



Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Friona Blood Drive

Senior Building - 1410 N. Washington

Noon - 7:00 pm

Blood Drive is April 16th

The Friona Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Friona Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 16th from Noon until 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Friendship House located at 1410 N. Washington. You can call 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org to schedule an appointment. Also, please see the ad on page 7 to scan QR code and schedule an appointment.

FEDC Holds Quarterly Meeting

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) held a Quarterly Meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8th in the Friona City Hall Council Chambers located at 619 Main Street.

Minutes of the November 25, 2024 Quarterly Meeting were reviewed and approved as well as the year-to-date financial statements. A candidate was nominated to fill the vacancy by retiring board member Henry Clark.

Board members heard presentations from 4 business owners who were seeking financial assistance in starting, moving, and/or expanding their businesses.

Board members also were given an update on FEDC grants and projects that are currently in progress.

StrikeNet Weather App Available

The new Pantex StrikeNet online site and weather app is now available and includes Friona. Using established weather stations across the region, Pantex upgraded the systems and now the real-time data is available for visitors at the online site or the app.

The StrikeNet weather app is free and available on Google Play and the App Store. Visit the online site at <https://strikenet-tx.com/> On both the StrikeNet website and app, all available weather data is listed in its drop-down menu.

Pantex views StrikeNet as an opportunity to offer accurate and localized weather information to Texas Panhandle residents, internet users, and weather station owners at no cost.



In the photo — (l-r) Wes Reeves, Joe Fischbacher, Mayor Greg Lewellen, Dylan Odell, and Dru Chidester.

Xcel Energy visits Friona

Representatives of Xcel Energy visited Friona Monday morning to conduct a review of their Texas-New Mexico Wildfire Mitigation Plan with local officials and first responders.

The Xcel reps included Dru Chidester, Community Service Manager; Wes Reeves, Senior Community Manager for Wildfire Mitigation, Dylan Odell, engineer, and Joe Fischbacher, Operations Manager. Also in attendance were Xcel fire inspectors Chance Hutson and Charles Jones.

One of Xcel Energy's primary goals is to ensure that catastrophic wildfires are not started by Xcel Energy assets. Even though the restoration of power quickly and safely is a priority, restoration efforts can only begin once the risks have subsided. Power lines must be visually inspected to ensure that they are safe to operate. This process may take multiple hours or even days.

The mitigation plan has two main components which includes Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Both are tools Xcel can implement to reduce wildfire risk and keep customers safe. EPSS allows power lines to remain in service during periods of elevated wildfire risk, but with additional protection settings enabled. In a PSPS event, power is proactively shut off for safety as a last resort. Neither of these precautions were used in Friona during the March 14th storm.

At the end of the meeting Mayor Greg Lewellen presented Chidester a letter of gratitude to him and the entire Xcel Energy team for their exceptional work during and after the severe wind event that struck the Friona area on March 14th.

In the letter, Lewellen stated, "... your organization responded with incredible professionalism, speed, and care. The coordination and visibility of Xcel crews in Friona was nothing short of remarkable." Lewellen concluded, "We are proud to partner with a utility provider that not only understands the needs of our rural communities but rises to meet them when it matters most."

The Xcel Energy emergency phone number is 1-800-895-1999.

The outage map can be found at <https://www.outagemap-xcelenergy.com/outagemap/?state=TX>

LoneStar Ag Hosts "Kubota Orange Days"



Can You Mow in a Blizzard! — Despite the April snowstorm, LoneStar Ag held its Kubota Orange Days Sales Event last Saturday. Attendees enjoyed grilled hot dogs and a chance to kick the tires on new Kubota riding mowers and utility vehicles. Curtis Pittman was the winner in the prize drawing and took home a new cooler. The LoneStar Ag team is ready to help you find the right Kubota for your needs. **In the photo** — Heath Keller, Sales Representative; Ty Rankin, General Manager; Eben Ritter, Sales Representative; and Clint Hurst, owner.

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Friona Weather	T  April 10-16	F  79 44 NE 10-20	S  81 52 S 15-25	S  91 56 SW 15-25	S  89 52 WSW 15-25	M  71 42 NNE 15-25	T  68 43 ESE 10-15	W  74 48 SW 15-25	Precipitation April 1.66 Year 2.74	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-5200

April 10

- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs @ Senior Center Meal

April 14

- Enchilada Casserole @ Senior Center Meal

April 16

- Blood Drive from
Noon - 7 p.m. at Senior Center
- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid
is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

April 17

- Easter Meal @ Senior Center Meal

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Appeals court: TEA can release A-F school ratings

A judge with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that the Texas Education Agency can release its 2023 A-F school accountability ratings, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The ruling overturned a district judge’s injunction after more than 120 school districts sued to stop TEA from releasing the ratings. Those districts argued that the agency did not provide enough advance notice about changes to the formula used to calculate the rating.

The A-F ratings assigned to each district and campus are based on standardized test performance, though the COVID-19 pandemic slowed the process. The appeals court ruled that TEA Commissioner Mike Morath had the authority to postpone their issuance or to change the standards after the 2022-2023 school year was over.

“We agree that after a race is over not everyone can be declared the winner,” the court’s opinion read. “But it is not our role as judges to decide whether the Commissioner’s decisions were necessary or fair. The Districts’ burden ... was to show the Commissioner acted ‘without legal authority,’ not that he should have exercised his discretion another way.”

Dueling property tax proposals compared

The Texas House and Senate have agreed to spend at least \$6 billion to cut property taxes but are taking different approaches, The Texas Tribune reported. The most significant difference that must be reconciled is whether businesses or homeowners get the larger tax break.

The House measure gives more relief to businesses. It would exempt up to \$250,000 of business inventory from all property taxes, up from \$2,500. House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, backs the bill.

“Raising the personal property tax exemption ... would be a monumental win for Texas businesses, freeing up funds for business owners to reinvest in the growth of their companies on top of the potential savings provided by buying down property tax rates for all property owners statewide,” Burrows said in February.

The Senate version focuses on bigger tax breaks for homeowners, largely by raising the homestead exemption once again, this time from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

“I have made increasing the homestead exemption my mission because it is the best way to deliver meaningful property tax reductions for homeowners,” Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who leads the Senate, said in February. That bill passed unanimously in February. It contains an increase in personal property tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$25,000 – much lower than the House version.

Measles outbreak now at 481 cases

The outbreak of measles cases in the South Plains and Panhandle regions of Texas has jumped to 481, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Fifty-six people have been hospitalized and one fatality recorded, in an unvaccinated school-age child. DSHS says more cases are likely given the highly contagious nature of measles. Most of the cases are in

Gaines County, on the New Mexico border. That state has reported 54 cases as of Friday, while 10 have been reported in Oklahoma.

Texas has reported more measles cases in 2025 than in any full year since 1992, according to The News.

Bill enacts new regulations on large electricity users

A bill passed unanimously in the Senate and now pending in the House would enact new regulations on data centers and other major electricity users, the Chronicle reported.

The bill’s primary goal is to prevent a repeat of the deadly outages in February 2021 during Winter Storm Uri. It directs state regulators to figure out how to protect everyday residents and small businesses from huge rate hikes during weather emergencies, which is what happened to some users in 2021.

