



County Commissioners approve one acre sale

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

The first item of business was the discussion concerning the possible purchase of a new building for the Tax Appraisal District Office. The Commissioners were informed by Deanna Curtis of the Parmer CAD that all of the taxing entities in Parmer County would have to contribute to the purchase if the transaction was approved by three-fourths of those same entities. Parmer County's portion of the new building purchase would be approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 which could be paid out over a 4-year period. The purchase of a new building would be contingent on the sale of the current building. The Court voted not to approve the purchase.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was given for payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Commissioners also reviewed the Treasurer's Report and

approved the calculated payroll and disbursement for all county employees and elected officials.

Next, the Court revisited the request to sell a one acre parcel of land in the northeast part of the county. After further review, it was learned that is was not necessary to put the sale out for bid since the party that wanted the land currently had adjoining property. Under those circumstances, the only stipulation for the sale was that a Fair Market Value had to be received for the land. The Court approved the sale of the one acre of land to Caviness Beef Packers of Hereford.

Sheriff Randy Gerries reported that Davin Waters graduated from the Police Academy last Thursday night in Amarillo, Texas. Davin won the "Top Gun" award and the Walter Eubanks award. The next scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 25th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Court.

Out for a drive



These two Pre-K students took advantage of a nice spring day to "drive" around the block during the Transportation Parade last week. See more photos on page 10.

Election Calendar & News
Thursday, April 4th is the last day you can register to vote to be eligible to vote in the May 4th Election.

Friona PD seizes 5 pounds of meth in drug bust

On Saturday, March 9, 2019, the Friona Police Department executed a narcotics search warrant with the help of the Parmer County Sheriff's Office, Bovina Police Department, and the Dimmitt Police Department's K-9 unit.

The warrant was executed at 905 Main Street in Friona, Texas and named 32-year-old Freddy Reyes to be in possession of a large quantity of methamphetamine. Reyes was located inside the

residence and detained for service of the warrant.

During the investigation, officers located and seized 5 pounds of methamphetamine and an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency. Reyes was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1, over 400 grams, a first-degree felony.

The search warrant was the result of a narcotics investigation conducted by the Friona Police Department.

City Council honors local businesses

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments. Mayor Ricky White issued two proclamations. The first declared March 2019 as "Friona Business Month", and the second rededicated the Friona Community Center as a venue for local and regional events. The mayor then recognized several local businesses.

Next, the Council heard an update from Tanya Holabaugh of Data Billing Company regarding EMS payment collections. Tanya informed the Council of the stringent rules that are in place regarding Medicare and Medicaid bill submissions and payments. She said that most

of the payments will be received, but it will be a slow process.

The Council then approved a motion to rescind the May 4, 2019 City of Friona elections since each of the three candidates were unopposed. A motion was also approved for the appointing of election officials for the May 4, 2019 Friona School Board election.

A resolution was passed declaring the past and present use of the Friona Community Center as a Convention Center Facility. The resolution also included the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue to maintain the facility. The Council discussed forming a task force to oversee the expenditure of those funds.

In other business, the Council approved the Ac-

counts Payable and Financial Statement for February 2019 and approved the awarding of the bid for the 2019 seal coat project. The Council also approved the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting. Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave the police department report and introduced his new police academy graduate, Officer John Torres.

The Council heard a report from Deanna Curtis concerning the possible purchase of a new building for the Tax Appraisal District Office. The current building in Bovina will soon be out of compliance with state law and there is no room for expansion at the current location. The Council was informed that all of the taxing entities in Parmer County would have con-

tribute to the purchase if the transaction was approved by three-fourths of those same entities. The City's portion of the new building purchase would be approximately \$30,470 which could be paid out over a 4-year period. The purchase of a new building would be contingent on the sale of the current building. The Council voted to approve the proposed purchase.

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Water Weekly

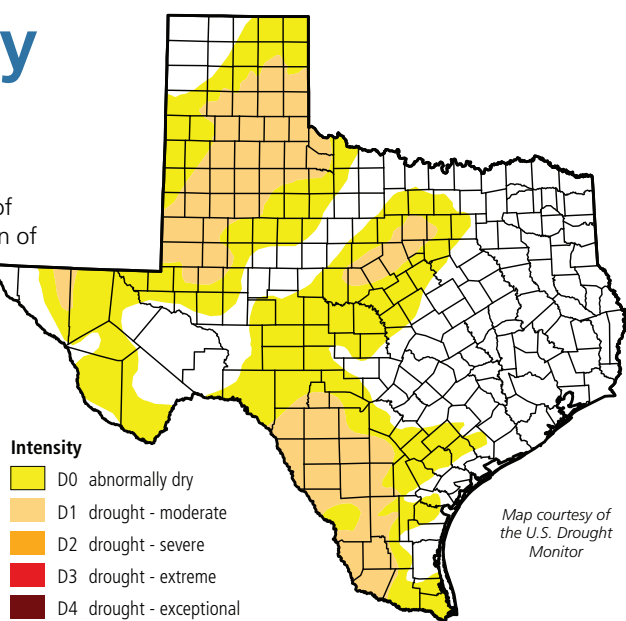
For the week of 03/11/19

Water conditions

The latest drought map, for conditions as of March 5, 2019, shows continued expansion of drought. Moderate drought now covers 20 percent of the state. In coming weeks, beneficial rains should slow, and even reverse, drought expansion in the northern half of the state.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 20% now
- ◆ 16% a week ago
- ◆ 0.8% three months ago
- ◆ 54% a year ago



New Friona Police Department Officer John Torres is sworn into office by Municipal Court Judge Deborah Campbell.

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Friona Weather March 14-20	T ☁️ 48 21 NNW 15-25	F ☀️ 50 25 NE 5-10	S ☁️ 54 28 SSW 5-10	S ☀️ 59 31 SW 5-10	M ☁️ 60 35 S 10-15	T ☁️ 58 34 WSW 10-15	W ☀️ 62 34 ENE 10-15	Precipitation March 1.18 Year 1.73	Burn Ban: Yes
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Community Calendar

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

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 11

- 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.

