



## Chamber Announces Award Winners for 2019



Employee of the Year Jennifer Baize, Woman of the Year Sharon Rector, Man of the Year Larry Rector, Citizen of the Year Fabiola Dominguez, Educator of the Year David Gonzales



Students of the Year Damian Rodriguez and Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo

*Complete coverage of*  
**The 63rd Annual Friona Chamber Awards Banquet**  
*in next week's special edition of the Friona Star!*

**Friona High School Open House**  
 Friday, March 8, 2019  
 8 a.m. at the FHS Cafeteria  
 Muffins with Moms/Donuts with Dads

## Deaf Smith Electric Annual Meeting is March 19th

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds, totaling **\$4 million dollars** at the Cooperative's 81st annual meeting and dinner **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn, members are asked to bring their registration card, and register at any table, and then make their way to a meal of fish, chicken, and beef. (Please note the time.)

2018 was another good year for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. Sales volume was our fourth all-time high. We were blessed with a lack of weather-related damage and we were able to get some maintenance

tasks accomplished. Hopefully the power you purchased this year benefited your business too. We all know that when the rains come this situation will change and we are ready for that change to come. Please pray for rain in 2019.

We at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are always aware that we work for our members. It is every employee's desire to keep your lights on and to do so as efficiently as possible. We believe we are creating good value for our members and we hope you agree. We are always looking for ways to improve so let us know if you have ideas we can explore.

We will elect two directors. Posi-

tion One candidates are incumbent Michael Carlson and nominee Mitch Meyer. Position Two candidate Vick Christian is running unopposed. Mike Veazey, President and General Manager, will provide important information that affects you and your cooperative.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1500.00, including the grand prize, two airline tickets. All members of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative are urged to attend; after all, it's your coop.

Doors open at 5:30, see you there! **Don't forget that registration card!**

## FHS Band & Choir members advance to State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Fourteen band students and ten choir students advanced to the state solo and ensemble contest. On February 9th, members of the Friona High School band travelled to WTAMU in Canyon for the regional UIL Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Contest. On February 23, members of the Friona High School Choir travelled to Canyon High School in Canyon for the regional UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Friona High School is very proud to announce that several

of those students earned the right to compete at the Texas State UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held in Pflugerville on the first weekend in June. Five soloists and three ensembles advanced from the band. Seven soloists and two ensembles advanced from the choir.

**The flute quartet** advanced. The members of that ensemble are Katricia Delacruz, Jackie Reyes, Audrianna Trevino, and Lluvia Reyes. **The brass sextet** advanced. The members of that

ensemble are Nathan Flores, trumpet; Nathaniel Salas, trumpet; Alan Lechuga, french horn; Eric Gonzalez, trombone; Sloan Dominguez, baritone/euphonium; and Damian Rodriguez, tuba. **The percussion trio** consisting of Angel Mills, Adaline White, and Angelica Martinez also advanced. **Band soloists** advancing were Lluvia Reyes, flute; Nathan Flores, trumpet; Angelica Molina, baritone/euphonium; Damian Rodriguez, tuba; and Angel Mills, marimba.

**Seven vocalists** advanced on their solos; Elide Alarcon Aviles, Angel Mills, Damian Rodriguez, Eric Gonzalez, Eduardo Guaderrama, Jackie Reyes, and Angelica Valencia. **A women's trio** consisting of Isabel Castaneda, Nancy Rocha, and Angel Valencia also advanced. **A men's quartet** whose members are Diego Escamilla, Eric Gonzalez, Eduardo Guaderrama, and Damian Rodriguez advanced.

In order to advance to the state level of competition students

must perform off of the class 1 (most rigorous) list from the UIL Prescribed List of Music. Solos must be memorized. Vocal ensembles must be memorized. They must receive a rating of 1 (Superior) from the judges. It is indeed a high honor to qualify for the state competition. **Several of the students qualified in both band and choir.** Mr. Rackley (band director) and Ms. Steadman (choir director) are to be highly commended along with their outstanding students.



FHS Band (l-r) Front: Lluvia Reyes, Angelica Martinez, Audrianna Trevino, Angelica Molina. Middle: Jackie Reyes, Adaline White, Katricia Delacruz, Nathaniel Salas. Back: Angel Mills, Nathan Flores, Eric Gonzalez, Damian Rodriguez, Sloan Dominguez, Alan Lechuga



FHS Choir (l-r) Front: Nancy Rocha, Jackie Reyes, Diego Escamilla. Row 2: Angelica Valencia, Eduardo Guaderrama, Elide Alarcon Aviles. Back: Isabel Castaneda, Eric Gonzalez, Damian Rodriguez, Angel Mills

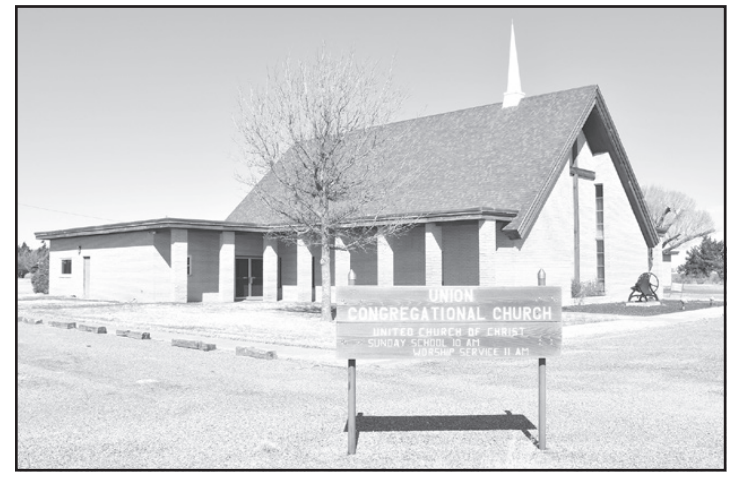
<b>Daylight Saving Time</b> Spring Forward 1 hour Sunday, March 10	<b>Friona's First Church</b> Page 2	<b>Church Page</b> Page 5	<b>FCCLA</b> Page 10	<b>Town Talk</b> Page 3
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<b>Friona Weather</b> March 7-13	T  76   38 SW 25-35	F  71   38 SSW 25-35	S  62   32 W 20-30	S  55   31 ESE 10-20	M  54   40 SE 10-20	T  57   38 SSW 15-25	W  57   29 W 20-30	<b>Precipitation</b> March 0.00 Year 0.55	<b>Burn Ban:</b> <b>Yes</b>
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# Friona's First Church Still Going Strong

**Congregational Church History**  
Submitted by Gladys Spring



June 1938 - When the spirit of progress led ambitious people from the crowded sections of the north and mid-west United States to begin building homes in the newly founded town of Friona, Texas, it did not dim their ideals to the fact that a place of worship was a part of their ambition; and, in less than one year after the community was given a name—quoting from record, June 14, 1908, "Pursuant to a call the people of Friona assembled to consider the organization of a church." The group being of various denominations agreed that a union organization was practical. Plans were made to begin the construction of a building. Later development revealed that local contribution was inadequate for completion of the building; and it was obvious that some individual or missionary society would have to assume responsibility in order to continue with the work. This opportunity was extended to all denominations represented and none responded except the Congregational—there was one member, Mrs. J. W. Karr, of the Congregational Church at the time in Friona.

The Congregational people (harmoniously-marked out by pencil) agreed to render aid on the condition that the organization remain a Union Congregational Church. The money furnished was to be conferred a grant, or loan, without interest providing that the church raise a voluntary offering annually for the Congregational Church Building Society. The term union was explained later to mean Congregational.

In testimony signed by three Friona citizens August 7, 1908, the Union Congregational Church of Friona, Texas, became a corporation, formed in the support of public worship; directors, J.W. Karr, R.V. McWilliams and D.W. McMillen, John F. Lillard, Notary Public. The department of State, Texas fixed its seal to the Charter August 25, 1908, with W.R. Davis, Secretary of State; H.M. Little, Chief Clerk.

December 8, 1908, a meeting was called by the Missionary Pastor, Rev. John G. Lange of Amarillo. A quorum of the church was present; past activities of the organization were reviewed and the future discussed. As a result, the group pledged itself to one bond of fellowship. Names of the Charter Members are; Mrs. R.V. McWilliams, R.V. McWilliams, Gurteude Karr, J.W. Karr, Mrs. D.W. McMillen, D.W. Mc-

Millen, Mrs. C.S. Furgus, C.S. Furgus, Wm McClandish, C.B. Olsen, Carrie M. Olsen, Mrs. Seth Roush, Mr. Seth Roush. The following Articles of Faith were adopted:

I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.

