principles from scripture regarding mental illness, and helps the reader understand how that may be termed using modern mental health terms. Although the work is extremely informative, its value is in the hope and help it gives Christians as they think through,

struggle through, work through and help others with mental illness. In fact, the last chapter is a call for the church to step up to the plate in this area, because the church can offer what no doctor's office or government agency can; "...1) a hope that transcends circumstances, 2) a holistic view of humans, 3) accessibility, and 4) supportive community" (p253). The overall encouragement for the church is to be obedient to Galatians 6:2 as we "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." In doing this, it is for God's glory and one another's good.

Let God Tell His Story Through You

By Teena Hughs

Wow! What a GREAT Sunday it has been!!! Sunday school and church were awesome; doing my Community Bible Study lessons for Tuesday made it even better; and, I just heard something on Cowboy Church that I had to share with you.

Calf roper Cory Solomon was talking about his faith,

and he said that at a certain point, he realized he had to quit trying to tell his story, and let God tell His story! I interpret that to mean let God tell His story through each of us. So, exactly how do we let God tell His story through us?

First of all, we need to be willing and wanting God to be able to tell His story through

us. Our greatest desire needs to be living in such a way that everyone knows we are living our lives honestly and truthfully for Jesus. We need to surrender completely to God. We need to surrender all sin in our lives to Him; that means we get rid of our pride, our thinking we know everything, our negative feelings toward people for whatever they have/have not done to us. We need to depend on Him for every decision we make and carry out that decision with His help. We need to stand up and live our lives according to His Word, no matter how the world is choosing to live.

Friends, it takes work; it takes changing some of the ways we do things, like the way we think, talk, and act; it means having a relationship, and always working to maintain a relationship with Jesus. But, can you think of any higher compliment than for someone to notice the way you are living, and they just know by the way you talk and act that you are living your life for Jesus, and God is telling His story through you? That is living for God; that is being obedient to Him and His Word; that is true joy and peace! That is God using you to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. What an awesome way to be used by God!!! Hopefully that is the choice you will make for God and His Kingdom!

Panhandle Parables

"Wax On, Wax Off" Lesson 1

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

Most people don't know this about me, but I know karate... and a few other Japanese words. I really don't know the discipline of karate, but I figure if I were to watch the original Karate Kid while staying at a Holiday Inn Express, I could be busting bricks with the best of them. Probably not, but I can wish.

My first real look at karate did come in high school watching Ralph Macchio play Daniel Larusso in the Karate Kid. Daniel had to wax a lot of cars, paint a lot of fence and sand a lot of floors all in a very specific way. The key for Daniel was to obey the instruction. A turning point came when Daniel had had enough of the day labor stuff. Then Mr. Miyagi famously said, "Daniel-

son show me wax the car" and while Daniel showed him, Mr. Miyagi threw a punch in which Daniel defended. Yet now in a new context all that work gave Daniel defensive moves, which came more natural to Daniel due to the repetitive nature of his practice. I still love that movie.

When we read through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus challenges his listeners to a deeper thinking, one that required all your heart. Jesus wanted those listening to go further in their experience with God than just rule keeping. He wanted their hearts as He wants ours. Throughout the sermon, Jesus is giving us lessons to practice then when put in a new context of living, the light

bulb turns on and we get it. Sometimes we read Scripture and are frustrated we may even think we could do some of this in a better way, but the key is obedience.

God is molding and shaping you for His purposes, not yours. He is preparing you to be a kingdom person, and that requires us to avoid taking shortcuts in our faith. One day our faith will be tested and the question will be: Have we given God our all, our hearts?

My challenge for you this week is to read, open your mind/heart and simply obey what God says in His Word. Trusting that better than Mr. Miyagi, God knows what He is preparing you for in the journey ahead.

Friona Playa Field Day is April 20th

Presentations will cover restoration and recharge efforts

Continued from Page 1

At 11 a.m. the group will depart on a field trip to a restored playa property near Friona. The tour will be led by Jordan Menge and Terry Boedecker.

At 12:15 the tour will return to St. Teresa's Parish Hall for a sandwich lunch.

Jim Steiert, outdoor writer, playa author and writer on Hereford, will provide wrapup remarks after lunch. Copies of the book *Playas: Jewels of the Plains* (Texas Tech University Press, 1995) can be purchased at the event for \$40.

Friona Playa Field Day is sponsored by Ogallala Commons and its partners, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the Dixon Water Foundation, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



TOUCHING ON RESTORATION - Jordan Menge, Range and Wildlife Coordinator with Pheasants Forever, who has also worked extensively with prairie chickens, will comment from the perspective of a biologist in addressing playa restoration efforts during the Playa Field Day event in Friona which will also include a tour of a restored playa.