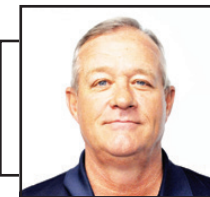
April 18

-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 25

- 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.

FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS
 IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR
 OUT OF PARMER COUNTY: \$40 PER YEAR
 eSTAR (EMAILED): \$24 PER YEAR
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Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

Greeting's!!!!

Each year, the Friona City Council designates the month of March as Friona Business Month with an official proclamation by the Mayor. This proclamation recognizes the efforts of our legacy as well as, new, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses. There were 7 different businesses recognized. The City of Friona thanks all businesses for what they do best, creating jobs and ensuring that our community remains as vibrant tomorrow as they are today. We thank all businesses for their commitment and support to our economy.

The City Council is designating the date of March 11, 2019 to reaffirm the Friona Community Center as a hub to promote tourism, local festivities and conventions to promote the hotel industry. The community center has been a long-standing facility since its groundbreaking in 1973. The council approved the resolution designating the Friona Community Center as a convention center facility, as well as the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue to improve, enlarge, equip, maintain and operate the convention center.

The City will cancel the elections for city councilmen. There are three positions open and three people running. Alderman Bruce Fleming and Alderman Alan Monroe will keep their seat on the council, and Jeff Stowers will fill the remaining seat. We look forward to working with Jeff during his two year term. I want to thank

all councilmen for their time and contribution serving this city. The council does a great job!!!!!!

The City Council approved the bid for seal-coat. The city will spend approximately \$106,000.00 on 25 blocks of street. The project will begin in the summer months. The city will use the same contractor, G & G Contractor, Dumas, TX.

The city council approved the sale and purchase of the County Appraisal District Building. Deputy Chief Deanna Curtis was present to explain the funding breakdown to support this action. The Parmer County Appraisal District is asking the city of Friona to commit \$30,470 over a four year period to help cover the cost of the new building. The city of Friona is one of 13 different entities that are being asked to help support this action.

Chief Jimenez and the officers responded to 179 calls in February. There were 106 stops, 50 warnings, 56 citations and 7 arrests. (1-public intoxication, 2-driving while intoxicated, 2-assaults, 1-marijuana and 1-terrorist threat public servant). The officers drove a total of 2506 miles serving and protecting of city. On Saturday, March 9th, the Friona Police Department served a narcotic's search warrant that resulted in a single arrest and the seizure of 5 lbs. of methamphetamines.

Judge Campbell had 68 new cases filed in February. There were also 9 cases re-activated from the Warrant Round-Up held

February 23 through March 8. There were approximately \$3,000.00 collected during the Round-Up. Judge Campbell and Chief Jimenez will continue their efforts and resources to bring more felons to justice.

Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 calls for the month of February. On Feb 8th, mutual aid with Hereford Volunteer Fire Dept. Feb 14th, car accident. Feb 16th, truck fire. Feb17th, dumpster fire. Feb19th, telephone box fire. Feb 20th, RV fire and Feb 25th, car accident.

Accounts Payable for the month of February totaled \$118,131.82. The City is approximately half-way through this fiscal year, and all revenues and expenses are on track to meet the budget. All bills are paid and the city continues to be in good standings.

Emergency Medical Service responded to 47 calls in February. There were 12 - 911 calls, 23 - transfers, 2 - Friona Police Department stand-by and 10- calls ended in a "no transport". Ambulance billing equaled \$49,984.02 and collected \$10,252.04.

The city pumped 12,272,100 gallons of water and sold 9,349,000 gallons. Total billing equaled \$57,098.06 on 1440 accounts.

Friona Public Library was open 18 days in February with 709 patron visits. This was an average of 39 visits daily. There were 707 items circulated with 16 new items added. The Library continues to provide great service to this community.

Your Mayor



Captain Hank Blanchard and PRLEA Director Eric Wallace present Police Academy graduate John Torres with his diploma.



John Torres with his parents Rogelio and MariaElena Torres.

Parmer County RTSP holds final meeting of school year

On March 5, 2019, Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel met with TRTA District President Judy Hart for their last meeting of the school year. Mrs. Hart shared information regarding internet theft, fraud, and scams. Her interesting program included everything from ways to set passwords, correct medical records, and the need for frequent computer updating to a list of tele-

phone numbers or websites to use when reporting possible problems.

Tracy Ellis and Sharon White led the group in a discussion of legislative issues related to education and updates on the upcoming school bond election. Individual members donated items for the Friends of the Library literary basket; Amelia Wright reported on books donated by Parmer County RTSP to all county first

graders; and a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior was approved. Melissa Randolph served refreshments. The next meeting will be an ice cream supper this summer welcom-

ing new members. All county educators and school employees, friends and family are invited to join Parmer County RTSP as active or associate members.



(l-r) Sharon White, Parmer County RTSP Legislative Chair and TRTA District Informative & Protective Services Chair; Judy Hart, TRTA District President; Tracy Ellis, Parmer County RTSP President

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ACROSS

- "Paso" in Mexico
- this Coolidge performed with TX Kris
- TXism: "she could talk the legs off an ___ stove"
- defensive aerosol
- famous TX fiddler Robertson
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- perfect
- autobiography
- capital of Spain
- TX Gary Morris tune: "One Fall ___ Takes"
- TXism: "he could talk a wagon out of ___"
- in Palo Pinto County on highway16
- Stack role on TV or Costner role in film
- office furniture
- Palo Pinto County creek
- Cinco de Mayo (fifth ___)
- challenges
- Hill Country trees (2 wds.)
- "___" in "unannounced"
- Austin quote in 1835: "___ our only resource"
- take the kernel off the cob (2 wds.)
- "Streets of ___"
- inhabitant of Serbia
- A & E biography of George W.: "The Son ___ Rises"
- TXism: "gave him ___ of his own medicine"
- TXism: "that ___ won't hunt"
- Dallas-based Hagggar makes ___ clothing
- what a Mav or Spur might do to get a foul called
- got first circle segment
- Tex Ritter's "___ Whiskey"
- "Tango Frogs" were created by TX Bob "___"
- actress Adams Houston Museum of Fine ___
- TXism: "he ain't got a ___ of sense"
- Grand ___ Opry
- TX "Eagle" Henley (init.)
- Sissy played "Carrie" created by this King (init.)
- TX actor Cassidy who was "Lurch"
- TXism: "write slow cause he can't ___ fast"
- film "Texas ___ the River" (1966)
- TXism: "___ ain't hemming, he's hawing"
- TX Roddenberry genre: sci-___
- Mrs. or Miss today
- TX ___ Belo Corp.
- Lake El ___ del Rey
- rodeo cowboy assn.
- rodeo cowboys seek ___ buckle
- this Latham wrote TX "Urban Cowboy"
- in Swisher County on U.S. 87
- TXism: "he's a thorn in my ___"
- Betty Lou executed in TX in 2000 (init.)
- TXism: "___ long"
- TXism: "no guts, ___"
- room light
- TXism: "went to the well ___ too often"

