



Friona's Innovative Partnership

Texas Tech Students Tackle Feral Cat Crisis



Lupe Salinas
Animal Control Officer
City of Friona

In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at addressing its feral cat population, the City of Friona has joined forces with Texas Tech University's School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo. This collaborative program, initiated this month, marks a significant step forward in community engagement and animal welfare.

Under the program, the City of Friona provides feral cats to Texas Tech students, who then perform spaying/neutering procedures as part of their training. Rabies vaccinations are also given and the overall health of each cat is diagnosed. The arrangement not only offers invaluable practice opportunities for the students but also addresses the pressing issue of feral cat overpopulation in our community.

"We just completed our first round of spaying procedures, and I'm thrilled to announce that we successfully spayed 16 cats," stated Lupe Salinas, Animal Control Officer for the City of Friona. Salinas' dedication to animal welfare played a pivotal role in the program by independently capturing the feral cats using traps and transporting them to Amarillo for the proce-

dures.

The success of this endeavor would not have been possible without the invaluable support of Scott Mitchell, Chief Operations Officer at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Mitchell's efforts were instrumental in establishing the connection between the City of Friona and Texas Tech University, laying the foundation for this impactful partnership.

This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of Friona's leadership to proactively address animal welfare issues while providing practical training opportunities for aspiring veterinarians. Friona City Manager Lee Davila added, "By harnessing the expertise of Texas Tech students, the City of Friona is taking proactive steps to manage the feral cat population in a humane and effective manner."

As the program continues to evolve, it promises to make a lasting impact on both the lives of animals and the community as a whole. The City of Friona looks forward to further collaboration with Texas Tech University and other stakeholders to build a more compassionate and sustainable future for all.



Scott Mitchell
Chief Operations Officer
Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine



One of the participants in the animal welfare partnership



Cats arrive at the Texas Tech Vet School in Amarillo



In the photo — (l-r) 100 Club Board Member David Stidham, City Manager Lee Davila, Fire Chief Danny Campbell, Council Member Esmeralda Mills, 100 Club Executive Director Suzanne Talley, Mayor Greg Lewellen, Asst. City Manager Sandra Busch, Council Member Alan Monroe

Fire Department receives donation from Texas Panhandle 100 Club

On Wednesday, Texas Panhandle 100 Club executive director Suzanne Talley and board member David Stidham presented Friona Fire Chief Danny Campbell a check for \$15,000 to help cover expenses the Friona Volunteer Fire Department incurred while assisting other agencies during the Smokehouse Creek Fire, which was the largest wildfire in Texas history.

For the past 8 weeks the Texas Panhandle 100 Club has been in the process of distributing \$891,000 to the 52 agencies who assisted during and after the wildfires. The 100 Club currently has 800 members and covers the top 26 counties of the Texas panhandle which includes 89 volunteer agencies.

The Texas Panhandle 100 Club is celebrating 20 years of "Standing Behind the Men and Women Who Stand Behind the Badge." Visit www.texaspanhandle100club.org to learn more about the organization and how you can become a member.

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Community Calendar

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

April 25
• Meat Loaf Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

April 28
• Annual Friends of the Library Meeting @2:00 p.m. at Friona Public Library

April 29
• Beans and Cornbread Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

May 1
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

May 2
• Salmon Patties Meal at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

May 4
• General Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



At the April City Council meeting on the 8th, the council approved a program for Animal Control that, in conjunction with Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo, will allow students at the vet school to spay and neuter stray cats for free. Lupe Salinas, our Animal Control Officer, will trap stray cats throughout the town and have them spayed and neutered, then release them back into the community. This unique program will greatly reduce the number of stray cats that can breed, while keeping the cats around town to help reduce rodent populations within the city. A similar program was used by Amarillo and other surrounding cities to reduce the stray cat populations.

Work is nearing completion at the Community Center, with an anticipated date of completion of May 1st. Once work is completed, the front façade of the Community Center will feature an open-air seating area and a redesigned entry foyer. Following the completion of the work, the City will be erecting a new sign

at the east entrance to the Community near the windmill, renaming the Community Center in honor of recently deceased former Mayor Clarence Monroe. A grand opening dedication ceremony will be held to officially open the newly renamed and renovated Center sometime in the next couple of months. This completes the five-year project that included a new roof, new HVAC, remodeled restrooms and kitchen, and the redesigned front entrance, along with landscaping and paving around the entrance. The Visitor Impact Committee will continue to look for ways to improve the use of the building and suggest future improvements. Your Visitor Impact Committee consists of Chris Alexander, Larry Rector, Tracy Bunker, Sergio Mendez, and Commission Chair Stormi Choate.

Also discussed at the council meeting was the overpass that will be constructed to redesign the entrance to the Car-gill plant, with work that began April 15th and take approximately 2 ½ years to complete. This TxDOT project is a long-



needed safety improvement to Highway 60 that will help reduce accidents at the entrance to the plant. The council also approved the restructuring of the Building Standards Commission, and work will begin again to address buildings in the City that are in need of improvement or removal.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the City is doing it's part to raise awareness related to sexual assault through a campaign named Start By Believing. I encourage residents to visit the

City's social media to listen and read the comments left by City leaders from all areas of the City. The City is under the Deaf Smith Crisis Center's regional assistance area, and has worked with the City to collaborate on several projects in March and April to raise awareness.

Finally, local election season is currently underway with early voting for School Board, Hospital Board and a Local Option regarding alcohol sales within the City limits. General election day is May 4th. Early voting for the school board can be done at the School Administration Office, and for the Hospital Board and Local Option at City Hall in council chambers. Voting during election day can be done at City Hall in council chambers. Please exercise your right to vote and come out during either early voting or on election day to make your voice heard. If you would like more information on where to vote or how the ballot appears, please visit the City or Friona Chamber's Facebook pages.