II. We believe in Jesus Christ the Only Begotten Son of God to be our Saviour and Lord, who was crucified for our sins and rose for our justification.

III. We believe in the Holy Spirit, our Teacher, our Comforter and our Guide.

IV. We believe in the Divine Inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures as our only rule of faith and practice.

The laymen carried on the work of the church with the occasional support of the District Superintendent, Rev. C.S. Murphy and the visiting ministers of the Panhandle Congregational Churches, Amarillo, Farwell, Spring Lake. The Council Manual was adopted May 9, 1909. At this date a vote carried to proceed with the dedication of the church building. May 23, 1909, was set for the event and invitations were sent to Amarillo, Farwell, and Spring Lake churches to be present and assist with the dedication.

On May 23, 1909, Superintendent C.S. Murphy acting Moderator, the Congregational Church of Friona, Texas, was recognized with appropriate services; the Articles of Faith were found to be in accord with Congregational Churches; a house of worship was almost complete; the membership numbered twenty-one; and, in general prospects for a future for the church were good.

A Home Missionary Society was organized March 2, 1910, through the ministry of Mrs. Firman of Chicago, President of the National Federation of Women's Congregational State Home Missionary Society. The initial enrollment was twenty. Mrs. T.D. Ballard was elected first President, Mrs. G.M. Orbaugh, Vice President and Mrs. William Goodwine, Secretary. The first regular meeting March 18, and a first Missionary Program was given May 1.

The Ladies of the church had an Aid in progress for financial benefit and later the two societies merged into the Ladies Aid. Good service has been their motto, and, to date they are alert; Quarterly Teas, Annual Chicken Dinners and Bazaars an occasional planned entertainment enhance the

interest as well as increase the bank deposit slips of the four time monthly meetings of the Ladies Aid.

The honor of having a Cradle Roll in the Church and Sunday School is attributed to three ladies, Mrs. Hensel, Mrs. Kell and Mrs. R.H. Kinsley. These ladies contributed the one dollar necessary to purchase supplies and canvassed the homes for the babies' names. Nine names were on the first roll hung in the church. Present enrollment is six.

In the early days before the automobile was common, the Home Department functioned along with the Cradle Roll in that it reached the mothers and others who were not able to attend services regularly. This department has been dropped.

Changes took place as Time advanced. One change which showed the flint of the membership occurred August 7, 1921 in the early hours of the morning, about 2:00 a.m. during an electrical, rain storm. Lightning set the building afire and it was completely destroyed with all furniture and fixtures, several tons of coal, two pianos, a baby organ. Insurance was one-thousand dollars, and grant about \$775.00. A canvas the next day resulted in a subscription over the one-thousand dollar figure for a new building.

Services were held in the Public School building until that, too, was soon destroyed by fire. Then the homes opened doors for worship. Work soon began on a new structure for the Congregational and Dedicatorial Services were held June 17, 1923 on the completion of an adobe house. Evening services were dismissed by word received that the Reeve brothers (Mark and Russell) were drowned.

This building is now home of the Parmer County Historical Museum.

The membership has come to this church from many Faiths; United Brethren, Friends, Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Evangeli-

cal, Roman Catholic, Christian Church, Methodist, Baptist, Assembly of God, Church of God, German Lutheran, and Confession of Faith. The present membership is ninety-five, thirty-eight men and fifty-seven women. The Sunday School enrollment is eighty-two. The Ladies Aid has thirty-nine on roll.

Mr. & Mrs Logan Sympson January 1938.

Mrs. Kinsley supplying data from church record.

December 7, 1969, the present Union Congregational Church building at 1601 Euclid was dedicated. The Rev. Paul Mohr was pastor.

In the 1970s a growth in the church needed more Sunday school class rooms. An addition of three more classrooms and a large fellowship hall was added to the present building. This addition was dedicated June 15, 1979. The Rev. Norman (Skip) Sircic was minister at that time. Rev. Sircic was the son of Anna Belle Mohr, wife of the former pastor, The Rev. Paul Mohr.

The Union Congregational Church celebrated its 75th anniversary June 11-14, 1983. Former ministers were special guests.

Several years ago the Congregational Church was approached by members of Grace Baptist Church asking to rent the north fellowship hall as a place of worship for them. Since that time our building has been 'home' to two churches of Friona.

Another milestone of the Union Congregational Church was the celebration of its 100th anniversary in Friona in June of 2008. Many former members attended the celebration. The people of the community were invited as guests with many attending.

Today Friona Union Congregational Church, the first church in Friona in 1908, has a membership of forty-nine members. We are still an active church in the community and all are welcome and invited to worship at Union Congregational Church.

## Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

### March 7

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance)

### March 8

- Friona High School Open House Muffins with Moms/Donuts with Dads at FHS cafeteria at 8 a.m. entrance) at 7 p.m.

### March 9

- PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m. March 14
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

### March 21

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- March 28- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

### April 4

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

### April 5

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30

### April 12

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

### April 13

- PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 rodeo cowboys use rosin \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 this Jack was in film "4 for Texas"
  - 6 Adolf Hitler party that took power
  - 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Lago, TX
  - 8 TXism: "padded my belly"
  - 9 Carrizo Springs is seat of this county
  - 15 Denver \_\_\_\_\_, TX
  - 16 Arlington, Irving, & Grand Prairie to Dallas & Fort Worth on "The Juarez"
  - 19 combo at El Chico: \_\_\_\_\_ taco
  - 21 TX pitching legend Ryan
  - 22 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a \_\_\_\_\_" (dumb)
  - 27 military branch of Abilene's Dyess (abbr.)
  - 28 TX Dabney film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Five"
  - 29 gold coin 1st issued at Florence, Italy
  - 30 TXism: "the \_\_\_\_\_ over" (finished)
  - 32 "Texas, our Texas, \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful so great"
  - 33 Guadalupe, Davis, and Chisos
  - 36 "Cowtown Marathon," e.g.
  - 37 TXism: "passion \_\_\_\_\_" (drive-in movie)
  - 38 game requiring special card deck

- 39 TXism: "shook hands with \_\_\_\_\_" (dead)
- 41 "\_\_\_\_\_ the season"
- 42 Henderson County town: "Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World"
- 45 electric atoms
- 46 TXism: "does a fat man sweat?"
- 47 cell phone message
- 48 female sheep
- 49 most vacant

- DOWN**
- 1 retired TX pro golfer, Crenshaw
  - 2 Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ King
  - 3 newspaper in Burnet or Texarkana
  - 4 actor in film "Texas Dynamo" (1950)
  - 8 TXism: "thinking \_\_\_\_\_ doing" (idle)
  - 9 Preston Pearson was in Super Bowl with 3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ have to get better to die"
  - 11 TX writer Larry \_\_\_\_\_ Murtry

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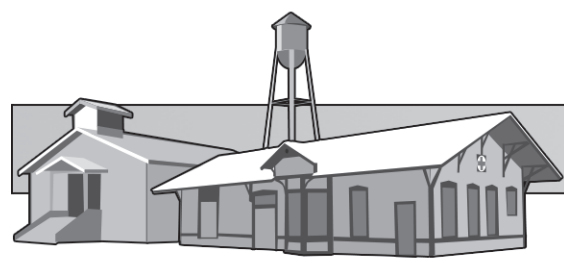
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# TOWN TALK

By Stefany

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On the heels of taking their unparalleled entertainment to capacity crowds overseas and setting five new Guinness World Records™ titles, the Harlem Globetrotters return to North America with their all-new Fan Powered World Tour. This one-of-a-kind show features some of the most elite dunkers on the planet, exceptional ball handlers, and Guinness World Record holders. The Globetrotters will bring their unrivaled show to the Amarillo Civic Center on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Ahead of the game, Globetrotter star El Gato Melendez will visit Amarillo on Tuesday, March 5 to discuss the team's upcoming show.

★★★  
If you are interested in buying Girl Scout cookies, you may contact Edna A Chaparro Aguirre via Facebook or you may stop by The Nutrition Spot on Main Street for your cookies!

★★★  
Save the date for the Senior Steak Dinner. The event will be on Sunday, April 14 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Junior High Cafeteria. The cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 Advance, and \$16.00 at the Door. Senior Steak Dinner tickets will be available March 18. The proceeds will fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration.

★★★  
Save the date! "Hi-Pro Feeds the Future" Annual Event on May 18 at the Country Rose.

★★★  
A Reagan Stowers Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Friona InterBank in his honor. Go by and see any of the tellers to make a donation.

★★★  
On March 8, the students will have a half day!

★★★  
Students will be having their Spring Break vacation on March 11 through March 15.

★★★  
Next Friona ISD School Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the board meeting room FISD Administration Building at 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas.

