



— Early Voting —
General Election
May 4, 2024

Friona Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Candidates for 3 positions
(alphabetical order)
Andrew Aguirre
Glen London
Karina Ojeda
Sawyer Osborn
Jason Rector
Simon Fabian Salinas
Dustin Thompson

Early Voting
April 22nd – 26th | 8am to 5pm
April 29th – April 30th | 7am to 7pm
FISD Administration Office
909 E. 11th Street, Friona, TX

Parmer County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Candidates for 3 positions
(alphabetical order)
Dennis Anthony
Octavio Moreno
Dale Schueler
Bret Whitten

Early Voting
April 22nd – 26th | 8am to 5pm
April 29th – April 30th | 7am to 7pm
Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

City of Friona
Special Election
(Legalization of alcohol sales)

Early Voting
April 22nd – 26th | 8am to 5pm
April 29th – April 30th | 7am to 7pm
Friona City Council Chambers
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

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Rocha retires from School Board

Antonio Rocha conducted his last school board meeting this past Monday evening. He is retiring after serving on the Friona ISD Board of Trustees for the

past twelve years. Rocha was first elected as a trustee in 2012 and has served as Board President since 2019. Board members thanked him for his years

of service and FISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns presented him with a gift in recognition of his service to the school district and the community.



In the photo — School Board President Antonio Rocha and FISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns

Strawberry season in Texas off to an excellent start

Texas strawberry growers have enjoyed an early start to their season and the crop looks fantastic so far, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. “This year, the season started earlier than it has in the past three to four years, and perhaps by as much as two to three weeks,” said Russ Wallace, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist and professor in the Department of Horticultural Sciences, Lubbock.

“The first berries to come out of the field were large and very sweet, and the quality has been excellent.” Part of this season’s strong crop is thanks to a milder than usual winter for many growers. Freeze damage to the flowers and plants has been minimal, Wallace said, and growers who protected their crop with row cover cloth saw less damage and earlier production than others. *Continued on page 11*



Ripe strawberries harvested from a grower’s field, ready to be packaged and sold to local customers. (Russ Wallace/Texas A&M AgriLife)

Hospital District works to ensure quality healthcare for Parmer County

Parmer County Community Hospital was created and chartered in September 1945. The Hospital Board of Directors (Joe Poindexter, Sloan Osborn, G.B. Buske, J.L. Shafer, and Frank Spring) worked diligently to provide Parmer County with the healthcare it needed, and the original hospital opened in April 1947. The population of Parmer County was approximately 500 strong. By 1954, the population of Parmer County had almost doubled, and the hospital was quite busy. In 1956, a group of citizens discussed the growth and need for a newer, more

up-to-date and larger facility to accommodate the growing population of Parmer County and the healthcare needs. The new facility opened in 1958 and a new wing was added in 1963. Parmer County enjoyed more growth and change while the hospital continued to care for the citizens. With the growth in the county, the hospital experienced increased indigent care needs for those in the county who could not pay for their medical care. Covering the cost of the unpaid healthcare for those who could not pay be-

came a financial burden to the hospital. In 1991, a petition was presented to the Commissioners court for an election to create a Hospital District. The purpose of the Hospital District is to provide a tax funding means for the community to care for the low income and uninsured by electing to tax itself. The Board of Directors have the responsibility to manage those tax dollars to ensure that the hospital has the means to continue to provide healthcare to all citizens who need medical attention. An election was held on

May 18, 1991, and the request to create a Hospital District passed. The original Board members were appointed by the Commissioners Court and are elected at large after each two-year term. The original District Board members were Dale Schueler, DVM, Wendall Gresham, Dennis Anthony, Danny Kendrick, and Keith Knight. The Hospital District has been instrumental in providing funding to the hospital to take care of the healthcare needs of the Parmer County community while keeping the hospital financially viable

In the years since its creation, the District Board has taken on responsibility for Prairie Acres Nursing Facility as well as the Senior Living apartments. The District Board works closely with the Hospital Board to ensure the county has services that help people stay healthy physically, socially, and mentally. The Hospital District is vitally important to healthcare in Parmer County. Parmer Medical Center (PMC) and the Hospital Board appreciate the funding the Hospital District provides to support the healthcare of our local citizens.

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Community Calendar

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

April 18

• Becky's Enchiladas at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

• Bingo Night at Legacy Pointe @ 6:00 p.m.

April 22

• Salsbury Steak at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

• Early Voting Begins

April 24

• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

April 25

• Beans and Cornbread Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



‘Aggressive’ hurricane forecast for Gulf Coast

Colorado State University researchers are calling this year’s hurricane season forecast “the most aggressive” ever, the Texas Standard reported. They say there is a 54% chance a hurricane will strike the Texas coast, and a 25% chance it will be major.

Justin Ballard, the Houston Chronicle’s newsroom meteorologist, told the Texas Standard that the last hurricane to make landfall was Nicholas in 2021. The last major hurricane to land was Harvey in 2017, which caused \$125 billion worth of damage.

“These storms are becoming, yes, more common, more intense, but they’re also becoming more destructive with the amount of damage that they can cause just because things are more expensive,” Ballard said.

Ballard is urging Texas residents, especially those new to the coast who have never experienced a hurricane, to consider gradually stocking up on nonperishable items such as water and canned goods, rather than waiting until a hurricane threatens the Gulf of Mexico.

TPWD sued in attempt to block land swap with SpaceX

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is being sued in an attempt to block a land swap deal with SpaceX in South Texas, kut.org reported. TPWD in March approved pursuing an exchange of 43 acres of Boca Chica State Park to the company in exchange for nearly 500 acres of land that is now privately owned. SpaceX is negotiating to buy the land in order to make the swap with TPWD.

The South Texas Environmental Justice Network, the Carizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas and Save RGV filed the lawsuit in a Travis County district court in early April.

SpaceX wants the land swap in order to expand its launch facility near the state park. The suit alleges TPWD violated statutory requirements to ensure mitigating harm to the land and considering alternatives to giving up park land.

State oil, gas production his record highs in 2023

The state set new records for oil and gas production last year, according to the Texas Railroad

Commission, which regulates the industries and tallies production reports submitted by the state’s operators.

In 2023, the state produced 1.92 billion barrels of oil, eclipsing the record set in 2019 of 1.86 billion barrels. Gas production totaled 12.01 trillion cubic feet in 2023, breaking the previous record of 10.61 trillion cubic feet set in 2021.

“These production records are beyond impressive and reflect how Texas continues to provide reliable domestic production for the nation,” said Wei Wang, RRC executive director. “As the state’s oil and gas regulator, the RRC is committed to our critical mission supporting Texas’ economic growth that benefits Texans. Production taxes collected from the oil and gas industry pay for our schools, highways and the state’s Rainy Day Fund.”

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.

Sales Tax Holiday for Emergency Supplies is April 27-29

As we enter the severe weather season, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state’s sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 29.