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Increased Blood Usage from Hospitals Creates Heightened Need for Blood Donors

Hospital blood usage has surged nearly 10% over previous levels, as our community moves into COVID recovery mode. Blood donors are needed immediately to respond. March was the highest distribution of certain blood products due to recent local traumas.

The dramatic increase in hospital usage comes at a time when local patients return to the medical system for planned and routine medical care that they had been putting off due to COVID. Trauma-related blood needs have also increased dramatically, as people return to vigorous spring activities and travel.

"We're thankful that COVID has receded enough for people to create a new normal and get caught up on deferred medical care," said Dr. John Armitage, President and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "But, the

impact of this return to normalcy has stressed our blood supply in yet another way. The COVID pandemic continues to surprise and challenge us."

The local blood supply typically operates at a three-day supply, but the surge in demand has lowered levels to a one-day supply. Recent vaccination efforts have also challenged giving levels, as some donors mistakenly believe they can't donate after receiving their COVID-19 vaccine.

While COVID-19 vaccines aren't required to donate, those who have been vaccinated can donate immediately, if they're feeling well. Blood donation takes about an hour and can save up to three lives. About 125 donors are generally needed each day to ensure a healthy blood supply.

Donors can make appoint-

ments to donate at your-bloodinstitute.org or walk-in to any mobile blood drive or to our donor center located at 7500 Wallace in Amarillo, to give.

Friona Blood Drive
Thank you to everyone who donated at the Friona Community Blood Drive last Thursday. Thirty-one people were able to donate. Twenty-three were whole blood donations and eight were via the doubles machine. Special thanks to Subway of Friona providing the meal. The next Friona blood drive is scheduled for June 10th.

Coffee Memorial is part of the 6th largest independent blood center in the nation. They are the exclusive provider of blood and blood products to the 31 counties and 29 medical facilities that make up the High Plains Region. For more information, visit www.thegiftoflife.org.

Governor's Statement on Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

Governor Greg Abbott issued a statement following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recommendation to pause all administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine:

"The State of Texas is working in tandem with the federal government and vaccine providers to temporarily pause all administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. While no cases of blood clots have been reported in Texas, we are taking the reports of rare adverse effects seriously and are working to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines ad-

ministered in our state continue to be safe and effective. I urge Texans who do experience adverse reactions, such as severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccination, to contact their health care providers or call 2-1-1 to receive a referral for a health care provider. Vaccines are a crucial tool to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and remain the most effective way to combat the virus in our communities. I continue to encourage Texans who wish to receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines to sign up."

Friona Student Earns Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit at Angelo State University

Angelo State University's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) national honor society has awarded 28 pre-membership Certificates of Merit to freshmen in the top 2.5% of their class and sophomores in the top 5% of

their class in recognition of their academic success and as encouragement to join PKP when they are eligible as juniors.

Recipients include Lizbeth Rojas of Friona. PKP is the nation's oldest and most

selective collegiate honor society encompassing all academic disciplines. Invitations to join PKP are extended to juniors in the top 7.5% of their class and to seniors and graduate students in the top 10% of their class.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE 806 AREA CODE DIALING PROCEDURES

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered that we transition from 7-digit dialing to mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls. Dialing seven digits for local calls for all customers in the 806-area code.

Beginning April 24, 2021, you will need to begin dialing 10-digits when making a local call. As an example, if you currently dial 7-digits to reach another local number, such as 364-3331, you will be required to dial 806 + 364-3331 for a local call or 1 + 806 + 364 - 3331.

10-digit dialing becomes mandatory on October 24, 2021.

Following are frequently asked questions:

Will everyone in the area codes above have to dial 10-digits (or 1+10-digits) for a local call?

Yes. Every customer throughout the area codes listed above will change to mandatory 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) dialing for local calls. Dialing seven-digits for local calls will be prohibited for all customers in the entire area code.

Why is 10-digit dialing going to be required in these area codes?

The FCC ordered that these area codes must be transitioned to 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline using the three-digit 988 code.

How is this going to happen?

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) developed, based on input from covered service providers, an implementation schedule that will allow all covered providers to meet the transition deadline in an efficient manner that best accounts for the challenges each covered provider faces.

Will I have to change my phone number?

No. One of the reasons for changing to 10-digit local dialing is to avoid the need to change people's telephone numbers.

Will I be able to begin 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) local dialing before it is required?

Yes. Beginning April 24, 2021, if you have a telephone number in one these area codes, you should start dialing 10-digits (area code + telephone number) or 1+10-digit (1+area code+telephone number depending on dialing plan) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just seven-digits, your call will still be completed.

