



2022 Chamber Award Winners



Man of the Year

Aurelio Silva





Woman of the Year

Rosa Mendez










Business of the Year - Bi-Wize

Standing (l-r) Andy Alexander, Debbie Williams, Katie Rojas, Kayla Alexander, Peggy Padilla; Seated (l-r) Amor Espinoza, Jocelyn Hernandez, Olga Legarreta, Lupita Faudoa.

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| Friona Weather March 10-16 | T  46 16 NE 10-20 | F  39 15 NNE 15-25 | S  60 29 SW 10-20 | S  71 37 WSW 15-25 | M  64 32 N 15-25 | T  77 40 SW 15-25 | W  77 37 WSW 10-20 | Precipitation March 0.00 Year 0.16 | Burn Ban Yes |
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Community Calendar

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

March 10
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 13
• Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14-18
• Spring Break

March 17
• St. Patrick's Day
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 21
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 22
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

March 24
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 28
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

March 31
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

Blankets of love

For the past month, the 4th grade Write Way Club and Friona Elementary students have collected blankets for the Prairie Acres Nursing Home residents. The Write Way Club delivered the blankets last Thursday.



Elementary Students Back row (l-r): Celio Tafoya, Zane Gonzales, Sophie Lewellen, Porter Gilley, Luis Lopez, Yudith Gutierrez, Vander Rodriguez; Middle row (l-r): Jace Jarecki, Owen Daniels, Isaiah Snyder, Oscar Ordonez, Teresa Alvidrez, Sindy Lopez; Front row (l-r): Asher Suarez, Fernanda Gomez, Keiry Rodriguez, Jennifer Portillo, Ella Rector, Eli Rocha.



Write Way Club Back row (l-r) Prairie Acres Director of Nursing Marissa Eubanks R.N., Yudith Gutierrez, Sophie Lewellen, Vander Rodriguez; Front row (l-r) Oscar Ordonez, Celio Tafoya, Sindy Lopez, Ella Rector.

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Farmhouse to Your House

ACROSS
1 this McEntire was Ma Tex in "North"
5 boot aroma
6 432 is Andrews code
7 UNT or TWU bldg.
8 "Mission ____ Valero" (Alamo)
17 TXism: "she could sell ____ cubes to Eskimos"
18 TX Larry Hagman 1972 film: "Getting ____ All"
21 in AL, he bats for the pitcher (abbr.)
22 TXism: "have to prime my mouth to ____" (thirsty)
23 TXism: "____ chance as a steer in a packing plant"
24 TX rancher Chuck Norris 1979 film: "____ Of One"
29 "good" south of the border
30 Mule____, TX
31 Marlin High class
32 TXism for "vicinity"
34 TXism: "hit me like ____ of bricks"
35 cable news net.
36 "mad" TX Harrell ____ "Eddie" Chiles
37 TXism: "run up a white ____"
38 "how" south of the border
39 steak house thick bread (2 wds.)

41 TX rancher Norris' "An Eye ____ Eye"
42 TXism: "his facts ____ elastic" (liar)
43 TXism: "he'll kick you ____ a funeral home" (mean horse)
44 TXism: "cold enough ____ cows give ____ ice cream"
45 Exxon product
46 meadow

DOWN
1 TX used these to track migration of killer bees (2 wds.)
2 controversial WTSU president in 1990 (2 wds.)
3 town near Cascade Caverns
4 Austin potted-meat event: "Spam ____"
9 neck backs
10 Dallas Stars came to TX from Minnesota's ____ Cities

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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11 horse morsel
12 home of Astros Yankee foe (abbr.)
13 TXism: "____ had wings he'd be an eagle"
14 noted filmmaker, Welles
15 Astros' first arena had this roof type
16 flightless Australian bird
19 TX Kenny Rogers' "Till ____ It On My Own"
20 TXism: "more ____ way to skin a cat"

22 TXism: "I can't ____ for that"
24 TX Wills: "____ ha, take it away Leon"
25 Santa ____, TX
26 ____ City, TX
27 special sale marker (2 wds.)
28 tool used by 14-down

29 pre-bloom roses ERA to Astro Justin Verlander
33 TXism: "fits like scales ____ fish" in addition
34 a Texas snake
37 TXism for "overweight" (4 wds.)
38 hair grooming tools
40 "____ a time"
41 TXism: "no hill ____ stepper"
44 baseball touches nachos cheese
47 instrument in the Dallas Symphony

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ON YOUR PAYROLL
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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from February 24, 2022 to March 3, 2022

(2/24/22) Jimmy Meeks, Lawanda Meeks — Debbie Richardson, Paul Meeks — A 0.277 Acre Tract of Land in Garden Lot 28, Section 31, T9S R1E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(2/24/22) Jimmy Meeks, Lawanda Meeks — Tonya Von Hoene — A 0.795 Acre Tract of Land in Garden Lot 28, Section 31, T9S R1E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(2/25/22) Joshua Ryan McDonald, Kristen Marie McDonald — Mario E. Soto, Rebeca Soto — A 20.61 Acre Tract of Land out of Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, Parmer County, Texas Volume 176, Page 241

(2/25/22) Jose Abel Lopez, Maria Lopez C. Valdez — Alejandro Godinez, Lizbet Chavez — A 1.17 Acre Tract of that Certain 80 Acre Tract being described in General Warranty Deed in Vol. 282 Pg. 575 of Deed Records in Parmer County as the East 1/2 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 80 Block H, Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(2/25/22) Lisa Kay Veggeberg — Kevin G. Welch, Linda Welch — 360.065 Acres of Land Lying In and Being Situated Out of Capitol League 467 Abstract 21 in Parmer County and All of Sec 4 of the Harah Subdivision in Parmer County Vol. 218 Pg. 5 of the Deed Recorded of Parmer County Vol. 218 Pg.1

(2/25/22) Joshua Ryan McDonald, Kristen Marie McDonald, Emilia Estrada — Erik Estrada — A 20.00 Acre Tract of Land Out of Sec. 13 Township 3 S R 3 E Parmer County and Further Being Out of that Certain Tract of Land described in that Certain Instrument of Record in Vol. 176 Pg. 241 of Parmer County

(2/25/22) Estate of Robert William Anderson, Caroline Lewis — Robert William Anderson, Caroline Lewis — Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas containing 160 Acres of Land more or less

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(2/28/22) Vincent Gonzales, 30, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(2/28/22) Gabriel Rascon, 21, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS PG2 < 1g, pending Grand Jury; and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(3/4/22) Atilano Garcia, 47, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on charges of Possession CS PG1 < 1g in Drug Free Zone, pending District Court; and Forgery of Financial Institution, pending District Court.

(3/6/22) Andrew Garcia, 19, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Unlawful Carry Weapon - felon, pending Grand Jury; and on a Deaf Smith County Warrant for Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone.

March 15 is Deadline for USDA Programs

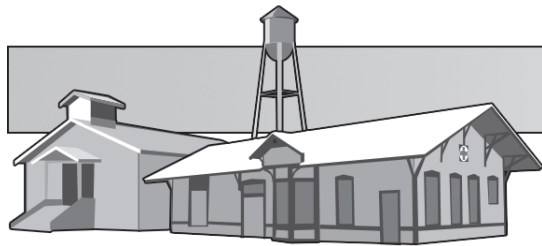
USDA wants to remind agricultural producers to contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in advance of the March 15 deadlines to:

- Make elections and sign contracts for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2022 crop year;
- Consider impacts of enrollment in ARC and PLC on certain crop insurance options, such as the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) and Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO); and
- File an acreage report to receive a premium benefit through the Pandemic Cover Crop Program.