“Fires, tornadoes and other severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies,” Hegar said. “There is no sense in waiting for

disaster to strike. I’m encouraging Texans to take advantage of this tax holiday to save money while stocking up for emergency situations.”

The Comptroller’s office estimates shoppers will save about \$2.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There’s no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

• household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;

• hurricane shutters

and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and

• portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase an emergency ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery

charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the emergency ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Purchases that do not qualify include:

• batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;

• camping stoves and camping supplies;

• chainsaws;

• plywood;

• extension ladders and stepladders; and

• tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller’s website.

ACROSS

1 mammal found under Austin’s Congress Bridge (2 wds.)

5 TXism: “keeps his ____ polished” (do gooder)

6 TXism: “eagle ____” (observant)

7 Monte ____, Texas

8 TXism: “____ gut” (whiskey)

9 feisty

16 TX Buddy Holly’s “____ Love Ways”

18 Friday night halftime performer (2 wds.)

21 investment for a specified period (abbr.)

22 TXism: “let ____” (leave alone)

23 TX Howard Hughes dated this Gardner commotion

30 many of these settled in Texas

34 extra play for Texas pro teams (abbr.)

35 coffin transport

36 an overthrow of a government

37 TXism: “pulled the wool over ____ eyes” (deceived)

39 it often happens when a rich Texan dies (2 wds.)

43 TXism: “that’s a fine how do ____”

44 Hill Country is one for white-tailed deer

45 “Gig ‘__ Aggies!”

46 “____ mouth, insert foot” (blunder)

47 Galveston was once a main port for these plunderers

49 contributed

52 Texas-sized corporation

53 __ Soto, Texas

54 TXism: “badge ____” (lawman)

55 more obvious

58 “fight toe ____”

59 container for coffee or cremation

60 the Gulf has Leatherback ____ turtles

61 Gulf snakelike fish

DOWN

1 TXism: “got ____ as big as Texas” (kind)

2 Seymour newspaper: “____ County Banner”

3 TXism: “so green he could hide in ____ patch”

4 like 24-across: “a big ____-____”

9 TX Shelley of 1980 film “The Shining” (init.)

10 ____ cow-boys (disabled)

11 religious ceremony

12 in Wood County, on U.S. 69

13 TXism: “____ savvy” (knows a lot)

14 rehab after surgery (abbr.)

15 opposite of nay

17 TXism: “book learned”

19 kept away from prison guard at the Patrick O’Daniel Unit near Gatesville

24 Houston univer.

25 Texas-filmed “____ wee’s Big Adventure”

26 skin breakout

27 “bottle ____ ____”?

28 “it came ____ surprise” (unexpected)

29 step down from working full time

31 decompose

32 TXism: “sticks ____ like a sore thumb”

33 six ____ pistol

38 TX Joseph A. ____ may have invented the ice cream soda

40 arriv. guess

41 this Masterson got gunfighter reputation in Texas

42 tearful

48 after Aug.

50 TXism: “not a lick”

51 enjoyed a chicken fried steak

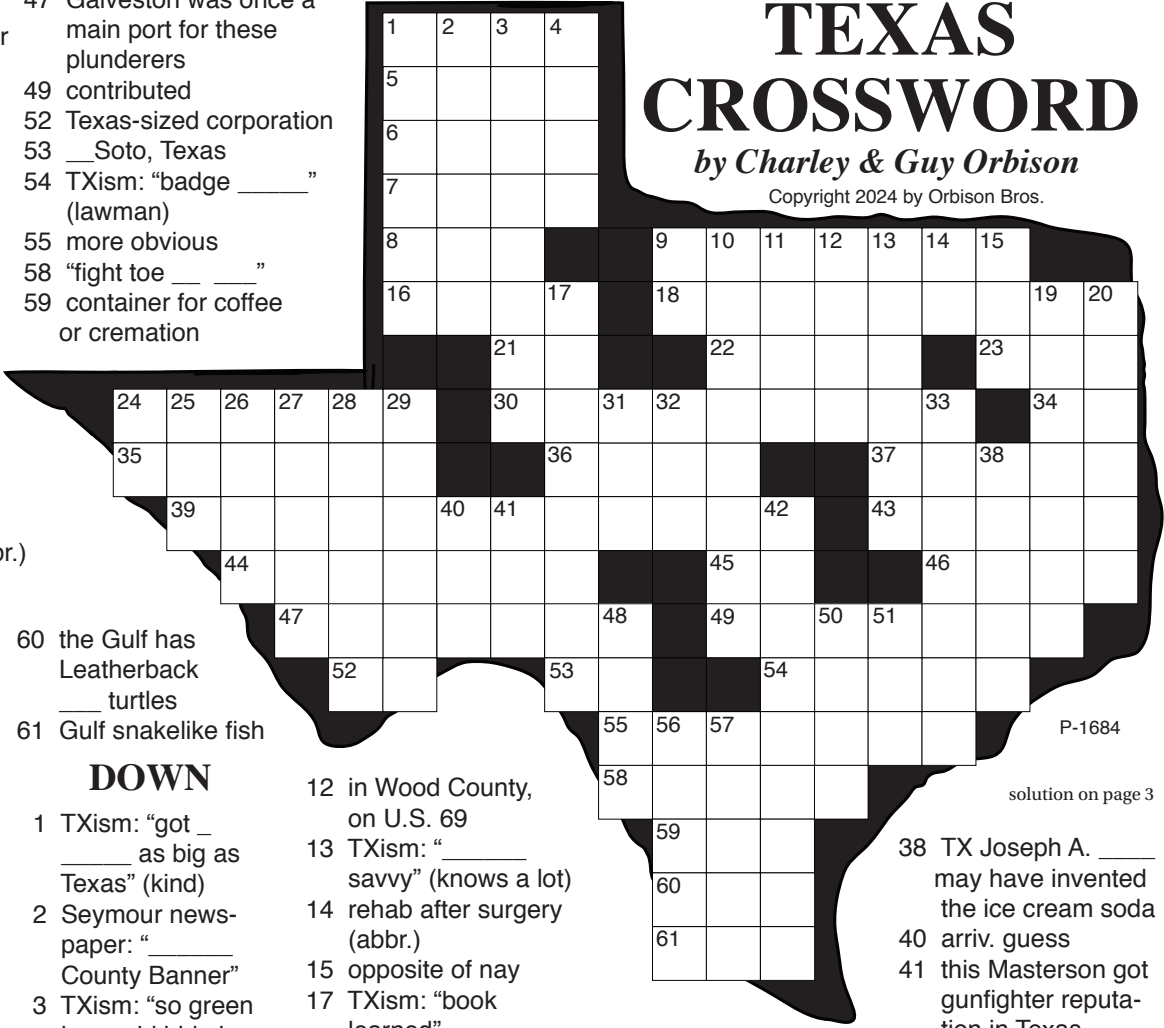
56 lice singular

57 TXism: “she could charm a bird out of ____”

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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‘Tis the View

Why can man believe the past but not the future,
While living only in the present?