When will 10-digit local dialing become mandatory?

Beginning October 24, 2021, if you have a number in in the 806 area code, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) or 1+10 digits (1+area code+telephone number depending on dialing plan) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only seven-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. If you get this recording, you must hang up and dial again using the area code with the seven-digit telephone number.

What other changes need to be made?

In addition to changing your dialing patterns, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete local calls using only seven-digit numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are:

- life safety systems or medical monitoring devices
- PBXs
- fax machines
- Internet dial-up numbers
- fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates
- speed dialers
- mobile or other wireless phone contact lists
- call forwarding settings
- voicemail services and other similar functions

Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will stay the same?

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed
- You will continue to dial 1+ the area code + telephone number for all long-distance calls
- You will continue to dial a prefix (such as "9") when dialing from a multi-line telephone system (i.e., in a hotel, office building, etc.) as required
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services)
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) even after the 988 code is in effect.

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- Owners can plug these cars in at home.....T F
- Lots of pollution is added to the air from electric cars.....T F
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Abbott: No government mandated vaccine passports in Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order last week banning state agencies, cities or counties from creating a "vaccine passport" requirement.

In addition, organizations that receive public funds are prohibited from requiring consumers to prove they have received the COVID-19 vaccine. That includes businesses that receive money from the state in return for providing goods and services.

However, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can still require that their residents are vaccinated under his order.

"Every day, Texans are returning to normal life as more people get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. But, as I've said all along, these vaccines are always voluntary and never forced," Abbott said.

Vaccines continue steady rise across state

As of Sunday, just more than 9 million Texans have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 5.46 million are fully vaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. DSHS urges those who have not been vaccinated to go to the state's Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler, which can be found at getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov.

Meanwhile, the state's weekly shipment of COVID-19 vaccines dropped this week after a manufacturing error in a Baltimore plant ruined a 15-million batch of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week, the state received 2.5 million doses from the three manufacturers, an amount that dropped to 1.9 million this week, as J&J plays catchup. The company has pledged to deliver 100 million doses nationwide by the end of May, according to an NPR report. J&J reduced its Texas allocation this week by about 350,000.

COVID-19 cases rise, but deaths drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas rose to 24,333 last week, up more than 2,500 from the previous week, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Re-

source Center.

The number of deaths decreased to 512, down nearly 20 percent from the previous week.

At its peak in January, the state recorded more than four-fold the number of deaths with 2,311 recorded in a single week. At this point, nearly 50,000 Texans have died from COVID-19.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized stayed steady at 2,804, according to DSHS.

Contempt order against salon owner tossed out

The Texas State Supreme Court on Friday threw out a contempt order against a Dallas salon owner who refused to close last year when all non-essential businesses were ordered.

Shelley Luther tore up a cease-and-desist order from Dallas County and was fined \$7,000 and sentenced to a week in jail. The high court ruled unanimously that the restraining order was too vague, and that the contempt of court decree issued by a district judge should be voided as well.

Luther's defiance sparked national coverage, prompting Abbott to reverse part of his order that called for jail time for business owners who did not shut down last year after the pandemic outbreak.

Luther ran as a Republican for state Senate last year, losing in a December runoff to Drew Springer, R-Muenster.

Paxton drawing potential high-profile opponents

Two candidates with famous surnames are planning to run against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in 2022, according to several media outlets.

Paxton, under indictment since 2015 on securities fraud charges, is also battling a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former employees accusing him of bribery and improper dealings with an Austin investor. He denies wrongdoing in both cases.

Democrat Joe Jaworski, a former Galveston mayor and a grandson of Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, announced his plans to run last summer. And last week, George P. Bush, state land commissioner and grandson of President George H.W. Bush, told a talk-radio host

that he is considering challenging Paxton next year in the Republican primary.

Paxton has indicated he will run for a third term.

Abbott demands shutdown of San Antonio minor facility

The governor's latest salvo against the federally run unaccompanied minor facilities included a letter to Vice President Kamala Harris, who has been tapped to head the effort dealing with a large influx of unaccompanied minors seeking entrance into the United States.

Abbott's letter demanded the Biden administration shut down a facility in San Antonio under investigation by the state for allegations of child abuse and neglect.

"The Biden administration opened the borders and failed to plan for the influx of unaccompanied children crossing the border, and now we are faced with our worst fears—allegations of child abuse and neglect," Abbott said.

To date, there has been no direct response from Harris.

Soon, more Texans will have to dial 10 digits to make local calls

Folks living in the Panhandle, El Paso area, South Texas, and Deep East Texas will soon have to join the majority of Texans and use all 10 digits when making local calls.