Meanwhile, USDA also wants to remind producers of the March 15 sales closing date to purchase coverage through Federal crop insurance. This includes new policies like Micro Farm and Post-Application Coverage Endorsement.

Puzzle Solution

S-1577



TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-2211 • Fax: 806-250-5127
Email: frionastar@wrrt.net

Save the date — Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will hold its 84th Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

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Prairie News — Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for March is Randy Baize. The Employee of the Month is Marissa Eubanks R.N. Marissa is the Director of the Nursing and has worked at Prairie Acres since April of 2021. Congratulations to Randy and Marissa! Worship services for the residents will begin again at 4 p.m. each Sunday. Also, monthly birthday parties and "Hair Fixing Day" are being planned again.

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National Pears H el ene Day — celebrates a food holiday about the delicious, smooth French dessert combining warm poached pears, vanilla ice cream, and chocolate sauce. Pears H el ene is a dessert made from pears poached in sugar syrup and served with vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, and crystallized violets. Around

1864, French Chef Auguste Escoffier created the dessert in honor of the operetta La belle H el ene by Jacques Offenbach.

Over time, simpler versions of Pears H el ene have been developed by substituting poached pears with canned pears and the delicate crystallized violets have been replaced with sliced almonds. These modifications have made it easier for more cooks to prepare this must-have dessert.

The Pear Facts: (1) more than 3,000 varieties of pears grown in the world, (2) Washington, Oregon, and Northern California grow more than 95% of the pears sold in the U.S., (3) California grows 60% of all Bartlett pears in the U.S., (4) pears ripen best off of the tree, (5) pears are an excellent source of Vitamin A and Vitamin C as well as copper, fiber, and potassium, and (6) pears are less allergenic than many other fruits.

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Free Vaccination Clinics — Parmer Medical Center now has Pfizer Pediatric doses available

for kids 5-11 years of age. Also, Pfizer for ages 12 & up and Moderna for ages 18 & up. Please call 806-250-2754 (ext. 120 or 163), 806-240-1562, or 806-240-1761 to schedule an appointment.

PMC will conduct shot clinics on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Friona at the 6th Street Church of Christ and on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bovina at the XIT Recreation Center.

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National Days

- March 10: World Kidney Day
- March 11: Funeral Director Recognition Day
- March 12: Working Moms Day
- March 13: Good Samaritan Day
- March 14: Potato Chip Day
- March 15: Pears Helene Day
- March 16: Freedom of Information Day

Newspaper Fun!

You don't have to be Irish to join... in the fun at parades and dinners. Kids: color stuff in!

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Your Eye Upon a Leprechaun!

I have traveled to Ireland to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! I came here to swim around the Emerald Isle to try to spot a leprechaun. I haven't seen one yet. Do you see one on this page? After you spot him read my clues to fill in the mini puzzles.

I'm going to eat my share of corned beef and cabbage!

Old Irish folklore and stories tell us that the leprechaun has a pot o' gold hidden. It is said to be almost impossible to find a leprechaun as he does not care for human company. If you do spot one, make sure that you keep an eye on the leprechaun while you trick him into showing you his treasure. If you do not, he'll disappear!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks:

parades green cabbage

Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated:

- with big meals of corned beef and _____
- by people wearing something _____
- with marching bands and floats in _____

Ireland:

- lost millions of people in the 1800s (who died or moved) due to _____, or lack of food.
- is an _____.
- has beautiful green lands - its nickname is the _____ Isle.

St. Patrick:

- is the patron saint of _____.
- at the age of 16 was taken to Ireland as a _____.
- is said to have driven all of the _____ out of Ireland.

Irish Setters and Connemara Ponies are famous animals of Ireland. The Irish elk, now extinct, was a giant deer with huge antlers.

The famous Blarney Stone is at the top of the castle.

Traveling the Island

Ireland is a beautiful, green island in the North Atlantic Ocean. Great Britain is to its east, separated by the Irish Sea and two channels. It is a land of low mountains and a central plain. The climate is fairly mild. There are some well-known landmarks and special places in Ireland.

Match the names of places that you might visit in Ireland to their definitions:

- Blarney Castle
- Blarney Stone
- Ring of Kerry
- Dublin
- Giant's Causeway (Northern Ireland)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral

- it is said that if you dare to kiss this rock you will get the "gift of gab"
- capital of Ireland and largest city
- tallest and largest church in Ireland
- fort built, and mostly due to war, destroyed and rebuilt over the years
- 111 mile road, circles around the coastal area of southwestern Ireland
- over 4,000 basalt columns formed here after a volcanic explosion 60 million years ago

Every good gardener knows that a shamrock is a plant that has leaves with three small leaflets. Every good leprechaun grows and takes care of his own patch of this green symbol of Ireland. But, this leprechaun has a special "green thumb."

Connect the dots to see what treasure he keeps on the top of his pot o' gold.

One place that you will never see is a Fairy Door. It may be in the base of a tree.

A Green Thumb

It is said to be a Gateway to the fairy world.

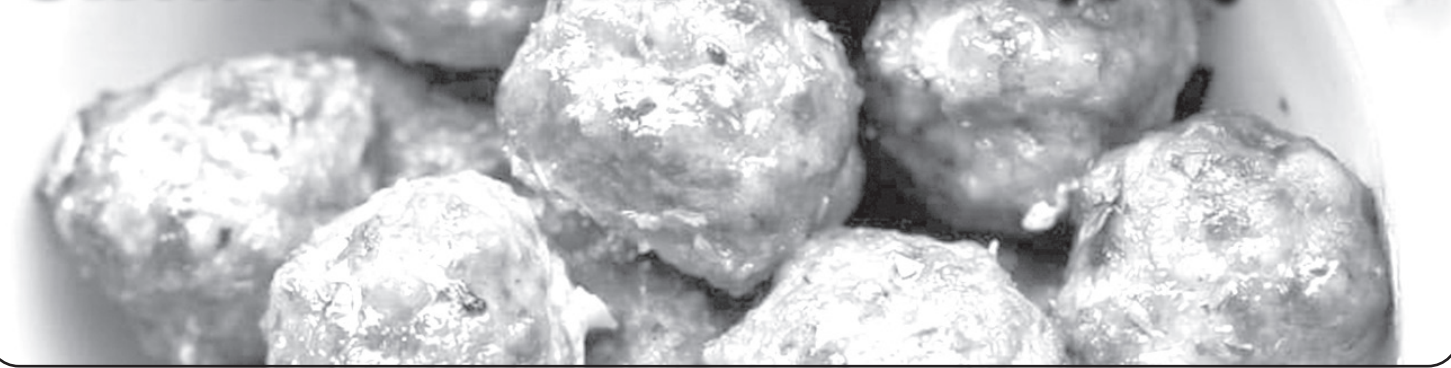
Use this Color Key:
B = Brown
G = Green
K = Black

Irish dances such as jigs and reels are an important part of Irish celebrations. Flat, goatskin drums called bodhrans and drumsticks called bones are used by drummers. Reed pipes are played by pipers. At one time, the music of harps was the favorite sound in Ireland.