★★★  
Boys golf team competed in the Muleshoe Golf tournament and took 4th as a team. Congratulations boys!

★★★  
Girls golf team competed in the Muleshoe Golf tournament and took 4th as a team. Congratulations girls!

Steer Tags for 2019 are due to your Ag Agent or FFA teacher no later than April 15, 2019. The price per tags is \$17.00 each. If you are new to our county or your child will be in the Third grade they can show animals for 4-H or FFA.

★★★  
On March 9, 2019, the Boys Regional Powerlifting Team will be competing against Sundown from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at Sundown.

★★★  
On March 9, the Chieftain Baseball Team will be playing against Lubbock Roosevelt from 12:00 p.m. through 4 p.m. at the Friona Baseball Stadium.

★★★  
Houston Stock Show will continue on March 10 through the 14, 2019.

★★★  
Congratulations to the Varsity boys and girls for winning first place at the Vega Relay and Track Meet!

★★★  
Martha's Home is holding its eleventh annual Second Chance Prom. The public is invited to join the Martha's Home Staff, Residents, and Board for a lavishing evening on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Ballroom in downtown Amarillo. Guests will dine like Sultans, be memorized like charmed snakes, and be whisked away on a magic carpet ride. Who needs the lamp? The Second Chance Prom Team Genies will ensure an evening of thrill and intrigue, of opulence and luxury, and memories to last a lifetime at your Second Chance Prom. Whether you had an amazing time at your first prom, or a lousy time, this is the chance to experience Prom again with the one you love now or a group of fun friends! Individual tickets for \$45 each or \$85 per couple (a \$5 savings) are on sale now at MarthasHome.org.

★★★  
All proceeds will benefit Martha's Home who provides shelter, support, assistance, and second chances to homeless women and mothers with children. Don't miss this opportunity for you to experience a second chance at prom, while helping to provide a second chance at life for the ladies at Martha's Home. Questions regarding the Second Chance Prom can be directed to Sarah Silva, Director of Development & Public Relations at Martha's Home, at 806-443-5577 or by emailing Sarah@MarthasHome.org.

★★★  
National Days March days.

March 7: National Hospitalist Day, National Be Heard Day, National Cereal Day, National Crown of Roast Pork Day

March 8: International Women's Day

March 9: National Barbie Day, National Meatball Day, National Get Over it Day

March 10: National Ma-

rio Day, National Blueberry Popover Day, National Pack Your Lunch Day, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Daylight Saving Time - Second Sunday in March

March 11: National Promposal Day, National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day, National Napping Day - Day after Return of Daylight Savings Day

March 12: National Pan-

cake Day - IHOP - Changes Annually, National Girl Scout Day, National Plant a Flower Day

March 13: National Coconut Torte Day, National K9 Veterans Day, National Jewel Day

★★★  
The Friona High School will be having an Open House, Muffins with Moms/Donuts with Dads on March 8, 2019 at FHS cafeteria starting at 8 a.m.

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Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10, 2019 at 2:00 a.m. The clock is set to go forward 1 hour at that time.

★★★  
She was unstoppable not because she did not have failures or doubts, but because she continued on despite them! ~ unknown

★★★  
Happy International Women's day!



## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

### March 8, 2018

Many of you have seen the large steel arrows as historical markers placed across the Texas panhandle, pointed into the ground and standing about 24-feet tall. There are over 80 of these arrows, including one in Friona, crafted and installed by a man named Charles Smith, who passed away last Saturday, March 3. Charles worked with the Quannah Parker Trail, a project of the Texas Plains Trail Region, whose purpose is to study and honor the famous Comanche chief Quannah Parker, the people he led in wartime and peacetime, and the Southwest's Native American heritage. The Panhandle-Plains region is the heart of the Comanche homeland, rich with history that the people of Quannah Parker Trail aim to showcase. Their website provides a star-marked map, which shows nearly every historical site, each location with an arrow and a monument describing a connection to the Comanche chief. Because this program is continues to develop, new arrow sites are added on a regular basis. Landon Smith, grandson of the arrow artist, has already taken up the mantle of installing arrows on behalf of Charles and the Smith family. "My Grandfather has left a legacy across these plains, a legacy of generosity and kindness that is unmatched. All sparked by his talent and ability to manipulate metal in a way that honors the ancient people of our land. Monuments that will far outlast any of us," Landon states in remembrance. He recounts times of installing some of the arrows with his grandfather as memories that he will never forget.

### March 7, 2013

The annual chamber of Commerce banquet was held Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the community center. The western theme brought forth cowboy hats, boots, and bandanas. The western theme was carried through on the table decorations and across the room as the Chamber volunteers once again did a splendid job on the set-up and decorations. Hats off to them all. The prime rib, baked potato, coleslaw meal, completed with a blueberry dessert from Canna Ray, was prepared by Rick White, Charlie Pope and a host of Cargill employees. Friona Girl Scouts along with FCCLA students served the meals at the tables, with a continual line of plate deliveries. Girl Scout Troop 5181 posted the flags and led the audience in singing the National Anthem. Jeff Procter, minister of the 6th St. Church

of Christ, gave the invocation. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Chamber board vice-president Gayla Quillin. (Board President Julie Mason was attending the Houston Stock Show). A lively live auction was held with Kevin Welch serving as auctioneer and Cris Ingram and mark Osborn helping with the bidding. Miss Friona Kendall Kimbrough also assisted by showing the auction items. The citizen awards were given to: Mary Stone, Employee-of-the-Month. She is employed at Friona ISD; Sajal Patel and Stephen Albarado were Students-of-the-Year; Allison Johnston, Teacher-of-the-Year; Jo Beth Gipson and Becky Jones were co-winners for Citizen-of-the-Year; Elizabeth McLellan and Andy Montana were named Woman-of-the-Year and Man-of-the-Year.

### March 6, 2008

According to official weather guy John Gurley. Friona received more moisture Sunday night and Monday than we received in the month of February. Neither amount was very impressive. Monday's blizzard measured 3-inches of snow, which equates to about 0.25 inch of moisture. The average high temperature for February was 59 and the average low was 23, with a high temperature of 73 and low of 11. Around 8 p.m. Sunday night the forecasted blowing snow arrived, drifting in barrow ditches up to a couple of feet deep. Snow continued. with winds up to 60 mph. throughout the night into Monday morning. Area roads became snow packed and icy. The blowing snow caused whiteout conditions with visibility near zero. A 5-6 vehicle accident late Sunday east of Bovina started when a semi- hit a car and others stopped to help, sliding into ditches. Bovina EMS, Friona EMS, and the Friona Fire department were dispatched. Emergency crews and law enforcement had difficulty finding the accident scene in the blizzard conditions. The accident resulted in no injuries. Monday morning about 6 a.m. DPS Trooper Trey Ellis was dispatched to a multiple vehicle accident near Summerfield east of Friona. The accident was just inside the Castro County line. A worker on the way to Cargill in Friona slid into a ditch. Another car stopped to assist and was rear-ended by yet another vehicle. A lady in a Chevy Tahoe stopped in another lane to offer help and she was rear-ended also. All of this in below zero wind chill, blowing snow, and zero visibility, and before

daylight. Trooper Ellis said he was only able to travel about 20-25 mph on the way to the scene. The lady in the Tahoe was transported to Hereford Regional Hospital where she was treated and released. No serious injuries were reported as a result of the nasty weather. Throughout the Monday morning hours Parmer County Sheriff department officers were called to various locations to assist jack-knifed trucks, abandoned vehicles, and stranded motorists stuck in the drifting snow. The high on Monday reached 36 degrees and the wind finally slowed in the afternoon. By Tuesday we had sunny skies and temperatures near 70. More snow was forecast for Wednesday night into Thursday with warmer temperatures on tap for the weekend.

### March 14, 2003

Parmer County needs a new jail. The current jail does not meet state mandated jail standards. The current jail has a capacity of 20 inmates. However, Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries says that inmate classification and segregation requirements can cause the legal capacity to be as low as 10 inmates. There are standards that require that women inmates be separated from sight and sound of male inmates. Also, some felons have to be separated from misdemeanants. On Monday, the Parmer County commissioners voted to seek \$3.2 million in certificates of obligation to build a new county jail. The new facility will be "eighty percent jail" according to Geries. The inmate capacity will increase to 49, with several cells that will hold up to eight inmates in a single multi-occupancy cell. Over the past 18 months, the commissioners have looked at every option available, including expanding the current jail. Various regulations were found at each step of the process that made the new facility a better option. The certificates of obligation will be paid for probably through an increase in property tax of up to 6%. Geries said the owner of a \$100,000 home could expect to pay an additional \$60 per year if taxes are increased. The certificate of obligation bonds were purchased by local banks, according to County Judge Bonnie Clayton Heald. Friona Banking Center will purchase \$1.35 million; Muleshoe State Bank's Farwell branch \$1.1 million; and First Bank of Muleshoe's Bovina branch \$750,000. Judge Clayton-Heald said the county's annual payment would be approximately \$250,000 over 20 years.

