



General Election

May 4, 2024

FISD Board of Trustees
(Candidates for 3 positions)

Andrew Aguirre
Glen London
Karina Ojeda
Sawyer Osborn
Jason Rector
Simon Fabian Salinas
Dustin Thompson

7 am to 7 pm

Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

Parmer County Hospital District
Board of Directors

(Candidates for 3 positions)

Dennis Anthony
Octavio Moreno
Dale Schueler
Bret Whitten

7 am to 7 pm

Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

7 am to 7 pm

Bovina EMS Building
109 3rd St., Bovina, TX

City of Friona
Special Election

(Legalization of alcohol sales)

7am to 7pm

Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

Election Day
Polling Location



7 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street • Friona, TX

Welcome to Friona



Ribbon Cutting — The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday at Crazylick BBQ. The owners are Efrain Lozano and Jim Curtis. Both are U.S. Army veterans. The new business is located at 1500 U.S. Highway 60 and will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. Call 806-459-0230 to place your order. **In the photo** — Front (l-r) Chamber of Commerce officials Yvette Williams, Mari Martinez, Emma Rector, and Sawyer Osborn. Crazylick BBQ owners and family (l-r) Vickie Vasquez, Tony Vasquez, Efrain Lozano, Elida Arce, Jim Curtis, Jacob Garcia, Elizabeth Curtis, Jose Cigarroa, Maggie Shelby, Joselito Cigarroa, Rosa Cigarroa, Isaac Cigarroa, and Alex Cigarroa.

Your Vote Does Matter — Use it

Early voting has concluded for the upcoming general election. Three separate ballots involved choosing candidates for school board, hospital district, and a special election concerning alcohol sales. If you didn't vote early make sure to get out on Election Day, Saturday, May 4th and vote. No matter who you prefer or what side of an issue your are on, get out and vote! Voting is a civic duty and everyone's voice needs to be heard through the ballot box.

All of the voting on election day will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the City of Friona Council Chambers located at 619 Main Street in Friona. The only exception is the hospital district race where you may vote at the Bovina EMS Building at 109 3rd St. in Bovina.

Candidates for the FISD Board of Trustees and the Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors are listed at upper left.

2024 Election Officials for the 2024 General Election are: Claudia Castillo, Early Voting Clerk; Lee Davila, Deputy Early Voting Clerk; Pam Mercado, Early Voting Ballot Board Judge; Pam Mercado, Central

Count Station Manager, Tabulations Supervisor, and Central Count Judge; Rosa Mendez, Elections Administrator; and

Pam Mercado, Election Judge on Election Day. Also, Student Poll Workers are Kenya Chavez, Amy Montana, Clayton

Humphrey, Owen McGaughy, and Michael Bautista. Kelly Ashlock is the Teacher/Student Poll Worker Coordinator.



Student Poll Workers — (l-r) Teacher/Student Poll Worker Coordinator Kelly Ashlock; Student Poll Workers Clayton Humphrey, Kenya Chavez, Amy Montana, Owen McGaughy, Michael Bautista (not in photo); Elections Administrator Rosa Mendez.



Splashdown — Friona Primary and Elementary students enjoyed a Field Day last Thursday. While the kids had their fun in the sun, at water, Elementary Principal Mario Moreno, and volunteers, cooked hamburgers for the teachers and school personnel. The Friona Noon Lions Club provided their "world famous fries" for the event. See more photos on page 7.



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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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- May 2**
- Salmon Patties Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon
- May 4**
- General Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Trash roll-off boxes open at East 8th and South Jackson from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.
- May 5**
- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- May 6**
- Pile-On Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon
- May 12**
- Mother's Day

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DSEC Scholarship Recipients Announced

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has awarded \$22,000 in scholarship money to students in our service territory. DSEC's board of directors granted 11 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. These scholarships are available to immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Since the program began back in 1998, DSEC has awarded more than \$450,000 in scholarships to members across the cooperative's system. Funds for these scholarships come from our Operation Round Up program, where members can "round up" their bill to the next dollar, and a portion of escheated funds from the State of Texas. Those receiving the scholarships are:

Braden Brorman, Vega High School: Braden is the son of Roger and Mandi Brorman. He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Agribusiness. After college he plans to come back to Vega and work on the family farm.

Jacee Burney, Friona High School: Jacee is the

daughter of Cody and Melinda Burney. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Education. She wants to be a teacher and a coach.

Aron Diaz, Hereford High School: Aron is the daughter of Victor and Nora Diaz. She plans to attend Amarillo College and join the sonography program. She plans to open an ultrasound business with her sister.