Follow the color key to color in this puzzle to see what fiddlers play.

Leprechauns love to dance too!

Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*



Meatballs

March 9th is National Meatball Day. I found a couple of different ways to serve meatballs. One recipe uses pre-made meatballs, but the second one is from scratch. This way you can a recipe that suits your schedule.

Honey Garlic Crockpot Meatballs

www.familyfreshmeals.com

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 TB soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 28oz bag fully cooked, frozen meatballs

Instructions

In a medium bowl, mix together brown sugar, honey, ketchup, soy sauce and garlic. Place frozen meatballs in a 3-4 quart crockpot and pour sauce over meatballs. Stir so all meatballs are coated evenly. Cook on LOW for 4 hours, stirring occasionally. Use as an appetizer or serve over rice for a meal!

Best Ever (Easy) Baked Meatballs

www.yummyeasyhealthy.com

Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion finely chopped
- 1/4 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese finely grated
- 3 Tbsp. ketchup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. parsley minced (or about 1/2 Tbsp. dried)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a large cookie sheet with cooking spray. Mix together onion, breadcrumbs, garlic, egg, cheese, ketchup, salt, pepper and parsley in a large mixing bowl. Add in ground beef and mix gently until combined. Do not overwork. Form into 1-inch balls and place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 15-20 minutes, or until meatballs are browned and cooked through.

National Do-Not-Call Registry and Texas No-Call List Registration

Both the federal government and the State of Texas have adopted telemarketing rules that allow a consumer to revoke or give notice to a telemarketing firm that they cannot be contacted by the company. If you have already registered for the Texas "No-Call List" you must register again with the federal National Do-Not-Call Registry to be on both lists. To register on either list for the first time, please follow the directions below.

For the National Do-Not-Call Registry you may register in two ways

- 1) Online at www.donotcall.gov for the federal registration, or
- 2) call toll-free 1-888-382-1222; TTY, call 1-866-290-4236.

Please note that you must call from the telephone number you wish to register. Subscribers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by telephone or by internet at no cost. The registration can take up to 31 days after you complete reg-

istration to become effective, so you can complain about telemarketing calls that you receive three months or more after your registration. Your registered telephone number(s) will remain on the list until it's disconnected and reassigned, or if you ask to remove it.

If you have previously registered your telephone number and would like to remove or change your telephone number in the National Do-Not-Call database call the toll-free number 1-888-382-1212 (you must call from the telephone number registered) or go online to www.donotcall.gov.

You may register for the Texas No-Call List in three ways

- 1) Online at <http://www.texasnocall.com> for instant registration,
- 2) call toll-free 1-888-309-0600 to obtain an application or to register, or
- 3) send a written request for an application to
TEXAS NO CALL
711 Atlantic Ave.
6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

There is no cost to register your residential or wireless number on the Statewide "Do-Not-Call-List". Your registered telephone number(s) will remain on the list for three years from the date your residential telephone number is first published on the list.

A consumer who receives a telemarketing call, despite being on the registry, will be able to file a complaint with the FCC at complaints.donotcall.gov via the Internet, telephone 1-888-382-1222 or TTY 1-866-290-4236.

To file a complaint for a "Texas No-Call List" violation, please fill out the Texas No-Call Complaint Form or call 1-888-782-8477 (TTY 1-800-735-2988) or email customer@puc.texas.gov.

For the Rules and Laws on telemarketing please reference <http://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/phone/Nocall.asp> or <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/policy/telemarketing.html>.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the business office at (806)763-2301.

Happy Birthday

March 10
Beth Bridges Wren
Maisie Rainey
Bob Prather
Patsy Riggins
Nicole Guerra
Maisie Rainey

March 13
Sophie Turner
Yvette Williams
Larry Moyer
Brett Hoyle
Holley (Hand) Shelley
Jayson Grimsley
Rainbo Snyder
Tommy Tatum

March 11
Mason Schueler
Corbin Riethmeyer
Dusty Hansard
Irma Flores
Adriana Sandoval

March 14
Jacob Osborn
Nevaeh Perez
Chloe Whitten
Shantelle Bridges
Rudy Rios
Goldie Harrelson
Adabeth Smith
Kristy Stallings

March 12
Amelia Taylor
Justin Boyd
Amy (Geries) Bridges
Justin Grimsley
Mike Mills
Elaine (White) Harmon
Alberta Shephard
Tracy Jamerson
Mercedes Rangel
Jeff Dickson
Karla Chavez

March 15
Randol Allen
Christian Alexander
Amber Drake

March 16
Glenda Sifford
Amy Hand
Seth Murphree
Robert Tapia
Parker Reeve Banfield
Morgan Fury
Belinda Gatlin
Michael Reed



Gas prices explode upwards

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 44.6 cents a gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.71 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 61.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.21 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.69 while the most expensive was \$4.75 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 46.5 in the last week, averaging \$4.06 per gallon today. The national average is up 61.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.29 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"There are few words to describe the unprecedented rise in gasoline prices over the last week, with massive spikes coast to coast in both gasoline and diesel prices, as oil prices jump to their highest since 2008.

Forget the \$4 per gallon mark, the nation will soon set new all-time record highs and we could push closer to a national average of \$4.50 per gallon. California could be heading for \$5.50 per gallon with more stations charging \$6 and beyond," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "We've never been in this situation before, with this level of uncertainty. As we lose a major global producer under the weight of deserving bipartisan sanctions for invading a sovereign country, the cost is high. Americans will be feeling the pain of the rise in prices for quite some time, with little good news foreseen."

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

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Charlie's Web Lives On

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

I am not a fan of spiders, give me snakes, lizards, buzzards, and worms, but spiders are just creepy. At any rate, one day I found a little spider making a web in the corner of the men's restroom in the church building in Sudan. I was gracious and did not dispatch the creepy little critter and the only reason was he was little. I thought it funny this little fellow making a web in the far reaches of any activity that might land him a meal. I named him Charlie and tried to explain to him his efforts would be futile in such a remote location. (Not much happens in a church building during the week so you have time to talk to spiders.) Yet he continued to weave

his little web. Each day he patiently waited and each day I checked in to see an empty web. Then one day, I walked in greeted Charlie and to my surprise a fly, a really big fly stuck in the web and Charlie was busy processing his prize and I think he was smiling.

As Christians we are all in different places at different times. Some of us live in small little West Texas towns, others a bit more "city-fied" yet wherever we are we must trust the One who placed us there and do what He needs us to do. You may think Friona is a remote little corner of the world where not much happens and efforts here to serve the Lord are futile. Yet God weaves people in and

out of our lives that we have an opportunity to serve to His glory. You may never know how many people you touch, but God does and all He asks of you is to trust Him enough to spin your web in your place and let Him give the increase. So whether you're in Friona or somewhere else, trust that God is using you to do great things. I know because He used a very small eight-legged creature to teach me.

(I wrote this story nine years ago. What I know now for sure is: you have purpose here in Friona. It remains for me a blessing to be here, and I am often humbled and thankful that I get to live here. Keep spinning, God is not through with you yet.)