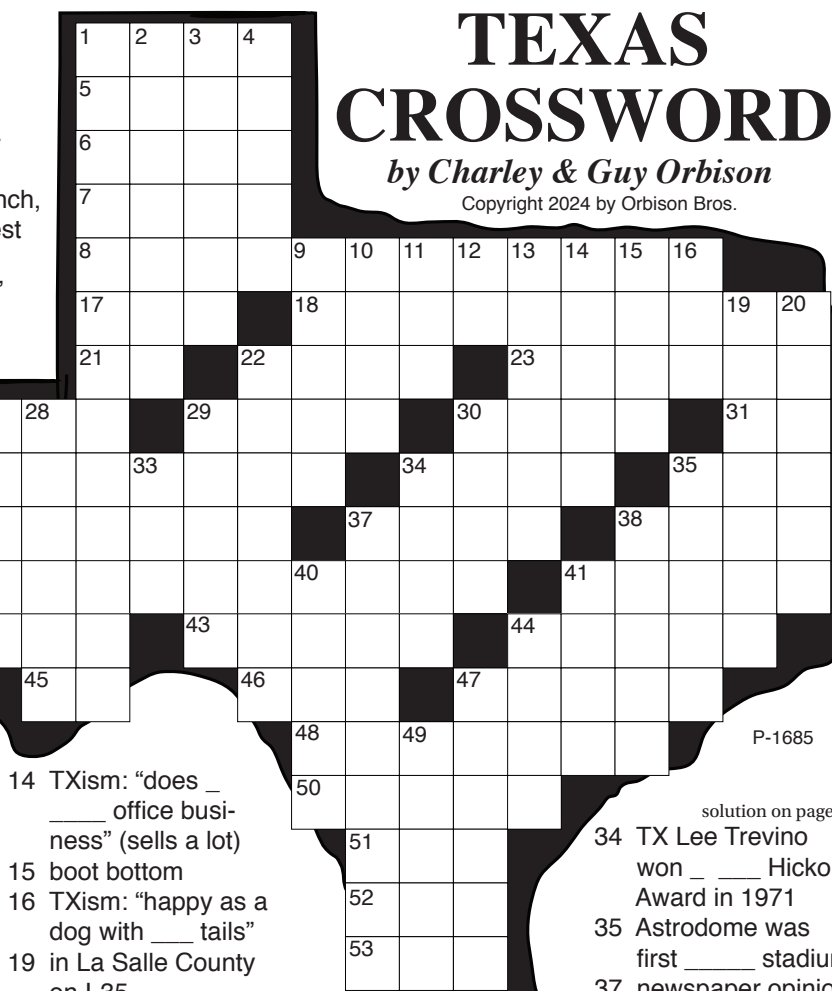
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22 one of a deck
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24 cow gave birth
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30 eat dinner
31 once most popular music storage
32 RVing?
34 Monahans __ hills State Park
35 not shining bright
36 TXism: "black as the _ a coffin"
37 UT has the manuscripts of _ Stanley Gardner
38 holder of Texas Blue Bell scoops
39 this dentist moved to Dallas after TB diagnosis (2 wds.)
41 Ruth of 1950 film "Dallas"

- 42 Del ____, Texas
43 Texas WWII hero and actor, Murphy
44 judge's mallet
45 retired Ranger sports-caster, Grieve (init.)
46 historic Panhandle ranch, once the world's largest
47 TX L.Q. Jones' 1960 film: "Ten Who _"
48 James Bond number (2 wds.)

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10 Texas Actor, Rip
11 TXism: "he's no spring chicken"
12 Gold Glove center field, TX Curt (init.)
13 TX Autry's "That Silver Haired Daddy _ _"



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20 Waco is headquarters of "Improved Order of _"
22 junction of 2 rivers
24 TX George H.W. appointment to the Supreme Court, Clarence (init.)
25 TX George W. press secretary, Fleischer

- 26 East ____, Texas
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29 Davis of 2011 film "The Help" with TX Sissy Spacek
30 TX Crystal Bernard "Wings" co-star, Tim
33 _ Speedwagon

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35 Astrodome was first _ stadium
37 newspaper opinion
38 witches group
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41 one way to order a Texas steak
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47 aide- _ - _ military assistant
49 TX Gene Autry's "Here Comes _ Claus"

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Susie Spring, County Clerk

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(4/12/24) Eric James Danzeisen, Dena Danzeisen — Texas New Mexico Land Holdings LLC — The E/2 of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 93, Original Town of Farwell Texas

(4/12/24) Orpha Linda Stephens, Jason Javier Jass — Joel Juan Jass — All of Lot 10, of Block 16, of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County

(4/16/24) Joshua Ryan McDonald, Kristen Marie McDonald — Ricardo Rodriguez — A 10.10 Acres Tract out of Section 13 and 24, All in T3S, R3E, Parmer County, Texas



Bingo! — Alexis Cavazos was a two-time winner last Thursday at Legacy Pointe's Bingo Game Night which was conducted in the dining room of the senior apartment center. Around 40 "players" enjoyed an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

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Triple Header — after church on Sunday you can take part in three events that afternoon. First up at 2:00 p.m. is the annual Friends of Library meeting which includes a drawing for literary baskets donated by various organizations. (see ad below) From 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church there is reception for Dale & Donna Schueler who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. (see page 4) At 4:30 p.m., Friona High School Theater will present their award winning one-act play “Wild Strawberries” in the FHS auditorium. (see page 7)

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Voter Guide — please visit mycountyvotes.com to learn about the candidates for the upcoming elections. When you get to the page, click on Voter Information and it will take you to the page that contains the Hospital District Voter Guide 2024 and the School board Voter Guide 2024. The Friona Star has no input regarding the voter guide. We do not endorse candidates. Our goal is to

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Cyber Attack — More information has

provide information regarding when and where to vote and who or what is on the ballot.