Last summer, the Federal Communications Commission approved "988" as the abbreviated dialing number for the National Suicide Pre-

vention Lifeline. In Texas, the 254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940 area codes all contain the 988 prefix.

A "permissive dialing period" begins April 24, during which seven-digit calls will still go through. But after Oct. 24, in those area codes, only calls dialed with 10 digits will be connected.

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.



A big thank you to Mr. Clyde Renner from the Senior class of 2021! He donated a trailer full of aluminum cans. Proceeds from the sale of the cans will help fund the graduation party.



Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the property ownership
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Parmer County Appraisal District
305 3rd Street/PO Box 56
Bovina, Texas 79009
(806) 251-1405

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present

your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

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305 3rd Street/PO Box 56
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You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.



Shelby Dixon graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2020 with her Bachelors in Business Administration with a focus in General Management and Consulting. Amongst all of the difficulties with the COVID-19 pandemic, she still managed to finish her college degree. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Jane Dixon, and daughter of Mendan Dixon. She is currently working as an Assistant Branch Manager at First Convenience Bank, and is excited to see where life will take her.

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Continuing with observance of National Poetry Month, this week's spotlight is on an Italian Jew who, as a chemist by trade, survived a WWII concentration camp. During his year at Auschwitz, Primo Levi was a slave laborer. After his release in 1945, he found writing vital to his survival.

In her article Hear and Act, Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman says Levi framed these verses around the Shema, often the first prayer a Jewish child is taught.

"[Levi] attempts to redefine this traditional prayer. His poem commands a single-minded focus... on a subset of God's creatures, people living in poverty and chaos. Levi in-

sists that human suffering is what our people should be "listening" to... these sounds and images should be engraved on our hearts and follow us through our day. Effectively, they should be the frames of our experience."

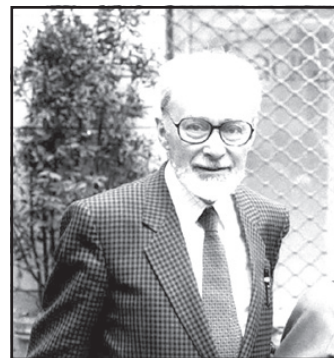
From his memoir **Se questo è un uomo (If This Is a Man or Survival in Auschwitz 1947)** comes the following excerpt. The prayerful verses are blunt—even uncomfortable.

Do we find meaningful time to discuss with our children

in age-appropriate ways the "poverty and chaos" in both history and in current events? Levi warns in the final lines of the poem that not doing so comes with consequences. Or as Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young sang, "Teach your children well."

Primo Levi's poem uses images of Holocaust depravity to admonish us not to live apathetically towards the world's injustices, which are often caused by ignoring "the least of these."

**You who live safe
In your warm houses,
You who find warm food
And friendly faces when you return home.
Consider if this is a man
Who works in mud,
Who knows no peace,
Who fights for a crust of bread,
Who dies by a yes or no.
Consider if this is a woman
Without hair, without name,
Without the strength to remember,
Empty are her eyes, cold her womb,
Like a frog in winter.
Never forget that this has happened.
Remember these words.
Engrave them in your hearts,
When at home or in the street,
When lying down, when getting up.
Repeat them to your children.
Or may your houses be destroyed,
May illness strike you down,
May your offspring turn their faces from you.**



Primo Levi 1919-1987
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Parmer County Notice of Public Hearing – Texas Enterprise Zone Program Nomination

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., the Commissioners Court for Parmer County, Texas, shall hold a public hearing in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse located at 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas, to consider a Resolution and Order nominating Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program for a project located at 1530 US Hwy 60, Friona, Texas. Tax relief and/or other incentives that could be offered by the County may also be discussed at this hearing.

At the hearing, interested persons shall be entitled to speak and present evidence for or against the nomination. A copy of this notice shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the County not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE A REINVESTMENT ZONE; TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

As part of the process of the consideration of the application submitted by Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC for tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Parmer County is required to give notice of its intent to establish a reinvestment zone. A public hearing on the establishment of such reinvestment zone is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2021. This hearing shall be held at the Parmer County Courthouse at 401 3rd St., Farwell, Texas and is set to start at 9:00 a.m.

By state law, the County is required to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County no later than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing. If you desire further information regarding the proposed reinvestment zone, you may contact the Parmer County Judge's office.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES GENERALES)

To the Registered Voters of the Friona Independent School District, Parmer County, Texas: (A los electores inscritos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Friona, condado de Parmer, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 1st, 2021, for voting in a general election to elect **three (3) at-large School Board Trustees**. (Mediante el presente documento se comunica que los centros electorales mencionados se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el sábado, 1 de mayo de 2021 para votar en las elecciones generales para elegir a **tres (3) administradores del Consejo sin zona asignada**.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El día de las elecciones los electores deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar).