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# Psalm 116—Love God

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The supreme measure of your life is not the money you make, the dates you take, the accomplishments you achieve or even the deeds you have done, but the ultimate measure of your life will be if you love God. Jesus was clear that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30-31), and scripture is animate in 1 John that we are only able to love God because of His love toward us. God's greatest display of love is sending Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sins, so that He would also be the Savior from our sins. Only after a person has come to saving faith in Jesus Christ can they love God as He commands us to.

Psalm 116 is a declaration about loving God, and expounds a variety of reasons the believer can and should love God. You should love God because He listens to you, and brings deliverance. The first half of this Psalm overflows with joy and honesty at this reality that God listen and delivers, even from the darkest of situations. Your love for God doesn't just stop there, though, because you should also love God in your response to Him. The second half of the Psalm echoes the truth that love for God shows up in ones words and actions. It isn't just being able to talk the talk of saying you love God and giving occasional praise, but it is about walking the walk and living your life in loving surrender to the Lord. Biblical love is not about getting, but giving, and when you give yourself to the Lord in full surrender you actually get the greatest blessing of all, which is knowing God in a deeper way, leading you to love Him even more.



## Panhandle Parables

# Me and Evel Knievel

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

Being a child in the 70's had its moments. For me and my side kicks Cody, Greg and Shane there were days we just needed to jump over something. We tried building a ramp and that didn't work, none of us were brave enough to trust that it would hold up once we were on it. So, we went riding at the Jr. High instead. In our mind there was 500 miles of sidewalks. The grass was not nice like it is now it was mostly dirt and we happened onto the perfect ramp. The dirt sloped away from the sidewalk in front of the band hall perfectly. We each took a few practice runs riding hard from the gym on the sidewalk and then launch onto the dirt in time to square with the jump.

After a few attempts it was time to make Evel Knievel proud. The hope was to clear the sidewalk which we thought was a good 30 feet wide (ok maybe 15 feet). We each took turns and marked the distance of where the back wheel landed. By our final runs we were almost clear of the sidewalk. Light was beginning to fade, and it wouldn't be long before we were all called in. I tightened my chin strap. It was time to act so with great speed, I left the gym roaring down the sidewalk changing gears in my mind because I wasn't on a real motorcycle. At break neck speed I lined up and hit the jump like never before as I cleared the three busses that somehow appeared on the sidewalk I landed well past the sidewalk and like Evel crashed into a cloud of dust. We all had successfully cleared the sidewalk each of us had done what few had dared.

Life can present us with many opportunities to act upon our faith. We all believed we could do it, but at some point your faith must take action or it is only mere words. The reward of faith is in the action. What if we took God at His Word and did the things, He asks of us? What if we loved our enemies, honored our parents, serve rather than be served and the list goes on? My suggestion to you is strap on that helmet and launch your landing may not be perfect, but the experience will. Ride on!

# ~OBITUARY~

## Henry William Graves Jr.

Services for Henry William Graves Jr., age 63, of Amarillo, Texas, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe, Texas with Joe Champouillon of Muleshoe officiating. Henry died Sunday, February 24, 2019 in Amarillo. He was born on October 14, 1955 in Farwell, Texas to Henry and Eloice (Washington) Graves Sr. He married Margo Trulove in Amarillo in 1977.

Henry was a truck driver and loved his job. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Henry is survived by his wife, Margo; his two sons, James Trulove of Portales, New Mexico and Lynn Trulove of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; his daughter, Doloris Trulove of Missoula, Montana; his brother, James Norman of Portales, New Mexico; 10 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

## There Are Always Two Sides

By Teena Hughs

Have you ever been in a contest, and you won, but you felt like you lost? That is the way I feel about the special-called general conference the Methodist Church had last week.

Yes, the official stance of the Methodist Church on the issue of homosexuality is God's Word!!! But, how we got here was not pretty. People were determined to defeat the traditional plan, and just about everything that could be thought of was tried. People on the left were promised a victory by certain ministers and bishops, so they are angry and hurt because they did not change the Methodist Church's stance on homosexuality; people on the right were also hurt by the way the left "played ball" and treated others. It looked like Washington, DC in St. Louis, I promise!

Sadly, God was not glorified because of the way people behaved. I was particularly upset at the way the Africans were treated. They are strong Bible believers, and people on the left tried to deceive them, trick them, confuse them into voting on one particularly bad amendment. Many of them had to use translators, which slowed down their processing of things. I don't know if they were being coached, if they could just see through what was happening, or if they were listening to the Holy Spirit, but they helped defeat the amendment.

Africa is at war with Islam. If Methodists had voted to basically ok homosexuality, and if Islam should ever gain control in Africa, Methodist ministers and lay people would be putting their lives in jeopardy, because according to their law, homosexuality is punishable by death. Being associated with the Methodist Church could put them in danger if homosexuality is ever affirmed.

I get much of my news from a group called Good News, Their president, Rob Renfroe, reported early Wednesday morning that they knew people who disagreed with Good News and their biblical stance on homosexuality, but they felt like they had a good relationship with these people. Sadly, they found that not to be the case by the time general conference was over. I wonder how many relationships were fractured that day.

We have been voting on this issue every four years since 1972. Sometimes it reaches the point where minds are not going to be changed; no compromise can fix the problem; and, it is time to "agree to disagree" and go our separate ways. We are at that point, and I hope it will happen at our regularly-called general conference in 15 months.

I want to thank each and every one of you who prayed for the Methodist Church last week. I visited with some of you, and I appreciate your concern and your prayers more than you know. One thing I have learned is that we all need to be praying for each other's denominations because we are all facing problems with sin in some form or another. Please continue to pray!

# Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

La Identidad de la Iglesia de Jesucristo: Jesus se identifica por las señales. En Lucas 5:22-24 Pues para que sepais, que el hijo del hombre tiene potestad en la tierra para perdonar pecados (dijo al paralitico): A ti te digo: Levantate, toma tu lecho, y vete a tu casa esto era para que superian que el era aquel que hablo en Isaías 35:6. Y tambien en Juan 10:37-38 Mas si las hago, aunque no me creais a mi, creed a las obras, para que conozcais y creais que el Padre esta en mi, y yo en el Padre. Otros lo identifican por las señales, Juan 3-1-2 Nicodemo declara: Rabi, sabemos que has venido de Dios como maestro; porque nadie puede hacer estas señales que tu haces, si no esta Dios con el. Es Jesus el hacedor de maravillas si lo neseccitas clama a el.

The Identity of the church of Jesus Christ: Jesus is identified by signs. In Luke 5:22-24 states But so you may know that the son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. He told the paralyzed man, "I tell you: get up, pick up your stretcher; and go home" this was so that they would know that he was the one the scriptures were referring to in Isaiah 35:6. Also in John 10:37-38 says if I am not doing My Fathers works don't believe me. But if I am doing them and you don't believe me believe the works. This way you will know and understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father. Others also identify Jesus by the signs, John 3-1-2 Nicodemus declares Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one could perform these signs You do unless God were with him. It is Jesus who is the doer of signs and miracles if you need one just call out to him.

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## Sales Tax Revenue Totaled Nearly \$2.8 Billion in February

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.796 billion in February, 7 percent more than in February 2018.

"Growth in sales tax revenue was led by remittances from the construction, manufacturing and services sectors," Hegar said. "Receipts from information services and restaurants also grew significantly. Receipts from oil- and gas-mining firms remained about the same as a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2019 was up 5.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In February 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$420.3 million, down 0.4 percent from February 2018;
- motor fuel taxes — \$299.3 million, up 0.9 percent from February 2018;
- natural gas production taxes — \$163.8 million, up 22.2 percent from February 2018; and
- oil production taxes — \$268.5 million, down 12.6 percent from February 2018. After 24 consecutive months of year-over-year increases, this is the second straight month of year-over-year declining oil production tax revenue.

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# Mighty Writers of Friona Hold Winter Rally

Mighty Writers is a program that has been developed and implemented by Annette Frye and Beverly Ingram. It began with Pre-K through 1st grade in the spring of 2016. The goal is to add a grade level each year until the Mighty Writers program includes Pre-K through 5th grade. Mighty Writers is designed to encourage a love and excitement for writing for all ages and ability levels.