The growth of artificial intelligence is one factor in the boom in power demand. For example, Open AI’s first Stargate project being built in Abilene would require 1.2 gigawatts of electricity – enough to power a million homes for a year.

“It’s not an oil boom. It’s an economic boom led by big technology and their corresponding need for big electricity,” state Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, said on the Senate floor.

Campaign against distracted driving underway

The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new campaign to combat accidents caused by distracted driving. The Talk. Text. Crash. campaign is aimed to remind Texans that when driving, nothing matters more than the road ahead.

“Everyone knows they should focus while driving, but too many people still take their eyes off the road to check a text, fiddle with their dashboard or grab a bite to eat,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. “We want to make it clear: no text or call is worth a life.”

Last year, distracted driving contributed to more than 91,000 crashes in the state and more than 370 deaths, according to TxDOT.

Correction: The headline over last week’s story about the state’s measles headline contained the incorrect total number. The number of cases reported inside the story – then at 400 – was correct. We regret the error.

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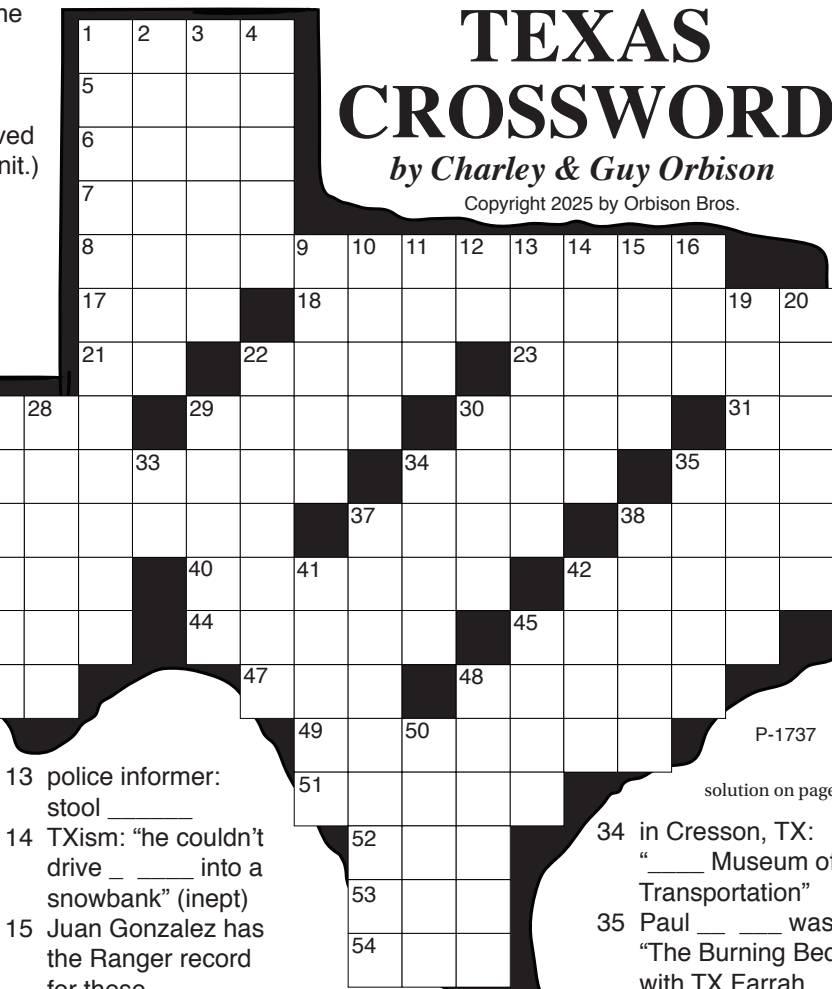
- Oldham County seat
- TX George W.'s former office shape
- decorative painting on tin utensils
- ___ out a living
- prehistoric footprint place near Fort Stockton (2 wds.)
- "Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge"
- "Asleep at the Wheel," e.g. (2 wds.)
- a SMU theatre is named for this actress Greer (init.)
- TXism: "___ 'nuff"
- this Bob was coach & GM of the Dallas Stars (1993-2002)
- this Baylor grad Kinsey was in TV's "The Office"
- this Gay played for the Spurs (2017-21)
- "six" in Mexico
- TX Clint Black hit: "___ Tell Ourselves"
- this TX Willie benefit concert was held in 1987 (3 wds.)
- ___ ville, TX
- hallucinogenic drug
- TXism: "get ___ built" (be still)
- farm building
- TX Dan Jenkins book: "___-Tough"
- marries
- everything left by a rich Texan
- TX Bobby, CIA dep. director (1981-82)

- TXism: "___ up with the chickens" (rise early)
- grin from ear to ear
- moan, grumble
- actress Ginger who lived in Texas for 4 years (init.)
- snakelike Gulf fish
- ___ canal is a dental procedure
- TXism: "hard as putting ___ ___ in a windstorm"

- TXism: "___ mouth" (cusser)
- anger, rage
- Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987
- this Williams was the 1st Ranger manager

DOWN

- in Texas senate,
- school vouchers,
- 19 voted in favor
- bringing to mind
- ___ Park, TX is in Harris County
- in Parmer County on FM 1187
- in the Middle East: ___ Arabia
- Gulf pirate in the early 19th century: Louis-Michel ___
- "got no ___ for it"
- late TX Rip (init.)



- police informer: stool ___
- TXism: "he couldn't drive ___ into a snowbank" (inept)
- Juan Gonzalez has the Ranger record for these
- Abilene, TX was named for a town in this state (abbr.)
- TX Dan Rather
- TXism: "___ the wool" (unchanging)
- TXism: "___ to a fare-thee-well"
- Spindletop driller: Capt. ___ Lucas
- legislative "no" vote

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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- "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies ___ Up to Be Cowboys"
- laid by a large flightless bird (2 wds.)
- pantry
- gets up from a chair
- saddle
- fleur-de-lis once flew over Texas

- in Cresson, TX: "___ Museum of Transportation"
- Paul ___ was in "The Burning Bed with TX Farrah type of pen
- "had a ___ ful" (drank too much)
- TXism: "___ the loose ends"
- "shootin' ___"
- Texas-based "___ hound Lines"
- go to school, e.g.
- TXism: "smart as ___ full of owls"

‘Tis the View

Why what?
Now that’s a question!
Postscript:
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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk’s Office from March 27, 2025 to April 3, 2025

(4/1/25) JKS Storage Inc. — Joshua Paul Ramirez, Heather Marie Ramirez — Lot 1, Block 4 Ridgelea Addition Unit 1, City of Bovina, Parmer County
(4/1/25) Karina Y. Lozoya — Miguel Ortega Villa, Ernestina Olmos Barraza — All of Lots 17, 18, 19, of Block 21, Original Townsite, City of Farwell, Parmer County
(4/1/25) Toby Scott Brito — Dennis Brito — W 1/2 of Section 12, T6S, R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County
(4/1/25) Kevin Welch, Trustee of the Welch Family Trust — Optima Dairy Texas LLC — W 1/2 of Section 12, T4S, R4E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; E/2 of Section 12, Capitol Leagues 486-487, T4S, R4E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County

Don’t get hit with a penalty!
“Render” your taxable property by April 15th.