Location of Election Day Polling Places (Include Name of Building and Address) (Ubicación de los centros electorales el día de las elecciones) (Incluir el nombre del edificio y la dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
Friona Chamber of Commerce (Cámara de Comercio de Friona) 619 Main Street Friona, Texas 79035	At-Large (sin zona asignada)

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Para la votación adelantada, los electores podrán votar en cualquiera de las siguientes ubicaciones.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places (Include Name of Building and Address) (Ubicación de los centros electorales para la votación adelantada) (Incluir el nombre del edificio y la dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y horas de operación)
Friona ISD Administration Office 909 East 11th Street Friona, Texas 79035 Oficinas administrativas del Distrito Escolar de Friona	April 19 – April 23, 2021 (M-F) / 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Del 19 al 23 de abril de 2021 (lunes-viernes) de 8:00 am a 5:00 pm April 26 – April 27, 2021 (M-Tu) 7:00 am – 7:00 pm El 26 y 27 de abril de 2021 (lunes y martes) de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday (Cerrado sábados y domingos)

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Claudia Castillo
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre de la secretaria para la votación adelantada)
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ccastillo@frionaisd.com
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Monday, April 20th, 2021. (Las solicitudes para la votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre del horario de oficinas el lunes, 20 de abril de 2021).

Issued this the 18th day of January, 2021.
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Drought worsens, limited irrigation expected for parts of Texas

By Adam Russell

Row crop producers in drought-stricken parts of the state are pre-watering fields with the hope crops can establish and timely rains will improve growing conditions, according to AgriLife Extension agents and reports. But there are concerns that irrigation, and in some areas limited or restricted irrigation due to below-normal water levels, may not be enough.

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo, said row crop producers are being very cautious about planting decisions on both irrigated and dryland acres. Higher prices for corn, sorghum and cotton are a plus, and spring snowfall and scant rains helped moisture levels some, but drought conditions leave tougher decisions ahead.

"We ended 2020 with a moisture deficit, so in many areas we are starting 2021 from behind," she said. "Corn, sorghum, and cotton prices are currently better than they have been in several years, but the drought and extended forecast may negatively impact planting decisions in parts of Texas, so many farmers may not benefit from the current strong markets."

Soil moisture continues decline

A March 26 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration drought update for the U.S. Southern Plains, which includes Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, showed drought conditions worsened in a large swath of the state. Western and southern parts Texas

were experiencing extreme to exceptional drought, while drought conditions throughout Central Texas reached moderate to severe levels.

Conditions were not expected to improve by the time summer temperatures set in.

"Precipitation, temperature, and drought condition forecasts all suggest an expansion and intensification of drought conditions is likely over the next three months," the report reads.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas state climatologist, Bryan-College Station, said a slight La Niña pattern, which typically delivers warmer, drier weather to Texas, is weakening and will probably become a neutral weather pattern by May. He too expects drier-than-normal conditions to continue and that arid conditions could exacerbate high summertime temperatures.

"We certainly expect warmer temperatures because of the drier conditions this winter," he said. "There's no swamp cooling effect that you get when there's moisture in the soil and air."

Water allotments to shrink

Dryland fields are at the mercy of Mother Nature, Bell said. Timely rains will be critical for dryland crop establishment and ultimate success or failure.

But Bell said drought conditions in the Panhandle will hit irrigated farmers harder than previous droughts. Producers no longer have the well capacity to compensate for increased temperatures and reduced precipitation

because irrigation capacities decline with declining groundwater levels.

Similar irrigation shortages are brewing for other dry areas of Texas.

Orlando Flores, AgriLife Extension agriculture agent for El Paso County, said producers there are irrigating fields in preparation for planting but may have to adjust their irrigation according to water district restrictions. He noted water in that area could become limited due to supply rationing.

West Texas is one of the driest parts of the state, and crops are irrigated via canals that feed from the Rio Grande River and Elephant Butte Reservoir to the north in New Mexico. A water-usage agreement provides regional agriculture – mostly Pima cotton, pecan orchards and alfalfa fields – allotted amounts of water each growing season based on available water levels.

Water levels in the Rio Grande River and Elephant Butte are below normal following long-term drought conditions throughout the river basins that feed them. And the Elephant Butte Irrigation District has projected slim water allotments for farmers.

"This year the allotment will be inches of water instead of feet," he said. "Elephant Butte will get some runoff from snowpack and the water districts will determine irrigation availability. We go through this often, and producers will have to adjust, but if we can't get water, we can't get water."