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National Kids and Pets Day — this day celebrates the bonds children and pets can share and a day to remember safety where our pets and children are concerned. There are many benefits of having a pet in a child's life. From fostering natural nurturing abilities to developing responsibilities, pets have a lifelong impact on a child's development.

Even though dogs and cats are some of the most beloved pets in the United States, pet homelessness is a huge problem in the country. There are about 70 million stray animals in the United States. Up to 8 million of these animals end up in shelters. There are 3,500 animal shelters in the country. It's at these animal shelters that pets receive a second chance. According to the ASPCA, over 3 million shelter animals are adopted each year.

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emerged regarding the cyber attacks on water utilities in Panhandle towns. Federal reports confirm that a Russian hacker group called CyberArmyofRussia Re-born hacked the water systems of Muleshoe, Lockney, and Hale Center. After defending against thousands of hacking attempts, local leaders “unplugged” their water programs and began manual operations. City managers for Lockney and Hale Center acknowledged

the risk intrusions like this can pose for communities, but they also said the attacks were of a nuisance than a critical problem. Federal authorities are continuing to investigate the matter. Source: Texas Flyover

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Texas Facts — The popular phrase “Houston, we have a problem” originated in a radio communication between the Apollo 13 spacecraft and the control center in Houston, Texas. Source: funworldfacts.com

National Days

April 25 — DNA Day

April 26 — Kids and Pets Day

April 27 — Prime Rib Day

April 28 — Superhero Day

April 29 — Peace Rose Day

April 30 — Hairstylist Day

May 1 — School Principals Day

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

FRIENDS OF THE FRIONA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

THE FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN

April 28, 2024

@2:00pm

WHERE

Friona Public Library

109 W. 7TH, FRIONA, TEXAS 79035

Drawings for the literary baskets raffle will be conducted and refreshments will be served

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Spring Recipes

To finish out the month of April is a light and easy dessert. The website notes that these sweet and tangy bars are great for dessert or an easy on the go snack. Hope you enjoy.

Lemon-Blueberry Bars
www.eatingwell.com

Ingredients
1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
4 tablespoons salted butter, melted
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
Zest of 1 lemon, divided
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
½ cup lemon juice
1 large egg
1 cup fresh blueberries

Directions
Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat an 8-inch-square baking pan with cooking spray. Stir graham cracker crumbs, butter, sugar and half the lemon zest together in a medium bowl. Press the mixture firmly and evenly into the prepared pan. Bake until lightly browned around the edges, about 10 minutes. Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for at least 10 minutes. Meanwhile, thoroughly whisk condensed milk, lemon juice, egg, and the remaining lemon zest together in a medium bowl. Stir in blueberries. Pour the filling evenly over the baked crust. Bake until set, 16 to 18 minutes. Let cool at room temperature for 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour more.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Bring on the aging

“I think I am only 57, but the paperwork does not back this up. I don’t feel old because your inside self doesn’t age.” – writer Anne Lamott (age 70)

Last week after visiting a friend in an assisted living facility, I was reminded of many such trips to see my paternal grandmother in the 1970s and 1980s. Fifty years removed from those occasions makes for an interesting evolution in perspective.

The decision to move Grandmother to live in this type of residency made sense to my 17-year-old self because (1) her mental and physical health were declining, (2) Dad and Mom had five children still in the nest ranging six to eighteen years of age, and (3) the nursing home was right down the street from our house. However, even as a teenager I was still capable of formulating some empathy. The difficulty of relinquishing one’s home and independence could not be sugarcoated.

Many years later, I am well aware that odds are I have about two more decades of independence—and that’s cautious optimism. My fragile gauge in measuring personal longevity is simply the fact that my parents lived to be 90 and 87. I am fully aware that nothing is guaranteed.

Aging is a gift that comes with a number

of variables. Will we age gracefully or be bitter? What will go first? Hearing? Sight? Mind? How about a walker? Can we get by with just a cane? Will there be enough money to cover the costs of long-term care? Who will take us seriously and listen to our concerns? Who will spend time coming to see us when we can no longer drive?

Writing about getting old may seem like a conversation with myself, but chances are you are either in the same boat as I am or one day you will be. So, listen up.

A mirror does not have to reflect who we are as we age.

As long as our minds and bodies allow us, we can choose the age we are inside. Right now, I am dreaming more dreams than I ever did when I was that teenager visiting my grandmother.

The desire to learn and grow and experience life is a daily habit. When and if the time comes to turn over the car keys and settle down, I will be reluctant, but not as reluctant had I not lived the life I wanted when I had the chance.

I hope to orbit a few more times around the sun, at least long enough to watch Mick Jagger wheeled out as a “rolling” Stone for his final concert.

Celebrating 50 years



Everyone is cordially invited to help celebrate Dale and Donna Schueler’s 50th Anniversary. A reception will be held from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church located at 404 W. 5th Street in Friona. No gifts please.

Happy Birthday



- April 26**
Ben Osborn
Mark Petchinsky
Karla Dixon
Ami Schueler
Brian Brogden
Becky Neill
- April 27**
Tena (Willard) Fox
Gena (Willard) Marshall
George Ryan
Rebecca Soto
Richard Samarron
Sarah Brown
Blanca Alexander
Linda Salinas
Colton Potts
Kathleen Dunn
Bryanna Larrea
- April 28**
Davy Hamilton
Julie Goddard
Wade Davenport
Will Rushing
Katelyn Sifford
Lillian Reeve Cramer
Cory Reeve
Joseph Romero
Julie Cain
Ella Kate Wright
Eric Geske
Avah Santiago
Esther Ruiz
- April 29**
Karen Burns
Gabriel Martinez
Chance Butman
- April 30**
David Rebber
Brennen Montoya
Quentin Shelby
Jade Mills
- May 1**
Kayla Smiley
Vickie Copley
Amy Knowles
Will Schueler
BaiLee Brailiff
Amanda White
Amanda Stephenson
- May 2**
Larry Drake
Julie (Bracken) Davidson
Becky Riethmayer
Sheryl Bartels
Marc Haile
Jennifer Kendrick
Tom Randolph
Cierra Tongate
Maria Tarango
Gracie San Miguel

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

Gas prices rise

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 8.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.25, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.19 while the most expensive was \$4.34 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 4.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.64 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 0.4 cents last week and stands at \$4.01 per gallon.