The Effectiveness of Helpless Prayer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever been in a situation where you were completely helpless and had to be dependent on others. Hospital patients heal quicker when they don't fight their doctors and staff as they tend attentively to them, and babies are much more satisfied when they don't battle against their mother's tender care. There is great blessing to realizing one's helplessness, because that unlocks wonderful benefits. In a similar sense, this also should be true of Christians when we pray realizing our great need of God's help and work in our lives.

At our church, we recently had Ted Spear preach on "The Effectiveness of Helpless Prayer" from Romans 8:26-27. Romans 8:26-27 says "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." When you lift your prayers to the Father, and just don't know how to pray as burdens press in, you are in the perfect place to draw near in weakness and find the strength the Holy Spirit supplies. The power that God supplies in prayer is available when you draw near to him in weakness, fully surrendered to his will and move in your life. Humility before God invokes his intervention, especially in prayer, as we come surrendered to His will and work in expanding the kingdom of God.

How Can We Prosper?

By Teena Hughs

We are continuing to read through the Bible in our Tuesday night study. A few weeks ago, we were reading in Deuteronomy, and Deuteronomy 5:29 caused me to start thinking about God prospering us, and exactly what the word prosper means.

Deuteronomy 5:29 says, "Oh, that they would always have hearts like this, that they might fear Me and obey all My commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever."

I usually use the word prosper to mean or show financial gain, but I figure God has more than one way to prosper us.

In looking at the Greek, Hebrew and American definitions, prosper means to favor, to render successful, to be good, to be profitable, to succeed in an enterprise or activity, to achieve economic success, to become strong and flourishing, to cause to succeed or thrive.

us to prosper, whether it's being successful financially, in business, in school, in our relationships, or other arenas of life, but I think He wants us to prosper with honesty and integrity.

On the other hand, even though it is often difficult to understand or see, we also prosper when we come through a difficult or devastating season of life. When we aren't successful financially, or when our crops or business fail, or when we don't get the pay raise or promotion we believe we deserve, we prosper. How? Because when we get through that hurt, disappointment, devastation, we can look back and see that we did succeed; we survived; we became stronger; we are thriving as a better person. And, hopefully, we see how God worked and helped us prosper.

One of the main keys to prospering is obeying God. Whether it is through good times or bad, success or failure, we can prosper

somehow, some way if we are willing to obey God. Just because we always obey God, it does not mean that we will always become successful; remember that there are always other people and other circumstances that you have to deal with that often determine our success or failure.

We are in tough times with the drought, the economy, etc. We are still feeling the effects of covid with not only sickness, but also the depression and suicide that has been caused by covid. People are struggling to keep their businesses open. The list of hardships goes on and on. So, How Can We Prosper in Life? According to an article with the same title, we should, "Always be honest in everything, which means making that decision to free yourself from deceit and untruthfulness. Walk in integrity. Be humble, live right, seek God. Seek wisdom. Find mentors. Be kind." It is good, sound advice. Take care and prosper!

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



The 2011-2012 Friona Chieftains Area Champions: Front, l-r, Brayden Pope, Joselito Cigarroa, Victor Reveles, Cole Stowers, Brad Stowers; Back, l-r, Coach David Woods, Gabriel Avalos, Kadya Hicks, Michael Ortiz, Mason Loflin, Sergio Soliz, Ryan DeWit, Jacob Pena, Caleb Monroe, Weston Wyly, Jake DeWit, and Dillon Kelley. Holly Campbell photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, March 1, 2012)



Texas Tech Polo team wins Regionals

From the Texas Tech Polo Facebook Page — And just like that, our ladies beat SMU and Texas to WIN regionals!!! Two of our team members received the All Star Polo Team Award! Congratulations Lexie Harlan and Tatijana Mirsky! Our pony Coneja was nominated for Best Playing Pony! Thank you to our coach Ashley Yates Owen for being an amazing mentor and guiding us to victory! Now on to nationals in Los Osos, California in just a couple of weeks! Wreck'em!

Editor's Note — Mary Kate Ratliff, center in photo, is the youngest daughter of Franklin and Sunny Ratliff of Amarrillo, and the granddaughter of Hollis & Lunell Horton of Friona.

Mary Kate is a nursing student at Texas Tech University and was an annual participant in Summer Drama Workshop while growing up. Mary Kate is not the only "Friona connection" to Tech polo. Current FCCLA instructor Erin Barnett was also a member of the Texas Tech Polo team.

It takes two

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On March 12, 1776, the sacrifices of the Founding Mothers were finally recognized; a notice appeared in the newspapers, which said: "The necessity of taking all imaginable care of those who may happen to be wounded in the country's cause, urges us to address our humane ladies, to lend us their kind assistance in furnishing us with linen rags and old sheeting, for bandages."



According to History.com, "On and off the battlefield, women were known to support the revolutionary cause by providing nursing assistance. But donating bandages and sometimes applying them was only one form of aid provided by the women of the new United States. From the earliest protests against British taxation, women's assent and labor was critical to the success of the cause. The boycotts that united the colonies against British taxation required female participation far more than male—in fact, the men designing the non-importation agreements generally chose to boycott products used mostly by women."

That year, John Adams was reminded by his wife, Abigail, about the contributions of the humane ladies. While he toiled with the semantics of the Declaration of Independence with Thomas Jefferson, she wrote to him in Philadelphia: "And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Role of Women in the American Revolution* by Hallie Murray.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulameric anbookprize.com website.

4-H receives landmark \$50 Million Gift

The National 4-H Council announced this week that it received a transformational, \$50 million gift from writer and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. This marks the largest single gift in 4-H's 120-year history.

"This extraordinary gift is a rare and special occurrence," said Krysta Harden, National 4-H Council Board Chair and President and CEO of the U.S. Dairy Export Council. "With such a significant gift comes great responsibility. We will engage our stakeholders to ensure these resources lift the diverse voices of young people and create equitable and inclusive opportunities for this generation, and many future generations to come."

This gift builds upon the dedicated efforts of thousands of local Cooperative Extension 4-H educators, more than 500,000 volunteers, and millions of 4-H youth, alumni, and donors. It leverages decades of public investment from counties, states, and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA. And it will sustain 4-H's commitment to ensuring all young people—regardless of their background or beliefs—are empowered with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

"Together, we have built a life-changing movement that serves six million youth each year," observes Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of National 4-H Council. "Fueled by this historic investment, we will make even greater progress toward our shared vision: providing all young people with access to opportunity."



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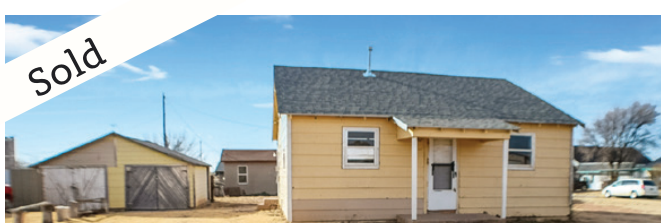
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Sports



2022 Girls Powerlifting Regional Qualifiers: Back row (l-r): Magdalena Licerio, Breanna Godinez, Ahtziri Soltero Front row (l-r): Ellie Galaviz, Trinity Ramos, Lily Abarca, Naara Saucedo, Reyna Arias (not in photo).



Magdalena Licerio
State Qualifier
Girls Powerlifting



Girls Powerlifting Regional Medalists — (l-r) Ahtziri Soltero, 3rd Place; Magdalena Licerio, 2nd Place; and Trinity Ramos, 3rd Place.