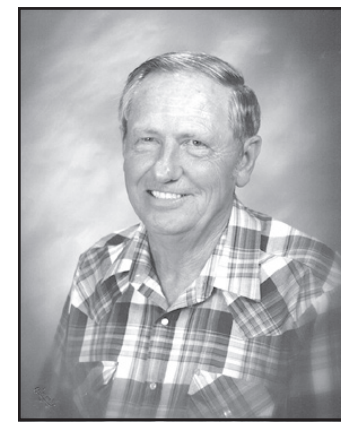
Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.



Obituary



Jack Harold Dennis



Jack Harold Dennis of Friona, Texas, passed away April 2, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born July 8th, 1938 in Vernon, Texas to James Merwin and Lois Lillian Dennis. He graduated from Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and enlisted in the United States Navy where he served on the USS Renshaw until his discharge on July 24, 1959. He moved to El Paso, Texas and was blessed with two sons, Dwayne and John.

While living in El Paso, Jack worked at a newspaper with his dad and operated his own heating and air conditioning business. Later Jack and his family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where he worked at the newspaper for a few years. In 1975 they moved to Savanna, Illinois where Jack began his career with the federal government. His job required a move to Pueblo, Colorado, then to Amarillo, Texas where he spent the rest of his career with the Department of Energy at the Pantex Plant. Pantex is the primary United States nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facil-

ity that aims to maintain the safety, security and reliability of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. Jack was a leader in the safety division. He retired in 2002.

On June 4, 1982 he married Judith Ann (Judy) Jesko. After his retirement he and Judy moved to Friona, Texas near the Jesko Family Farm. They made their home here until September 5, 2020 when Judy passed away. After Judy's death Jack moved to San Antonio, Texas to be near his son.

Jack is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford, Texas. He was also an active member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, Texas where he served on the Parish Council and Finance Committee.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marilyn Jean Brown, and his wife, Judy. He is survived by his sons, Dwayne Dennis and his

wife, Sami, of Dalhart, Texas and John Dennis and his wife, Wendy, of Live Oak, Texas and three grandchildren, Kali and Kenzie Dennis of Dalhart, and Jesse Dennis of Live Oak, and numerous loving in-laws originally from the Lazbuddie area.

Jack and Judy enjoyed a wonderful life together spending time with their grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. They loved their many adventures while traveling together. Jack was never one to brag often. In one of his later conversations, he reflected on his life. He shared he and Judy had a great life. He spoke of his two sons who he was most proud of because they are "good men." He openly bragged on his grandchildren! He loved the times they had spent together. He also cherished his role of Granddad in many lives. He was so proud of how smart all his kids are! He stated he was content and was blessed to have enjoyed life with those he loved.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Parmer Medical Center, Friona Rural Health Center, Prairie Acres Nursing home, and Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice for the excellent, loving care provided to both Jack and Judy. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.



PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF FRIONA

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Friona is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000 for Water System Improvements in the City of Friona. The application is available for review at the Friona City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Leander Davila, City Manager al (806) 250-2761.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF FRIONA

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

City of Friona is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Downtown Revitalization application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is \$350,000 for sidewalk construction, curb & gutter, ADA compliant ramps, lighting improvements and associated appurtenances in the City of Friona. The application is available for review at the Friona City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Leander Davila, City Manager al (806) 250-2761.

Water Weekly

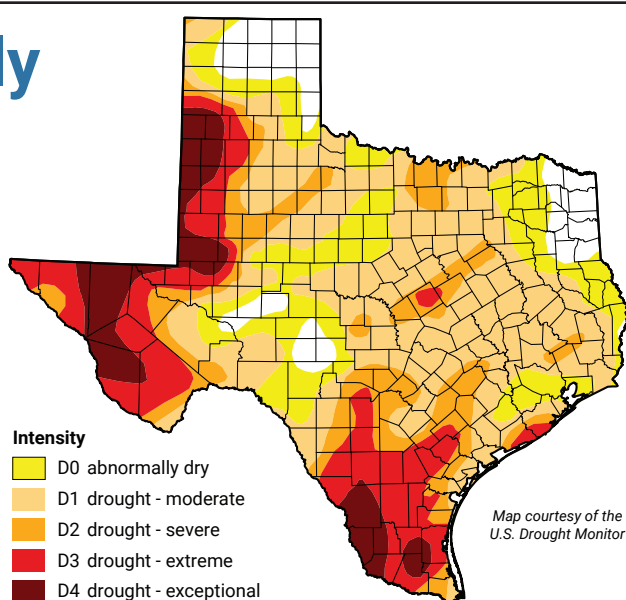
For the week of 04/12/21

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of April 6 shows continued improvement in the Panhandle but degradation almost everywhere else. The net effect is a 5 percentage point increase in the area of the state impacted by drought, which is now almost three quarters of the state.