Both are as distant or as close as the other.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

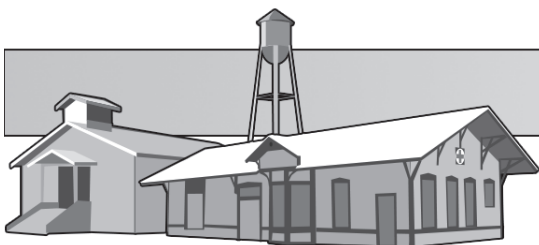
Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk’s Office from April 4, 2024 to April 11, 2024

(4/4/24) Norma Mosser Norris — Carla Moser — All of Lots 2 and 7, Block 1, of the Drake Revised Subdivision, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas
(4/4/24) Carla Moser, Zachary Sarver — Ethen Belfield, Aleyda Belfield — All of Lots 2 and 7, Block 1, of the Drake Revised Subdivision, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas
(4/4/24) Jose Luis Velazquez — Paul Grynick, Christa Roswita Stompler — All of 0.772 Acre Tract of Land of the Southeast Part of a 3.30 Acre Tract Out of the Northwest Part of the Northeast of Section 1, T3S, R3E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas
(4/8/24) Maximo Salas — Rueda Sebastian — The East 50 Foot of Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, Block 23, of the Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas
(4/9/24) Lach D. Grimes, Jackie L. Grimes — Jeremiah McPherson, Jennifer McPherson — Lots 3, Block 2, Hillcrest Addition, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas
(4/10/24) Steven Meeks, Cindy Meeks — Keith Meeks, Lacey Meeks — Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, Block 4, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

Comptroller to send \$1B to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.03 billion in local sales tax allocations for April, 5.5 percent more than in April 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly. The City of Friona will receive \$48,963.52

in sales tax allocation for the month. This payment represents a 2.09 percent decrease from the \$50,013.59 received last April. For year-to-date 2024, Friona will have received \$217,563.38 which is a 0.04 percent decrease from \$217,655.57 received in 2023. The FEDC will receive \$12,240.88 of the April allocation for its operating budget.



TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-5200
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Game Night — It’s BINGO night at Legacy Pointe on Thursday, April 18th starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun, fellowship, and snacks.

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One Act Play — A special presentation of Friona High School’s One Act Play, Wild Strawberries, will take place this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Friona High School Auditorium.

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Blood Drive — Friona Noon Lions hosted a community blood drive last Thursday at the Calvary Baptist fellowship hall. 36 signed in and 32 were able to donate. The drive netted 30 whole blood units, 2 power reds (4 units) for a total of 34 units donated. Thanks to everyone who donated and to Philip & Tawanna Zeller of Holy Smoke Barbecue for providing the barbecue sandwiches. Next blood drive will be in June.

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Let The Chips Fall —

Federal officials have awarded Samsung \$6.4 billion to increase semiconductor chip production in Texas. The grants seek to lessen America’s dependence on chips made in Taiwan and China. Within the agreement, the South Korean giant will be able to build new chip production facilities throughout Texas and improve existing locations, such as the \$17 billion plant in Taylor. Samsung is forecasting an investment of \$40 billion in the region, along with over 20,000 jobs. Source: The Texas Flyover

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Tech News — The idea of 3D printing is still rather new in the tech world, but there’s a new method gaining traction as well – 4D printing. This method builds on what you already know about printing 3D objects with the added benefit of response. Any 4D printed object is meant to respond to the world around them, whether that means it is exposed to heat,

air, or water. The process involves programming that allows it to make these changes, based on its surrounding stimuli. Some companies aim to use it for furniture that can assemble itself or pipes that can mend their own leak, while others want to use it to help print organs and medical devices. In Australia, they have already created a 4D water valve that closes when the water turns hot, and opens when the water is cool. This was made possible by using hydrogel which reacts rapidly to changing temperatures. Source: Transcription Plus, LLC

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Texas Facts — Texas has played a large

role in space exploration. NASA’s Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center is the training grounds for many astronauts, while the associated Space Center Houston is one of the country’s best space museums. Source: funworldfacts.com

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National Days
April 18:
Lineman Appreciation Day
April 19:
Hanging Out Day
April 20:
Look Alike Day
April 21:
Kindergarten Day
April 22:
Passover Begins
April 23:
Picnic Day
April 24:
Bucket List Day

It’s election time again!
A voter guide for local elections can be found at
mycountyvotes.com

Come have Fun with us at Malouf’s Fabric
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Friends of the Friona Public Library
Annual Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets for the basket drawings are available at The Friona Public Library
Tickets will be sold until April 28!

Tickets are \$1 each
Drawing will take place at the Friends Annual Meeting
Everyone is welcome to attend!
Date: April 28, 2024
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Friona Public Library

Thank you to the following for donating the baskets:

Frio Draw Driving School
Parmer County Farm Bureau
Kitty Gallman
Friona Primary School
Friona Elementary School
Friends of the Library
Teddy and Jim Job Jones
Kendrick Oil
First National Bank
Parmer Paws

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Spring Recipes

Here is an easy sheet pan dinner that is easy to prepare and more importantly, easy to clean up. Hope you enjoy.

Sheet-Pan Shrimp Fajitas

www.eatingwell.com

Ingredients

3 tablespoons neutral-flavored oil, such as avocado or grapeseed
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 ¼ teaspoons garlic powder
1 teaspoon lime zest
¾ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon chipotle chile powder
1 large red bell pepper, sliced
1 large yellow bell pepper, sliced
1 large onion, halved and sliced
1 pound large shrimp (24-30 count), peeled and deveined, halved lengthwise
1 tablespoon lime juice
8 corn tortillas, warmed
Lime wedges, chopped fresh cilantro, sour cream, avocado and/or pico de gallo for serving

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Combine oil, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, lime zest, salt and chipotle powder in a large bowl. Transfer 4 teaspoons of the mixture to a small bowl and set aside. Add red and yellow bell peppers and onion to the large bowl; stir to combine. Spread the vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast on the middle rack, stirring once, until mostly soft, 13 to 15 minutes. (Reserve the large bowl for the next step.) Meanwhile, add shrimp and the reserved chili mixture to the large bowl and toss to combine. Once the vegetables have softened, remove from the oven and stir in the shrimp. Continue roasting until the vegetables and shrimp are cooked through, about 5 minutes more. Transfer to a serving dish and stir in lime juice. Serve with warmed tortillas and with lime wedges, cilantro, sour cream, avocado and/or pico de gallo, if desired.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



History’s Storytellers

“The only protection as a historian is to institute a process of research and writing that minimizes the possibility of error.”—Doris Kearns Goodwin

My wayfaring existence, with a great deal of time spent behind the wheel, lends itself to listening to audiobooks.