Friona FFA Chapter Facebook Page — For the past two months we have been putting our new plasma cam cnc machine to good use in our spare time! Every student in our ag mechanics classes designed and cut out a sign to take home with them. We have also used the machine for some other projects. We have cut out many cool things using the cnc machine. Thank you to our awesome administration for getting us this technology!

Sports News: The varsity boys golf team placed 2nd overall at the Farwell Invitational Golf Tournament this past Wednesday. Team members were Anthony Abarca, Tim Ally, Bryer Stanberry, Elijah Thompson, and Aiden Pitsch. Anthony Abarca finished 3rd overall individual medalist.

The Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Boys, and Varsity Girls track teams all won first place in their respective divisions at last weeks Friona Relays Track meet. See track meet results below.

Powerlifting Results

Girls Region 1 Class 3AS - Shamrock, TX - 3/3/2022 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results: 1. Dimmitt, 32 points; 2. Tulia, 27 points; 3. Coahoma, 22 points; 4. Sonora, 20 points; 5. Crane, 19 points; 6. Ballinger, 15 points; 7. Stanton, 13 points; 8. Big Lake Reagan County, 13 points; **9. Friona, 13 points**; 10. Merkel, 8 points; 11. Alpine, 7 points; 12. San Angelo Grape Creek, 6 points; 13. Lubbock Roosevelt, 5 points; 14. Childress, 4 points; 15. Amarillo Highland Park, 1 point; 16. Abernathy, 0 points

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|-----|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 105 | 3 | Trinity Ramos | 100.6 | 195 | 115 | 215 | 525 |
| 114 | 10 | Naara Saucedo | 109.2 | 200 | 100 | 190 | 490 |
| 114 | 12 | Ellie Galaviz | 108.6 | 185 | 80 | 160 | 425 |
| 132 | 2 | Magdalena Licerio | 128.4 | 270 | 145 | 280 | 695 |
| 148 | 4 | Reyna Arias | 144.4 | 285 | 140 | 270 | 695 |
| 181 | 10 | Lily Abarca | 175.6 | 175 | 110 | 190 | 475 |
| 198 | SC | Breanna Godinez | 196.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 220 | 3 | Ahtziri Soltero | 210 | 350 | 145 | 290 | 785 |

2022 Chieftain Relays Track Meet

Chieftain Stadium - Friona, Texas - March 4, 2022

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| Varsity Boys 1st Place Team | Long Jump 2nd Bryan Chavira 5th Mario Bautista 6th Alexis Rivas | Varsity Girls 1st Place Team |
| 100 Meters 1st Bryan Chavira 3rd Alexis Rivas 5th Kade Crosby | Triple Jump 1st Jacob Bautista 3rd Tony Rodriguez | 100 Meters 1st Noelia Bautista 4th Amor Espinoza 6th Lizbeth Toledo |
| 200 Meters 1st Kade Crosby 4th Josh Gonzalez 6th Jose Saucedo | Junior Varsity Boys 1st Place Team | 200 Meters 1st Destini Nava 4th Amor Espinoza |
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| 800 Meters 2nd Fabian Salinas 3rd Dieter Ally | 200 Meters 1st Anthony Lopez 2nd Isaac Olmos | 800 Meters 1st Yvonne Legaretta |
| 1600 Meters 4th Dieter Ally 6th Michael Bautista | 400 Meters 1st Isaias Olmos 3rd Antonio Vasquez | 1600 Meters 1st Yvonne Legaretta |
| 3200 Meters 4th Gabriel Ramos 5th Michael Bautista | 800 Meters 2nd Erik Estrada | 3200 Meters 1st Yvonne Legaretta 4th Nevaeh Galan |
| 110m Hurdles 1st Kaden Jeter | 1600 Meters 3rd Erik Estrada | 100m Hurdles 3rd Kitzy Welch 4th Duvy Ortiz |
| 300m Hurdles 1st Kaden Jeter | 3200 Meters 3rd Erik Estrada | 300m Hurdles 2nd Kitzy Welch |
| 4 x 100m Relay 1st Friona Alexis Rivas Bryan Chavira Jose Saucedo Jacob Bautista | 110m Hurdles 2nd Nicolas Gutierrez | 4 x 100m Relay 1st Friona Anahi Gonzalez Destini Nava Liliana Martinez Noelia Bautista |
| 4 x 200m Relay 1st Friona Alan Martinez Tony Rodriguez Bryan Chavira Jacob Bautista | 300m Hurdles 4th Nicolas Gutierrez | 4 x 200m Relay 1st Friona Anahi Gonzalez Destini Nava Liliana Martinez Noelia Bautista |
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| | Triple Jump 1st Isaac Olmos | Triple Jump 3rd Kitzy Welch 5th Lizbeth Toledo 6th Breanna Rivera |

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Several races headed to runoffs

A number of statewide races are headed for a May 24 runoff after the votes were tallied in the March 1 primary.

Topping the ballot in the Republican race is the contest for attorney general, where incumbent Ken Paxton led the field with 42.7% of votes cast, followed by George P. Bush, current land commissioner, who garnered 22.8%. The remainder of GOP ballots went to former Supreme Court justice Eva Guzman at 17.5% and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert with 17%.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Houston businessman Mike Collier took 41.5%, with Carrollton state Rep. Michelle Beckley getting 30.2%. They will face each other in the runoff to determine who will face incumbent Dan Patrick in November. Patrick handily won the GOP primary with 76.6% of the vote.

In the race to succeed Bush as land commissioner, there will be runoffs in both parties, with State Sen. Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeview, taking 41.8% and Tim Westley, the historian for the Texas Republican party, trailing with 14.8%. On the Democratic ballot, San-drage Martinez, a San Antonio licensed professional counselor, took 32% while Jay Kleberg, a conservationist whose family owns the storied King Ranch, trailed with 25.8%.

Two Democrats are vying to face incumbent Glenn Hegar in the race for state comptroller. Janet T. Dudding, who retired from Texas A&M to run, led the field with 46.2%. She

will face Angel Luis Vega, a business strategist, who received 34.7% of the vote.

GOP incumbent Wayne Christian, chair of the Texas Railroad Commission, fell short of gathering a majority in the primary with 47.2% of the vote. Sarah Stogner, a Midland attorney who gained attention by posting a semi-nude video of herself on top of an oil pumpjack, finished second with 15.1%.

Voters may cast ballots in a party's runoff races if they originally voted in that party's primary or didn't vote at all. Voters who cast ballots in the Republican primary can't cross over and vote in the Democratic runoff, and vice versa. Early voting runs from May 16-20.

Operation Lone Star marks one year

Gov. Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard last week marked the one-year anniversary of Operation Lone Star, the state's effort to "secure the border." Since its launch, more than 208,000 migrants have been apprehended, with 11,800 criminal charges filed.

In the last legislative session, lawmakers approved an additional \$1.8 billion in state funding, bringing the total of funding for border security to \$3 billion.

Emergency SNAP benefits again extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture again has extended emergency food benefits for eligible Texas families, with more than \$310 million going to more than 1.5 million

Texas households for the month of March. The allotments are distributed through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"Putting food on the table is critical for the health and well-being of families, and we're proud to continue helping with these most basic needs," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

Since April 2020, more than \$6.13 billion in emergency food benefits have been provided through SNAP. All SNAP households will receive at least \$95 in emergency allotments by March 31.