A “rendition” is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

A person shall render all tangible personal property used for the production of income that the person owns or that the person manages and controls on January 1st. Examples of personal property that shall be rendered are inventory, machinery and equipment, and furniture and fixtures. If you do not render, render late, or file a false rendition, a 10% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property’s value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of current appraised value.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a “report of decreased value” to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2024. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2025.

What’s the deadline?

The last day for filing 2025 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
Parmer County Appraisal District
305 3rd Street
P.O. Box 56
Bovina, TX 79009
If you have any questions, please call
(806) 251-1405 or email parmer@parmercad.org
Jill Timms -- Chief Appraiser
Deanna Curtis -- Deputy Chief Appraiser

Special note: The deadline for vehicle exemptions for those who qualify are due by April 30, 2025.



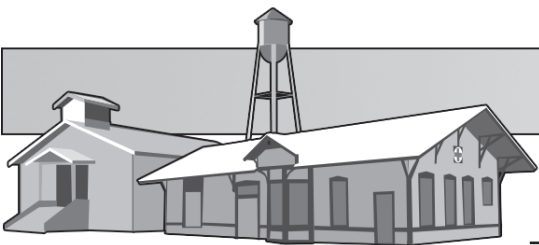
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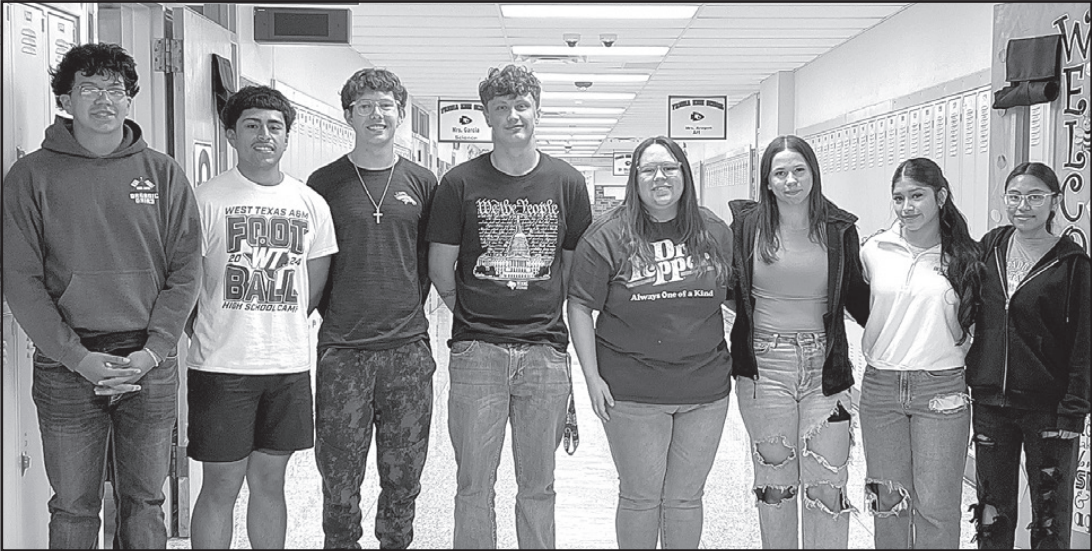
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Prairie News — Sandra Beavers is the Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for April. The Employee of the Month for April is A.J. London. She works in the Nursing department and has been on staff since June of 2024.

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Legacy Pointe News — The next Bingo Night is Tuesday, April 15th. The fun, including snacks and prizes, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room at Legacy Pointe located at 1500 N. Main. Legacy served around 45 attendees at their 4th Annual St. Patrick’s Dinner on Tuesday, March 18th. 45 also happened to be the wind speed that afternoon and evening as a north front blew into the area.

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National Days
April 10
Farm Animals Day
April 11
Cheese Fondue Day
April 12
Big Wind Day
April 13
Peach Cobbler Day
April 14
Gardening Day
April 15
Laundry Day
April 16
Banana Day



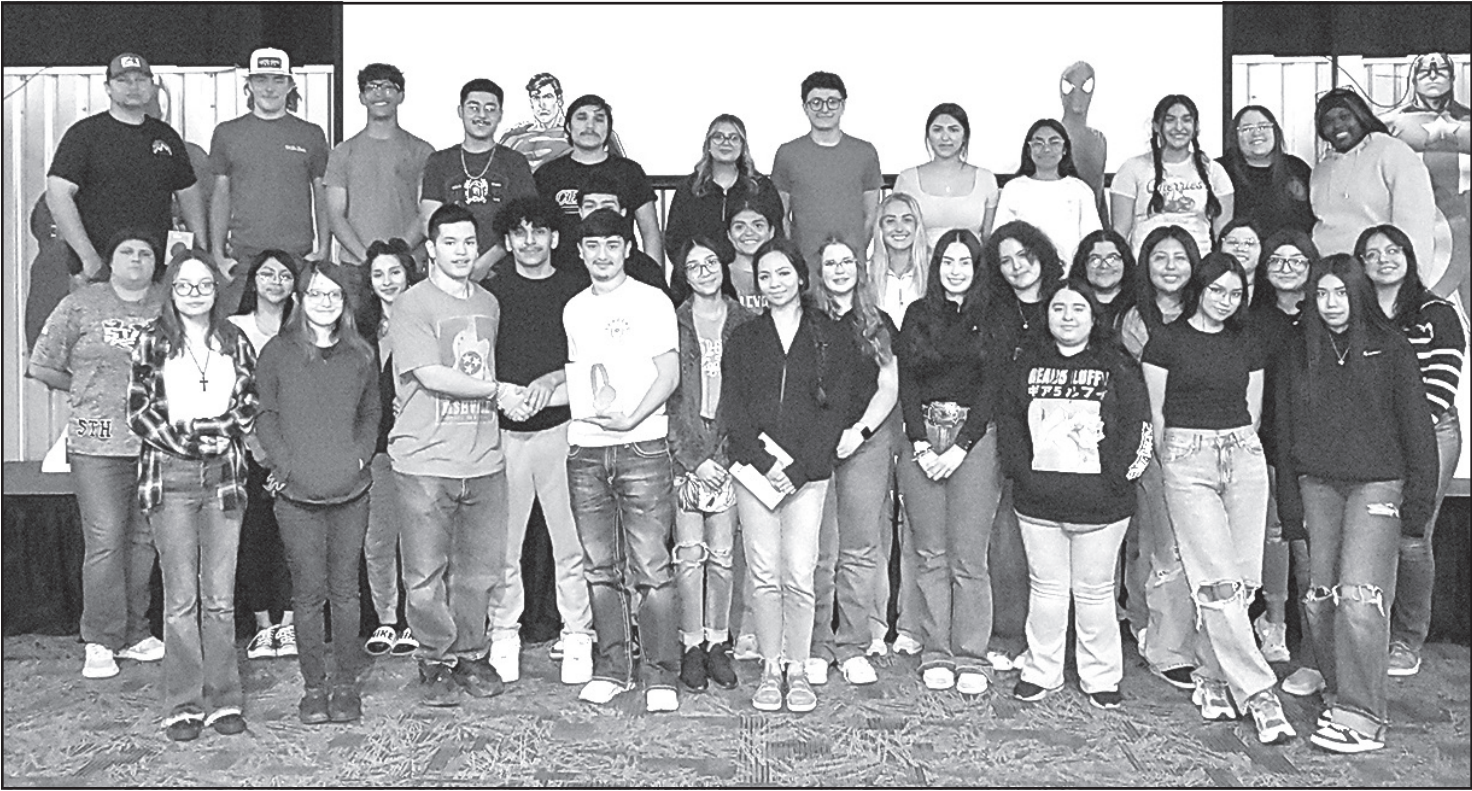
Good luck at State — This Friday and Saturday, FCCLA will perform their projects in the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. Denzel Perez & Hector Aguirre with Interior Design, Thomas Cook & Brice Jeter with Sports Nutrition, Nadia Snyder with Early Childhood Education, Lexi Saldana with Teach and Train, Emily Ibarra with Teach and Train, and Sophia Leon with Fashion Construction. Good Luck!