Nothing quite takes the place of reading material in one’s hands, which is why I still buy a newspaper. But the novel is easily transposed to voice, and good writing and good narration make for good company on the highway.

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin has been riding shotgun with me

for the past month. Her 1994 book, No Ordinary Time, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II, won the Pulitzer Prize for History. After listening to 37 of the 39 hours of the audiobook, it is apparent why the book was recognized.

The content alone has been worth the listen for all the reasons one would expect of such a pivotal time in world history. It is styled as a narrative, chronicling the Roosevelt partnership in life and politics. The backdrop, of course, is the looming global conflict during Hitler’s rise in the 1930s, only

one of the many challenges the Roosevelt administration faced.

What surprised me, however, is that I found myself thinking about the writer’s process in compiling the information found in this masterpiece. It is a history book. From its content, it is obvious the author relied on primary source documents such as diaries, letters, news reels, government records, journalists’ accounts of the day, and interviews done with family and friends of the Roosevelts and other key figures in the book.

When Kearns Goodwin authored this book thirty years ago, she did so without the benefit of the Internet. I assume she visited museums and presidential libraries. No doubt she wrote letters of inquiry and made phone calls. In other words, writing a book such as this was a monumental endeavor.

Sadly, the time and effort it takes to be accurate and truthful is becoming a fading craft among writers. Many have settled for dispersing information quickly

for a fast buck. These fly-by-night publications of historic nonfiction diminish the work of a writer like Kearns Goodwin.

Historians worth their salt are storytellers using skillful research to preserve the truths of the past. If someone wrote your life’s history, wouldn’t you want them to record it with such diligence? Facts are fairly subjected to analysis and interpretation, but proven historians do not alter facts in order to create a false narrative.

Kearns Goodwin’s research was impeccable in No Ordinary Time. Our country boasts other historians and journalists who have told the stories of people and events with thoughtful integrity. We owe much gratitude to the likes of Jon Meacham, Bruce Catton, David McCullough, Ken Burns, Laura Hillenbrand, and David Brinkley for the tedious work of composing the stories in books and documentaries for posterity.

Our job is easy. Just read--or listen--and learn.

Happy Birthday



April 19 Danny Campbell Karene Bass Clint Hand Monica Davis	April 23 Troy Bass Derek Allen Daniel Rios JoAnn Berend Jerry Cass Jenny (Cunningham) O’Pry Paige Sifford Grayson Kuhlmeier Abraham T. Snyder
April 20 Beverly Ingram Mike Chaney Kyle Wiseman Kathy (Anthony) Borchers Krystal Rios Amy (Osborn) Laing	April 24 Evelyn (Hart) Romero Trista (Hand) Stallings Cherlyn Pruitt Quinn Neill
April 21 Rex Bracken Riley Rector Brooklyn Elam	April 25 Mike Riethmayer Felicia Flores Acker Allison Fluck Mariann Boeckman Rori Montoya Lupe Benitez Billie Kirby
April 22 Sandy Fuentes Hayley Herring Stan Miller Andy Carthel Rita Barrios Brian LeRoy	

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.5200

By the Numbers

City of Friona
March 2024

Public Library
19 days open
328 e-visits
449 in-house visits
5 new patrons
330 items circulated
212 new items added
\$184.65 copy fees
\$89.00 fax fees
Book Shop open 4 days
\$30 in sales

Police Department
105 calls
0 arrests
32 citations
76 warnings
108 stops
1,267 miles driven

EMS
21 transports (911)
5 Prairie Acres (911)
27 transfers
12 non-transports (911)
2 no patient or disregard
1 standby
68 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department
3/2 Hay Fire — 8 firefighters, 4 trucks
3/2 Grass Fire — 3 firefighters, 2 trucks
3/3 Wildland Fire — 2 firefighters, 1 truck
3/7 Structure Fire — 10 firefighters, 5 trucks
3/8 Car Wreck — 9 firefighters, 3 trucks
3/11 Grass Fire — 10 firefighters, 6 trucks
3/11 Wreck — 12 firefighters, 4 trucks
3/15 Gas Leak — 5 firefighters, 2 trucks
3/17 Wreck — 10 firefighters, 3 trucks
3/19 Wreck — 8 firefighters, 3 trucks
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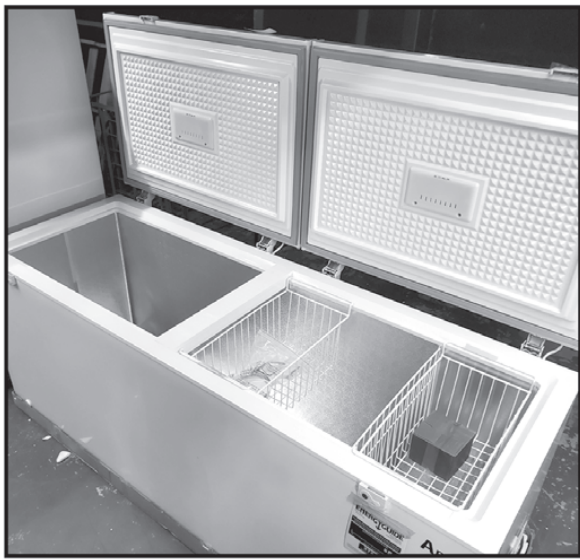


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Dreadful Living

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you ever look around and see people living a certain way and think, ‘I would hate to live that way’? Seeing a homeless camp brings that thought to my mind, as does driving in big city traffic, because I like the small town and the comforts of my home. Recently in scripture I read about how life would be for apostate Israel in Deuteronomy 28:66 where God says, “Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.” Wouldn’t that be miserable? Your life, daily in the balance of death or continued uncertainty, and mentally the dominant atmosphere of your mind is dread of everything from death to disaster to attack.

Certainly this verse did not describe God’s good plan for Israel’s life in the promised land, but it was a sure promise of what life would turn into if the nation turned their back on God. God promised his people that turning away from Him would turn into dreadful living. In other words, fear would abound, doubt would dominate, skepticism wouldn’t be scarce, and life would be miserable, dreadful liv-

ing. This dread was the result of trusting in self, sin, government, leaders, and a host of other things in place of God. They may not have blatantly blasphemed God in their words, but their hearts were far from Him, and their actions of worshipping idols spoke loudly that they were not true to the Lord. Therefore, God promised a host of curses would befall them, and that life would be dreadful. The dread that the other nations were to have because of Israel’s blessings from God, would be turned on Israel because they strayed from God.

Today, so many people live in fear and dread of a ton of things, but when the fear begins to well up, that is not from God, but could very well be because you have strayed from God. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” God’s plan for His people is to love Him supremely, live this out through loving obedience to His commands and great commission, then enjoy the blessings of faith-filled life in Christ.

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Imitation: When It Is Good!