The purpose of the program is to cultivate, nurture, and commend our young writers. Writers are recognized through periodic contests and rallies throughout the year. At each rally a book and mantra are introduced that teachers will use and read to their classes during the contest time. The contests are optional for each student but participation is highly encouraged. Teachers

play a big part in this by encouraging, motivating and giving time, along with opportunities for the students to write in class. Winners are announced at each rally and receive a certificate, with first place winners recognized with a Mighty Writer t-shirt and a copy of the book for that contest. This program would not be successful without the support from administrators and teachers.



Mighty Writers

*Mrs. Gonzalez 5th grade Lana Stanberry 1st place*

I think the future needs the Shoebot 2019. This bot will first look at what you are wearing. Then it will scan your brain and it can know what you're thinking. Examples: if you are scrambling your thoughts or what shoes you want to wear but there's another pair of shoes that you think will go good with what you are wearing. So you can't choose one. Well then you need the Shoebot 2019! The Shoebot 2019 will scan the brain and read your mind then it will choose the shoes. So buy now and you will be amazed with this invention of mine! And be prepared to witness no problems with shoe picking madness. Buy Now! Have Fun!

*Mason Silva you 1st Kindergarten*

The robot works in the kitchen at night. The robot takes care of the baby at night so mom and Mason can sleep in their bed.

*Owen Daniels 1st Grade 1st place*

I saw sum medl so i pikd up the medl to make a rokit to go to the moon so i go.

*1st place Angelica Ortiz Alvidrez 2nd grade*

I want to be a doctor because I am going to pay all of my mom's expenses because my dad is in Guatemala and she doesn't have anyone to help her. To be a doctor I need to put a lot of effort in school and learn English. I also want to buy my mom a car, clothes, and a house.

When I grow up, I am going to work at a hospital. I am going to be a doctor for pregnant people. I like those doctors because they save kids. I am going to live in Friona with my mom and work in Hereford. I will marry a man that owns a dairy. I will have 2 kids, a boy and a girl, they will be twins!

*1st grade Lexi Saldana Hickman 4th grade*

The day I created something awesome!

One day if I were inventor I would make a blanket that can turn cold, hot and warm when ever you want. I would use the blanket twenty-four seven. I think every one in the whole entire world would prolly buy a warming blanket for \$5 for a small, \$10 for a medium size, \$15 for a large and \$20 for extra large so with the money I get from the blankets are going to go to hospitals and some blankets will go to hospitals and the people that are poor and foster homes but the rest are going to stores. I'm trying to get people to buy them so I can donate money to hospitals foster homes and poor people. I think when I grow up I think it will be kinda hard to invent things.

*Muannie Maldonado 3rd grade 12-14-18 3rd grade Garcia JC*

I will like to build a bus that flies it will have games, food, water, books and movies. The bus can take hundred people at a time in the bus you can see eney movies you want to see. You can eat cookies, milk, waffles, pancakes, cereal and pizza. The bus will have some songs, music, board games and you can sleep.

*Halle Jones Pre-K 1st Place*

The invention I want to make are unicorn cookies because they are magical! They are going to give me super powers like a unicorn. The unicorn cookies will help good people help them up the ladder and make them thankful.

## More customers are using Xcel Energy's mobile app

Improved features offer outage tracking, secure pay options and energy use data

Xcel Energy's customers are more tech savvy than ever, so the company is working to deliver the digital tools they need and expect, including a newly updated mobile app that features an outage reporting function, billing and energy use information, and a secure payment portal that allows customers to manage their bills from anywhere at any time.

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"Customers want reliable service at a reasonable cost, but they also tell us they need easy access to information about their service and billing," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "We are always looking at ways to improve the customer experience and provide them with the information they need in the format they want. Our free app is essentially a customer service agent on demand, and it has been well received."

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From the home screen, customers can click on the billing and payments link and find more details about their current bill, look at their billing history and set up different payment options such as ebill, Auto Pay or Averaged Monthly Payment. Another feature of the app is the ability to view details on energy usage, including a graph on how much electricity a customer used by month going back two years.

And while Xcel Energy is working to make the electrical system even more reliable, outages still occur. The app features the ability to see where outages are taking place and to report an outage at a customer's business or residence, depending on the address registered with the app. Customers may also sign up to have restoration updates sent to them by voice message, text or email. "Having this type of information can remove some of the anxiety of a service interruption so customers can carry on with their normal activities the best they can, knowing we're on top of the situation," Hudson said.

More information about the free Xcel Energy app can be found at [www.xcelenergy.com/mobile\\_app](http://www.xcelenergy.com/mobile_app).

## 2019 Texas conservation awards winners

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to have sponsored the 2019 Conservation Awards Program. Bovina, Farwell, Friona and Lazbuddie schools were in-

cluded. They want to recognize and honor the students, teachers, parents and farmers who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to educate themselves and others in making wise use of our re-

newable natural resources. This year's school competition included a poster and essay contest. The student winners of the 2019 Parmer County Conservation Awards are as follows:

### The winners for poster were:

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Rory Pomper	Farwell 5th Grade
Emily Ibarra	Friona 5th Grade

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Dannelle Arguelles	Friona Elementary 5th Grade	\$25 Cash Prize.

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4/3/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, circle driveway, 2 living areas, basement, patio, close to high school..... Cont Pend

4/3/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, fp, basement, 2 living areas, circle driveway, sprinkler system..... \$169,900

**NEW:** 3/2/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, fireplace, sprinkler in front, open floor plan, fenced backyard, covered patio..... Cont Pend

**NEW:** 3/1 Brick w/cent. heat, newly painted, cellar, storage building, corner lot, close to H.S..... \$94,000

**BOVINA**

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# SPORTS PAGE



## Vega Relays - Feb 28, 2019 Vega Texas

**7th Grade Girls (4th Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
4th Friona.....59.38  
**800m**  
1st Yvonne Legarreta .....2:49  
**100H**  
3rd Jacee Burney .....21.34  
5th Lylianna Martinez .....23.40  
**100m**  
4th Ivory Shelby .....15:55  
5th Naara Saucedo.....15:84  
**4x200m relay**  
3rd Friona .....2:20  
**400m**  
6th Yvonne Legarreta .....1:23  
**300m hurdles**  
2nd Reese Stowers .....1:02  
**200m**  
5th Duvy Ortiz.....33:15  
6th Reese Stowers .....33:24  
**4x400m relay**  
3rd Friona .....5:02  
**2400**  
6th Ellie Galaviz .....  
**Shot Put**  
4th Amy Montana .....23'5.5  
**Discus**  
2nd Amy Montana .....56'2  
4th Ivory Shelby .....43'  
**Triple Jump**  
1st Lylianna Martinez .....26'8.5  
2nd Jacee Burney .....26'  
**High Jump**  
5th Jacee Burney .....3'10

**7th Grade Boys (1st Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
1st Friona .....52.15  
**800m**  
3rd Ramon Ortiz .....2:45  
6th Dieter Ally .....2:52  
**100H**  
1st Jose Saucedo .....21.05  
**4x200m relay**  
1st Friona .....1:56  
**400m**  
4th Michael Bautista.....1:11.37  
5th Jonathan Gonzalez...1.11.42  
6th Jorge Garcia .....1.14  
**300m hurdles**

2nd Alonso Macias .....1:02  
3rd Elijah Thompson .....1:09  
**200m**  
1st Isaac Olmos .....28.21  
4th Jonathan Gonzalez.....31.30  
**1200**  
2nd Alonso Macias .....4:36.12  
3rd Dieter Ally .....4:36.20  
**4x400m Relay**  
2nd Friona .....4:43  
**2400**  
2nd Dieter Ally  
3rd Romon Ortiz  
**Shot Put**  
4th Aaron Rodriguez.....25'3.5  
**Discus**  
3rd Francisco Perez .....64.11  
5th Aaron Rodriguez.....60  
**Pole Vault**  
1st Dieter Ally  
2nd Jarrett White  
**Long Jump**  
3rd Isaac Olmos .....14'4  
**Triple Jump**  
1st Jose Luis Saucedo.....32'4.5  
3rd Abisai Torres .....29'5  
**High Jump**  
4th Jose Saucedo .....4'4

**8th Grade Girls (3rd Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
2nd Friona .....56.72  
**800m**  
2nd Makayla Ramos .....2:59  
**100H**  
1st Jocelin Barraza.....19.62  
**100m**  
3rd Haveah Maestas .....14.37  
**4x200m relay**  
3rd Friona .....2:09  
**400m**  
3rd Vanessa Perez .....1:14.27  
**300m hurdles**  
4th Elaney Arzate .....1:03.43  
**200m**  
2nd Lizbeth Toledo .....30:14  
3rd Breanna Rivera .....30:59  
**4x400m Relay**  
3rd Friona .....4:59  
**Discus**  
1st Nicole Guerra .....66.4  
**Triple Jump**  
6th Lizbeth Toledo .....25'3.5