DOWN

- title of George W.'s friend Tony Blair
- "Red Bull ___" were held at TX Motor Speedway in 2018
- rancher
- mentally healthy
- TXism: "it's good for what ___ you"
- in 1969, TX Perot tried to deliver food to these soldiers in Vietnam (3 wds.)
- TX Ted Cruz work time zone (abbr.)
- Gov. Hogg's only daughter

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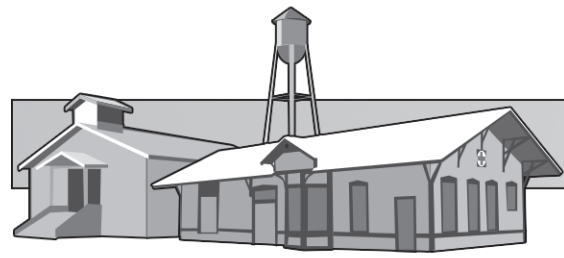
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Save the date for the Senior Steak Dinner. The event will be on Sunday, April 14 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. -at the Junior High Cafeteria. The cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 Advance, and \$16.00 Door. Senior Steak Dinner tickets will be available March 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 Inter-Bank in his honor. Go by and see any of the tellers to make a donation. ★★★

Next Friona ISD School Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the board meeting room F1SD Administration Building at 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas. ★★★

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. ★★★

Girls State Powerlifting will be competing at Waco on March 15 from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Chieftain Baseball will be playing against Dalhart on March 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Friona Baseball stadium. ★★★

State CX Debate will be at Austin on March 18-19. ★★★

Boys & Girls Golf will play against Ross Roger at River Road on March 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Good luck! ★★★

JV and Varsity Tennis Tournament against Levelland will be on March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Levelland. ★★★

Jr. High Track at Muleshoe on March 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ★★★

Great Job Chieftains at the Regional meet in Sundown!

Juan Trejo- 1st Place (state qualifier) Now holds Regional Squat (415) and Total (975)

Record in the 114 weight class.

Nathan Flores (114)- 3rd Place (State Ale.)

Jeremiah Diaz(148)- 2nd Place (State Qualifier)

Jesus Jaramillo(220)- 5th Place

Regional Qualifiers:
Angel Carranza, Roger Palacios, Jonathon Hernandez, Ariel Jaramillo ★★★

Congratulations to Officer John Torres for graduating from Police Academy. ★★★

National March Days:

March 14: National Potato Chip Day, National Pi Day, National Children's Craft Day, National Ag Day, World Kidney Day. March 15: National Shoe the World Day, National Pears Helene Day. March 16: National Freedom of Information Day, National Everything You Do is Right Day, National Artichoke Hearts Day, National Panda Day, National Quilting Day. March 17: National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day, St. Patrick's Day. March 18: National Awkward Moments Day, National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day, National Sloppy Joe Day. March 19: National Chocolate

Caramel Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Certified Nurses Day, World Social Work Day. March 20: National Ravioli Day, Spring Begins. March 21: National Common Courtesy Day, National Single Parents Day, National Fragrance Day, National California Strawberry Day, National French Bread Day, National Farm Rescuer Day. ★★★

Ogallala Quilt Festival will be on April 5th -6th at Dimmitt, Tx. High School Activity Center.

Admission will be \$5.00 and it will cover both days and all locations. Special Quilt of Valor exhibits, free demonstrations, classes and vendors. The Festival catalog is online at ogallalaquilters.org ★★★

The Friona Star would like to welcome Tyler, Brandi, and Elli Copeland to Friona. Tyler Copeland is FNP-C at the Parmer Medical Center. ★★★

Save the date! Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic invite you to attend an Appreciation Reception for our providers on Physician's Day on Tuesday,

March 26 from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Parmer Medical Center's lobby. The event is open to the community. ★★★

St. Patrick's Day is this Sunday, March 17, 2019. Fun fact: St. Patrick's Day is primarily celebrated as a recognition of Irish and Irish American culture; celebrations include prominent displays of the color green, eating and drinking, religious observances, and numerous parades. The holiday has been celebrated on the North American continent since the late 18th century. On this date if you don't wear green, a fairy or leprechaun might pinch you, so the legend goes. As a part of the St. Patrick's Day tradition, people would pinch anyone who was not wearing green, as a reminder of the leprechauns lurking around. So make sure you wear green on the 17! ★★★

DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 81ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Hereford Bull Barn. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

They will be serving a meal

of beef, fish, and chicken. They will be having a business meeting following the meal, which will include election of two directors, and drawings for door prizes

All active members and their families are invited to attend!!!

Do not forget to bring your registration card!!! ★★★

ELECTION CALENDAR & NEWS! Thursday, April 4th is the last day you can register to vote to be eligible to vote in the May 4th Election.

En Juaves, Abril 4 sera el ultimo dia para registrarse para poder votar en la Eleccion de el 4 de Mayo. ★★★

The public is invited to attend an inspirational concert The Panhandle chapter of The Singing Men of Texas will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the First Baptist Church in Friona. The event is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. ★★★

Appreciate where you are in your journey, even if it is not where you want to be. Every season serves a purpose. ~unknown

Museum News



Dawn and Kolin Whiteside of The Colony, Texas (near Denton) visited the Parmer County Museum last week. They found the listing online and called Sharon White to arrange a tour of the facility. In the photo, Mary Johnston is showing Dawn and Kolin "Lee's Barber Chair" which is the latest addition to the museum.