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

If you are a parent, at some point your child has done something they see you doing. Hopefully, that was a good thing. Kids love to imitate things they see. I have seen little cowboys following their dads who are real cowboys or little boys with pliers on their belt because dad had pliers on his. I have seen little girls playing with dolls like they have seen their mom care for their younger siblings. Imitating others is not unnatural; we want to be like those we admire. When I was 4, I could lean my shoulder in, walk with a little swagger, and call it my John Wayne walk. The key to imitation being good is who or what you

imitate.

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV. What if we imitated God? Look at God’s pursuit of a relationship with humanity? He never gave up and continued to work until He could make it right through His son. What would marriages look like that did that, never give up on the other? I would dare say there might be a few more saved rather than lost if they did. What if we were as patient as God has been with us when we dealt with others? Or what would it look

like to imitate Jesus? Acknowledging the human existence of folks our society has cast to the street corners with cardboard signs? Or comforting a family who has faced the loss of a child, not with words but mere presence and holding them? What would it look like if our lives were more sacrificial than self-serving? A difficult question, but one I believe worthy of some time in thought.

Imitation can be cheapened or it can be deepened depending upon Who you follow and how much heart you give to that pursuit. Yes, imitation can lead us closer to the King, let our hearts sing and allow freedom to ring, when it’s good.

How Do You Represent the King?

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I missed Community Bible Study because I had jury duty. Thanks to a doctor’s appointment with Jordan Jamerson in San Angelo that I had had for two and a half months, the judge was kind and let me off!

Before class this morning, I finally had the time to watch the video of last week’s teaching. You know how you know something, but until the timing is perfect and the way it is said is perfect, it doesn’t really sink in? Well, that is what happened to me today!

Our teaching director, Cathy Blaschke, began her teaching by saying, “The King’s child represents the King in all ways: in our thinking, our behavior, and our attitude toward others.” I profess to be a Christian, so what I think, the way I act, and my attitude toward others represents Jesus. If I don’t think or behave or have an attitude like that of Jesus, I am not a very good representative of His, am I? And, if I am not a very good representative of Jesus, then I can lead people away from Jesus rather than toward Him.

It takes effort and work to be a good representative of Jesus. We have to have a relationship with Jesus and talk and listen to Him. We have to stay in the Word so we know Jesus; so we know how we are supposed to think, behave, and so we have a Christ-like attitude. We have to practice living like Christ, every minute of every day so that it becomes natural to emulate Jesus!

No matter how hard we try, there will be times when we mess up. Does that make us a failure as the King’s representative? No, it doesn’t. Maybe we need to ask someone to forgive us; maybe we

need to apologize for assuming something about someone without all the facts; maybe we didn’t take advantage of an opportunity to help someone in need; maybe we didn’t want to do something so we said NO when we could have said YES.

Our mistakes help us learn; they help us to mature as a Christian; they help us become better at being the King’s representative, because when we ask for forgiveness, or we apologize, or we offer to help someone in need, or we say YES even when we don’t want to, we are doing what Jesus would have done to show love to someone who needs it. Maybe the person who sees us correcting our mistakes is the one who needs to see Jesus in action.

What struck me about Cathy’s comment is that I need to remember I am the King’s representative, and I need to act like it ALL the time. I especially need to think before I speak! Sometimes I am busy, and I don’t acknowledge everyone in a group or my Bible study classes; that is not being a good representative of Jesus! I don’t call my ladies in CBS as often as I should.

I am so glad Jesus is a God of do-overs and second chances. He does not give up on us when we are trying to do our best at being His representative but we fall a little short. We shouldn’t quit asking Him what He wants us to do as His representative, and we should never be afraid to follow through on what He wants us to do. True freedom comes from living as the King’s representative because you are living for God and not yourself or the world! For me, it is the only way to try to live. I hope you agree!!!

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FFA students involved in various events



In the photo — The Ag Mechanics classes received over 20 welding certificates at the Wichita Falls Weld Off. Edwin Castenada placed 7th in GMAW 2F. Photo courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook.



In the photo — This past weekend the Floriculture, Meats, and Livestock teams competed in the Area 1 CDEs at Texas Tech. The Floriculture team (l-r) Leslie Rodriguez, Kyleigh Stephens, Shelby Lewellen, and Genesis Rodriguez placed 5th in Area and 2nd in District and are state qualifiers. Kyleigh was 8th high individual. The Meats Judging Team (l-r) Dieter Ally, Aubrey Schueler, Heriberto Gallegos, and Carlos Rios placed 7th in Area and 1st in District. Dieter was 10th high individual. The Livestock Team finished 36th out of the 56 teams. Photo courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook.

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Area Awards

Outsanding Technician:
Nicholas Gutierrez
Honorable Mention:
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All Star Cast:
Amy Montana

In the photo — The Land Judging Team (l-r) JT Anderson, Kaleb Nunley, Dylan Haseloff, and Maro Molina placed 3rd in Area competition and qualified for the state contest. Kaleb was 6th high individual, and Mario was 7th high individual. Photo courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook.

In the photo — The Dairy Judging Team (l-r) Kitzy Welch, Erik Estrada, Karen Morales, and Dieter Ally placed 3rd in Area competition and qualified for the state contest. Dieter was 3rd high individual, Karen was 9th high individual, and Kitzy was 10th high individual. Photo courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook.

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programs, and education to fight heart disease and stroke. Kids Heart Challenge is a program that promotes physical activity and heart health through jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association

and SHAPE America Society of Health and Physical Educators. Friona Elementary would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2023-2024 Kids Heart Challenge Campaign. Source: Rosalinda Cigarroa



In the photo — The top 10 collectors for 2023-2024 are (l-r) Hunter Thompson (Top Collector), Jett Jarecki, Jesalyn Jarecki, Ariana N. Balli, Evelyn Owens, Lauren Barraza, Jonathan Nunez, Fabian Reyes, Jennifer Lilly Portillo, Katiyah Perez, Malilany Perez, Hazel Martin Portillo.