Welcome to Friona — Dr. Andrew Banuelos is the newest member of the Parmer Medical Center staff. During his first weeks in Friona he attended the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, worked through a major wind storm with power outages, and was honored at the recent Doctor’s Day reception. In the upcoming weeks, the Friona Star will introduce and re-introduce all our great first responders who serve our community and county.



FFA News — Teams traveled to the Water Valley and San Angelo CDE Invitationals on last Thursday and Friday. They were all able to gain some experience and came away with some awards. Top results are as follows; **Water Valley** — Cotton (17th); Floral (2nd) with Kyleigh Stephens (1st) Shelby Lewellen (8th) and Stevie Herring (11th); Meats (14th). **San Angelo State** — Land (8th) with Dylan Haseloff (15th) and Mario Molina (19th). Other members who competed at these contests were Aubree Bunker, Erik Estrada, Heri Gallegos, Karen Morales, Aubrey and Ivy Schueler. (Photo courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook)



Senior Banquet Tour — Victory Church hosted a Senior Banquet last Monday evening which featured sub sandwiches, ice cream, games, and prizes.

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Capirotada

Capirotada is a traditional Mexican bread pudding often made during Lent. This dish has been passed down through generations, with variations in recipes that differ from family to family. It typically includes ingredients such as bolillo bread, tortillas, and a combination of spices like cinnamon sticks and cloves and yes, even cheese. The pudding is a beloved staple, symbolizing both culinary heritage and cultural traditions.

Capirotada: Traditional Mexican Recipes for Lent
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Ingredients

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| 8 pieces bolillo bread | 1 cup of water |
| 1/2 cup of vegetable oil | 1 can of evaporated milk |
| 4 tortillas | 2 cups of cow’s milk |
| 1 banana can be substituted with 2 egg yolks | 1/4 cup of walnuts or pecans |
| 2 cinnamon sticks | 1/4 cup of sliced almonds |
| 4 whole cloves | 1/4 cup of raisins |
| 1 star anise | 1/4 cup of peanuts |
| 1 tbsp orange peel | 1/2 cup of Chihuahua cheese or any mild cheddar cheese (you can also use queso fresco or cotija) |
| 150 grams piloncillo Mexican brown sugar cones | Colored sprinkles (optional) |
| 1 tbsp vanilla extract | |

Directions

Cut the bread into slices approximately 2 fingers wide or ½-inch thick the day before. Leave the sliced bread out the day before to allow it to become hard. Next day spread oil on the bread slices and place on a baking sheet, bake in the oven at 360°F (180°C) for 15 minutes or until golden brown. In a saucepan, dissolve the piloncillo in 1 cup of water. Once dissolved, add the anise, orange peel, cloves, and cinnamon stick. If you don’t have piloncillo you can add 1 cup of brown sugar or 1 can of condensed milk to te blender mix. Meanwhile, blend the milk with the banana and vanilla extract, then add it to the piloncillo mixture. Brush the tortillas with oil and brown them in a skillet. Place a layer of tortillas at the bottom of your baking dish (tortillas help keep the moisture). Add layers of bread and add raisins, walnuts, and peanuts on top, rinse with milk mixture over them, and continue layering until the dish is filled. Cover with aluminum foil and bake in the oven for 30 minutes at 360°F (180°C). Once done, sprinkle with crumbled cheese, peanuts, raisins, and colored sprinkles on top (optional). If desired, return to the oven for a few minutes to melt the cheese.

Boost plant growth with a simple soil test

Soil testing tips for better lawns, gardens and crops this spring

by Adam Russell

Whether you’re growing tomatoes, managing crops or striving for the perfect lawn, soil testing is key to success. A soil test identifies nutrient levels and soil fertility, ensuring your plants get exactly what they need to thrive.

It is a small investment with potentially large returns.

Soil testing is a fundamental step in successful plant growth, said Jake Mowrer, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state soil fertility specialist and associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

“Soil testing measures the nutrients and other aspects of soil fertility related to crops, pastures, lawns, gardens and ornamental plant growth,” Mowrer said. “Understanding the available nutrients and soil composition is the starting point for growing anything successfully.”

What does a soil test measure?

Soil testing reveals nutrient deficiencies and other problems that impact plant growth and crop yields.

With this information, you can choose the right fertilizers and amendments to create ideal growing conditions. It can also identify

soil texture — combination of sand, silt and clay — within the sample, which relates to how the soil drains and retains moisture and nutrients.

Soil testing measures aspects vital for healthy plants, including:

Macronutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and calcium.

Micronutrients such as zinc, iron, copper and manganese.

pH and salt content, which both affect nutrient availability.

How soil testing helps with fertilizer and nutrient management

Soil tests can help homeowners avoid applying too little or too much fertilizer and other amendments, which can lead to poor plant growth and unnecessary expenses.

“Many homeowners and landscape service providers tend to over apply fertilizers in an effort to ensure a beautiful lawn or productive garden,” Mowrer said. “However, soil testing removes the guessing with information you can use to avoid both under- and over-application.”

Soil testing helps homeowners accurately target individual locations like garden soil, turfgrass and flower beds to best meet plant nutrient needs, he said.

When is the best time to test

your soil?

Soil testing can be done any time of year. But Mowrer recommends testing well before planting season to address deficiencies before they become an issue. For example, he suggests testing in the winter or early spring to prepare the soil for warm-season planting.

“However, the timing ultimately depends on what and when you are planting,” he said. “For example, consider when plants like perennial ornamentals or turfgrass will break dormancy.”

Mowrer also said gardeners should test soil before purchasing or using fertilizers.

How to get your soil tested in Texas

- Contact your local AgriLife Extension office for sample packets and instructions. Agents can also answer questions, including which tests to select and how to collect samples.
- Find available testing types and order a test by visiting the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory website.
- Collect and submit a soil sample according to the directions on the test order form. Results are typically returned in two weeks.