For an appointment during the museum's remodeling, call Sharon White at 806-265-7033



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

March 22, 2018

Amy Blankenship is a Friona graduate, and has been working with BSA for 29 years. Last year, Blankenship was recognized as a 2017 BSA Nurse of the Year and also received a Daisy Award for her outstanding services and actions. "The hospital received a mother in critical condition and she was brought to the Cardiac Cath Lab for an emergency procedure. Amy, along with the other Cath Lab staff, worked diligently to care for her. The decision was made to transfer the patient to another hospital by airplane. The Apollo flight team did not feel comfortable caring for a patient with this condition, so they asked for a nurse to go with them. Amy quickly offered to go. She set aside personal obligations and ensured her calls would be covered while she was gone in order to provide the patient with a safe transfer. Amy's compassion for her patients and their safety is extraordinary. She went beyond her normal shift hours and immediately went back on call upon her return. Amy is what Daisy nurses are all about."

March 6, 2008

Parmer County based DPS Troopers have recently been deployed to the Fort Stockton area to assist the Border Patrol in Operation Border Star. The troopers are assigned for a two week tour patrolling U.S. Highway 10 and other arteries leading into and out of the Mexican border counties from Brownsville to El Paso, primarily looking for drug traffic. Troopers Trey Ellis and James Perez spent two weeks on the assignment and are back in the county. Trooper Izzy Carrasco is currently on assignment there. Ellis said up to 16 Troopers and a Sergeant out of this DPS Region have been assigned to the project, which will operate into 2009. Trooper Ellis' first traffic stop along Highway 10 resulted in three arrests and confiscation of three gal-

lons of PCP. The three male villains were driving a rented vehicle but the rental contract was in a female's name. One of the men said it was his friend's girlfriend that rented the car but they couldn't remember her name. The men, two adults and a juvenile, said they were on their way back from California. Trooper Ellis and fellow troopers became suspicious of the situation and received permission to search the vehicle. In the trunk were cases of bottled water and a case of one-gallon cans of green beans. Ellis said the green bean box was heat sealed and looked legitimate. The cans inside appeared to be legitimate cans of green beans. However, one of the Troopers noticed three of the one-gallon green bean cans were not stamped with serial numbers. He said they punched a hole in the cans and discovered the liquid PCP. Trooper Ellis made the stop around 6:30 a.m. when the three were speeding at 80 mph. The speed limit on Highway 10 is 80 mph but it is 65 mph at night. The stop was made an hour before sunrise. The three men had criminal records and were taken to jail near Laredo, indicted on federal charges, and could receive up to 30 years in prison plus millions in fines. In another incident, Ellis said a woman ran out of gas at a border checkpoint. Investigation revealed the reason she ran out of gas was the 160 pounds of marijuana 'stashed inside her gas tank.

March 20, 1998

Members of the Pioneer Heritage Museum are asked to attend a meeting set for Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friona State Bank Friendship Room. The agenda for the meeting includes: review of bid on new windows for church, miniature model showing materials and construction of new windows; and a discussion of the plan of action in regards to the Friona Economic Development meeting sched-

uled for April. The Pioneer Heritage Museum has been placed on the agenda for the upcoming Friona Economic Development meeting. "We will be asking for funds to help with the restoration of the building and establishment of a museum. We need your suggestions on how to proceed in this task," a spokesperson said. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

March 19, 1988

Allsup's Store No. 217 was the target of a daring daylight robbery last Friday, March 11. A white male, believed to be 20-25 years of age, about six feet tall and 175 pounds, took an undetermined amount of cash from the store while threatening the clerk, Dede Evans, with a pocket knife. Mrs. Evans told the Friona Police Department that the man walked in at 12 noon, brandished the pocketknife and told her to give him all the money. She opened the cash register and stepped back, and the intruder reached across and grabbed a handful of money. Then the man, who wore a nylon stocking over his face, told Mrs. Evans to go to the back of the store and get inside the freezer. He followed her back to the freezing compartment to make sure she got inside, then ran out. Mrs. Evans said she left the freezer to see the man running away on foot. No vehicle was ever spotted. The Friona Police Department was on the scene shortly and investigated, but the man could not be found. Investigation was continuing late this week. Police were told that the robber had dark or black hair, and was wearing blue jeans, a blue striped shirt and a maroon jacket with a bulldog emblem and the words "Ranger Bulldogs" around the emblem. Assistant Police Chief Rex Williams said they had contacted the police department in Ranger with the man's description. No other convenience stores in the immediate area had been victimized, Williams said.

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Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have risen 3.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.23/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 25.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, yet stand 5.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.95/g today while the most expensive is \$3.19/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.59/g while the most expensive is \$4.99/g, a difference of \$3.40/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.48/g today. The national average is up 19.6 cents per gallon from a month ago, yet stands 3.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"As predicted, gas prices advanced across much of the country for the fourth straight week even as oil prices held relatively stable at \$56 per barrel. The reason for the continued disconnect remains similar to weeks past: refinery maintenance is ongoing and eating into supply and production levels, while more expensive, cleaner burning gasoline is now the predominate fuel being produced. This has pushed up wholesale gas prices even as oil remains mostly calm," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Expect rising prices to knock out the 135 remaining stations in the nation priced at \$1.99 per gallon or less, while the number of stations over \$3 per gallon will likely grow, mainly out West as the pinch at the pump grows in those areas—the first in the nation to fully move to summer gasoline in the next two weeks."

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

3/4/19- Daniel Silva, 26, of Bovina was arrested by Bovina Police Department for possession of marijuana >4 oz. <5 lbs. DFZIAT and for unlawful carry of weapon. Pending Grand Jury.

3/5/19- Esperanza Mondragon, 23, of Clovis was arrested by DPS for assault. Pending County Court.