**8th Grade Boys (1st Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
1st Friona .....50.22  
**800m**  
1st Tony Rodriguez.....2:20  
6th Elian Rodriguez .....2:40.89  
**110H**  
1st Kaden Jeter .....18.47  
2nd Josiah Dominguez .....19.93  
4th Osvaldo Centeno .....20.90  
**100m**  
1st Alexis Rivas .....12.34  
6th Heston Grimsley.....13.50  
**4x200m relay**  
1st Friona .....1:47  
**400m**  
1st Tony Rodriguez.....59.50  
4th Jesus Tino .....1:04  
**300m hurdles**  
1st Kaden Jeter .....49.38  
3rd Osvaldo Centeno .....52.32  
**200m**  
3rd Josiah Dominguez .....26.72  
**1200**  
3rd Elian Rodriguez .....4:27.81  
5th Stef Ally.....4:39.28  
**4x400m Relay**  
1st Friona .....4:05  
**2400**  
1st Elian Rodriguez  
4th Steff Ally  
**Shot Put**  
1st Heston Grimsley.....35'11  
2nd Andrew Husted.....35'2  
**Discus**  
1st Heston Grimsley.....99.4'  
2nd Andrew Husted.....90.9'  
**Pole Vault**  
6th Stef Ally  
**Long Jump**  
5th Alexis Rivas .....15'4  
**Triple Jump**  
1st Osvaldo Centeno .....31'4  
4th Elian Rodriguez .....29'8.5  
**High Jump**  
1st Kaden Jeter .....5'  
5th Tony Rodriguez.....4'8

## Vega Relays - March 1, 2019 Vega Texas

**JV Boys (2nd Place)**  
**4x100m relay**

2nd Friona .....49:00  
**800m**  
1st Jared Rejino.....2:20  
2nd Gabriel Perez .....2:24  
**4x200m relay**  
2nd Friona .....1:42  
**400m**  
4th Aaron Salinas .....1:01.18  
**200m**  
1st Edwin Barraza .....24.46  
2nd Jeremiah Diaz .....24.94  
4th Josiah Rejino .....25.58  
**4x400m Relay**  
2nd Friona .....4:11  
**Shot Put**  
3rd Victor Puga.....32'4  
5th Keagan Hurst .....30'9.5  
**Discus**  
1st Keagan Hurst .....108.2  
**Long Jump**  
4th Izyah Martinez.....16'0  
5th Jeremiah Diaz .....15'8.5  
6th Edwin Barraza .....15'5

**Varsity Girls (1st Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
3rd Friona .....53:28  
**800m**  
4th Emily Amaya .....2:53.03  
**100H**  
5th Leidi Chihuahua.....18.49  
**100m**  
3rd Noelia Bautista .....13.24  
4th Victoria Gonzalez .....13.37  
5th Destini Fernandez.....13.62  
**4x200m relay**  
1st Friona .....1:51  
**400m**  
1st Anay Chihuahua.....1:04.38  
2nd Rebecca Schlenker ...1:04.84  
**300m hurdles**  
1st Leidi Chihuahua.....51.34  
3rd Jodie Denton.....53.28  
5th Luz Garcia .....57.40  
**200m**  
2nd Victoria Gonzalez .....27.65  
4th Noelia Bautista .....28.28  
6th Destini Fernandez.....28.30  
**1600**  
4th Adamaris Rivas .....6:36  
**4x400m Relay**  
1st Friona .....4:33  
**Shot Put**

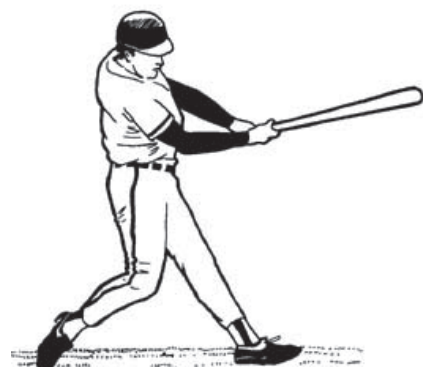
1st Carly Drake .....36'3.5  
3rd Jaci Trevino .....32'3.5  
**Discus**  
1st Carley Drake .....94'11  
2nd Jaci Trevino .....81.1'  
**Long Jump**  
1st Jodie Denton .....15'9  
2nd Rebecca Schlenker .....15'8  
6th Audrey Trevino .....13'7  
**Triple Jump**  
2nd Rebecca Schlenker ...34'0.75  
3rd Bailey Pope .....31'9.75  
6th Audrey Trevino .....28'5  
**High Jump**  
1st Jodie Denton .....5'2  
3rd Bailey Pope .....5'0

**Varsity Boys (1st Place)**  
**4x100m relay**  
2nd Friona .....45:95  
**800m**  
2nd Marc Mendoza .....2:14  
**100m**  
1st Malachi Torres .....11.12  
2nd Jonathan Hernandez...11.59  
3rd Jacob Bautista .....11.62  
**4x200m relay**  
2nd Friona .....1:35  
**400m**  
3rd Marc Mendoza .....56.02  
5th Juan Salinas .....57.96  
**300m hurdles**  
4th Alan Martinez .....47.05  
**200m**  
3rd Omar Estrada .....23.46  
4th Malachi Torres .....23.94  
5th Bryan Gonzalez .....24.41  
**1600**  
2nd Adrian Legarreta.....5:16  
**4x400m Relay**  
1st Friona .....3:45  
**3200**  
4th Adrian Legarreta.....11:08  
**Discus**  
6th Alex Montes .....99.3'  
**Pole Vault**  
1st Juan Salinas .....11'0  
2nd Angel Carranza .....9'0  
**Long Jump**  
1st Malachi Torres .....19'3  
2nd Jacob Bautista .....19'0  
**Triple Jump**  
2nd Malachi Torres .....40'11

## Sports News

### Baseball

The Chieftains are 1-6 early in season. They have been on the road playing in tournaments and have lost close games to Lockney (6-8) and Nocona (6-7). The Chiefs have home double-header games against Lubbock Roosevelt on Saturday, March 9th and Dalhart on Saturday, March 16th. District play begins on Saturday, March 23rd when Friona hosts River Road. All games start at noon.



### Track

The varsity girls and boys track teams won first place in the Vega Relays track meet last week in Vega, Texas. The 7th and 8th grade boys teams also won first. See complete results above.

The Friona Relays track meet will be held Thursday and Friday at Chieftain Field. The Junior High meet will be on Thursday and the High School meet will be held on Friday. The schedule for events is listed below.

### Golf

The boys golf team competed in the Muleshoe Golf tournament and took 4th as a team. The girls golf team competed in the Muleshoe Golf tournament and took 4th as a team.



### Girls Powerlifting

Ebany Saucedo, Rickie Castillo, and Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo competed in the Regional Powerlifting Meet. Ebany placed 11th in her weight class. Rickie placed 7th in her weight class. Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo placed 3rd in her weight class and qualified for the State Powerlifting meet in Waco on March 15th.

## Junior High Chieftain Relays Friona High School March 7, 2019

### Schedule

**2:00** Scratch Meeting (Activity Center)  
**3:45** 2400 Meter Run (7G, 8G, 7B, 8B)

### Field Events (3 Jumps / Throws except in Vertical Jumps)

	LJ	TJ	HJ	PV	SP	DISC
3:45	7G	8B	7B	8G	7G	8B
4:45	8G	7G	8B	7B	8G	7B
5:45	7B	8G	7G	8B	8B	8G
6:45	8B	7B	8G	7G	7B	7G

### Starting Heights

	HJ	PV
7G	3'10"	5'6"
7B	4'6"	6'0"
8G	4'0"	6'0"
8B	4'10"	6'6"

### 5:30 Running-(Finals Only)

4X100 Meter Relay	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
800 Meter Run	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
100 Meter Hurdles	--	7G	8G (30 Ht)		
110 Meter Hurdles	--			7B	8B (36 Ht)
100 Meter Dash	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
4X200 Meter Relay	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
400 Meter Dash	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
300 Meter Hurdles	--	7G	8G (30 Ht)		
				7B	8B (33 Ht)
200 Meter Dash	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
1600 Meter Run	--	7G	8G	7B	8B
4X400 Meter Relay	--	7G	8G	7B	8B