Drought conditions

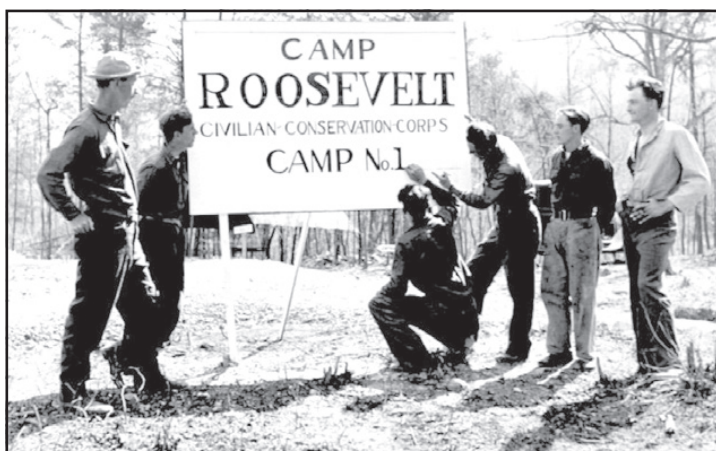
- ◆ 74% now
- ◆ 69% a week ago
- ◆ 58% three months ago
- ◆ 19% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

The Great Outdoors

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



Intrinsically, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a conservationist, who once said, "the forests are the lungs of our land [which] purify our air and give fresh strength to our people."

On April 5, 1933 – a year after he was elected President – FDR formed the Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]. He believed it would put thousands of citizens back to work during "the Great Depression" and ensure the health of America's woodlands.

Those who enlisted in "Roosevelt's Tree Army" got \$30 per month – approximately \$600 in 2021 currency – and access to vocational education to facilitate their re-entry into the job market. Enlistment was intended to be only six months, but many

of the recruits stayed longer.

According to History.com, "CCC employees fought forest fires, planted trees, cleared and maintained access roads, re-seeded grazing lands and implemented soil-erosion controls. They built wildlife refuges, fish-rearing facilities, water storage basins and animal shelters. To encourage citizens to get out and enjoy America's natural resources, FDR authorized the CCC to build bridges and campground facilities. From 1933 to 1942, the CCC employed over 3 million men."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Hitch by Jeanette Ingold.

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

Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 9nd day of April, 2021, I impounded the following estrays:

Kind of Animal: Heifer
Breed: Unknown
Color: Black
Sex: Female
Age: Unknown
Size/Weight 700 lbs
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: ear tag with 6382 on it

And, on the 13th day of April, 2021, I filed Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Parmer County, Texas.

I have made diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Parmer County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby, given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 22nd day of April 2021, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

Witness my hand this 13th day of April, 2021.

Randy Geris
Sheriff, Parmer County, Texas

By: *J. Schlabach*

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Kind of Animal: Heifer
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Sex: Female
Age: Unknown
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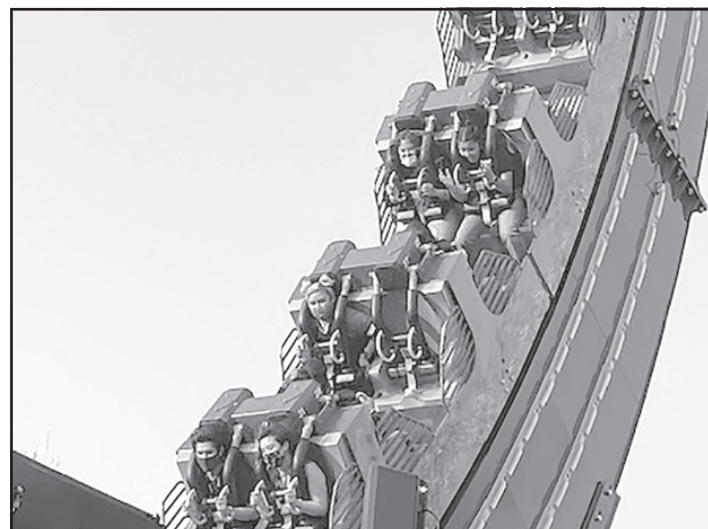
Friona FCCLA Goes to State

On April 8 and 9, The Friona FCCLA Chapter competed at the FCCLA State Conference in Dallas, TX. 5 members qualified for FCCLA State.