3/6/19- Craig Sinyes, 43, of Muleshoe was arrested by Sheriffs Office for terroristic threat. Pending County Court.

3/6/19- Saul Rodriguez, 17, of Friona was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana <2 oz.. Pending County Court.

Jodi Gonzales, 29,, of Friona was arrested by Sheriffs Office for violation of probation (possession of controlled substance 1<1 g.) Pending District Court.

3/7/19- Benny Martinez, Jr, 25, of Muleshoe was arrested by Farwell Police Department for possession of marijuana and DWLI. Pending County Court.

3/8/19- Oscar Trujillo, 24, of Pampa was arrested for violation of probation (possession of controlled substance 1<1g). Pending District Court.

3/9/19- Christina Perez, 54, of Muleshoe was arrested by Sheriffs Office for burglary of a building. Pending District Court.

3/9/19- Freddy Reyes, 32, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for man/del controlled substance pg. 1 > 400 g. Pending Grand Jury.

3/10/19- Gabriel Vega, 19, of Amarillo was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance pg. 1 > 1 g< 4g. Pending Grand Jury

Friona Primary School menu for March 18- 22

Monday 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Waffles WG, Apple Juice, Pears, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Grilled Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Fresh Tomatoes, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday 19

Breakfast: Cereal, Pig in a Blanket, Orange Pineapple Juice, Apples, Milk
Lunch: Hot Do, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Wednesday 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Grape Juice, Banana, Milk
Lunch: Ham and Cheese Sandwich, French Oven Potato, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Sausage Pizza, Orange Juice, Peaches, Milk
Lunch: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Mix Veggy California, Snowball Salad, Milk

Friday 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Roll WG, Fruit Punch Juice, Orange, Milk
Lunch: Cheese Bean Burrito, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Milk

Texas maintains it's Export Dominance

Governor Greg Abbott issued a statement last week following the release of international trade data by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis highlighting Texas' continued export dominance.

"The Lone Star State continues to lead the nation in exports because of our greatest natural resource — innovative and hard-working Texans," said Governor Abbott. "When given the freedom to grow, businesses flourish, jobs are created, and opportunity expands for all Texans. As Governor, I will continue to make strategic investments in education and workforce development to position Texas as the global hub for commerce and trade — and the undisputed center for innovation and intellectual capital."

- Texas is again the top state for exports, for the 17th year in a row.
- Texas is again the top state for tech exports, now for six consecutive years.
- Texas exports account for nearly 20 percent of all U.S. exports.
- Texas exports in 2018 totaled more than \$315 billion — a record breaker for the Lone Star State, and up nearly 20 percent from the prior year.
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Psalm 117—Short & Sweet

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the entire Bible consisting of only two verses, just a tad over 25 words in English, and in light of its brevity, it is also extremely sweet in its message. The shortness and sweetness of the chapter is to spur one to praise the Lord because of who He is and what He does. When your focus is on the Lord's attributes and actions you praise will never be lacking, but when your focus is on circumstances, cosmetics and challenges it will be difficult to muster up the desire to praise the Lord.

The first half of this precise Psalm is a call to praise the Lord, while the second half gives some of the clearest motivation to praise the Lord. The first attribute of God mentioned as a reason to praise Him is because of "His steadfast love toward us." God's love is great and mighty, tender and strong, and His love reaches to the depths of the sinful human heart through the cross of Jesus Christ. God's love is to be experienced, shared, proclaimed, and received. Further, God's love is not the only reason to praise Him, but you can also praise God because "the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever." If God was loving, but not faithful, then you couldn't count on Him, but because God's faithfulness is more consistent than the sunrise or the ocean tides, you can depend on Him no matter what you are facing. God's love and faithfulness holds a host of promises for all who believe, give motivation for all to praise, and overflow in courage and comfort no matter the storm you face.



Public invited to attend inspirational concert

The Panhandle chapter of the The Singing Men of Texas® will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the First Baptist Church in Friona. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Singing Men of Texas® exists for the purpose of glorifying God through music, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, providing an opportunity for Christian growth, inspiration, fellowship and mission service. There are six regional groups comprised primarily of minis-

ters of music, pastors, other church or associational staff members and laymen who actively involved in the music ministry of their churches. The groups have participated in outreach efforts across Texas and the United States and have ministered in sermon and song around the world including: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Eastern and Western Europe, China, and Spain.

Today each of the six regional chapters functions as partners of Texas Baptists Music & Worship team and ministers

independently within their region of the state through monthly concerts, mission projects and public appearances in Denominational meetings, community events, sports functions, government gatherings and cultural opportunities with community symphonies. They have sung in numerous conferences and conventions. In 1997, one group was featured at the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C. Numerous recordings have been made by each Singing Men group individually and combined.

Do You Act Like a Christian?

By Teena Hughs

Here lately, I have become increasingly upset by the behavior and speech of people who say they are Christians. If you are a Christian, and you profess to be a Christian, I really think you should act like one!

A friend of mine recently wrote that she had spent days and nights cleaning her house, cooking, getting gifts ready for a family get-together. One member was 1 1/2 hours late, and they waited on her to eat. She and another family member never spoke to my friend; they profess to be Christians.

At a recent meeting, a woman took to the floor and lied. When confronted for lying, she curtsied, smiled, and said, "Thanks!" She professes to be a Christian.

Instead of living like Jesus, Christians often do harm by the way they talk and/or behave, and they turn people away from God, His Word, the church and its activities that are designed to draw people into a relationship with Him. One person not acting like a Christian turns people away from God faster than a million people trying

their best to be Christ to others.

I simply do not know how we have evolved into a culture where winning at all cost is worth it; where people don't speak to one another because they feel like they are superior to others; where being held accountable for lying is basically a joke to the one lying; and the list could go on and on!

Sadly, I know people who no longer attend church because of the way they have been treated by people professing to be Christians; in fact, some of those people are my in family. What we say and do does affect other people, whether we want it to or not. How we treat others, how we do business, how we conduct ourselves is all up to each of us but remember, one day we will all answer to God for what we did in His Kingdom here on Earth; the choice is ours as to what kind of meeting that will be. Thank goodness God is a God of forgiveness and repentance, and as long as we have breath, we have a chance to change our behavior and speech!!!