Happy Birthday

April 10

Louise Walker
Mitchell Reeve
Brittany Reeve
Julie Echevarria
Victor Gonzales
Evan Rapp
Byron Boyd
Jose Carranza
Juana Baldwin
Jessica Perez Avilez

April 14

Melvin Smith
Erin (Anthony) Busch
Morgan (Anthony) Ivey
Charlie Pope
Greg Stowers
Patti Widner
Bennett Neill
Jaguelin Guevara
April Rosas
Ariana Balli
April Torres

April 11

Audra King
Jared Boyd
Heather Lewellen
Lisa Alaniz
Lindsey Gurley
Sloane Neill

April 15

Bruce Gipson
Jay Potts
Christian (Hanes) Lee
Anna (Murphree) Chambliss
Justin Bridges
Kevin Veggeberg
Kelsey Davis
Maddox Reeves
Angeles Macias

April 12

Stormi Choate
Richie Herring
Michael Wren
Briggs Barnett

April 16

Chuck Rector
Renae Rapp
Kimberly Avila
Hannah (Carthel) McCart
Chris Followill
Cate Kelley

April 13

Mike Neill
Reagan Schueler
Sami White
Kyle Barnett
Sharolyn Cline
Melinda Guzman

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Lower prices expected for near future

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 14.3 cents last week, averaging \$2.84 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The lowest price in the state was \$2.39 while the highest was \$3.69 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 10.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.21 per gallon. The national average price of diesel increased 3.6 cents last week and stands at \$3.59 per gallon.

“While the national average price of gasoline saw its largest weekly gain of the year, it likely won’t last long, as oil prices have plummeted amid growing concerns about the global economy following the U.S. announcement of some of the most significant tariffs in over a century, along with OPEC+ restoring oil production faster than anticipated,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“In addition to falling oil prices, the stock market has dropped sharply, and the risk of a recession has increased— raising the likelihood of reduced global energy and oil demand, which is sending prices lower. As a result, motorists can expect gas prices to begin falling nearly coast-to-coast, with oil now at its lowest level since the early days of the pandemic in 2021,” De Haan stated.

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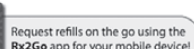


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Death and Taxes

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

It is that time again. The annual filing of income tax is a very enjoyable opportunity given to each of us. Something is wrong with that sentence, maybe the word enjoyable. It is said that death and taxes are the only two sure things. When we talk about taxes that may actually be true, it seems there is a tax for everything and before long we will need to tax our taxes and double down. Yet we could rant and rave and argue and fuss, fume and fight...about taxes but here we are up against the deadline, in a pile of receipts thinking we

don't pay the folks who do this enough. Be sure and thank your tax preparer. They deal with way more government stuff to try and get you a refund. Tax preparers we salute you. Hope you get a break soon. Since the last paragraph was so depressing let's talk about something a little more positive, death. I do not take death lightly and you may not think it a better topic than taxes and I suppose that would depend upon your view of death. Death is a consequence of a fallen world. Death has been a difficult pill to swallow for

many. Then here comes Jesus, through a plan only God could orchestrate through centuries of preparation. Jesus enters the world. The Son of God not only dies to deal with our sin problem, He rises from the grave to deal with our death problem. So take heart as you work on your tax forms and receipts. Jesus had to pay taxes too! But, He dealt a blow to death itself that allows those who believe in Him to know that the grave is not the end, there is something more and something better, life eternal with the King.

Being Content

By Teena Hughs

We are powder dry. Two weeks ago, we were forecasted to get two to three inches of rain. We heard this forecast for at least eight days. So, when the forecast remains the same for eight days, you believe that forecast, especially when you need rain so badly. Well, we got .3", and I have to admit, I was disappointed. But, guess what my Lenten devotional was about that day: being content with what God gives you. Now, I admit I had to work on that, especially since I am a person who believes God gives you exactly what you need when you need it. I even asked God why I couldn't be content with only .3" of rain.

The Lenten devotionals I am reading come from Everything Can Change in Forty Days by Jean Watson. One day, Watson, a single mother of four, was driving down the road thinking about her problems, and the small house she lived in with one bathroom, and how she was going to pay her bills, and God told her she was "living in the garden." She could not see that her conditions and living in Michigan was "living in the garden of Eden," but as she thought about it, she began to understand. "In the garden of Eden, Adam walked and talked with the Lord.

Now because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we are also able to live in the presence of God! He has provided a garden of contentment for us here on earth, but few find the secret of dwelling there. The gate into that garden is thankfulness and praise, as we recognize that the Lord is all we need (see Psalm 100). Watson points out that Satan "wants to keep us out of the garden of contentment" because he deceives us into believing "there is something God has neglected to give us that makes us happy," like rain; lots of rain! Watson notes that "In our Instagram world, it's easy to become jealous of what others have. There will always be someone who seems to have exactly what we want, but what we see is only a facade. When we covet, we are loving the object of our desire more than we love the Lord. In fact, jealousy and envy are really the highest form of ingratitude toward God because it's putting our will and desires above His." I was jealous of the people in Barksdale who got over an inch, but I did work on being content and thankful for the .3" of an inch God gave us, and my attitude, and gratitude, completely changed.

But, guess what? That inch of rain in Barksdale greened up our church yard, just in time for our church's 75th birthday party, and it did look so nice!!! I quit listening to the weather news and just let God do His thing. On Friday night, it started raining, and I heard it. Feller had told me to wake him up if I heard it raining, and he would close the window by our bed. So, I woke him up, and went back to sleep. Feller didn't go back to sleep. He said it lightened a lot and the thunder was really loud. I wouldn't know, because I slept through the whole thing. Being content is so much better than being jealous or envious. Being content helps us recognize the Giver of all things; it helps us remember who we are dependent on, and who to be thankful to and praise for everything good and bad in our lives. And, it gives us a good night's sleep!!! We got .7" Friday night, and while that is wonderful, we are still powder dry, but that is ok. We know God is looking out for us, so we just continue to pray and be content with what He has given us: beautiful days and green grass in Barksdale, providing a beautiful cemetery and church yard!!!!

Cemetery Association To Hold Annual Meeting

The Friona Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th in the Friona City Hall Council Chambers located at 619 Main Street. The meeting will include regular business discussions and election of officers. Holly Campbell, Elizabeth McLellan, and Mary Joyce Barnett are up for re-election. The public is invited to attend. The Friona Cemetery Association assists the

City of Friona with the maintenance, care, and upkeep of the cemetery. While the city manages all records and operations, the association provides financial support through donations, dues, and memorial contributions. The association does not cover the cost to level headstones. That is the responsibility of individual families. All donations are greatly appreciated and essential to help maintain the

cemetery's appearance. This year's goal is to install additional fencing. Memorial Cards are available for donations made in honor of a loved one. If you would like a card sent to a designated recipient, please include their name and address when submitting your donation. The Cemetery Chapel is available for services at no charge and features handicap-accessible parking.

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April Bible Verse

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Mark 11:25 NIV

Y cuando estén orando, si tienen algo contra alguien, perdónenlo, para que también su Padre que está en el cielo perdone a ustedes sus ofensas.

Marcos 11:25 NVI

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Playa Restoration Field Day

By Jim Steiert

Ogallala Commons will host a field day regarding playa ecosystems and restoration programs in eastern New Mexico and neighboring western Texas, including a panel discussion with landowners involved in playa restoration in eastern New Mexico. Also on the agenda is a tour of a restored playa near Texico for participants to get a first-hand look at restoration work.