New website highlights early childhood services

A streamlined resource for Texas parents to get information about early childhood services is now up and running. The new website, earlychildhood.texas.gov, serves as a one-stop-shop to connect Texas parents with access to a variety of free or low-cost services and resources.

The website offers information and resources for health and development, parenting, child care and education.

Federal COVID-19 funding tops \$75.6 billion

The Legislative Budget Board reports that the state received an estimated \$75.6 billion in COVID-19 federal funding, not counting funds awarded directly to individuals and local entities. The funding

came from a half dozen pandemic response packages passed by Congress since March 2020.

The funding provided assistance to Texas public schools, higher education, local governments and health care providers. More detailed information can be found at the budget board's website: lbb.texas.gov/Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the state's Division of Workers Compensation reported more than 78,000 workers' compensation claims with 422 fatalities. More than half of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

COVID-19 cases continue to drop

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to drop across the state, with 26,520 reported in the past week by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 936 deaths. The omicron variant continues to wane, with lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations dropping to 2,838 statewide, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated now stands at 17.282 million, according to DSHS, with 6.322 million getting a booster dose as well. As of Sunday, 59.2% of Texans are fully vaccinated.

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.

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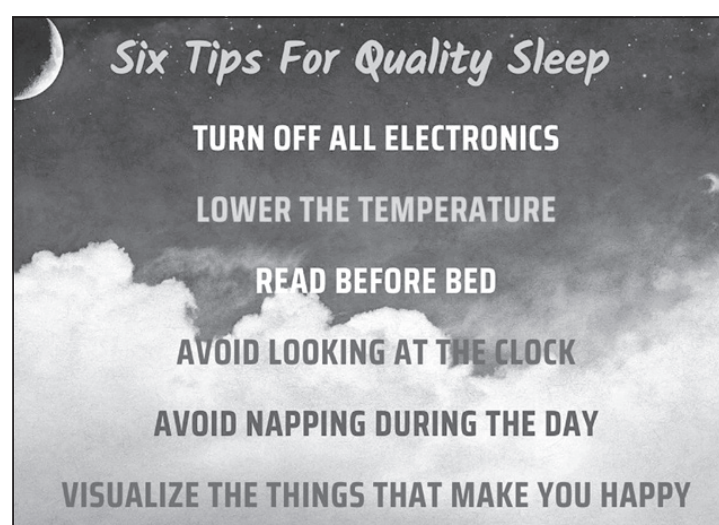
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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Celebrates National Sleep Awareness Week



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension recognizes National Sleep Awareness Week March 13-19, encouraging quality sleep as a means of improving general health and well-being.

Increasing focus is being paid to sleep, as a lack of it has been shown to contribute to weight gain and increase the risk of diseases, like heart disease and stroke.

"With regard to our personal wellness, we often hear about the need for a good diet and an active lifestyle," said Erica Reyes, Program Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. "Adequate sleep is a third component of a healthy lifestyle that is often overlooked or underemphasized; getting the recommended eight hours is important," Reyes adds.

Our attempts to reduce weight, maintain peak performance at work, and communicate with others are all dependent on getting enough sleep. Here are three recommended practices to help obtain the rest your body requires to function healthily.

Stick to a schedule: Our brain determines our times for day and night depending on our sleep routine and sleep cycles. When we disrupt those

time frames by significantly altering our sleeping patterns for a few days, we might spend the remainder of the week off our schedule.

Limit caffeine intake: Those who consume four or more caffeinated drinks per day are more prone to sleeplessness, so be mindful of coffee, tea, sodas, energy drinks, and their serving sizes.

Exercise: Regular exercise throughout the week may help boost the production of the hormone melatonin, termed the "sleep hormone." Simply ensure that your activity does not take place too close to bedtime, or it may have the opposite effect.

Reyes recommends that health care providers and health care professionals assist by assessing patients' sleep habits, and discussing the importance of sleep. "It is important to assist in raising awareness by discussing sleep habits and by displaying patient education materials on sleep, sleep hygiene, and specific sleep disorders in waiting and exam rooms," Reyes concludes.

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension health programs, contact Wendy Case at wendy.case@ag.tamu.edu or call the Extension office at 806-251-5120.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$3.2 Billion in February

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Tuesday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.23 billion in February, 28.6 percent more than in February 2021; however, after adjusting last year's February totals to account for sales tax returns not collected until March 1, 2021, due to Winter Storm Uri, February 2022 sales tax revenue was up 20.5 percent over comparable collections last year.

The majority of February sales tax revenue is based on sales made in January and remitted to the agency in February.

"State sales tax collections continued to surge and reached an all-time February high, with receipts from all major economic sectors coming in well above year-ago levels," Hegar said. "Business and consumer spending remain robust, with receipts from most sectors having strongly surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

"The strongest growth was in receipts from sectors driven by business spending, with the largest

increase in receipts from the oil and gas mining sector, although receipts in that sector remain below pre-pandemic levels. Receipts from the construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors continued to exhibit double-digit growth from a year ago.

"In the retail-trade sector, double-digit growth continued in receipts from home improvement and electronic shopping, segments that have been boosted by pandemic spending patterns.

"Receipts from restaurants, a sector still depressed a year ago, continued to see double-digit gains compared to last year and are well above pre-pandemic levels. Sharp increases were also evident in receipts from entertainment venues and ticket vendors, as people return to sporting, music and other live entertainment events."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2022, after adjusting for March 1, 2021, activity, was up 23.5 percent compared to the same period a year



Angelina Faye McWilliams

Angelina Faye McWilliams, 86 of Clovis went to receive her heavenly reward on March 3, 2022. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (CT) Monday, March 7, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY in Friona with Celebration of Life Services at 10:00 AM (MT), Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the West 21st St. Church of Christ in Clovis, NM with Randy McWilliams, officiating. Burial followed in the Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona, Texas

Faye was born in Clovis, New Mexico on June 21, 1935, to Escar and Blanche Burton. After graduation from Forrest High School she began working for Mountain Bell Telephone at the age of 19. On June 22, 1957, she married Vernon McWilliams.

Faye worked as a very friendly switchboard operator for Mountain Bell for 30 years, retiring at the age of 49. She was a long-time member of the West 21st St. Church of Christ, placing membership before the congregation moved from the 10th Street building. She was noted for her great cooking, especially during the holidays when she would bake an assortment of breads, and candies of all types. Family and church members as well as her neighbors all benefited from Faye's gift of cooking. Faye loved family gatherings, outdoor activities, and playing



games with loved ones.

Faye is preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, her parents, Escar and Blanche Burton, a brother, Billy Burton, and a sister, Emmie Love.

She is survived by three sisters, Yvonne Mercadante, Ellen Burton, and Bertie (Snipes) Lindsey, son Randy (Terrie) McWilliams, and daughter Cynthia (Randy) McCasland, 5 grandchildren Marc (Brenda) McWilliams, Justin (Rebecca) McCasland, Kaitlin (Kyle) Hendrickson, Amber (Matt) Westfall, and Donovan (Selena) McWilliams, 4 great grandsons Connor and Caden McCasland, Jacob McWilliams, and Holden Westfall, and 2 great granddaughters Aria Faye Westfall and Layla McWilliams.