This photo was sent in by Hollis Gurley. It was taken by a friend of hers around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 heading north along the Dumas Highway 87 during the windstorm. Several trucks had been blown over by the 60+ mph wind. This photo shows the traffic jam created by the wrecked vehicles. The highway was closed after this picture was taken.



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SPORTS PAGE



Boys powerlifting compete at the Regional Meet in Sundown



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Nathan Flores
(114)- 3rd Place

Jeremiah Diaz
(148)- 2nd Place
(State Qualifier)

Jesus Jaramillo
(220)- 5th Place

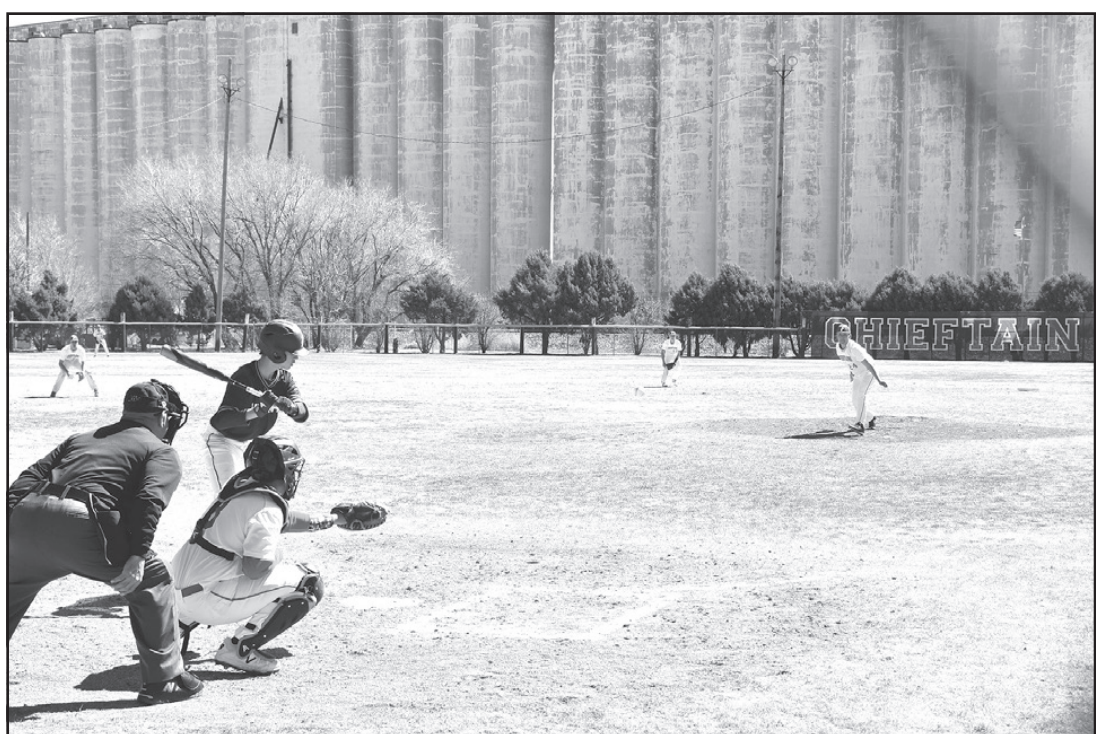
The Friona Boys Powerlifting Team placed 4th out of 45 teams. **Regional Qualifiers:** Angel Carranza, Roger Palacios, Jonathon Hernandez, Ariel Jaramillo



Jeremiah Diaz and Juan Trejo will compete at the state meet in Abilene March 23.

Game 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Roosevelt	7	2	3	3	10	X	X	25	26	2
Friona	1	0	3	3	0	X	X	7	6	3

Game 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Roosevelt	2	7	3	0	0	X	X	12	10	1
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Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2018. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2019.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2019 renditions is April 1. You can get an automatic extension to May 1 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 1 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 1 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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State Capital Highlights

Lawmakers start rolling out high-priority legislation

AUSTIN — With the filing of legislation that would give teachers an across-the-board pay increase, Texas lawmakers showed progress toward solving the complex issues of school finance and property tax reform.

Senate Bill 3, passed March 4 by the full Senate on a voice vote, would entitle each classroom teacher and full-time librarian to a state-financed \$5,000 increase above their 2018-2019 school year salary. The bill would not stop school districts from providing merit-based raises to teachers in addition to the state's \$5,000 increase.

Authored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, SB 3, if approved by the House, would make the raise effective for the school year beginning in the fall. Nelson said it would cost \$4 billion to give the state's estimated 350,000 teachers the raise, and that funds to cover the pay hike will be in the state budget.

"The one thing we should do, first and foremost, is to recognize the need to uplift our entire teaching profession," she said.

Meanwhile, in the west end of the Capitol building, House members have been working on their own school finance reform legislation. House Bill 3 is called "The Texas Plan" by its author, House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston.

Huberty said his bill, which has gained bipartisan support and has more than 80 members signed on as coauthors, would invest \$9 billion above enrollment growth while addressing student achievement, teacher quality and property tax reform. HB 3, Huberty added, represents "the first major rewrite of the state's public school finance system undertaken without threat of a court order."

A few of the bill's attributes include:



By Ed Sterling

- Lowering school property tax rates by four cents statewide;
- Funding for full-day pre-kindergarten for low-income students; and
- Increasing the minimum teacher salary schedule.

Disaster relief is goal

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on March 6 joined Senate members in announcing a package of bills dealing with disaster relief and recovery from Hurricane Harvey, which caused widespread devastation in the late summer of 2017.

"We said at the time we would dedicate ourselves to helping people rebuild their homes, their businesses, their communities," said Patrick.

- SB 6 by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, makes use of the knowledge gained in dealing with Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. "Senate Bill 6 will serve as a road map to prepare our state for future hurricanes and natural disasters," said Kolkhorst.