The event is set for Thursday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (MST) in Room 101 at Clovis Community College located at 417 Schepps Boulevard in Clovis. Farmers, ranchers, Master Naturalists, agency personnel, educators, and the interested public are invited to attend.

Registration for the event is \$25 per person. To register contact Darryl Birkenfeld, Ogallala Commons Deputy Director by email at darryl@ogallalacommons.org or by phone at 806-336-1713.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. (MST) in Room 101, just inside the main building entrance at Clovis Community College, with registration and refreshments.

The agenda begins with an overview of playa ecosystems and the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative at 10:10 a.m. given by Heather Johnson, Migratory Game Bird Specialist, Region I, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Dr. Ladona Clayton, Executive Director of Ogallala Land and Water Conservancy, Clovis, will discuss “Sustaining Future Groundwater for Clovis.” She is working in collaboration with Cannon Air Force Base, private landowners, lo-



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cal, New Mexico and federal partners and communities to conserve the remnant of the declining groundwater in the Clovis area. She has emphasized that the water problems don’t end at the New Mexico border with Texas. Twenty percent of the remaining groundwater around Clovis was lost in five years as OLWC attempted to get going. She stresses that all measures to extend the life of the Ogallala including preserving grasslands and playas for recharge, and fully utilizing treated effluent must be pursued.

A final presentation for the morning entitled, “Preserving Playas and Grasslands in Eastern New Mexico” will be given by Christopher Rustay, Conservation Delivery Manager, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Lafayette, Colorado.

At noon, a Taco Bar lunch, catered by Leal’s Restaurant, will be served. The final presentation for the event will be a Landowner Panel at 12:45 p.m. with discussion by a trio of landowners who have been involved with playa restoration programs.

A field excursion will depart at 2 p.m. to visit the Stevens playa three miles south of Texico. The tour will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. (MST).

What is a Playa?

Playas are shallow, rain-fed wetlands throughout the Great Plains. When containing surface water, playas provide crucial habitat for many wildlife that depend on water to survive. When dry, playas also support several other Great Plains wildlife species because they are often the only natural lands in a region dominated by agricultural production. Playas also recharge water to the underlying aquifer, filter nutrients and chemicals from the surrounding watershed, and add recreational value to the region.

The Field Day at Clovis and Texico is presented by Ogallala Commons in collaboration with Ogallala Land and Water Conservancy and Playa



On the Agenda — Dr. Ladona Clayton, executive director of Ogallala Land and Water Conservancy, Clovis, will discuss “Sustaining Future Groundwater for Clovis” at the Playa Restoration Field day hosted by Ogallala Commons.

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Obituaries

Shirley Ova Jean Jackson

Shirley Ova Jean Jackson, 85 of Lubbock, formerly of Friona passed away April 3, 2025 in Lubbock. Celebration of Life Services were 1:00 PM Monday April 7, 2025 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Coleman Jackson, officiating. Arrangements entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Shirley was born July 11, 1939 in Rock Bottom, Arkansas to Rufus and Delpha Balanger Vinson. She was a waitress at many area restaurants



in Friona and Hereford and loved talking to her customers. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed garage sales and dancing.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents- Rufus and Delpha, and by 1 sister-Sue Bentley.

Those to mourn her passing include 3 sisters- Eva Vickery and husband Richard of Penn Yan, New York, Diana Woodford and husband Frank of Midwest City, Oklahoma, and Brenda Jackson and husband Coleman of Littlefield, Texas.

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



Rebecca Bermea Constancio

Rebecca Bermea Constancio, age 88, former resident of Friona, current resident of Hereford, passed away Thursday, April 3, 2025, peacefully at home.

Rebecca was born in Menard, Texas on April 23, 1936, and lived most of her life in Friona since the late 1960s. She was the daughter of the late Ezequiel and Maria de Jesus Morales Bermea. Rebecca worked as a food server in the Friona Junior High School Cafeteria serving students their meals. Many of those students were her own children and grandchildren, which always brightened her day and brought a smile to her heart. She was also a wonderful homemaker who enjoyed cooking and baking, she was known for her famous lemon meringue pies. Rebecca was a de-



vout Catholic and active member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, in Friona, Texas for many years.

In addition to her parents, Rebecca was preceded in death by her former husband, Fred Constancio Jr.; son, Fred Constancio, III; son, Cosme Constantino Bermea Constancio; son, Lucas Bermea Constancio; daughter, Dora Bermea Constancio Pence; three brothers, and two sisters. She is survived by her children: Joel (Isidra) Constancio,

Ezequiel (Angie) Constancio, Linda (Raymon) Chavez, all of Hereford, Texas and Nina (Michael) Bozell of Austin, Texas; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; She is survived by one remaining sister, Aurora Ramon, of Coleman, Texas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, on Friday April 11 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 115 N 25 Mile Ave, in Hereford, Texas, with Fr. Nick Gerber officiating. Interment will follow at Ropesville Cemetery in Ropesville, Texas immediately following church services. The family will receive family and friends at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home, 601 Main Street, Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM where the Holy Rosary will be offered at 6:00 PM.

Tennis News

On Wednesday, April 2nd, FHS Tennis took 35 students to Levelland. They had 23 teams compete and 11 of those teams medaled. They had 4 teams competing in the Varsity (top) division. Due to the high number of players in the tournament, the JV players were divided into multiple JV brackets.



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3rd | JV Girls Singles
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3rd | JV Girls Singles
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Consolation | JV Girls Singles
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1st | JV Girls Doubles
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District Champions

7th Grade Girls Track Team — Back Row (l-r) Teresa Alvidrez, Genesis Aguirre, Sarina Amaya, Dayana Faudoa, Sophie Lewellen, Kamila Moreno. Middle Row (l-r) Avril Soltero, Preslie Goyne, Karleigh Rangel, Angeliz Castillo, Yulaney Carrasco. Front row (l-r) Sindy López, Sophia SanMiguel, Arianna Armijo, Ella Rector, Odalys Quiroz, Mya Vansommerem.



District | 3rd Place

7th Grade Boys Track Team — Front Row (l-r) Leonardo Centeno, Zane Gonzales, Jace Jarecki, Christian Reyes, Owen Daniels, Alfredo Chavez. Back Row (l-r) Luis Lopez Serrano, Vicente Quintana, Matrodeo Salinas, Jayven Rodriguez, Gabriel Garcia, Jonah Aguilar, Angel Legarreta, Ediel Rocha, Domingo Velasquez Ciprian.



District Champions

8th Grade Boys Track Team — Front Row (l-r) Isair Salazar, Jesus Salgado Mendivil, Kolton Thompson, Aaden Delgadillo, Darien Padilla, Eli Rosales, Andrew Marquez, Ian Vazquez. Back Row (l-r) Hector Mendez, Emmanuel Guevara, Octavio Moreno, Fernando Moreno, Fernando Perez, Darius Gonzalez, Kyson Grimsley, Luis Grado.