Dieter Ally, Friona High School: Dieter is the son of Koen and Els Ally. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Animal Science. He wants to become a veterinarian and educator.

Lynlee Spinhirne, Vega High School: Lynlee is the daughter of Lucas and Angela Spinhirne. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and major in Finance. She wishes to help people with their money

and own her own business.

Jarrett White, Friona High School: Jarrett is the son of Bill and Jeri Lynn White. He plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in Anthropology. After college he wants to come back to the Panhandle and educate farmers on ways to construct a less invasive ecology that benefits agriculture.

Lisset Martinez, Dimmitt High School: Lisset is the daughter of Enrique and Elizabeth Martinez. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Pre-Vet/Animal Science. She wants to be a veterinarian.

Natalia Rodriguez, Hereford High School: Natalia is the daughter of Alfonso Rodriguez and Maria Ortiz. She plans to attend the University of Texas and major in Biology. She wants to be a dentist and own her own practice.

Kattey Gerber, Naza-

areth High School. Kattey is the daughter of Marty and Tisha Gerber. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Human/Health Sciences. She plans to work in the healthcare field.

Tanner Wethington, Nazareth High School. Tanner is the son of Justin and Kandal Wethington. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Agribusiness. He plans to become a livestock nutritionist or Ag Medicine Salesman after graduation.

Mia Castillo, Hereford High School: Mia is the daughter of Marivel Sanchez. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Business Administration/Dentistry. She wants to own her own dental practice.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is a distribution cooperative with headquarters in Hereford, serving portions of Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties on the high plains. Founded in 1937, the service area includes about 4,643 miles of line and over 2,600 members.

ACROSS

1 ____ Performance Hall in Fort Worth

5 TXism: "best I ever wrapped ____ around"

6 French explorer in Texas: Sieur ____ Salle

7 George H. W. to George W.

8 LBJ choice for chief Justice of Supreme Court: ____ Fortas

9 TXism: "covered like fur ____"

15 type of Dr. Pepper

16 TXism: "worthless as ____ flush"

19 divided by two (2 wds.)

21 TXism: "never let '____ you sweat"

22 box with perforated top for perfume

27 what Christ said on the cross meaning "My God"

28 unemployed Texan ____ job

29 TXism: "____ shooting" (certain)

30 TXism: "use your head for something besides a ____"

32 TX Janis Joplin died of this (abbr.)

33 TX Larry McMurtry wrote "____ Grave"

36 cole

37 Larry, Curly & ____

38 TXism: "run it by a ____" (finalize)

39 persistence

41 entrants at Texas Motor Speedway, e.g.

44 TXism: "you're preaching ____ choir"

45 "Giant" actress (init.)

46 roof overhang

47 Gen. Robert ____

48 historic "____ Opera House" in Columbus

51 fully grewed Texan

DOWN

1 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big ____ John"

2 TX eatery: "Steak and ____"

3 in Hardin County on U.S. 96

4 TXism: "don't ____!" (hurry)

8 TXism: "thinking ____ doing"

9 Jerry got "right ____" clause in Emmitt's 1993 contract

10 TXism: "____ hill for a stepper" (doable)

11 gold symbol

12 content of small Texas stream (2 wds.)

13 Fort Worth based ____ Brick company

14 chore

15 TXism: "____ dog stink? (yes)"

16 TXism: "he's got ____ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)

17 relieve again

18 good shooter

20 what the Texas legislature can enact (2 wds.)

22 Gov. Preston (init.)

23 "yep" or "si," in France

24 coffee container

25 TX cowboy Gay & actress Patricia

26 fancy appetizer

28 read quickly

31 dark pub beers

34 Tex Ritter hit: "____ Whiskey"

35 TXism: "about as clear as ____ River mud"

37 small contribution

40 TXism: "playing with a ____ deck" (unlucky)

42 fancy "adios"

43 in Jasper County on U.S. 96

49 flat container for "rot gut"

50 extra play for the Mavericks (abbr.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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'Tis the View

A man should not be measured by his success,

But by the obstacles he's climbed
To get there.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 18, 2024 to April 25, 2024

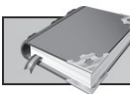
(4/18/24) Mary Belle Carr — Charles Keith Dow, Cheryl Ann Hopper, Tammy Eugena Hahn — A Tract of Land in Block 1, Gardners Subdivision, Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

(4/22/24) Friona Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses Friona Congregation — Hereford Texas Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses — Lot 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, in Block 62, of Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(4/23/24) Patricia Ann Owen — Mark Owen, Kevin Owen — All of Lots 1-38 Inclusive of Block 14, of Hamlin Heights Addition to the City of Farwell, Parmer County