“As the nationwide changeover to summer gasoline is now behind us, at least one of the three factors that had been actively causing prices to rise in the last couple of months is behind us. However, it may take time for the largest pain point to be over: refinery maintenance. The next few weeks should see many refineries wrapping up their work and gasoline output should rise, putting downward pressure on gasoline prices soon,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“While Israel’s retribution on Iran was somewhat surprising, it was also measured, with Iran virtually not even mentioning it publicly. As such, the price of oil has moved slightly lower, following the de-escalation that now appears to be taking place. I’m hopeful with reduced concern in the Middle East and an end to the seasonal factors pushing prices up that Americans will soon see relief,” De Haan added.

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Beer is on the Ballot

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you remember back when our state legalized the lottery system in the early 1990s? It was supposed to create windfall revenues for Texas education, thereby allowing the kids to have a better educational experience. Thirty years later, the Lottery has not miraculously transformed education in Texas, or created an unlimited treasure trove of money for schools. In fact, what the lottery has done is fleece the poor with the enticement of striking it rich, and for the few that do get a payout, their lives often end up being more broken and worse off than before.

In a very similar manner, alcohol sales in Friona are being pushed and promoted as a wonderful thing that will bring money back to town that is spent elsewhere, allowing businesses to profit from sales and the city to benefit from the tax revenue. Although these revenues would happen, they don't negate the high cost of alcohol being readily available across town. Sales tax revenue won't protect

kids from a drunken, raging step dad. Alcohol profits won't pay the funeral bill for those killed by a drunk driver. Allsup's won't bat an eye when families disintegrate due to alcohol abuse, nor will Coors or Budweiser visit you while on hospice as your liver wastes away. Alcohol brings far more curses than blessings upon a community and a vote for Alcohol is also a vote for all the problems that come along with it.

To be clear, it is not sinful to consume alcohol in careful moderation, but scripture is adamant on the serious dangers of alcohol. Proverbs 20:1 says "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." Friona residents will get to vote Yes or No to inviting alcohol sales into Friona. A No vote limits community access to alcohol, while a Yes vote creates easier access to obtain alcohol, fosters temptation toward drunkenness, and will impact lives negatively.

Panhandle Parables

Surrender? Not An Option!

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

It was a fateful day. Four young soldiers trapped in a bunker. Enemy forces closing in, the four soldiers were low on ammunition, but full of courage and willing to face the enemy because they were convinced reinforcements would come and even if they didn't, surrender was not an option. I am sure this probably played out in real life on more than one occasion throughout the history of warfare. But for me and my three buddies Cody, Greg, and Shane, this was the situation we found ourselves in hunkered down in a tractor tire in the backyard of my neighbor, Cody growing up. By the way, we held off the enemy, saved two women (my sister and Julie, who I don't even think knew

they were in danger) and managed to do it all with our last few bullets.

Imagination is a great thing and as a kid you can choose the outcome of your make-believe adventures. Yet in real life we too find ourselves surrounded, darkness advancing on our position and we wrestle between fear and faith, knowing the surrender to the enemy has eternal consequences.

It is at that moment of being overwhelmed that I have a choice. Face the onslaught of struggle with the strength that only Christ can supply or surrender and join the ranks of darkness. We have all been there. Although we may not be able to choose the perfect ending we can choose the One who is Perfect and has the best

ending of a story ever. It is Jesus who breached the gates of hell and snatched the one weapon Satan had left, death. In overcoming death, Jesus provided a new way back to God, a blood stained bridge known as the cross. Jesus reminded his apostles with these words, "I have told you these things so that in me you might have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart (courage) I have overcome the world." John 16:33

If you are battling something this week, hang on. Faith will prevail if you will let God have your fear. Know also you are not alone, we are all battling something. Surrender nothing to the enemy and completely to the Lord.

God is Awesome!!!

By Teena Hughs

Today, we made an unexpected trip to the eye doctor in Fort Stockton. Feller has had trouble with his eyes off and on for the last 16 months. Long story short, he has a bad scratch on his right eye. It is still cool here, so he was cutting firewood for next winter before it gets hot, and something got in his eye and scratched it. It was extremely painful and he said he felt like he had a goat head in his eye!

I drove to Fort Stockton, something I seldom ever do. Feller always drives, and I usually read or cross-stitch.

I don't know if you have ever driven between Ozona and Fort Stockton, but it is 108 L-O-N-G miles. Feller was asleep, and I was afraid I would get sleepy, so I decided to play a game. I decided to go through the alphabet and find something that started with each letter, in alphabetical order. The terrain is the same from Ozona to Fort Stockton. I think there is one gas station between the two towns and, to be honest, there just isn't much to look at. So, my little game was tougher than I expected. By the time we got home, I had gotten out of order on the last five or six letters, and I never did see anything with a Z!

However, I did learn a few things about myself. I don't know the names of trees in West Texas other than a cedar, mesquite, or pecan tree. I don't know the names of vehicles. I grew up knowing the difference between a Ford, a Dodge, and a Chevrolet. I don't know many of the company names on trucks. For example, I have no idea what XOB Logistics is. I looked it up and I still don't know what it is, but it took care of my X!

Some people might think I am crazy; that I live a sheltered life; and that I need to "get out in the world" so I can keep up

with the times better. Even at the rodeos we watch, they play music by Joan Jett, ZZ Top, and others I don't have a clue about. Personally, I wish they would play more George Strait and Asleep at the Wheel!