## Chieftain Relays Friona High School March 8, 2019

### Schedule

**12:00** Scratch Meeting (Activity Center)  
**1:00** 3200 (VG, JVB, VB)

### Field Events

(Varsity 3 Jumps/Throws Prelims with Top 7 to Finals except in Vertical Jumps)  
(Junior Varsity 4 Jumps/Throws NO FINALS)

	LJ	TJ	HJ	PV	SP	DISC
1:00	VB	VG	JVB	VB	VG	JVB
2:00	JVB	VB	VG	JVB	VB	VG
3:00	VG	JVB	VB	VG	JVB	VB

### Starting Heights

	HJ	PV
VG	4'2"	6'0"
JVB	4'8"	7'6"
VB	5'2"	8'6"

\*We will begin Timed Finals 15 minutes after the conclusion of the field events (Est. 4:30)

### 4:30 (Est) Running Order-(Finals Only)

4 X 100 Meter Relay	--	VG	JVB	VB
800 Meter Run	--	VG	JVB	VB
100 Meter Hurdles	--	VG (33 Ht)		
110 Meter Hurdles	--		JVB	VB (39 Ht)
100 Meter Dash	--	VG	JVB	VB
4 X 200 Meter Relay	--	VG	JVB	VB
400 Meter Dash	--	VG	JVB	VB
300 Meter Hurdles	--	VG (30 Ht)		
			JVB	VB (36 Ht)
200 Meter Dash	--	VG	JVB	VB
1600 Meter Run	--	VG	JVB	VB
4 X 400 Meter Relay	--	VG	JVB	VB



# WTRT and WT Services awarding scholarships this spring

**West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative**

This spring, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will award academic scholarships for the 23rd consecutive year. Since the inception of its program in 1997, WTRT has awarded 163 scholarships totaling \$147,400 to area students.

WTRT scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or to students who are WTRT mem-

bers themselves. Applicants must have a telephone prefix with WTRT exchanges to be eligible. Those applying must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, or have completed high school.

Applications for 2019 scholarships will be accepted through Wednesday, April 10th. The 2019 scholarship recipients will be an-

nounced in May.

WTRT scholarships applications are available at high school counselor's offices in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Bovina, Adrian and Vega. Applications are also available at the WTRT business office at 3424 South U.S. Highway 385 in Hereford, or they can be downloaded from the WTRT website located at [www.wtrt.net](http://www.wtrt.net).

**WT Services, Inc.**

WT Services, Inc., a subsidiary of WTRT, will award scholarships for the fifth consecutive year. WT Services has awarded 28 scholarships amounting to \$21,000 since its scholarship program began in 2014.

Scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WT Services, Inc. customers, or to students who are WT Services customers. Those applying must be either high school seniors who are candidates for gradu-

ation this spring, or have completed high school, or have received their GED.

An application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted. One letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending.

Applications for 2019 scholarships will be accepted through Wednesday, April 10th. The 2019 scholarship recipients will

be announced in May.

In Hereford, applications may be picked up at the WT Services office at 119 East 4th, or at the Hereford High School counselor's office. Applications may also be picked up at the WT Services, Inc. office in Friona at 1010 Columbia. They are also available at high school counselor's offices in Friona, Bovina, and Bushland. Application forms may also be downloaded from the WT Services website located at [wtservices.net](http://wtservices.net).



## Chicken Thighs

Although beef is king in Texas, chicken production in the United States is no clucking matter. The US has the largest broiler chicken industry in the world. In 2017, the US produced 9 billion broiler chickens. 16.5% of those were exported to other countries. That means Americans consumed a little over 92 pounds of chicken per capita in 2017. Chicken consumption began to outpace beef in 1992.

Since 1923, when Mrs.

Wilmer Steele raised 500 chickens to be sold as meat and began the commercial broiler industry, the processing of chickens has evolved. In fact, many of you probably remember helping to catch a chicken and wring its neck. Teddy said his job was always to pluck the feathers after the bird's neck was wrung and had been dipped in boiling water. By the 1950's commercial chicken processing produced a bird that was ready

to cook. With the invention of the refrigerator, chicken consumption only increased. Now a variety of chicken products are available at the meat counter or in the freezer section of the grocery store.

Both the breast and the thigh are good sources of protein, vitamins, minerals, iron, sodium, and good HDL cholesterol. The chart below shows the difference between a three-ounce chicken breast and chicken thigh.

Boneless, skinless chicken breast	140 calories	3 grams fat	1-gram saturated fat
Boneless, skinless chicken thigh	170 calories	9 grams fat	3 grams saturated fat

In recent years, boneless, skinless chicken breasts have become popular because of their lower fat content, however chicken thighs are juicier, cheaper, and easier to cook. They are also quite versatile and can be used in many

recipes. The information for this article can be found at [www.thespruceeats.com](http://www.thespruceeats.com), [www.nationalchickencouncil.org](http://www.nationalchickencouncil.org), and [www.healthyeating.sfgate.com](http://www.healthyeating.sfgate.com).

# State Capital Highlights

## Order stops state, local authorities from purging voter rolls

AUSTIN — A San Antonio federal judge on Feb. 27 ordered Texas Secretary of State David Whitley not to purge the names of voters whose registrations he challenged as being potentially fraudulent.

The order came in a voting rights case filed by the League of United Latin American Citizens and other plaintiffs.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery denied defendants' motion to dismiss the suit. Biery then ordered officials not to remove anyone from the current voter registration list until authorized by the court.

However, Biery added that local officials may continue to determine whether someone who is not a citizen is in fact registered to vote, so long as it is done without communicating directly with any particular individual on the list.

Biery's ruling, which came after three days of hearing evidence and arguments in the case, stated: "Out of 98,000 new American voters on the list, thus far approximately 80 have been identified as being ineligible to vote."

Plaintiffs filed the case after Whitley, acting as the state's chief elections officer, on Jan. 25 issued an advisory to county voter registrars regarding voter registration list maintenance activities, one of which was to identify any non-U.S. citizens registered to vote in Texas.

The advisory came after the secretary of state's elections division reported that some 95,000 individuals identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety as non-U.S. citizens have a matching voter registration record and that approximately 58,000 voted in one or more Texas elections.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton reacted to the ruling, saying it "deprives state and county election officials of the capacity to faithfully execute their duties under state and federal law to maintain voting rolls." Paxton also said, "We are weighing our options to address this rul-



By Ed Sterling

ing and to continue making our case that ineligible voters should not vote and counties are free to continue to follow the law and keep their voter rolls clean."

Meanwhile, Whitley, appointed as secretary of state by Gov. Greg Abbott in December, is undergoing the confirmation process in the Texas Senate. The body's nominations committee last week voted along party lines to forward his nomination to the full Senate for consideration.

## Aid request is granted

The White House on Feb. 25 granted Gov. Abbott's request for a presidential disaster declaration for 33 Texas counties.

This action provides access to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation grant programs for communities that are recovering and rebuilding following severe weather and flooding this past fall.

"I thank the president and FEMA for granting this disaster declaration," Abbott said. "As communities continue to recover and rebuild from the aftermath of these devastating floods, we remain committed to working with our federal and local partners to ensure that Texas is more resilient than ever before."

The following counties are included in the president's disaster declaration: Archer, Baylor, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Comanche, Coryell, Dimmit, Edwards, Fannin, Franklin, Grimes, Haskell, Hill, Hopkins, Houston, Jones, Kimble, Kinney, Knox, Llano, Madison, Mason, McCulloch, Menard,

Nolan, Real, San Saba, Sutton, Throckmorton, Travis, Uvalde and Val Verde.

## Abbott reacts to ruling

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 28 sent a letter to appointees and state agencies following the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals' Feb. 27 ruling that struck down a key provision of the state's open meetings law.

In question was the law's prohibition against members of a governmental body meeting privately in numbers of less than a quorum to discuss public business. In writing the majority opinion, Presiding Judge Sharon Keller described that part of the law as "unconstitutionally vague."

The court's split decision came in a case pitting the State of Texas against a county judge who was alleged to have broken the law.

In his letter, Abbott instructed recipients to continue to follow the spirit of the Texas Open Meetings Act, despite the ruling. "Texas has long been, and will continue to be, a leader in governmental transparency," Abbott wrote.

"Regardless of yesterday's ruling, my standard and expectation is for all agencies and boards to continue to follow the spirit of the law. You should not waver in your commitment to providing transparency in the work you perform for Texans at your respective governmental entities," he added.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, is working with advocates of government transparency and accountability on legislation addressing the appeals court's criticism of the law.

The bill-filing deadline for the current legislative session is Friday, March 8.

## Abbott reappoints Morath

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 27 announced his reappointment of Mike Morath as state commissioner of education for a term to expire on Jan. 16, 2023.

The reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate.