(4/24/24) Maricela Rodriguez — Juslisa Jaramillo Robles — South 46' Lot 6 and North 49' Lot 7, Block 5, Lakeview Addition, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(4/24/24) Milon Dixon, Karla Dixon — Cow Country Farms Partner SS, Monty Schueler, Tessa Schueler, Kevin Schueler, Ami Schueler — Being 329.295 Acres in the North Half of Section 4, T1N R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have some thoughts about the upcoming wet/dry vote. I know there are some with concerns about the effects on our town if we go wet. There is no question that alcohol abuse has caused many problems for families and communities everywhere. However, I take issue with the implication that these problems will become worse if we vote wet.

Of the many communities in our area that have voted wet in recent years, that was a common concern. With almost no exceptions, those problems did not arise. A few months after the vote, people saw that nothing had changed.

My point is that whatever problems alcohol brings, we have already. They will not become worse if we vote wet. We may as well enjoy the tax revenue.

Sincerely,
Danny Kendrick

It's election time again!

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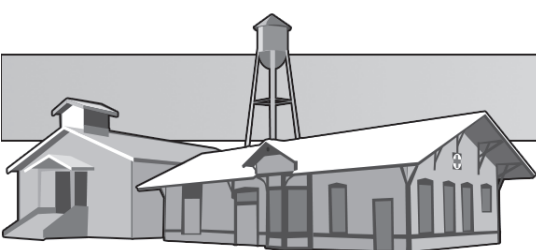
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Water Tower Repair —

The Friona water tower is in the process of getting an inside makeover. From the photo it looks like a giant spider has taken up residence on top of the city's water supply. Work is scheduled to be finished by the end of May. Plans are to repaint the tower as a giant cheeseburger sometime in the future.

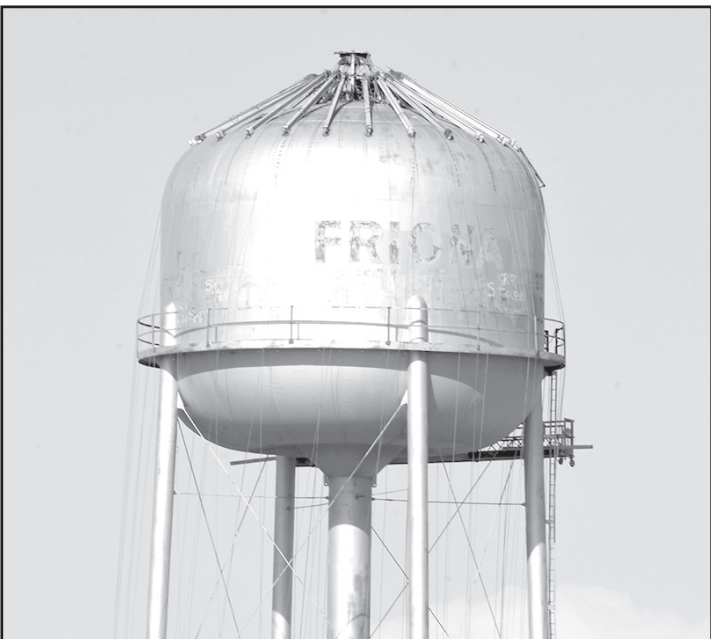
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And Now the News —

Congratulations to FHS graduate Kessly Salinas who was recently hired as a general assignment reporter for the Midland



Kessly Salinas



Reporter-Telegram. After graduation from Friona High School in 2019, Kessly attended St. Edward's University where she majored in global studies and earned a minor in journalism and digital media. She interned at the Friona Star during the summer of 2020. Visit mrt.com to view the story about Kessly.

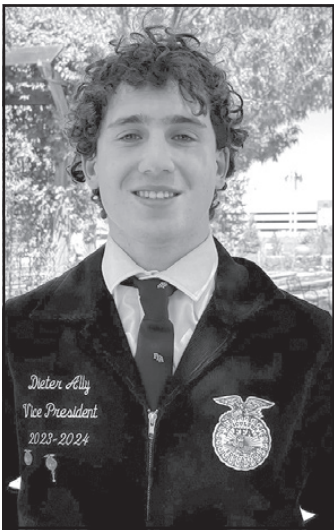
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Happy 50th — Family,



Dale & Donna Schueler

is also one of 25 scholarship finalists moving on to the state level for a Texas FFA Scholarship. Photo and info courtesy of the Friona FFA Chapter facebook page. Visit the page for other information and photos concerning Friona FFA.