- SB 7 by Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, would create a financial structure to pay for aid, planning and flood projects, considering that many federal aid programs require that local entities put money up front to qualify for fund matches. Creighton's bill would tap into the state's Rainy Day Fund to help local governmental bodies satisfy buy-in requirements.

- SB 8 by Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, would create

a statewide flood mitigation plan that divides Texas into regions based on river basins, then allows regional officials and stakeholders to decide what projects they need to protect people and property from flooding. The state would ensure that those plans work with each other and combine them into a statewide plan, according to the Senate News Service.

Revenue total announced

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 4 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.796 billion in February, an amount 7 percent more than he announced in February 2018.

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

On March 6 Hegar announced the comptroller's office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special-purpose taxing districts \$711.7 million in local sales tax allocations for the month.

The amount is 6.1 percent more than the amount reported a year ago. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

Texas lawmaker dies

Former U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall died March 7 in Rockwall. He was 95.

Hall served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945 and received a law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1947. He was elected to the Texas Senate in 1962 and served until 1972, when he was first elected to Congress as a Democrat.

He changed from a Democrat to a Republican in 2004 and continued to serve as a member of Congress until January 2015.



Lions Club News



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Bottom Photo (l-r) Kylee Sifuentes, Alysia Albarado, Mariah Rivera, Larry Rector, Mirelly Armendariz, Yazmyne Romero, Nohemi Castillo

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FRIONA MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, AMERICA'S PROGRESS HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY PIONEERS WHO THINK BIG, TAKE RISKS, AND WORK HARD; AND **WHEREAS**, FROM THE STOREFRONT SHOPS THAT ANCHOR MAIN STREET TO THE HIGH-TECH STARTUPS THAT KEEP AMERICA ON THE CUTTING EDGE, SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE

BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY AND THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR NATION'S PROMISE; AND **WHEREAS**, WHEN WE SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS, JOBS ARE CREATED AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES PRESERVE THEIR UNIQUE CULTURE; AND **WHEREAS**, THE CITY OF FRIONA SUPPORTS THE EFFORT TO HELP AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

DO WHAT THEY DO BEST, CREATE JOBS, AND ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES REMAIN AS VIBRANT TOMORROW AS THEY ARE TODAY. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, RICKY WHITE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 1ST - MARCH 31ST, 2018 AS **"FRIONA BUSINESS MONTH"** IN FRIONA

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Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

Brining Chicken

Brining is a simple process of immersing meat in a salt solution. This process evolved from the preserving of meat with salt to survive long ocean journeys. Over the years it was discovered that the brining process adds flavor and moisture to meat. It is most commonly used with chicken. It can also be used with other meats such as turkey, shrimp, and pork tenderloin, but that will be an article for another day.

Brining works because the salt in the brine relaxes the muscle fibers allowing the water to flow into the meat. The salt solution travels into the meat to equalize the salt levels. Salt also causes the protein to shrink less during cooking so the moisture stays in the meat. When you add seasonings to the brine, these also get absorbed into the muscle and add flavor.

A wet brine is made up of salt and water. A

variety of ingredients can be added to a wet brine. The following two recipes give you a couple of ways to brine chicken depending on the flavor profile you want to create. However, with practice you can add any variety of seasonings to your brine.

It is important to remember to fully immerse the chicken in the brine and refrigerate it while it soaks. You may need to use a plate or a dish to hold the meat under the water. Also, do not over brine your meat or it will taste salty. For golden, crispy skin, remove the chicken from the brine and cover in plastic wrap. Then let the chicken rest in the fridge so the meat can absorb the brine away from the skin. It is especially important to dry the skin of the chicken. Finally, don't reuse the brine.

Research for this article was found at www.thespruceeats.com and www.stellacullinary.com.

Chicken Brine Recipe

www.dinneratthezoo.com

INGREDIENTS

8 cups water
1/2 cup kosher salt do not use table salt
1/4 cup honey
3 dried bay leaves
5 cloves of garlic smashed and peeled

1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
3 sprigs fresh rosemary
3 sprigs fresh thyme
3 sprigs fresh parsley
2 lemons sliced
4 lb whole chicken

INSTRUCTIONS

Place the water, salt, honey, bay leaves, garlic, peppercorns, rosemary, thyme, parsley and lemons in a large pot. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cook for 3-4

minutes or until salt has dissolved. Turn off the heat and cool completely. Add the chicken to the cooled brine. Make sure the chicken is completely submerged. Cover the pot and refrigerate for

8-24 hours.

Remove the chicken from the brine and rinse with cool water; pat dry with paper towels. Proceed with roasting, smoking or frying the chicken.

salt in this recipe. Table salt measures differently than kosher salt and your chicken will be too salty with table salt.

- Feel free to mix up the flavorings to fit your preferences. You can try orange instead of lemon, brown sugar instead of honey, add dried chiles for a little spice, or use fresh sage instead of thyme.

Bill's Simple Brine

By: Bill White

1 cup of kosher salt per 1 gallon of warm water, enough to cover meat
1 Tablespoon whole peppercorns
2 Bay leaves
2 teaspoons dried thyme
Ice

should taste salty like the ocean. After the salt has fully dissolved, add the peppercorns, the bay leaves, and dried thyme. Then add the chicken and enough ice to cool down the brine. Then cover and refrigerate the brine for 4-6 hours for chicken pieces and 8-12 for a whole chicken. Remove the chicken from the brine and rinse thoroughly and pat dry. Finally, continue preparing chicken as desired.

In a container large enough to hold your chicken and brine to fully cover the meat, add hot tap water and kosher salt. The brine

Open Letter to High School Class of 2019

By Walter V. Wandler is President of West Texas A&M University

This has been published a number of times at spring break over the past decade. It is updated here and refreshed in its importance for the honesty and transparency required to make a good university great for a region.

The third Maxim of WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World, "Build Undergraduate Academic Excellence," requires clear-headed transparency. The plan expresses it this way: "The quality of the student body, the quality of teaching and advising available to students and the quality of the faculty who work with undergraduates all contribute to academic excellence."