Morath has served as chief executive of the Texas Education Agency since January 2016.

This first recipe using chicken thighs comes from Bill's brother-in-law, Brent Harmon. He notes that he and Elaine usually serve the chicken with rice or orzo pasta. He also says that he is light handed with the salt because of the added salt in the soy and teriyaki sauce.

## Crock Pot Chicken Thighs

by Brent Harmon

- 2-3 lbs. chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1 Tbsp pepper
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- Red chili flakes to taste
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup teriyaki sauce
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- Sriracha sauce to taste

Combine dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Add in wet ingredients one at a time until fully combined.

Remove any excess fat from the chicken thighs, rinse and place in crock pot. Pour mixture over chicken thighs, cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours. After the thighs are cooked, remove ¼ cup of the cooking liquid and bring it to a boil in a pan on the stove. Add a cornstarch and water mixture to thicken the liquid to use as a finishing sauce over the chicken.

This recipe is a family favorite and does not take too much time after you marinate the chicken. I am going to give credit for this recipe to Amy Cook. I think she shared this with me many years ago.

## Provolone Chicken

- 2-3 lbs. chicken thighs, boneless and skinless is best
- 1 ½ cups pineapple juice
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 4 Tablespoons butter, split
- 4 cups sliced mushrooms
- Provolone cheese slices, enough for each thigh

Mix the pineapple juice and soy sauce together. Place the chicken thighs in a dish, pour the juice and soy sauce mixture over the chicken thighs and cover. Place in the refrigerator and marinate the chicken for at least 1 hour. You can marinate it overnight. Use enough juice and soy sauce to almost cover the chicken. After marinating the chicken, sear the thighs in a skillet with olive oil and butter for 2-3 minutes on each side or until the chicken is browned. Remove the thighs and place the

chicken on a jelly roll pan or in a casserole dish. Then sauté the mushrooms in the same skillet adding butter as needed until the mushrooms are soft. Place the mushrooms on top of each thigh and bake in the oven on 325oF for about 15 minutes or until the internal temperature of the thighs reaches 160oF. Top the thighs and mushrooms with a slice of cheese and return to the oven until the cheese is melted. Serve with a salad or vegetable of your choice.

# TxDOT urges young drivers to plan for sober ride ahead of spring break

*TxDOT reminds Spring Breakers about deadly, long-term consequences of drinking and driving*

Spring Break is a dangerous time on Texas roads, with hundreds of impaired driving crashes involving young drivers occurring each year. As college students and young adults head to Spring Break destinations in the coming weeks, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds them to make a plan for a sober ride before the party starts.

"Drinking alcohol and driving can severely impact a young person's future. Many promising lives are cut short due to the poor decision to drink alcohol and drive," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We urge young drivers to make responsible choices during the Spring Break holiday. Before heading out, please plan ahead for a sober ride to ensure you get to and from your destination

safely." During last year's Spring Break\* in Texas, there were 444 crashes involving young drivers who were driving under the influence of alcohol. Those crashes killed 11 people and seriously injured another 37.

The "Plan While You Can" campaign includes a statewide tour featuring the new "Plan to Win" virtual reality game where participants are a part of an immersive trivia game which poses questions related to drinking alcohol and driving, and also demonstrates the consequences of drunk driving. Players avoid "jail" by answering questions correctly, and winners progress to a waiting taxi to receive a safe and sober ride. The experience will visit 10 Texas cities during March.

While drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing

or seriously injuring themselves or others, they also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking alcohol and driving, such as:

Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home

Contacting a cab or ride-share service

Using mass transit

Spending the night

"Plan While You Can" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a larger grassroots effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road. Since Nov. 7, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day and that's why #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to helping end the streak of daily deaths on our roadways.



## Friona FCCLA competes at Regionals

Friona FCCLA was very successful at Regionals in Odessa, TX on March 1st. For FCSA (Family consumer

science assessments), Friona received 1 gold; Vanessa Chavez, 7 Silver; Rayna Clark, Gabi Barrandey, Humberto

Cruz, Anahi Gonzalez, Breanna Godinez, Joseline Lopez, Josselyn Castillo, and 1 Bronze; Natali Godinez.



**For Star Events, "Chapter in Review" - portfolio - Sr. division;** Mariah Rivera, Kylee Sifuentes and Alysia Albarado received 1st place.



**For "Focus on Children" - display - Sr. division;** Mirelly Armendariz, No-hemi Castillo and Yazmyne Romero received 1st place.



**For "Toys that Teach" - Sr. division;** Joseline Lopez and Josselyn Castillo received 2nd place.



**For "Focus on Children" - display - occupational division;** Vanessa Chavez, Natali Godinez and Rayna Clark received 3rd place.



Rebecca Maldonado received 1st place for her "Spotlight on Projects" - FACTS category (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety) and also received overall best spotlight on projects which won \$750 for the Friona FCCLA Chapter.



The Friona FCCLA chapter was the biggest giver of 3A schools to donate items to Buckner Children and Family Services as well. Last but not least, Friona submitted the most articles to "News Across Texas" for the entire Region 1. Friona FCCLA is excited to announce that 12 members have qualified for FCCLA State in Dallas, TX on April 3-6.



Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo will make a return trip to Waco this year for the Girls State Powerlifting Meet. Adriana also qualified last year and was the first girls state qualifier since 2011. The event will be held on March 15th.

## Star Time with Alexis Pharis

By Jeri Lynn White

photo by Deena Leuea

Alexis Pharis was the first person in her family to want to show an animal. It just so happened that her grandfather raised rabbits. It was a perfect match and so began Alexis's rabbit showing career.

Alexis is the daughter of Ann Garza and Paul Pharis. To support her rabbit project, her father began raising rabbits as well. Alexis plays an important role in raising the rabbits. She is quite knowledgeable about her project. During her interview she explained to me that they begin breeding their rabbits depending on the show dates. It takes around 25 days for the baby rabbits to be born. She was quick to point out that baby rabbits are not the cute fluffy creatures you might have in mind. "In fact," she said, "they are ugly and are born with no hair. Their eyes are closed, too." Alexis explained that soon after the rabbits are born, she and her dad check their gender and then tattoo their ears. The bucks, or boys, are given a tattoo that begins with a "j" and a number. The girls or does are tattooed with the letter "p" and a number. These tattoos are used to identify the rabbits at the shows. The letters stand for Alexis's middle name and her last name.

Since Alexis lives in town, rabbits are a great 4-H project. She keeps her rabbits in the backyard and in the garage. To care for the rabbits, Alexis and her dad build pens for the rabbits, feed and check their water daily, and walk around with the rabbits so they get used to being held and become gentler. She explained, "To carry a rabbit, you tuck them un-



Alexis displays her Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion belt buckles

der your arm and hold their ears. This way it is harder for them to scratch you." I asked if she gets scratched often. She showed me a recent injury on her arm but assured me it did not hurt too bad and that it was just part of the job.

Alexis shows two different rabbit breeds: New Zealand Reds and Californians. The New Zealand Red is red in color and has straight ears. The Californian rabbits are all white except for their black ears, nose and tail. They also have straight ears.

Alexis explained that showing rabbits is not too hard. At most shows there are tables

lined with separate cages. When it is your turn to show, you place the rabbits in the cages and then step back to wait for the judge. The judge is on the other side of the table and can assess and remove the rabbits as needed for judging. Depending on whether the rabbits are meat rabbits or rabbits being judged on their appearance, determines what the judge is looking for in the animal. Meat pens are judged on how much meat would be produced when the animal is slaughtered. Rabbits judged on appearance are evaluated based on the different traits of a particular breed such as body type, fur quality, color descriptions, markings and more. Also considered are the ideal weights for each breed. There are also faults that will cause disqualifications. Alexis explained that her rabbits might be disqualified because of missing teeth or a broken tail.

Alexis said her favorite part of her 4-H rabbit project is taking them to the competitions. She participates in different rabbit shows such as the Parmer County Livestock Show as well as shows in Lovington, Belton, Muleshoe, Littlefield, and Plainview. The most success she experienced this year was at the rabbit show at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. She took 10 pens of 3 meat rabbits each and placed 3rd, 4th, and 6th as well as being awarded the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the pens of three contested.

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### Water Weekly

For the week of 03/04/19

#### Water conditions

The latest drought map shows development of a new area of drought in Central Texas and expansion of drought in the Panhandle and South Texas. Without additional rainfall in coming weeks, drought will continue to expand across the state. At present, 16 percent of the state is in moderate drought.

#### Drought conditions

- ◆ 16% now
- ◆ 7% a week ago
- ◆ 0.8% three months ago
- ◆ 55% a year ago