Dieter Ally

★★★

Next week — FFA results, FHA Band & Choir, Friends of Library annual meeting, All Sports banquet, and more.

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Texas Facts — The Texas State Capitol building in Austin is the largest state capitol building in the US. It was one of the largest buildings in the world when it was first constructed. Source: funworldfacts.com

National Days

- May 2 — Day of Prayer Day
- May 3 — School Lunch Hero Day
- May 4 — Fitness Day
- May 5 — Cinco De Mayo
- May 6 — Nurses Day
- May 7 — Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 8 — Receptionists Day

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



High-end electrical users could strain grid

The growth of industrial-scale users of power could strain the Texas power grid, ERCOT's chief announced last week. The Dallas Morning News reported Pablo Vegas, the agency's CEO, said bitcoin miners and artificial intelligence data centers going in across the state, as well as industrial growth in the Permian Basin, could create the need for a massive buildup of power transmission lines in the future.

ERCOT is forecasting a 37% jump in power demand from industrial-sized users, even more than earlier predicted. It increased its forecast of electricity needed by new large-scale users from 111 gigawatts to 152 gigawatts. By comparison, the record for grid demand was set last August when 85.5 gigawatts were used.

ERCOT regulates 90% of the state's power grid.

State battles acute ag worker shortage

In the 1950s, 10% of the state's adult population worked in agriculture, a number that has dropped to 1% today, according to the Texas Standard.

Diane Charlton, an associate professor at Montana State University who studies where farm workers come from, said the number of individuals from Mex-

ico working in agriculture provides the most farm workers, has dropped an average of one percent per year from 1980 to 2010. That amounts to 250,000 fewer farm workers per year.

Mexico provides the most farm workers. Among the reasons for decreasing numbers of Mexican farm workers are growing industrialization and increasing access to education in Mexico, and an aging group of immigrants who have traditionally worked on American farms.

Steve Hubbard of the American Immigration Council said more farmers are applying to hire temporary workers through an H-2A visa. Under its provisions, foreign workers are hired to do work on a specific farm for a given time before returning home.

Experts say hotter temperatures under climate change are also driving away potential farm workers.

"Workers are just going to suffer significantly if there are not some immediate protections put in place to address the work in these hotter temperatures," Amy Liebman, with the Migrant Clinicians Network, said. "We're experiencing these higher heat days, higher number of heat days."

75 Texas counties lost population from 2022 – 2023

The Texas Standard reported

that 75 counties lost population from 2022 to 2023 in the Texas Panhandle, West Texas, parts of South Texas, and Deep East Texas.

The state's population center is increasingly concentrated in a triangle drawn from Dallas to San Antonio to Houston, then back to Dallas. Inside that triangle reside more than 30 million people — 68% of the state's population.

"These are also centers of economic development," said Helen You of the Texas Demographic Center. "This is also where you see universities and lots of educational opportunities there."

William Chittenden, president and CEO of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, said the shrinking population of those rural counties will eventually pose serious challenges.

"At some point, some counties are going to get so small where it's going to be difficult for them to function," Chittenden said. "You have to have some critical mass just to support, for example, a local grocery store, a local gas station, hopefully a bank."

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, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

National Salad Month

May is National Salad Month so what better time to look for some easy and light salad recipes. It doesn’t get much easier than this blueberry and spinach combination. Hope you enjoy it.

Ingredients
Salad
3 cups fresh spinach 3 ounces
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup dried cranberries
I like the low/no sugar type!
1/2 cup feta cheese
1/2 cup fresh blueberries
Honey Balsamic Dressing
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp water
3 tbsp honey
2 tbsp balsamic

Instructions
Make the Salad: Toss all salad ingredients together. Make the dressing: Add all dressing ingredients to a mason jar and, with the lid on TIGHT, shake well.
Tips
Serve + Store + Meal Prep Tips: If making this salad for a potluck-type event where it’s all going to get eaten the same day, pour the dressing on right before serving. Or, set it on the side in a jar and let people dress their own portions.
If you’re making this for meal prep, I recommend portioning out the salad into reusable glass containers. Don’t put the dressing on the salad until you are ready to eat it, or it will get soggy!
Serve leftover un-dressed salad covered in the fridge and leave dressing in a sealed container at room temp for up to 4 days.

Blueberry Spinach Salad
bluebowlrecipes.com

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



The promise

Spring has brought the blessings of rain and the trauma of storms (twisters) in the past two weeks. Nature has her way of soothing us and scaring us. These are times, too, when the rainbow may grace the sky after such events. We know the promise it represents to those of the Christian faith. Consider the words in Genesis from the King James Version, where the Creator-turned-Destroyer says to Noah, “And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.”