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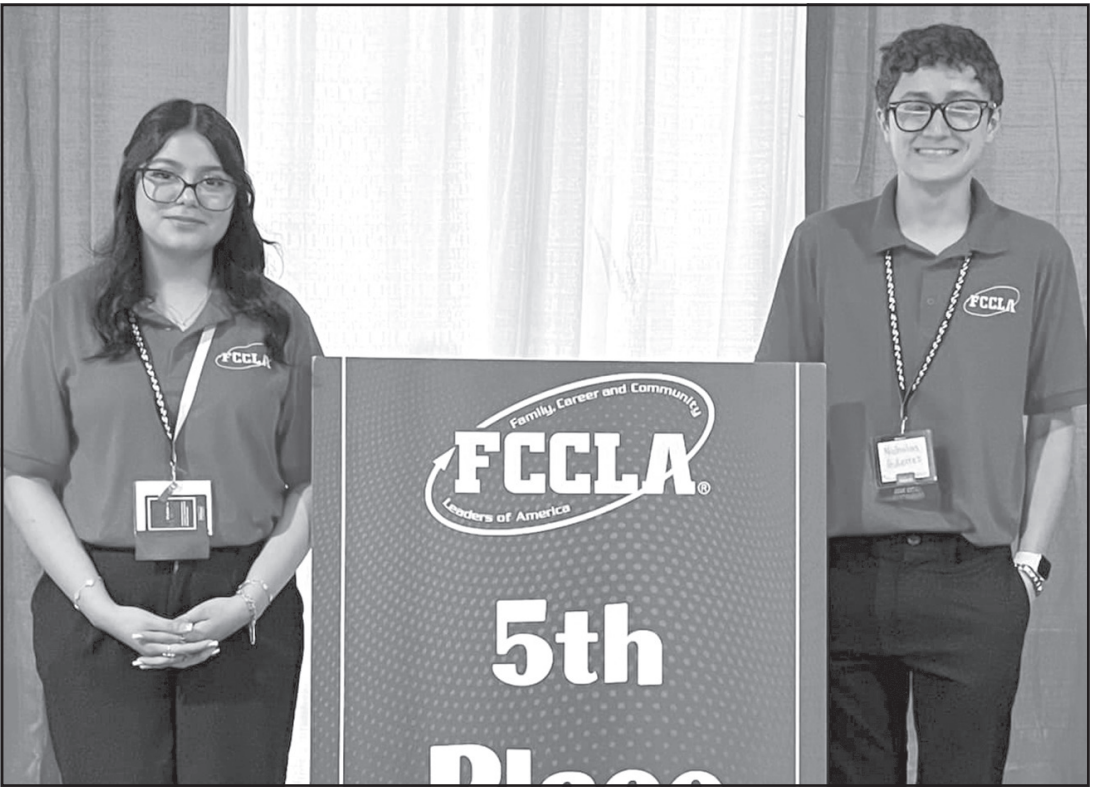
In the photo — Front row (l-r): Nicholas Gutierrez, Desiree Raymond, Stevie Herring, Lilliana Abarca; Middle row (l-r): Erin Barnett, Jacee Burney, Saraya Luna, Nadia Snyder; Back row (l-r): Thomas Cook, Jocelyn Hernandez, Aurora Bolanos, Lexi Saldana.



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Girls Shot Put		
2. Reyna Arias*		37' 3.75
6. Marie Phillips		31' 4.25
Girls Discus		
1. Kitzy Welch*		121' 5
5. Reyna Arias.....		94' 6
7. Caydee Humphrey.....		91' 8
Girls Pole Vault		
3. Ella McFarland*		7' 9

Boys 100 Meters		
5. Abisai Torres.....		11.59
6. Cade Seaman		11.62
Boys Shot Put		
1. Ishmael Flores*		42' 5.5
Boys Discus		
5. David McGaughy		124' 10
Boys Pole Vault		
4. Thomas Cook*		8' 6
*Regional Qualifier		



Cade Seaman and Carson Seaman were named to the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Team. The all-star games were conducted this past Friday and Saturday in River Road. Cade played for the North team and scored 6 points in Friday’s night game. Carson was unable to play due to an injury. **In the photo** — (l-r) Ferlin, Cade, Susi, and Carson Seaman.



FHS golf teams played two Lubbock golf courses during their district competition. The Squaws finished in 5th place and the Chiefs finished in 4th place. **In the photo** — (l-r) Aubree Bunker, Anneliese Rocha, Maddox Ashlock, Kaysen Stanberry, Aiden Pitsch, Justin Reveles, Bryer Stanberry.



Chieftain Baseball Team: Season 3-13, District 1-6 | Senior Recognition is Tuesday, April 23



In the photo — Track Area Meet Qualifiers (l-r) Marie Phillips, Yvonne Legarreta, Caydee Humphrey, Reyna Arias, Ella McFarland, Ishmael Flores, David McGaughy, Abisai Torres, Cade Seaman, Thomas Cook. **Not in photo:** Kitzy Welch

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Elevinia Espinoza

Elevinia Espinoza, 73, of Bovina passed away April 8, 2024 in Dimmitt. Celebration of Life Services will be held 10:00 AM Monday, April 22, 2024 at the First Baptist Church of Bovina with Bro. Felix Sanchez, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Elevinia was born November 6, 1950 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Pablo and Hilda Lopez Garza. She married Jesus Espinoza Jr. December 19, 1971. For many years she was a beautician in Bovina, worked at the grocery store in Bovina and was a library aide for the Bovina ISD. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren., raised funds for underprivileged children, was a regular contributor to St. Jude's



Children's Hospital, spent many hours making hand made quilts, tending to her garden vegetables and grilling outside. She is preceded in death by her parents-Pablo and Hilda, her husband-Jesus, siblings Lionel Noe Garza, Nelda Martinez, Reyes Garza, and many nieces and nephews. Those to carry on her legacy include her children-Cesaria "Cesa" Melissa Thoresen and husband Kenneth of Castle

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Billy Nichols

Billy Nichols, 83, of Friona, Texas passed away on Wednesday April 11, 2024. Celebration of Life services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday April 15, 2024 at Nazarene Family Church, 1410 La Plata Street in Hereford, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Cox-Rowley Funeral Home. Billy "Bill" was born on April 24, 1940 in Elk City, Oklahoma to Clyde and Valgene Nichols. He graduated from High School in Sweetwater, Oklahoma. Billy served in the United States Air Force for four years. He then met and married



his best friend on March 17, 1966. Billy worked for the railroad for over 30 years before he retired. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling in his RV, going to places like Ruidoso where he enjoyed fellowship with friends. Billy cherished moments with his family and dedicated most of his free time to them. He especially enjoyed laughter; his sense of humor was priceless.

He was loved by so many and will be truly missed. Billy was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Valgene Nichols and one brother, Doyle Nichols. Survivors include his wife, Francis Nichols of the home; his son, Gregg Nichols and wife Melanie of Amarillo, Texas; his daughter, Michelle Sauviac and her husband Jason of Lewisville, Texas; his sister, Glenna Swaner of Snyder, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Shawna Nichols, Jennifer Sutton, Kelton Day and Brendon Day; eight great grandchildren, Caden Day, Miles Day, Lainey Day, Ava Day, Braedon Nichols, Cayden Nichols, Adriana Nichols and Caitlynn Nichols.