JH District 2-3A Track Meet North Zone 2025

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | Friona, TX

8th Grade Girls Results			
100 Meters	1. Fernando Moreno.....2:09.87	4x100 Relay	2. Friona A.....58.43
1. Karolina Lopez.....14.26	5. Isair Salazar2:47.52	Genesis Aguirre, Kamila Moreno,	Ella Rector, Sophie Lewellen
4. D’Nasha Shelby.....15.09	1600 Meters	4x200 Relay	
5. Joanna McElroy.....15.28	5. Isair Salazar6:30.12	3. Friona A.....2:11.31	Genesis Aguirre, Kamila Moreno,
200 Meters	7. Ian Vazquez.....6:55.28	Odalys Quiroz, Ella Rector	
1. Karyme Rocha.....31.75	2400 Meters	4x400 Relay	
3. D’Nasha Shelby.....32.31	6. Ian Vazquez10:56.53	2. Friona A.....5:08.21	Odalys Quiroz, Kamila Moreno,
5. Joanna McElroy.....32.88	110m Hurdles - 36”	Dayana Faudoa Martinez,	Sophie Lewellen
400 Meters	1. Andrew Marquez19.02	Shot Put - 6lb	
4. Zaylee Dominguez.....1:16.38	2. Darius Gonzalez21.00	4. Genesis Aguirre..... 25-05.00	
5. Aylen Moreno.....1:16.38	300m Hurdles - 30”	6. Teresa Alvidrez..... 20-10.00	
7. Neylan Lara1:18.72	1. Andrew Marquez50.12	8. Karleigh Rangel..... 20-06.00	
800 Meters	3. Darius Gonzalez53.22	Discus - 1kg	
1. Ivanna Guevara.....2:53.32	4x100 Relay	3. Genesis Aguirre..... 57-10	
4. Aylen Moreno.....3:02.92	3. Friona A.....48.9	5. Kamila Moreno 51-09	
1600 Meters	Darien Padilla, Jesus Salgado,	7. Yulaney Carrasco 49-06	
4. Neylan Lara7:34.35	Eli Rosales, Andrew Marquez	High Jump	
7. Chelzey Garcia8:14.76	4x200 Relay	4. Sophie Lewellen..... 3-08.00	
8. Bailey Cook.....8:23.36	3. Friona A.....1:44.96	Long Jump	
2400 Meters	Jalond Rejino, Jesus Salgado,	2. Sophie Lewellen..... 12-07.00	
6. Bailey Cook.....13:35.93	Kolton Thompson, Eli Rosales	6. Ella Rector 11-02.50	
7. Chelzey Garcia14:00.21	4x400 Relay	9. Preslie Goyne 10-00.00	
8. Itzel Arenas.....14:03.92	1. Friona A.....3:59.21	Triple Jump	
100m Hurdles - 30”	Darien Padilla,	2. Ella Rector..... 24-06.00	
2. Jaylee Perez.....19.31	Fernando Moreno,	3. Odalys Quiroz.....24-05.00	
4. Emery Rangel21.22	Emmanuel Guevara,	5. Sarina Amaya 21-01.00	
8. Evelyn Bejarano24.91	Kolton Thompson	7th Grade Boys Results	
300m Hurdles - 30”	Shot Put - 4kg	100 Meters	
2. Jaylee Perez.....1:02.59	5. Octavio Moreno 33-07.00	3. Gabriel Garcia13.52	
4. Arianna Rodriguez.....1:08.31	8. Aaden Delgadillo 33-00.00	11. Jayven Rodriguez15.96	
9. Emery Rangel1:11.25	10. Kolton Thompson ... 31-11.00	12. Alfredo Chavez.....16.56	
4x200 Relay	Discus - 1kg	200 Meters	
1. Friona A.....2:00.68	2. Octavio Moreno 100-03	1. Vicente Quintana.....25.46	
Ivanna Guevara,	4. Kyson Grimsley 95-04	2. Domingo Velasquez.....28.31	
Zaylee Dominguez,	7. Aaden Delgadillo 86-01	11. Luis Lopez34.15	
Karolina Lopez,	High Jump	400 Meters	
Angelica Villarreal	3. Jalond Rejino 5-00.00	8. Jonah Aguilar1:11.95	
4x400 Relay	6. Jesus Salgado 4-00.00	9. Christian Reyes1:15.31	
2. Friona A.....4:57.32	Pole Vault	10. Ediel Rocha1:15.36	
Aylen Moreno,	2. Darien Padilla 7-00.00	800 Meters	
Zaylee Dominguez,	4. Jesus Salgado 6-00.00	2. Jace Jarecki2:45.16	
Angelica Villarreal,	Long Jump	6. Jonah Aguilar2:52.84	
Ivanna Guevara	2. Eli Rosales..... 15-07.00	1600 Meters	
Shot Put - 6lb	5. Darien Padilla 14-11.00	1. Jace Jarecki6:02.73	
2. Sophia Salinas..... 28-09.00	8. Andrew Marquez 14-06.50	2400 Meters	
3. Aylen Moreno..... 28-07.00	Triple Jump	1. Jace Jarecki9:42.61	
4. D’Nasha Shelby..... 26-06.00	1. Fernando Moreno... 35-10.00	4x100 Relay	
Discus - 1kg	3. Eli Rosales.....35-01.00	1. Friona A.....52.82	
2. Aylen Moreno..... 68-00	7th Grade Girls Results	Domingo Velasquez,	
3. Sophia Salinas..... 62-02	100 Meters	Gabriel Garcia, Zane Gonzales,	
11. D’Nasha Shelby..... 41-05	1. Genesis Aguirre.....14.25	Vicente Quintana	
High Jump	9. Sindy Lopez Grave.....16.53	4x200 Relay	
3. Natalie Achor 4-00.00	11. Mya Van Sommeren17.52	2. Friona A.....1:55.64	
Pole Vault	200 Meters	Domingo Velasquez,	
1. Angelica Villarreal 4-09.00	2. Ella Rector31.14	Gabriel Garcia, Zane Gonzales,	
Long Jump	400 Meters	Vicente Quintana	
2. Zaylee Dominguez.. 13-05.00	1. Sophie Lewellen.....1:10.28	4x400 Relay	
3. Ivanna Guevara..... 13-04.00	5. Sindy Lopez Grave1:21.34	4. Friona A.....5:10.13	
9. Karolina Lopez..... 11-10.50	6. Dayana Faudoa Martinez 1:21.88	Ediel Rocha, Jonah Aguilar,	
Triple Jump	800 Meters	Mateo Salinas, Christian Reyes	
2. Ivanna Guevara..... 26-09.00	3. Preslie Goyne3:13.43	Shot Put - 4kg	
4. Zaylee Dominguez.. 26-03.00	5. Odalys Quiroz.....3:15.15	1. Jayven Rodriguez 31-11.00	
6. Natalie Achor 25-00.00	1600 Meters	6. Leo Centeno 29-08.00	
8th Grade Boys Results	1. Preslie Goyne7:03.97	9. Alfredo Chavez..... 26-07.00	
100 Meters	5. Sindy Lopez Grave.....7:24.99	Discus - 1kg	
1. Jesus Salgado.....12.32	6. Arianna Armijo7:38.00	2. Leo Centeno..... 90-08	
3. Jalond Rejino.....12.90	2400 Meters	4. Jayven Rodriguez 80-03	
8. Octavio Moreno14.46	2. Preslie Goyne11:24.24	9. Mateo Salinas..... 66-00	
200 Meters	3. Arianna Armijo11:27.87	Long Jump	
2. Eli Rosales.....26.66	4. Angeliz Castillo Martinez12:08.50	8. Zane Gonzales 12-04.00	
4. Darien Padilla26.88	100m Hurdles - 30”	Triple Jump	
3. Jalond Rejino.....26.90	5. Dayana Faudoa Martinez..22.59	1. Vicente Quintana 34-10.00	
400 Meters	6. Angeliz Castillo Martinez . 27.65	7. Zane Gonzales 26-08.00	
1. Fernando Moreno.....55.34	7. Sarina Amaya27.90		
2. Kolton Thompson.....1:03.65	300m Hurdles - 30”		
5. Emmanuel Guevara...1:04.14	5. Sarina Amaya1:20.59		
800 Meters	6. Angeliz Castillo Martinez1:22.82		
	7. Karleigh Rangel.....1:23.12		