“that I may remember”
The rainbow promise is as much for God as it is for us. Had He not pronounced this covenant, God might have destroyed humankind during the Roman

Empire, the Crusades, civil wars, the Gilded Age, the Third Reich, the 1960s, and right about now--in the midst of yet another global wave of corruption and violence.

For us today, the sight of the rainbow elicits wonder and gratitude, natural reactions to God’s promise. For the Creator, it represents the covenant that keeps His exasperation with humankind in check. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the arch of colors could inspire a new promise, flooding the earth instead with the mindset of which Jesus spoke?

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

What a wonderful world it could be, it should be, but often is not because we forget that the promise of love stems from the command to love.

Happy Birthday

- May 3**
Zachary Carr
Cathy Spencer
Jenae Fleming
Angie Gomez
Zachary Chavez
Joseph Ramirez
Lori Austin
- May 4**
Dr. Gary Cash
Nathan Brockman
John Duke
- May 5**
John Osborn
Peggy Neely
Ralna (Roden) Bailey
Lucinda Stokes
Nate Keyes
Jackson Stewart
- May 6**
Calvin Shields
Nancy Peace
Staci (Mueller) Duran
Blake Williamson
Jayton Moyer
Hadley McGowan
Amelia Soltero
- May 7**
Jordon Peace
Misti Davis
Stephanie Cabrera
Karen Baker
Julia Alexander
Ruby Moroney
- May 8**
Randy Boeckman
Susie Davis
Jennifer (Lamb) Gonzales
Emma Talley
Jared Brown
Maegan Davis
Elizabeth Romero
- May 9**
Greg O’Brian
Linda Rushing
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Tommy Alger
Jeff Rainey



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Gas prices rise moderately

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have fell 5.8 cents last week, averaging \$3.19 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.31 while the most expensive was \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 1.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.63 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 2.9 cents last week and stands at \$3.98 per gallon, according to GasBuddy price reports.

“With more confidence every day, it appears the spring top is in: average gas prices have started to cool off in many areas. For now, few Americans need to worry that gas prices are going to skyrocket; the risk appears to be behind us, with relief coming in the weeks ahead,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“While the latter half of the summer could potentially see hurricane-related issues, I do sense we’ve hit the top for now, and Americans should be optimistic that this summer will be very similar to last year, in line with our early 2024 expectations and likely not featuring record gasoline prices. I’m quite excited that the seasonal rise in gas prices appears to be over.”

GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Come have Fun with us at Malouf’s Fabric
These are the classes scheduled this summer

June 8th

Machine Applique.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



GRAND OPENING . . . Bi-Wize Health Mart Drug will kick off its Grand Opening sale on Saturday, April 28. Members of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors participated in a ribbon-cutting at the store’s new location. Shown left to right are Larry Knowles, Jeanie Tucker, Claudia, Christian Joy, Perry and Mike Hanes, Kathy Beard, Harry Hutcheson, and David Barnett. (Friona Star, Sunday, April 29, 1984)

The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!



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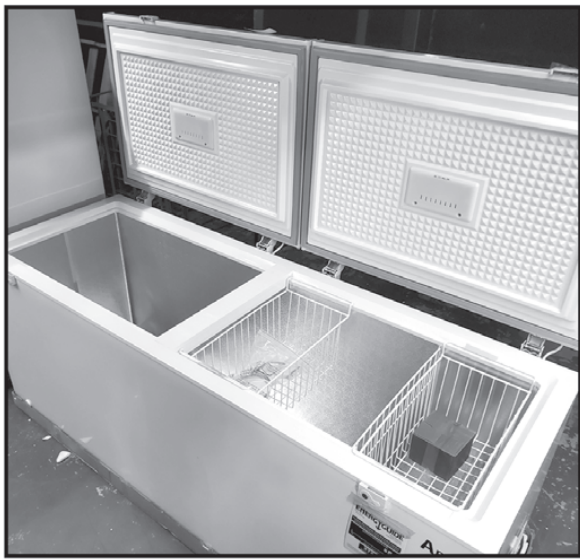


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Alcohol Changes Lives...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What would it take to help a righteous man, who just survived the cataclysmic flood, be reduced to a passed out farmer (Gen 9)? What would it take for a man and his adult daughters, who were rescued from fire and brimstone, to be seduced into incest resulting in that man becoming the father of his daughters’ kids (Gen 19)? What would it take for a fun-loving dad and granddad, epic storyteller, and Church volunteer to drift from the faith, starve his marriage, and die in squalor? What would it take to rob the life of a good Christian kid and athlete who grew up in a loving family and caring community? What would it take to end a young lady’s life as she was sitting in the passenger seat while out for a ride with her friend?