Life in a small "wet" town

By Ellis Parson

In 1982 while I was pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Plainville, Kansas I received a message that I may be needed at the school gym that night because there may be problems because there was a called town meeting. No details were given. When I arrived the shouting had already begun. The crowd was split three ways. One group wanted to lynch five "boys." Another woman screamed for their lives. "You can't kill them they are our children. Lets punish them another way." Another group wanted the pool hall closed down or at least stop it from selling beer. Which brought the other groups against it because most liked their beer. Some like myself were in the dark. "What had happened to cause this uproar?" It was explained, the five "boys" in question had been getting drunk and were throwing beer bottles and bricks through the plate glass windows of business' on main street and running their four-wheel- drive- pickups over bushes in the city park, and the landing lights at the airport at Stockton were also run over causing danger of wrecked airplanes. But to top all this they had ganged up and beat up the new city police officer. Which put him in the hospital for almost a week. While the night watchman had

been so scared when the attack happened, locked himself inside his car and watched, but was able to identify the thugs. One man asked "did Mr. C have a gun if he did why didn't he use it?" One woman in answer to the woman who was trying to save the "boys" lives, asked. "I would like to know at what age boys are not boys any more. My daughter went to school with at least one of these "Boys" and she is thirty two years of age now." Her question settled the crowd as they offered a warning. "If the boys caused any more problems they would meet again and take action themselves." The father of one of the boys, a very kind man, but was at his wits end, he had tried to teach his son right from wrong but admitted he had failed. His son just loved to break things to the point of wrecking three new cars in one year. He had been admitted to a mental program just before the town meeting. On all sides they admitted that alcoholic drinks played a big part of the problem. On May 4, 2024 please vote against the legal sales of alcoholic beverages in our beloved City Friona to keep our children safe. (Even the Peter Pans, or boys who never grew up.)

Delwin Don "Doc" Allen

Delwin Don "Doc" Allen, DVM, 72 of Friona, passed away April 11, 2024. Viewing will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Celebration of Life Services are set for 10:00 AM Saturday, April 20, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Friona with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating. Burial following at the Reed Cemetery in Reed, Oklahoma at 3:30 PM by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Delwin was born March 17, 1952, in Mangum, Oklahoma to June and Winfred Allen. He attended schools in Reed and Mangum, Oklahoma before attending Oklahoma State University where he graduated with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He married Patricia "Patsy" Lamson on January 1, 1980, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. After working in Oklahoma and Texas, Delwin and Patsy, accepted



the opportunity with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to move their family to Friona in 1990 where he worked as a Federal Veterinarian for the USDA for 28 years, the IIC in Friona for 18 years and the Texas Panhandle Circuit Supervisor for 7 years. Delwin had a gift for music that he shared with family and the community. Learning was always a priority in his life, and he valued education. He enjoyed reading and sharing what he learned with everyone. He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He spent a great deal of time exploring the outdoors and traveling to new places.

He is preceded in death by his parents, June and Winfred Allen. Those who carry on his legacy include his wife of 44 years-Patsy Allen of Friona, their children-Jesse Allen and his children Jaxxn of Wheeler, Jenni and Luci of Amarillo, Alice and her husband Aaron Doyle and their daughter Clare of Fort Worth, Texas, Emily and her husband Andrew Stowers and their daughters, Rylee and Layla of Amarillo, Texas, sister- Judy Jenkins and husband Bob of El Reno, Oklahoma, and sister Kathy Haley and husband Guy of Granite, Oklahoma. If you would like to donate in his honor, you may mail a donation to the Reed Cemetery, Great Plains Bank, P.O. Box 400, Mangum, Oklahoma 73554. You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



New Car . . . The City of Friona's new city manager's car is being sported around lately by A.L. (Jake) Outland, who stopped by the Star photographer to take a look. (Friona Star, Thursday, April 16, 1964)



Lions Club News

Buster Ratliff was the guest speaker at the Noon Lions Club meeting on Tuesday at the Clubhouse. Ratliff is the Director of Operations at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. He has served in that capacity for the past 20 years. The four-building museum located at 2503 4th Ave. on the campus of West Texas A&M University serves a 26,000 square mile area covering the top 26 counties in the Texas panhandle as well as parts of Oklahoma and New Mexico. PPHM has over 2.5 million artifacts and is recognized as Texas' largest history museum. PPHM is a

Blue Star Museum and offers free admission for active duty military personnel from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65+, and \$6

for children ages 4-12. Visit panhandleplains.org for information about hours, exhibits, membership, tours, and more. You can also call 806.651-2244 for info.



Buster Ratliff and Past Lions Sweetheart Emma Rector.

Strawberry season in Texas off to an excellent start

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Wallace said he has been impressed with what he's seen so far.

"This spring, I've traveled across the state visiting growers' fields, looking at the strawberry crop," he said. "The crops overall look fantastic and the weather, for the most part, has cooperated."

Although some regions get more fruit per plant, in Texas the average is about 1 pound, Wallace said. But given the favorable growing conditions, those larger berries should translate to increased weight per plant, making for a good season for most growers.

Inclement weather has impacted some individual strawberry fields, he said.

"There have been some heavy rains at some locations, as well as a few hailstorms, which damaged some crops," Wallace said. "The heavy rains caused an increase in fruit diseases like botrytis gray mold in those locations and those berries needed to be removed from the fields."

The losses to weather were slight and not enough to impact overall prices or production. He said typical diseases and insects have been kept in check with conventional and organic control best practices and should not be a major factor this season. He added that Texas' strawberry crops tend to be treated for diseases and pests very little compared to other states.

Wallace also said he had not heard any concerns from growers this season related to drought. Watering strawberries is very efficient because strawberries are planted on raised beds with plastic film, and irrigation drip lines run on or below the surface under the plastic.

Increasing demand from consumers

Wallace said he believes strawberry acreage in Texas will continue to increase as growers see high consumer demand and the crop's profitability. He said he is encountering more farms that have recently added strawberries to their overall production.

"For the past two years, my colleagues and I have been evaluating up to 20 strawberry varieties to determine whether there are better options than the current ones," Wallace said. He said they collaborate with 15 growers statewide and several new varieties look promising.

Prices are excellent for growers for the most part, he said. Farmers offering "pick-your-own" strawberries are charging between \$3.50 to \$8 per pound, which is roughly the same price as last year. But given the favorable growing conditions this year, many producers may have more strawberries to sell.

Wallace said while he has not seen an uptick in prices, it is possible producers could charge more money per pound

because of intense demand in some areas. The popularity of Texas strawberries is so intense that some "pick-your-own" farms can be harvested out within several hours.

"Sometimes customers are turned away," he said. "That just demonstrates the need for more growers and more acres dedicated to strawberries in Texas."

What consumers should know

Wallace said strawberry consumers understand that locally grown Texas strawberries are a premium crop – in both price and quality. It takes a significant amount of work and money to produce strawberries, and the harvest season is relatively short at just six to eight weeks.

Around 90% of U.S. strawberries come out of California and Florida, but locally grown strawberries typically have a better appearance and flavor because they are picked and sold daily and not shipped across the country, he said. Texas strawberries are picked at a stage when they are fully ripe and the ideal shade of red, which is not what you generally see in large retail chain stores.