I know I am old school, but you know what, I don't care. And the older I get, the less I care. I am content and happy with my life. I love my Jesus and His Word; I try to follow His commandments, and even though I don't always succeed, my Jesus is a Jesus of forgiveness and second chances so I just keep trying!

Not knowing the names of trees or cars or companies doesn't determine whether I will get into Heaven or not. But, how I love Jesus and others, and what I believe, do and say, and what is in my heart will affect me going to Heaven. So I am going to keep on going in the direction I am heading.

The game did keep me awake, and it made me more aware of God's creation, so it made me more aware of God. I know it isn't beautiful and lush between Ozona and Fort Stockton, but it is beautiful to me, and I love that part of the world! It is God's creation, and that means it is perfect. Even the desert of West Texas and a silly game can draw you closer to God. Isn't that what we are supposed to be doing? Drawing closer to God and more into the likeness of His Son? I am doing that slowly but surely in my busy, crazy, sheltered, uneventful world without knowing the names of all of God's trees, or the names of every car, or the names of all the companies or entertainers, and I am just fine with that. Life is good, and I thank God He put me where He has! He is an AWESOME God!!!

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Candidates for 3 positions

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Dale Schueler

Bret Whitten

Early Voting

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April 29th – April 30th | 7am to 7pm

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City of Friona

Special Election

(Legalization of alcohol sales)

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Around Town



New sign at A-1 Service Center is installed



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Parmer County Treasurer’s Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 01, to March 31, 2024 Inclusive:

JURY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 .	\$180,783.60
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$25,146.17
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$7,411.33
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$198,518.44
GENERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023	\$5,095,981.80
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$3,584,203.03
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$1,587,696.69
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$7,092,488.14
FARM TO MARKET FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023	\$1,826,099.17
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$1,204,974.48
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$423,645.99
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$2,607,427.66
CONTINGENCY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 .	\$145,643.11
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$249,357.52
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$395,000.63
PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 ...	\$11,171.57
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$115.29
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance.....	\$11,286.86
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023..	\$377,897.62
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$69,993.82
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance.....	\$447,891.44
REVENUE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 .	\$142,016.81
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$30,141.92
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$24,094.69
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$148,064.04
JUVENILE PROBATION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023	\$5,246.49
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$54.14
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$5,300.63
COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023.....	\$2,961.07
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$29.23
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$340.32
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$2,649.98
DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023.....	\$9,283.50
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$28,519.21
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$18,400.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$19,402.71
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 ...	\$35,026.33
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$5,238.19
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$19,297.63
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$20,966.89
COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023	\$1,519.56
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$15.68
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$1,535.24
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023 ...	\$95,221.99
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$2,976.59
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$98,198.58
LATERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$0.00
PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023.....	\$4,119.22
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$848.19
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$2,953.46
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$2,013.95
PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2023....	\$621,487.42
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$5,929.66
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$91,423.24
March 31, 2024 Balance	\$535,993.84
RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund.....	\$198,518.44
General Fund	\$7,092,488.14
Farm To Market Fund.....	\$2,607,427.66
Contingency Fund	\$395,000.63
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	\$11,286.86
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$447,891.44
Revenue Fund	\$148,064.04
Juvenile Probation Fund	\$5,300.63
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	\$2,649.98
District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	\$19,402.71
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$20,966.89
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$1,535.24
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$98,198.58
Lateral Fund	\$0.00
Parmer County Arpa.....	\$535,993.84
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion	\$2,013.95
TOTAL	\$11,586,739.03

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, GENERAL FUND, JURY, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENTS, TOTAL
TREASURER'S REPORT
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sharon A. May
County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22nd Day of April, 2024.
Isabel Carrasco
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas
Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 22nd Day of April, 2024.



The FHS Senior Banquet tour made a stop at Sixth Street Church of Christ on Monday and enjoyed a meal of Pile-On and Millionaire Chocolate Dessert. The Class of 2024 would like to thank all the volunteers who worked to make the evening possible.

Commissioners encourage first responder training

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag. There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from March 8th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May.

The Treasurer’s Payroll Report was also approved and the Treasurer’s Quarterly Report was presented and approved. You can view it on page 6. Commissioners approved a change to the Parmer County Employee Handbook which would allow Administrative Leave to any county employee for the purpose of training to become an EMT or firefighter. Vacation days, sick days, and other benefits would not be affected. After training, the employee would become a volunteer with one of the county

first responder organizations. Consideration of other changes to the handbook was tabled until a list of all the proposed changes is finalized. In other business, Sheriff Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 21 inmates, all from Parmer County. A discussion concerning Aero Care membership was tabled in order to allow a representative of the company an opportunity to share information with the Court about the benefits and costs as-

sociated with the insurance. At the April 8th Commissioners meeting, approval was given for the purchase of a backhoe for use in Precinct 1. Commissioner Frye

will sell the old backhoe and buy a new one with budgeted money and a 2-year loan. Also, Sheriff Eric Geske presented his recommendations for the distribution of funds in accordance

with the SB22 grant. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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2024 Friona Chieftains Baseball Team — (l-r) Coach Joshua Portillo, Coach Saul Espino, Rafael Rocha, Jameson Daniels, Aaron Rosales, Head Coach Derreck Hernandez, Abram Rocha, Gabriel Ramos, Isaac Olmos, Carson Seaman, Mason Ramos, Manager Reagan Daniels, Owen McGaughy, Frank Perez, Cade Seaman, Luis Meraz.