UIL 3A - District 02 2025 Track Meet

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Varsity Girls	
Girls 3200 Meter Run	
9 Eydi Lopez	14:36.56
11 Merary Salinas	15:15.83
Girls Pole Vault	
1 Mary McGaughy	10-0
Girls Long Jump	
10 Leslie Ortiz	13-3.25
Girls Triple Jump	
6 Annison Steelman	29-3.50
Girls Discus Throw	
1 Kitzy Welch	131-0
3 Angelica Reyes	109-2
8 Aaliyah James	79-11
Girls Shot Put	
1 Angelica Reyes	38-11.50
3 Marie Phillips	33-7
10 Kitzy Welch	28-6.50 2
Girls 4x100 Meter Relay	
4 Friona	53.46
Girls 100 Meter Hurdles	
3 Kitzy Welch	16.69
4 Mary McGaughy	16.94
7 Jessica Viss	17.87
Girls 100 Meter Dash	
7 Aaliyah Padilla	13.48
Girls 300 Meter Hurdles	
4 Kitzy Welch	49.16
8 Jessica Viss	51.94
Girls 1600 Meter Run	
13 Eydi Lopez	6:49.86
15 Merary Salinas	7:12.74
Girls 4x400 Meter Relay	
5 Friona	4:34.14
Girls 800 Meter Run	
10 Merary Salinas	2:57.98
11 Fatima Grado	2:58.91
12 Molly Rector	3:03.53
Varsity Boys	
Boys 3200 Meter Run	

13 Avram Hernandez ...	11:48.31
14 Israel Santiago	12:40.17
16 Thomas Cook	13:33.00
Boys Discus Throw	
12 Ishmael Flores	94-11
Boys Shot Put	
2 Ishmael Flores	45-5.25
5 Mario Garcia	42-8.25
Boys 4x100 Meter Relay	
7 Friona	46.51
Boys 800 Meter Run	
15 Mason Ramos	2:21.83
18 Israel Santiago	2:23.27
Boys 110 Meter Hurdles	
4 John Villegas	16.81
7 Josh Rando	23.07
Boys 4x200 Meter Relay	
8 Friona	1:37.82
Boys 1600 Meter Run	
13 Avram Hernandez	5:25.27
16 Mason Ramos	5:39.50
19 Thomas Cook	6:02.34
Boys Long Jump	
16 Gael Lara	17-2.50
17 Jeremy Polk	16-8.50
Boys 300 Meter Hurdles	
6 John Villegas	43.12
JV Girls	
Girls 3200 Meter Run	
6 Juliana Martinez	16:50.81
Girls Discus Throw	
1 Stephanie Cruz	71-9
7 Anneliese Rocha	66-5
12 Kaylani Rodriguez	51-5
Girls Shot Put	
4 Stephanie Cruz	26-2.50
13 Kaylani Rodriguez	20-2.25
14 Anneliese Rocha	20-0.25
Girls 100 Meter Dash	
2 Bella Flores	14.19

Girls 200 Meter Dash	
4 Bella Flores	29.99
Girls 1600 Meter Run	
12 Miranda Pina	8:33.78
13 Sharon Serrano	8:54.45
JV Boys	
Boys 3200 Meter Run	
13 Miguel Picornio	14:05.07
16 Carlos Chiztic	17:23.13
Boys Long Jump	
9 Michael Alvarez	16-1.50
Boys Triple Jump	
9 David Tafoya	32-5
Boys Discus Throw	
4 Julio Escobar	103-1
10 Denzel Perez	80-3
13 Eden Mills	76-4
Boys Shot Put	
2 Julio Escobar	39-8.75
14 Denzel Perez	31-11.25
16 Eden Mills	30-5.25
Boys 800 Meter Run	
5 Bryan Cecena	2:19.54
16 Miguel Picornio	2:32.98
19 Ben Stimson	2:49.47
Boys 4x200 Meter Relay	
5 Friona	1:41.11
Boys 200 Meter Dash	
7 Hector Aguirre	25.08
Boys 1600 Meter Run	
5 Nicolas Ramirez	5:31.24
17 Noah Aguilar	6:23.37
18 Carlos Chiztic	7:44.00
Boys 4x400 Meter Relay	
7 Friona	3:59.17
Boys 4x100 Meter Relay	
4 Friona	48.68
Boys 400 Meter Dash	
7 Bryan Cecena	58.72

Friona Chieftain Baseball



Next Home Game
Saturday April 12th
vs Shallowater
12:00 at Chieftain Park

Friona Track & Field Area Meet Qualifiers



Discus
1st | Kitzy Welch
3rd | Angelica Reyes



Shot Put
1st | Angelica Reyes
3rd | Marie Phillips



330m Hurdles
4th | Kitzy Welch

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110m Hurdles
3rd | Kitzy Welch
4th | Ellie McGaughy



Shot Put
2nd | Ishmael Flores



110m Hurdles
4th | JD Villegas



400m Relay
4th | Friona
Annison Steelman, Harley London,
Aaliyah Padilla, Ashley Chico



Pole Vault
1st | Ellie McGaughy



One Act Play Cast & Crew — Back Row (l-r) Aubree Salas, Adilene Rocha, Jocelyn Reyes, Jonathan Trevino, Stephanie Cruz, Desiree Raymond, Nicholas Gutierrez, Ellie McGaughy. **Front Row (l-r)** Alek Wells, Thomas Cook, Noah Aguilar, Yoselin Vargas, Emily Ibarra, Abigail Marquez, Angelica Reyes, Nadia Snyder, Justin Reveles.

Awards — Noah Aguilar. All Star Cast: Stephanie Cruz. Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Angelica Reyes. Technical Award.



Ribbon Cutting — Hereford City Commissioner Deven Black invited the Friona Star to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the new multi-million dollar John Bunch Sports Complex in Hereford on Saturday, March 29th. Mayor Cathy Bunch cut the ribbon for the new facility which features 4 baseball fields covered entirely in field turf. Over 1,000 Hereford residents attended the event. Caviness Beef Packers Company served free hamburgers to all attendees. Deven is a 1994 FHS graduate and former Friona resident. He and his wife, Melissa, live and work in Hereford. Melissa also works in the lab at Parmer Medical Center.



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