Memorials can be made to Portales Christian Children's Home in Portales, N.M. or Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona as an option to flowers.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Obituaries



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has an archive of past obituaries
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Melvin Wayne Edwards

Melvin Wayne Edwards (86) of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, went to his heavenly home January 31, 2022. He was born May 22, 1935 in Lynn County to Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards. Melvin attended school at New Lynn and Wilson Texas. Melvin had a love for many 4-H activities and received an Anderson-Clayton Cotton Scholarship. He served in the United States Army from 1955-1956 and was honorably discharged.

January 6 was the 65th anniversary of Melvin and the former Jeanell Martin. They were married at the First Methodist Church in Tahoka, Texas. They made their home in Draw Texas.

Melvin absolutely loved farming and tilling the soil. He loved going to work everyday, working with his hands, and seeing the fruits of his labor at the end of the season. He retired from farming in the early 80's. For 8 years Melvin and Jeanell op-



erated the Hometown Hardware store in Tahoka then moved to Lubbock.

Melvin was a faithful member of Southcrest Baptist Church serving as a deacon. He was also a Master Mason for over 50 years.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Jeanell; his son, Mike of Hobbs NM (Patti Jones); grandchildren, Cody Edwards (Tawana) of Owasso, OK; Cassie Lakin (Heath) of Hobbs, NM; great-grandchildren, Madison and Audrey Edwards of Owasso, OK; and Jax Lakin of Hobbs, NM. His sister Imojean Tunnell of Amarillo and a host of much loved nieces, nephews, and friends.

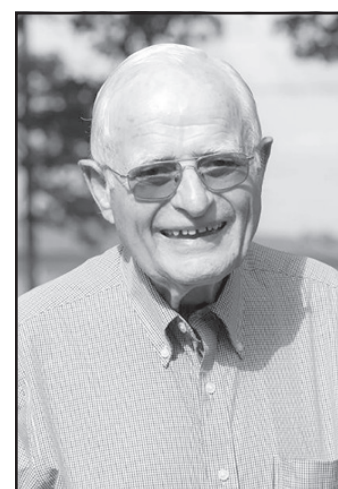
Memorials may be sent to St. Jude's Hospital; Southcrest Baptist Church of Lubbock or Alzheimer's Association.

Services will be held at a later date.

Billy Henry "Bill" Brandt

Billy Henry "Bill" Brandt, age 83 of Springdale, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. He was born April 18, 1938, in Littlefield, Texas to Ernest John and Ruth Bernece (Goertz) Brandt. Bill graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from Texas Tech University. He began farming in Friona, Texas in 1961 and then moved to Springdale in 1972 where he returned to civil engineering. Farming and ranching were always important to Bill, and in Arkansas he continued to run cattle and pursue his enthusiasm for John Deere tractors. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and trips to their mountain retreat in Westcliffe, Colorado. He had a deep love and appreciation for America.

Bill was an active member and elder of Salem Lutheran Church for many years. He loved the Lord and strived to be a faithful steward of the things



he was blessed with. He was also a member of The Gideons International. His joy was to distribute Bibles on school and college campuses. Bill was devoted to his wife, children, and great-grandchildren.

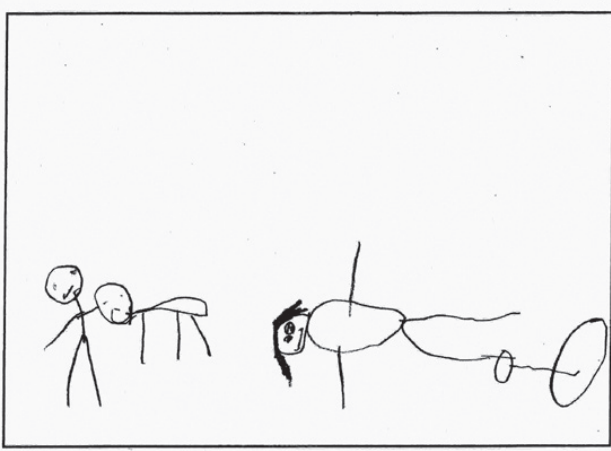
He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bonnie (Wagner) Brandt; three children, Kelley Davis and husband Mark, Kim Simco and husband Brian, all of Springdale, Keith Brandt and wife Sherry of Corinth, Texas; three sisters, Betty Peterschmidt of Victoria, Texas, Jane Brandt of Anacortes, Washington, Pam Kennedy and husband Bruce of Lubbock, Texas; eight

grandchildren, Matthew Davis and wife Jessica, Chase Davis and wife Roxy, Elizabeth Hicks and husband Bradley, Emily Kate Beyer and husband Nick, Kari Beth High and husband Aaron, Christopher Simco and wife Lauren, Rachel Brandt, Garrison Brandt; and ten great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Salem Lutheran Church in Springdale, Arkansas with a reception and visitation to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to either Cal Farley Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101, Salem Lutheran Church, 1800 W Emma Ave., Springdale, AR 72762, The Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090, or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, AR 72762.

Arrangements are with Heritage Funeral Home, online obituary and guestbook at heritageofnwa.com.

Mighty Writers



Meg, my dog, was trying to get ~~up~~ out of the house and her leash was connected to the cage. It was also connected to my sister. I ran in front of Meg to stop her from going out of the house.
Roman Garcia
1st Place - Kindergarten

1st Place Bayden Allen Pre-K
I help bottle feed my calf, he is black. One night he escaped out of his pen. We found him at the end of our ditch the next morning, we named him Guapo.

1st Place 4th Grade
My Kindness TO YOU
By Alyssa Rubalcava
Hello. This is my kindness to you. I know you might not care, but I shall try anywhere. Kindness is something delicate. With one word, it turns into despair. You also realize that you need trust. It is also fragile. You are fragile, you just hide it with big words and mean actions. You are human. You have emotions too. I know people may not love you or accept you as well, but I do. That's my kindness to you.

1st Place 5th Grade
Team Gone Wrong
By Natalie Achor
One bright day, at Westford Elementary School, Iris saw the soccer tryout sheet. She knew she needed a pencil, she felt like it, but she didn't bring it, so she went to the class to get it. Once she got her pencil, she wrote on the sheet "Iris" there were only two other names on the sheet, Maya and Alyah. She jumped in excitement! She went to the class to find her best friend Maya who was sitting down. She went up to Maya and said "You joined soccer too?" to which Maya replied with "Well of course". By then it was time for first period.
Soon enough, it was recess Iris and Maya talked about soccer. They were excited, but one thing made them nervous, ALYAH was there. Alyah is their worst enemy. "Tryouts are tomorrow" Iris said "I think I'll make it so I'm not worried much" Maya said. Recess was over and they went to their classes. The day soon ended and the morning sun came up. Tryouts are today! Iris got ready and went off to school. Once at school she found a line that had a sign next to it. "Soccer tryouts" She found Maya and put her things up before heading back to the line with Maya. The line moved quickly, and it was their turn. They did their best and they were out of the line. They went back to the class. "Well, that was actually easy" Maya said "Eh, it wasn't TOO bad," said Iris.
The next day was there, and the results were posted. Both of them made it. Along with Alyah but that was no surprise. The paper also said practice was at 5:30 after school. They were very excited. The day flew by and it was soon practice. Iris had been at Maya's house so she just rode with Maya. They got to practice and they started with drills. At first nothing happened, everyone was nice and having a good time but then the "competitive" side started to show. Everyone was pushing and showing off their best moves. At this point Iris and Maya were a little confused, but they kept going. They thought it couldn't get any worse, but then started the name calling. It was small so the coaches didn't hear. By then practice was over and they went home. They had two more "practices" before their first game. The day came and it was time for the first game. When the game started the other kids were hungry for victory so it wasn't any fun for the girls. The game was finally over and they went home. All the rest of the games were just boring and too competitive for them. But one day before a game they told the coaches. The coaches apologized and went to make an announcement that there was no name calling and that it was just a game, just for fun. The kids looked at each other, with a small frown. The game came and they played their best, and they won! (like most other games) After their last game they all apologized to each other even Iris and Maya. The kids learned that not everything has to be perfect and it's okay to lose. They also learned that a game should be fun. They all played soccer the rest of their years in school and all went on to play professional soccer together, as a team.