If your answer was “Alcohol,” then you are correct. Alcohol was the common denominator with these individuals, and as you noticed, it did not

lead to good things. In fact, you may not know Noah, Lot, Rex, or Belinda, but chances are you do know people who have been negatively affected by alcohol. Alcohol changes lives, and this is rarely for the better. The claws of addiction dig deep, the pressure upon the young is massive, the abuses associated with it are many, yet the benefits are few.

Alcohol absolutely changes lives, but so does Jesus. Jesus can do what alcohol cannot. Only Jesus can fill the emptiness of your soul, give joy overflowing, provide calming peace, and strength in your weariness. That’s why the New Testament command regarding alcohol is “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,” (Eph 5:17). In other words, God has something better for you than a bud, and what God has for you is himself, and living life in the fullness of His Spirit.

Panhandle Parables

Light and Darkness

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

“I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars. Og Mandino” *

I like this quote for several different reasons. First, it reminds me that in this life we will have days of light and also darkness at times. Just when I think I have victory in my grasp, darkness falls and I have two choices. I can persevere or be overcome by it. Second, Light does show us the way but, if not careful, we can take that for granted to the point we think we can manage the darkness. Remind me to tell you about the rawhide chew our dog left in the hallway that I stepped on in the dark because I didn’t want to turn on the light. Warning, it was not a feel-good story. We must love the LIGHT. He IS the way and gives us His guidance through His Word lest we take that for granted too. Third, Hope! Even in darkness there are the stars to guide

by night. Even the darkness cannot overcome those tiny points of light millions of miles away. If they are not overcome, then I know I can endure because Light always prevails.

Life will always have its ups and downs. Darkness will have its moments, but Light will have eternity. Therefore, I will hope when darkness comes I will love the Light that shows me the way. We don’t live in a culture that appreciates light nor respects darkness and there’s the rub. That is why Satan has so much success, but if we are to be children of Light then we must know that it is in the darkness that we can shine best. This also means we must be people willing to shine when no one else will. May God bless you today with much light and the confidence to face the darkness with Hope!

*https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/og_mandino_140597?src=t_inspirational

Who or What Do You Depend On?

By Teena Hughs

Do you remember a few years ago when people started trying to take different animals on airplanes, because they were security animals, animals that helped with one’s anxiety, nervousness, tension, worries, fears, etc.? I remember someone tried to get a peacock on an airplane, but I don’t remember if this person succeeded or not.

A couple of weeks ago, I saw a lady in the Uvalde Wal-Mart with her small dog in her basket. The thought hit me that I hoped she wasn’t depending on her dog more than she was Jesus, and that got me to thinking.

Who do you and I depend on when we are facing life’s anxieties, nervousness, tensions, worries, fears, etc.? Do we depend on an animal to calm us; do we depend on someone to talk with to put our minds at ease; do we listen to music to get our minds off our situations; do we read books or articles by certain authors for advice; or, do we just fret or wallow through whatever we are experiencing?

I want to be clear, I am not opposed to seeking out an animal or someone or music or reading to help in our situations, but there is only One we can ALWAYS depend on to help us through something that is upsetting, troubling, irritating, and that is Jesus Christ and His Word!

He knows ALL; He knows the problem at hand better than anyone. He knows the reason we are feeling like we do, something we may not know or understand. He can tell us through His Word or by speaking to us in quiet time, or by sending someone to speak to us. He might even send us an animal to

take care of and speak to us through the animal.

The point I am trying to make is that all of our help comes from and through Jesus, and we should depend on Him to solve our issues, no matter how He chooses to solve them. We should look for Him at work in taking care of us. We should turn our anxiety, nervousness, tension, worries, fears, etc. over to Him and let Him take care of them. And, we should not be afraid to do that! We should be relieved He will take everything from us so that we don’t have to deal with it all the time. When we give Him something, we shouldn’t pick it back up or take it back; we should leave it with Him and let Him go to work fixing the cause of our issue!

Today, our world is so upside down. I never dreamed I would see America in the shape it is from government to churches to sexuality and on down. When I start feeling down about it all, I have to turn to Jesus. I have to remember who is in charge. I have to remember who is already at work making things better. I have to thank Him for answering my prayer to reveal the truth in what is going on in our country. I have to remember who knows all about all, and that is Jesus!

For me, knowing that Jesus says in His Word He doesn’t want me to be nervous, fearful or anxious about anything is truth. To become these things is to be disobedient to Him.