Track Results

UIL 3A Region I Championships at Abilene	
Girls 800 Meters Region I-3A - Finals	
Yvonne Legarreta.....	SCR
Girls 1600 Meters Region I-3A - Finals	
3. Yvonne Legarreta.....	5:09.35†
Girls 3200 Meters Region I-3A - Finals	
2. Yvonne Legarreta*	11:11.32†
Girls 300m Hurdles Region I-3A - Prelims	
12. Kitzy Welch.....	50.45
Girls Shot Put Region I-3A - Finals	
8. Reyna Arias.....	35-03.00
Girls Discus Region I-3A - Finals	
2. Kitzy Welch*	130-09†
Girls Pole Vault Region I-3A - Finals	
Ella McFarland.....	NH
Boys Shot Put Region I-3A - Finals	
16. Ishmael Flores.....	38-03.00
Boys Pole Vault Region I-3A - Finals	
Thomas Cook.....	DNS
*State Qualifier	
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Regional Track Qualifiers - (l-r) Kitzy Welch, Ella McFarland, Thomas Cook, Yvonne Legarreta, Ishmael Flores

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders

Biden administration awards Samsung \$6.4 billion for Texas chip factories

The Biden-Harris administration announced last week that it would grant \$6.4 billion in direct funding for Samsung Electronics to expand its computer chip manufacturing and research cluster in Texas, the Associated Press reported. The money comes from the CHIPS and Science Act signed by President Joe Biden into law in 2022.

“The proposed project will propel Texas into a state-of-the-art semiconductor ecosystem,” Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said on a call with reporters. She predicted the project in Taylor will create at least 17,000 construction jobs and more than 4,500 manufacturing jobs.

The funding will also expand an existing Samsung facility in Austin. The two factories being

built in Taylor, about 45 miles northeast of Austin, are expected to become operational in 2026 and 2027.

Senator John Cornyn commended the measure in a statement Monday.

“By investing in leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing, we are helping secure this vulnerable supply chain, boosting our national security and global competitiveness, and creating new jobs for Texans,” Cornyn said.

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Obituaries

Marion Francis Fite

Marion Francis Fite of Amarillo, TX, was welcomed to his new home in Heaven on Monday, April 22, 2024.

He was 99 years old. Marion was born in Holdenville, Oklahoma on February 16, 1925 to Marion Sr. and Birdie Fite. They later moved to Anton, TX.

Marion met his future wife, Gloria Ruth Schiller (Ruthie), in middle school at Anton. After high school, they started dating, and Marion soon joined the Navy to support the war effort. He was stationed on the USS Bergen in the South Pacific during WWII, and was a Motor Machinist Mate 3rd Class. He was responsible for maintaining the landing crafts that delivered soldiers to the shores of Okinawa, Japan.

When he returned home from WWII, Ruthie & Marion were married on June 7, 1946, in Lubbock, TX. Marion started farming near Anton, TX, and Terry, their first son,



was born in Littlefield, TX in 1948. They later moved to Hereford, TX where their second son, Bruce was born in 1953. Shortly after Bruce was born, they moved to Friona, TX where Marion farmed and owned a fertilizer business for many years. Marion was very passionate about farming, and especially loved seeing the crops being harvested. Ruthie owned and operated a floral shop and a ladies ready to wear store for many years. They resided in Friona until they retired in 1978, and moved to Lubbock, TX in 1983.

Marion and Ruthie enjoyed traveling for 22 years, and made many lifelong friends. Marion loved his family (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great, grandchildren), and he was

adored by them all. Marion and Ruthie were faithful members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church until they moved to Amarillo, TX in 2017. Ruthie went to her new home in heaven on February 2nd 2021, and they were 4 months short of their 75th wedding anniversary.

Marion was preceded in death by his parents, 6 sisters, 3 brothers, and wife Ruthie. He is survived by his two sons; Terry Duane Fite, of Lubbock, TX, Bruce Allen Fite and wife, Deborah, of Amarillo, TX; five grandchildren (Shawn, Jeremy, Josh, Christy, Dustin); ten great grandchildren (Ashley, Zane, Zoey, Asher, Skyler, Sawyer, Gunnar, Ticia, Tayla, Tasha), and one great, great granddaughter (Serenity).

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, in the Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock, TX, located at 5740 W. 19th Street.

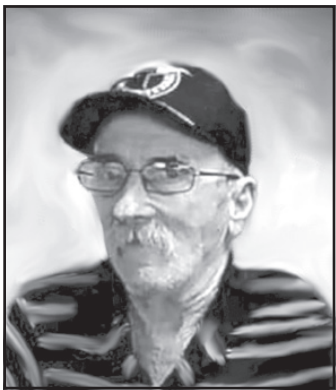
Officiating: Reverend Matt Wolfington

Pallbearers: Ronnie Wood, Lonnie Ellis, Jeremy Fite, Joshua Fite, Dustin Fite, and Zane Killough.

Lonnie Paul Woodruff

Lonnie Paul Woodruff, 74 of Friona passed away Saturday April 20, 2024 in Friona, Viewing will be held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Thursday, April 25, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services beginning at 2:00 PM with Jeff Procter officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Lonnie was born May 29, 1949 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Earnest Paul Woodruff and Dorothy Faye Reid. He graduated high school in 1968 and in 1976 married Dee Tipton of Texico, NM. They had 4 children- Jeremie, Tommy, Keisha, and Clayton and lived in Hereford where he worked for Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op. He later moved to Lubbock where he worked farming in Broadview, Grady, and



Wolforth and drove a truck for Coca Cola. He worked for many years driving a cattle truck and working for several farmers in Friona and Plainview.

He is survived by son- Jeremie and wife Julia and their children Jonathan, Jessie, Jeremiah Joel and Jefferson of Elida, NM, son- Tommy and wife Rebecca and children Lana and Lynn of Belan, NM, daughter-Keisha Bock and husband Joshua and children Taylor Peck and husband Grayson and their daughter Emery, and daughter Savannah and Jonah of Los

Lumas, NM, son-Clayton and wife Sandra and children Tyler and fiancé Katheryne and children Amory of Joab of Belen, NM., sister-Brenda Jackson and husband Fred of Wichita Falls, sister-Sherry Corder and husband Henry of Clovis, brother-Gary Woodruff and wife Robin of Marietta, OK., sister-Dorothy Wilson of Davis, OK., brother-Leonard Woodruff of Wichita Falls, sister-Nelda Griffin, brother-Wendell Woodruff, both of Wynnewood, OK., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was blessed by a large family and will be dearly missed.