Amayah Rojas
12/8/21
Mighty writers
1st Place 3rd Grade
One day a new girl came to my school her name was Amy. But she had to sit with me. So she sat beside me at the end of class we were friends. The next day I could not find her when I did she was crying. I asked what was wrong and she said I was walking to the park and someone bullied me. I said who she said Molly. Molly was at the swings bullying other kids. I told her to stop or I would tell the teacher. She didn't care so I told the teacher. She went to the office. And she did not bully anymore. She said sorry. So we became friends. In fourth grade we met each other at the park to talk about what we would do this summer. I said how about we have a pool party this summer for my birthday. We all agreed so the next day we all told our parents. They all said yes but first they all will have to meet together. So that summer we all went to the pool we had so much fun. One year later we met at basketball we were so happy we were on the same team. And we were best friends for life. And remember don't bully.

1st Place Sofia Salinas
2nd Grade
One time I was not nice to my siblings I would call them names I was really mean that night I felt really bad for calling them names then I had a dream that my siblings and I were grown up and I never got to say sorry so I built a time machine, and went back when I got there I saw myself calling them names so I looked myself in a closet and said sorry to my siblings then I woke up.

I help my mom clean my room.
I don't want my mom to be sad.
Because my mom had stress on her stomach my mom felt hope.
1st Place Emily Mendoza 1st Grade

Legacy Pointe to host St. Patrick's Day Dinner

As many of you know, March is considered the month of luck! St. Patrick has his shamrock, which is said to bring luck and good fortune to all.
Keeping with this lucky theme, on Thursday, March 17th, Legacy Pointe invites you to join them for a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner! The meal includes your choice of

bratwurst with a side of sauerkraut and carrots, or ham with steamed cabbage and butter beans. Both entrees include cornbread and a Lucky Charm Rice Krispie treat for dessert.
Serving will begin around 5:30 p.m. at Legacy Pointe located at 1500 Main. You may Dine-In or Carry-Out!
Reservations must be made by

12 noon on Wednesday March 16th by calling or texting Kathy at 806-206-7788.
The suggested contribution for this meal is \$5.00 but any donation will be appreciated. Legacy Pointe is excited to "Spring" into our new adventures and appreciate all the support the Friona community continues to show!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."**

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Aclaraciones Breves De Las Enmiendas Constitucionales Elección Especial del 7 de Mayo de 2022

Número de propuesta 1 (SJR 2)

La SJR 2 propone una enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a proveer la reducción del importe de la limitación sobre la cantidad total de impuestos sobre la propiedad que pueden fijarse, para fines generales de las escuelas públicas primarias y secundarias, sobre la propiedad residencial de una persona de edad avanzada o discapacitada para reflejar cualquier reducción reglamentaria del año fiscal anterior en la tasa comprimida máxima de los impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones fijados para esos fines sobre la propiedad.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta de la siguiente manera: **"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a proveer la reducción del importe de la limitación sobre la cantidad total de impuestos ad valorem que pueden fijarse, para fines generales de las escuelas públicas primarias y secundarias, sobre la propiedad residencial de una persona de edad avanzada o discapacitada para reflejar cualquier reducción reglamentaria del año fiscal anterior en la tasa comprimida máxima de los impuestos de mantenimiento y operaciones fijados para esos fines sobre la propiedad"**.

Número de propuesta 2 (SJR 2)

La SJR 2 propone una enmienda constitucional que aumenta el importe de la exención de la propiedad residencial de los impuestos a la propiedad para fines de las escuelas públicas de \$25,000 a \$40,000".

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta de la siguiente manera: **"La enmienda constitucional que aumenta el importe de la exención de impuestos ad valorem de la propiedad residencial para fines de las escuelas públicas de \$25,000 a \$40,000"**.

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2022 Chamber Award Winners



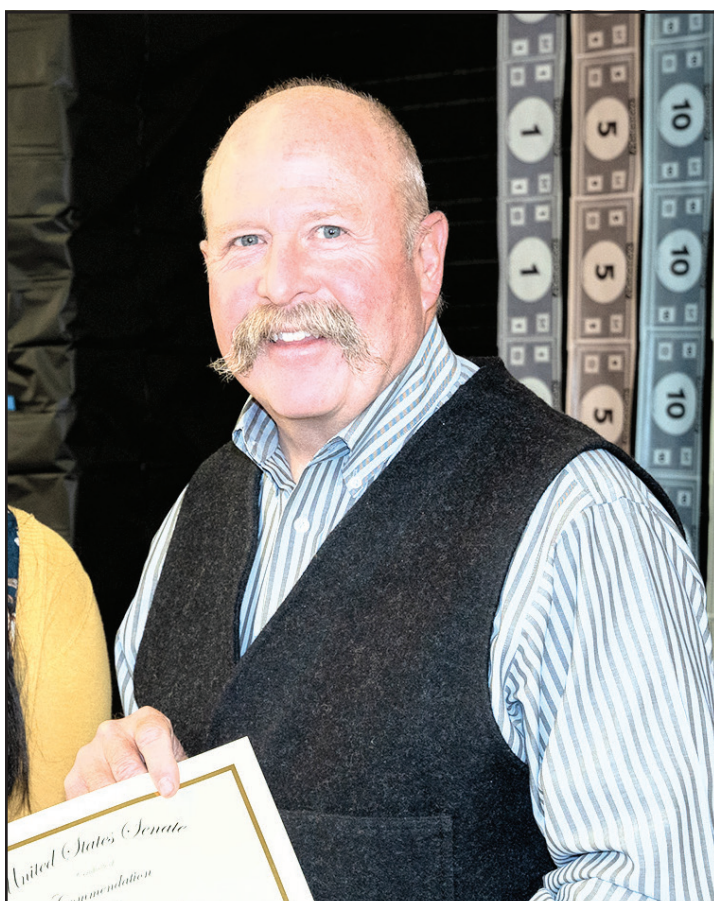
Jennifer Gonzales
Teacher of the Year



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Girl Student of the Year



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Boy Student of the Year



Skip Hodges
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Friena Volunteer Fire Department News

On Monday the Friena VFD had a live fire training exercise. Firemen honed their skills on SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) operation, fire behavior, and search and rescues.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated:

- 1. DUBLIN
- 2. BELFAST
- 3. DUBLIN

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