Next week, I want to spend a little more time on this, and talk about putting these words into practice. Until then take care, and I hope you have a great week!

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Obituaries

Esther Nevarez Andujo

Esther Nevarez Andujo, 86 of Bovina, died April 27, 2024 in Lubbock, Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00PM Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. At 6:00 PM on Tuesday, there was a Celebration of Life Service in the chapel with Pastor Santos Cuevas, officiating. Cremation to follow by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Esther was born December 29, 1937 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Fermin Nevarez and Emilia Andujo. She loved her time spent in activities at the Iglesias Bautista Comunidad de Fe Cristiana in Farwell and doing absolutely anything outdoors.

She is preceded in death by her parents-Fermin, and Emilia, 2 sons-Arturo, and Humberto, and 4 siblings.

Those to mourn her passing include 4



daughters-Silvia Luna, Maria Concepcion, and Maria Isabel Luna, all of Bovina, and Norma Perches of Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1 son-Jorge Alberto Luna of Aurora, Colorado, 1 sister-Guadalupe Navarez of Chihuahua, Mexico, 9 grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guestbook on Esther's memorial page at : hansardfamily.com



Dorris Anne Burch

Dorris Anne Burch, 73 of Friona passed away April 27 in Friona. Celebration of Life Services will be held 11AM Saturday, May 18, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Brett Hoyle, officiating. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Anne was born May 26, 1950, in Crowell, TX to Joe Gilliam and Wanda Norvell and was raised in Lubbock and Austin, TX.

Anne was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. She resided in Friona, TX with her husband Coy Burch and family since 1974. She was affectionately known to the community as the little lady that worked at Tasty Cream. She was a true animal lover and rescued and took care of many pets over the years. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, playing cards and games, visiting with family, taking care of her grandkids and great grandkids as well as watching old, classic movies and tv series. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.



Preceded in death by her mother-Wanda Norvell, father-Joe Frank Gillam, step-father-Dan Norvell, 1 brother-Larry Joe Gilliam, nephew-Jeremy Stacey, niece-Jessica Bierner

She is survived by her husband-Coy Burch, children: daughter- Gayla Bucksath and husband Shawn Bucksath; son-Eric Rutherford; daughter- Oleta Yount and husband Terry Yount; and daughter- Stephanie Burch, grandchildren: Jaime Underwood and husband Tyler Underwood; Tyler Bucksath; Cassidy Gilliam; and Chelsea Ward and husband Zac Ward, great grandchildren: Tryce, Aubree, and Gage Underwood; Auje Bucksath and Zayd Ward, sister- Linda Langley and husband Steve Langley, along with many nieces and nephews.

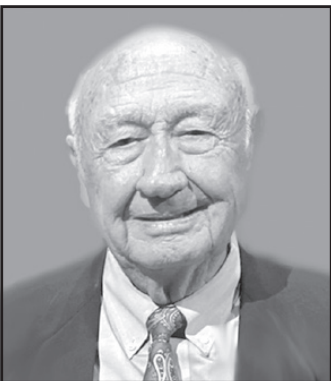
You may contact Ivy Cottage in Friona for memorial flowers, also you may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Anne's memorial page at: hansardfamily.com



Jim Roy Daniel

Jim Roy Daniel, 85, of Amarillo Tx passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024. There will be no public viewing, but you may sign the register book on Friday May 3, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 8:00PM with a family visitation from 6:00 PM to 7:00PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday May 4, 2024 at the Lazbuddie Church of Christ with Clay Mimms and Bret McCasland, officiating, Burial following in the Lazbuddie Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Jim was born on February 1, 1939 in Clovis NM to Roy P. and Della Mae Daniel. He was raised in the Lazbuddie community and graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1955. He went to Oklahoma State University and received an Animal Husbandry degree. Jim married Paula Sue Moore on August 14, 1964 in Herford. Jim and Paula raised their children William Todd and Amy Denise and farmed in Lazbuddie for 48 years before Paula passed away in 2013. He continued farming for a total of 60 years before retiring. He served on the school board and was a member of the Lazbuddie Church of Christ. They enjoyed family gatherings and traveling during the farming down time. Jim married Raye Jene London on October 13, 2020 in



Happy. They enjoyed spending time together, making many trips to Hawaii and Branson. They also spent lots of time visiting and enjoying family.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Roy P. and Della Mae Daniel, wife Paula Daniel (d. 2013) and sister Paula McBroom.