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

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Elida Flores

Elida Flores, 80, of Canyon, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Memorial services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the First Baptist Church of Canyon with Pastor Sam Medina officiating.

Elida was born on February 25, 1944 in Edcouch, Texas, one of 21 children born to Santos and Josefa (Vera) Garcia. Married on February 25, 1961 in Farwell, Texas, she and her husband, Joe Flores, recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Together, they lived in Friona for 22 years where Elida was active at Templo Bautista, teaching Sunday school and serving in the children's and youth ministries. In 1982, they moved to Panhandle and then to Canyon in 2019. In both communities, she continued to faithfully serve in the church including helping to found and lead Primera Iglesia Bautista, a ministry of



the First Baptist Church of Panhandle.

Elida was known for her faithfulness, hard work, and determination. She was devoted to caring for her family as a homemaker for years as well as becoming a self-taught seamstress and an incredible cook. Her lack of opportunity for a formal education led her to deeply value and encourage higher education for her daughters, who both received degrees in education. Firmly rooted in her faith in Christ, she left a legacy of wisdom, strength, grace, and humility that will continue to guide her family for generations to come.

Elida is preceded in

death by her parents and eight siblings, Santos Garcia, Jr., Lupe Ramirez, Francisca Rodriguez, Eva Garcia, Maria Hernandez, Roman Garcia, Erasmo Garcia, and Delicia Cruz.

Survivors include her husband Joe, daughters, Velma Rojas and husband Carlos of Canyon, TX, and Jo Ann Rivera and husband Gabriel of Coppell, TX; five grandchildren, Lucinda Ross and husband Rich of Edmond, OK, Selena Veal and husband Chris of Canyon, TX, Carlos Joel Rojas and wife, Tabitha of Tulsa, OK, Michelle Rivera and Celeste Rivera, both of Coppell, TX; five great-grandchildren, Eloise, Everett, and Charlie Veal, and Reynolds and Rhodes Ross; and six siblings, Arturo Garcia of Lubbock, TX, Joe Garcia of Edinburg, TX, Ayda Lujan of Panhandle, TX, Juana Hernandez of Johnson City, TX, Robert Garcia of Edinburg, TX, and Rogelio Garcia of Idaho.



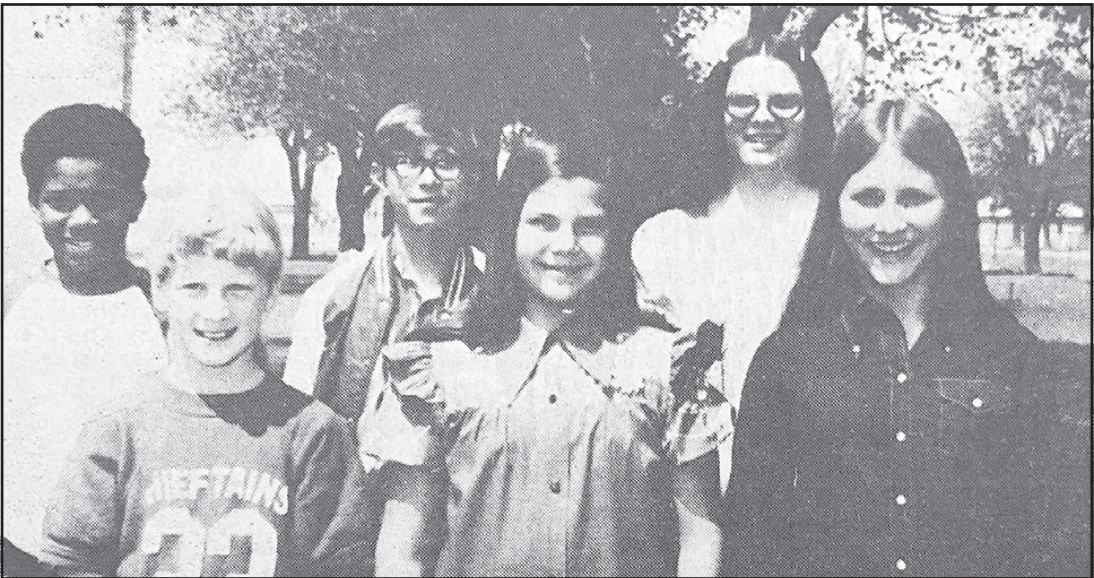
SonShine School is learning about community helpers. Today's stop was at the Friona Public Library and The Book Shop. The Friends of the Library read a story to the students, helped students make their own book, and showed them the wonderful facilities. Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!



Several members of the Friona Police Department and Friona EMS were guests at the Senior Luncheon last Thursday. In the photo — Seated (clockwise from front left) Sean McGinnis, Jasmin Roman, Monica Lievas, Andrew Aguirre, Desiree Rangel, Daniel Martinez, Jordan Carrasco, Genesis Solis. Standing (l-r) Juanita Carrasco, Alex Licerio, Isidro Jimenez, Lydia Claudio, Jose Guevara. Meals are \$6 and served every Monday and Thursday at noon at the Senior Citizens Center.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



JR. WINNERS Friona Junior High winners in the recent UIL contests are shown above. In front are Dana Miller, second in sixth grade spelling, Tera Simpson, third in spelling, and Faith Mays, first in eighth grade oral reading. In the back are Johnny Clarke, first in seventh grade oral reading, Bryan Johnston, second in number sense and Marsha Carlan, third in ready writing.