Daniela Rodriquez (12 grade) competed in cupcake presentation level 3. She baked chocolate cupcakes decorated with buttercream red roses. She built a display for her cupcakes with a stained glass background. Daniela received 1st place in the Region 1 preliminary round.

Tiffany Sandoval and Mirely Armendariz (both 12 graders) competed in Chapter Service Project Display level 3. For their project they created a Google meets classroom for students to meet and socialize while school was remote. Their platform was to encourage positive mental health. They placed 4th at Regionals which qualified them to compete at the State level.

Blanca Chavez (10th grade) and Nohemi Castillo (12 grade), bottom right photo, competed in the National Programs in Action Project level 3. They taught proper hand washing techniques. Their props included a sink made from a box and a large Dial hand washing bottle. They placed 4th at Regionals which qualified them to compete at the State level. At State they received 2nd out of 12 schools which qualifies them to compete at Nationals this summer.



The Friona FFA Chapter would like to congratulate the Dairy Cattle judging team on qualifying for the state contest! The team placed 2nd overall in the area and first in the Littlefield district. Tim Ally was the 6th high individual, Stef Ally was the 12th high individual and Dieter Ally was the 18th high individual! Other team members consisted of Kambree Kimbrough and Keegan Hurst who represented our chapter well! Congratulations and good luck at state!

Distracted driving continues to plague Texas roadways

Sadly, distracted driving is still near the top of the list when it comes to crashes on Texas roadways, coming in at No. 2 for traffic-related crash causes. Last year Texas roadways saw nearly 1 in 5 crashes caused by a distracted driver in which 364 people died and 2,200 were seriously injured.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and TxDOT is reminding all Texans to put their phones down and give driving their full attention whenever they are behind the wheel.

"A serious or fatal crash can happen in an instant," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you're distracted by your phone, or doing anything else that takes your focus away from driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk. Distracted driving crashes are 100 percent preventable. Driving should be your number one priority behind the wheel - everything else can wait."

Since September 1, 2017, it has been illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas. Violators can face a fine up to \$200. TxDOT offers these tips to prevent distracted driving that can lead to a ticket, or worse, a crash: (1) Always give driving your full attention, (2) Pull off the road entirely and come to a complete stop before you talk or text, (3) Put your phone away, turn it off, or use an app or your phone settings to block texts and calls while driving, (4) Tell friends, family and co-workers you won't respond to texts or calls while driving, and (5) Remember that all distractions are dangerous, so pay full attention when behind the wheel.

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Kitchen Remodel/Replacement Project for Friona Community Center located at 601 W 15TH Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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 construction price for the Project as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 30, 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 Monday, May 3, 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 May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Bidders may also contact the City of Friona to schedule an onsite inspection of the property by calling (806) 250-2761. Additional information, such as designs of the kitchen, 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 Kitchen Remodel/Replacement Project 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

Vote Kody Kimbrough for School Board

My name is Kody Kimbrough and I am running for a position on the Friona ISD school board. I have resided in Friona for the past 21 years and work at Hi-Pro Feeds.

My wife, Kim, has been employed with the Fisd for the past 21 years. Kendall, my oldest daughter, is a FHS graduate and my other daughter, Kambree, is a senior at FHS this year.

We love Friona and thank you for your support. I would appreciate your vote!



Political ad paid for by Kody Kimbrough

Friends of the Friona Public Library Annual Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets for the basket drawings are available @ The Friona Public Library Tickets will be sold the whole month of April!

Tickets are \$1 each Drawing will be May 2, 2021



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- Milk House Market
- Kendrick Oil
- Friona Primary
- Friona Elementary



Child Find

Testing will be provided by appointment only. Please contact Parmer County SSA at 806-250-3315 to set up an appointment during the week of April 26th - April 30th. The office is located at 618 Main Street in Friona.

Child Find is a program designed to identify, locate and evaluate infants, children and young adults through age 21 who may have a developmental delay or other disability.

If you know a child who may have a problem with learning, speech, vision, hearing, or who has physical or health impairments, please urge his or her parents to contact their local public school district for further information.

Child Find (Encontrando Al Niño) es un programa diseñado para identificar, localizar y evaluar a los infantes, niños, y jóvenes que demuestran algún impedimento. Estos servicios son gratuitos (no se cobran) y son brindados a todos los que tienen incapacidades desde que nacen hasta los 21 años de edad sin tomar en cuenta la severidad del impedimento.

Si conoce usted algún niño que muestra problemas o dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas:

Discapacidad Física, Dificultad en Oír, Impedimento Visual, Inestabilidad Emocional, Problemas de Aprendizaje, Disfunción de Lenguaje, Impedimentos de Salud.

Por favor, informe a sus padres que pueden llamar al distrito escolar público para más información.