He is survived by his wife Raye Jene Daniel, son Todd and Donna Daniel, daughter Amy Marshall, sister Joy and Reece Wilterding, sister-in-law Dolores Moore, grandchildren, Alexis, (Preston) Marshall-Jeffries Ashley, Terrance Marshall and B.T. Daniel, 4 great grandsons, Zepheniah, Kyran, Jeremiah, and Jayvin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Lazbuddie Cemetery Fund, c/o Ted Trider, Box 99, Lazbuddie, TX 79053

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online register book on Jim Roy's memorial page at: hansardfamily.com



Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units,



paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

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Vendor Days



It was unofficially Vendor Day last Saturday in Friona. A Best Days Vendor Pop-Up Market was held



in the west end of the old bowling alley (three photos on left). Both merchandise and food vendors were



on-hand to display their products. Even "Jake from State Farm" was there visiting local agent Martin

Lopez and his wife, Karliz. A few blocks away, Milk House Market hosted a Warehouse Sale with mul-



Primary/Elementary School Field Day



Parmer Paws Low-Cost Shot Clinic



Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center held a drive-thru pet vaccination clinic for dogs and cats last Saturday from 9am to 1pm. City of Friona Animal Control Officer Lupe Salinas said the turnout was fantastic and the last animal was treated around 1:30 pm. Visit the Parmer Paws facebook page for more info.



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Basketball tourney caps off year for Friona Youth Sports

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First and foremost, to our exceptional athletes: your passion, determination, and solidarity on the court were truly inspiring. Your commitment to fair play and teamwork exemplifies the values we cherish at Friona Youth Sports, and we couldn't be prouder of each

and every one of you.

A heartfelt thank you to our devoted coaches, whose tireless efforts and unwavering support have shaped not just skilled players, but also outstanding individuals. Your guidance both on and off the court has left a lasting impact on our young athletes, instilling in them values that extend far beyond the game.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our generous sponsors, whose invaluable support makes events like these possible. Your commitment to our community and its

youth is truly commendable, and we are grateful for your partnership.

To the parents, whose endless encouragement and sacrifices ensure that our athletes can pursue their passion for sports, thank you for your unwavering support and involvement.

A special mention goes to Friona ISD for graciously opening their facilities to us, allowing us to host this tournament in such a welcoming environment. We are also grateful to Bob's Heating & Air for their generous donation of waters,

ensuring that our players and spectators stayed refreshed throughout the event. We cannot forget to express our gratitude to the dedicated concession stand helpers, gate staff, and Friona ISD custodians, whose hard work behind the scenes ensured that everything ran smoothly.

We would like to send our appreciation to all Friona Community for hosting and welcoming our out-of-town guests. Big thanks to our referees, who endure long hours to make sure competitive events runs smoothly.

Last but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to the Friona Youth Sports members and their children, whose selfless contributions and unwavering support in every aspect of the tournament were instrumental to its success.

Together, we have created memories that will last a lifetime and strengthened the bonds of our community. Thank you all for your continued commitment to Friona Youth Sports and the youth we serve.

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- ↑ consumo de alcohol en niños de 12 a 17 años

*Instituto Nacional de Abuso de Alcohol y Alcoholismo

Friends announce scholarships

Scholarship recipients were announced at the annual Friends of the Library meeting last Sunday afternoon. Receiving a \$1000 scholarship each were FHS students Jonathan Gonzalez, Jarrett White, Reese Stowers, Charlie Herring, and Melody Upton.

A drawing for the prize baskets was conducted and the winners are as follows: Theresa Bye won the Friends of the Library basket; Sandra Berend won the Kendrick

Oil and Parmer Paws baskets; Teddy & Jim Bob Jones won the Hi-Pro Feeds basket; Ricky & Erin Barnett won the First National Bank basket; Tonia & Lily Abarca won the Friona Elementary basket; Blaire Herring won the Friona Primary basket, Joann McDonald won the Parmer County Farm Bureau basket; Kaleb Bennett won the Friona Draw basket; and Jyl Grimsley won the Kitty Gallman basket.



Friona Elementary student Giovanni Gonzalez is shown drawing the winning tickets for the ten baskets in the fundraising raffle.



Blaire Herring | Friona Primary basket



Ricky & Erin Barnett | First National Bank basket

**Tonia & Lily Abarca** | Friona Elementary basket

Founders Memorial Scholarship recipients — (l-r) Jonathan Gonzalez, Jarrett White, Reese Stowers, Charlie Herring, and Melody Upton.



Hollis Horton & great-grandkids Kaleb & Peter | Friona Draw basket



FHS Theatre Director Kelley Tucker (at left) and the cast & crew of Wild Strawberries presented a farewell performance of the one act play for family, friends, and supporters last Sunday in the FHS auditorium.



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