Friona School Calendar for May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				-State Track @ Austin -Incoming 6 th Grade Orientation	-State Track @ Austin -4 th Grade Field Trip -2 nd Grade Money Presentation	-State Track @ Austin -JH District Tennis Tournament @ Brownfield *Prom
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
*All Sports Banquet	-Pre-K Registration -Victory Senior Banquet	-Pre-K Registration -National Honors Society Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. -Elementary Slime Event	-Pre-K Registration -HS Academic Awards	-Pre-K Registration -FFA District Banquet -Senior Day -Big Chief Field Trip	-Pre-K Registration -1 st Grade Field Day -JH Academic Showcase -3 rd Grade Field Trip -Chieftain Challenge -Tribe Assembly	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	-Primary Awards Assembly -Temple of Adoration Senior Banquet	-Spring Band Concert	-FISD End of Year Staff Dinner @ Country Rose	-Choir Cabaret @ 7:00 -8 th Grade Day	-Kinder Field Day -5 th Grade Field Day -Senior Parade	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	-Elementary Awards Assembly -Senior Walk Through *FISD Board Meeting	-Local FFA Banquet -JH Awards Assembly	*Early Release Students Only	-Elementary Talent Show -JH Pride Tribe Party -Early Release Staff/Students	*Graduation	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
-State Solo/Ensemble	-State Solo/Ensemble	-State Solo/Ensemble				

The local issue on the city ballot is to legalize alcohol sales in Friona
May 4
@ City Council Chambers

VOTE NO
to protect our children & families

This measure was defeated by just a few votes two years ago. Your vote matters!

Effects of alcohol misuse in U.S.:

- ↑ health risk
- ↑ death on roadways
- ↑ domestic violence
- ↑ incidence sexual assault
- ↑ economic burden on community
- ↑ use of alcohol on children 12-17

*National Institute of Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism

El tema local en la boleta municipal es legalizar la venta de alcohol en Friona
4 de mayo
@ Cámaras del Concejo Municipal

VOTA NO
para proteger a nuestros niños y familias

Esta medida fue derrotada por pocos votos hace dos años. ¡Su voto cuenta!

Efectos del abuso de alcohol en U.S.:

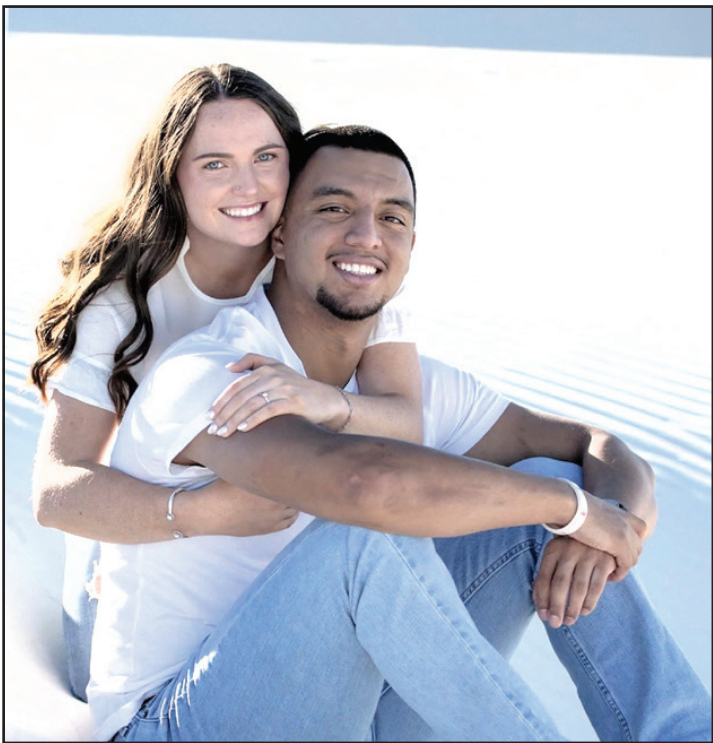
- ↑ riesgo de salud
- ↑ muerte en las carreteras
- ↑ Violencia doméstica
- ↑ incidencia agresión sexual
- ↑ carga económica para la comunidad
- ↑ consumo de alcohol en niños de 12 a 17 años

*Instituto Nacional de Abuso de Alcohol y Alcoholismo



These FHS students will compete in the UIL Academic Contest at the Regional Spring Meet this weekend at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. **In the photo — Back Row** (l-r) Amy Montana, Kitzy Welch, Jarrett White, Clayton Humphrey. **Front Row** (l-r) Yvonne Legarreta, Yoselin Vargas, Noah Aguilar, Rosalia Silva, Rafael Rocha. Good luck to all!

Engagement



Jason & Karla Rector and Dale Perez & Nancy Hernandez of Friona, Texas, proudly announce the engagement of their children Emma Rector and Jonathon Hernandez, both of Friona.

Emma is a 2019 graduate of Friona High School. She earned her Bachelor's in Marketing in December 2021 and her Master's in Finance and Economics in December 2023, both from West Texas A&M University. She is the director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Friona EDC.

Jonathan graduated from Friona High School in 2019. He earned his Bachelor's in Environmental Science with an emphasis in geology in

May 2022 and his Masters in Environmental Science in December 2023, both from West Texas A&M University. He is employed at Sweet Bran in Bovina as the Safety Manager.

The couple will be married at Country Rose in October 2024. Jonathan and Emma will happily reside in Friona, Texas.

You can scan the QR code to visit their wedding website.



Cargill Gives Back to the Community

Cargill Meat Packing of Friona recently received its Capital Credit patronage distribution from West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative. Cargill's Plant Manager Casey Conrad made a heartfelt decision to donate the entire \$49,856.00 capital credit check back to WTRT's scholarship fund. Cargill's act of generosity underscores their dedication to supporting local initiatives.

To the entire Cargill team, we extend our sincerest gratitude. Your generosity serves as hope and opportunity illuminating the path for our area students. Together we can build a brighter future one scholarship at a time.

Thank you Cargill for your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Sincerely, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



PARMER PAWS LOW-COST SHOT CLINIC

Low-Cost Drive Thru
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9 am to 1pm

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