Unlike some other fruit, strawberries will not ripen any further once picked. Berries should be at least 80% red before being picked but 100% is ideal to ensure the best taste. Very dark berries, on the other hand, but otherwise unblemished may be overripe but can be used for jellies, jams and cooking.

"Texas strawberries are in high demand and demand a premium price because consumers know what they are getting," Wallace said. "A lot of folks are repeat customers, and they want the best quality. They want the ripe red and the sweetest taste, and you can only really get that from growers in your area."

Celebrate strawberries

Poteet, south of San Antonio, has the state's largest concentration of producers and is considered the "strawberry capital" of Texas, but other producers can be found in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Lubbock, Tyler and Fredericksburg areas.

If there are no local growers, look for berries grown in Texas when shopping at the supermarket. If you want to try a bunch of different berries, consider heading to Poteet, April 12-14, for the annual strawberry festival, which began in 1948. Visitors can taste and buy berries from local producers as well as enjoy live entertainment and a carnival.

"We've had a great crop so far this year," said Joel Garcia, 4G Reyes Farms and president of the Poteet Strawberry Growers Association. "I'd encourage all Texans to enjoy local-grown berries while they can and to come down to the

festival to experience everything strawberry-related as well. It is a very neat festival for such a small town."

Garcia said all produce sold on the festival grounds are authentic Poteet strawberries, and all the food vendors at the event, from beer to brats, benefit non-profit organizations.

"We had some hailstorms limit some

of our area's growers for a few weeks, but the weather has cooperated since then with plenty of sunshine to let the berries come into fruit very nicely," Garcia said. "Overall, this is a very good year for the industry here so far, and we've been able to keep those perishable strawberries on the vine until they are ripe and perfect to pick."

City of Friona, Texas
(Ciudad de Friona, Texas)
Special Election
(Elección Especial)
May 4, 2024
(4 de mayo de 2024)

Official Ballot
(Boleta Oficial)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
Vote for the statement of your choice by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the statement.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
Vote por la declaración de su preferencia llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la de la declaración.)

LOCAL OPTION
(OPCIÓN LOCAL)

"The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages."

("La venta legal de todas bebidas alcohólicas incluyendo bebidas mixtas.")

FOR (A FAVOR)

AGAINST (EN CONTRA)

Parmer County Hospital District Board
(Distrito de la Junta de Hospitales del Condado de Parmer)
General Election
(Elección General)
May 4, 2024
(4 de mayo de 2024)

Official Ballot
(Boleta Oficial)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
Vote for the candidate(s) of your choice by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the name of the candidate(s).

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
Vote por el candidato(s) de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre del candidato(s).)

Parmer County Hospital District Board
(Distrito de la Junta de Hospitales del Condado de Parmer)
Vote for None, One, Two, or Three
(Vote por ninguno, uno, dos, o tres)

Bret Whitten

Dale Schueler

Dennis Anthony

Octavio Moreno

Friona Independent School District
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Friona)
General Election
(Elección General)
May 4, 2024
(4 de mayo de 2024)

Official Ballot
(Boleta Oficial)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
To vote complete the oval to the left of your choice, like this (●) it is permitted to vote up to three times for one candidate.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
Llena el círculo que está enseguida de opción por quien quieres votar, así (●) Se permite votar hasta tres veces por el mismo candidato.)

School Trustees
(Consejo de Administradores)
Vote for three by darkening in ONLY three ovals
(Vote por tres obscureciendo SOLAMENTE tres ovals)

Simon Fabian Salinas

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Sawyer Osborn

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Andrew Aguirre

Andrew Aguirre

Andrew Aguirre

Glen London

Glen London

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Jason Rector

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9 am to 1pm

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DAPP

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ID collars

CATS

FVRV-FCV-FPV

Rabies

Flea treatment

Microchip

CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS

PARMER PAWS

115 W 11th, Friona, TX 79035

Saturday, April 27th

9 am to 1pm

Facebook

Instagram

PARMERPAWS.ORG

Senior Steak Dinner is Success!!!

Over 1500 steaks were cooked at the Senior Steak Dinner last Sunday. In fact, volunteer cooks could not keep up with brisk ticket sales and there was a wait time to receive the meal. However, the steaks were great and the money raised will help fund the Drug-Free All Night Graduation Party which will include games and prizes for the new graduates. The party will take place after the graduation program in May. Thanks to all who supported the event and the Class of 2024!



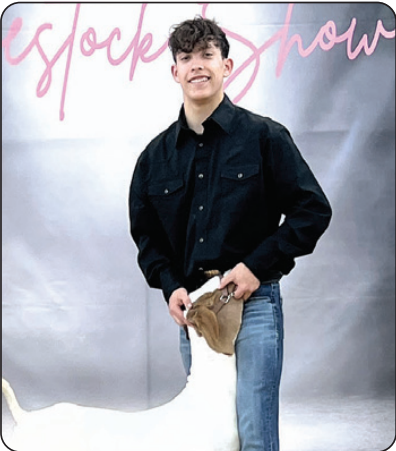
In the photo — (l-r) Jonathan Gonzalez, Sergio Salazar, TJ Vasquez, Alexis Escobedo, Lylliana Martinez, Yeslie Faudoa, Mercedes Espinoza, and Aaron Rodriguez.

Thank You!

The 2024 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale finalized at \$491,600.49 which included all add-ons. We truly appreciate all the individuals, businesses, buyers clubs, and add-ons that support our talented young people. Thank you for helping to reward their hard work!

2024 Top Buyers: Gold – LoneStar Ag Silver – Parmer County Cattlemen Bronze – Friona Buyers Club

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806 Welding
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Ab Hendley
Ag Texas Farm Credit Services
Agri-Plan Insurance
Alan Monroe
Andy & Tabitha Carthel
Andy Montana Insurance
Animal Health International
Bailey Buro Farms
Bar G Feedyard
Bar G Trucking
Becca Lamberson
Betty Kirby
Betty Lewellen



Bill & Jeri Lynn White
Blue Sky Farms
Bovina Buyers Club
Bovina Feeders
Branscum Farms
Bunker Trucking Inc
Caprock Dairy, LLC
Cara Carpenter
Casey & Keisha Russell
Clovis Sign Company
Cody & Abby Kirby
Craig & Carolyn Kirby
Cris & Sylvia Ingram

Dustin & Jodi Urbanke
Dustin & Lysie Cleavinger
Dusty & Lindsey Ramage
Eastern Plains Insurance
Farwell Buyers Club
First National Bank - Friona Banking Center
Foote & Rogers Cattle Company
Foote Family Meats
Friona Buyers Club
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R & M Cattle
R&S - Steve Reeves
Ray & Melba Montague
RCS Farms, Inc
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Richard Hadley
Ronnie Altman
Roxanne Hurst - Memory of Bob Hurst
Sawyer & Marissa Osborn
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