Dear Graduating Senior,

I am begging your pardon for a somber reflection amidst the joy of the near completion of high school - not to be a wet rag on that accomplishment, but a bright light on the realities of post-secondary education.

If you are going on to a state university, your GPA is a 3.5 or better, your ACT or SAT score is at the 70th percentile (placing you in the top 30% of current test takers) and you enter the University this year, about 56% of students with similar qualifications will graduate in six years. What's surprising about this number is that it's not higher, closer to 85 or 90%. However, college is tough. That is what you pay for.

On the other hand, if you're going to a university with a more typical 2.8 GPA and are at the 45th percentile on the ACT or SAT, the likelihood of finishing in six years drops to well below 50%. These are not great odds. Not like the odds that you carried to high school when graduation was nearly guaranteed.

It shouldn't surprise you that if you are well-prepared for college study you are more likely to succeed, whether on borrowed funds or your own dime. However, access does not equal success.

Nearly two out of three students on the way to a baccalaureate degree borrow money. This is troubling. While the high school experience appears to be free, unless of course you pay taxes, the



it. Yet.

A low-employability, near minimum wage major and \$50,000 in debt (national averages are a bit over \$25,000) is less valuable than a good high school diploma with four years of experience.

Unenlightened? Call me a caveman. Cruel? I think of it as honest.

Here is the substance of my advice as you graduate:

One: If you have to borrow money to enter a university straight away, don't. Go to a community college. Pick rigorous courses that you know will transfer (talk to the institution you want to transfer to), and get them at an 80% discount off the cost of state university prices. Don't borrow a dime. If you need a boost to finish after demonstrating ability at a community college, borrow sparingly in the last two years, but never in the first two.

Two: If your life circumstance requires you to work and study simultaneously, do it. There is no law of the universe that says a college education must take four years. If it takes more, and you can do it for cash, do it. Don't borrow money.

Three: Consider carefully with your family and counselors you trust the dollar value of your career path choice. Find a way to graduate from college in a chosen career option with little or no debt.

Four: When every friend you've got heads to Acapulco on spring break, don't go. Go do something noble to create capital. Work or study. But, don't spend borrowed money.

Five: Lastly, if you think you worked hard in high school, know that any university worth its salt will have you working at levels four to five times more challenging for a good GPA.

Study hard, work diligently and challenge yourself intellectually. Show this to someone you respect and ask him or her if I sound crazy. I dare you.

Attend college with eyes wide open.

All the best in your future.

Sincerely,
WVW

university experience is not. Additionally, the drop-out rate for those who take loans is nearly 23%. Imagine taking out a car note and never being able to drive it.

If you haven't posted a good academic performance in high school, don't believe everything a university, its leadership, advertisements or admissions officers say - those who co-sign your promissory note with no responsibility for its payment obligation. They need paying students. Stoking a deceitful dream on life support - an under-appreciated, over-financed, media-hyped charade - is the real deception, and the weight falls on your back, not theirs.

Look carefully at the costs and benefits of a university education. University officials may not tell you the truth: enrollments could drop. Bankers will not tell you the truth: interest income will fall off. Elected officials will not tell you the truth: elections will be lost. Talk to family, friends and educators for counsel and listen to them carefully.

At good regional institutions, high-quality faculty demand energy, interest, intellectual acuity and classroom performance. If you haven't exhibited these in high school, the likelihood that you will spontaneously develop them amid the distractions of university is near nil. There are very few curve breakers.

Maybe you can find a low-stress major and get through on little work. You probably won't find a job - remember half don't. Economics 101 tells it like it is - YGWYPF. In reality, though, if you are borrowing, you didn't pay for



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Employee of the Year - Jennifer Baize

This employee has consistently met everyone who walks in the doors with respect, friendliness and willingness to help, even if they just don't know where to find someone. She knows the place like the back of her hand. She has maintained ethics and a standard of excellent service and loyalty while



other employees have come and gone from the facility. She is loved and appreciated by the entire staff and treats everyone with the same respect and kindness. When on duty, she is the "go to girl". She will know what to do. Prairie Acres is very blessed to have her. The Employee of the Year is Jennifer Baize.



Employee of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1961-Jane Williams, Friona State Bank
- 1962-Arvella England, Pioneer Gas
- 1963-Ruth Busby, Ben Franklin
- 1964-Dale Smith, Friona State Bank
- 1965-Stanley Bengé, Parmer Co. Pump
- 1966-Ralph Shirley, Pioneer Gas
- 1967-Iola Nelson, Friona State Bank
- 1968-Sam Williams, Consumers
- 1969-Ray White, Plains Hardware
- 1970-Cleo Guana, Gib's Cleaners
- 1971-Frances Davis, School Cafeteria
- 1972-Ronald Smiley, Wheat Growers
- 1973-Carolyn Dement, Rockwell Bros.
- 1974-Pete Diaz, Friona State Bank
- 1975-Charles Scales, Kendrick Oil
- 1976-Fred Florez, Reeve Chev-Olds
- 1977-Bill Denney, Police Chief
- 1978-Dorothy Jackson, Friona State Bank
- 1979-Coy Jameson, Houlette Petroleum
- 1980-Ann Barker, PCCH
- 1981-Doris Sears, Friona State Bank
- 1982-Ruth Tucker, Hi-Pro Feeds
- 1983-Glenda Sifford, Prairie Acres
- 1984-Helen Fallwell, D.L.'s Thriftway
- 1985-Darla Bracken, Friona Public Library
- Billie Fairchild, Friona Public Library
- 1986-Margaret Wilshire, Friona State Bank
- 1987-Randy Lewis, Perry's
- 1988-Valton Howard, Post Office
- 1989-Mary Ford, Production Credit

- 1990-Sterling Graham, PCCH
- 1991-Peggy Stowers, Friona State Bank
- 1992-Vickie Copley, Friona Star
- 1993-Pat Wright, Jon M. Roden, DDS
- 1994-Alfred Beavers, Fisd
- 1995-Glenda Downey, Ingram's
- 1996-Glenn Reeve, Jr., Friona Motors
- 1997-LaQueta Garner, Byron Boyd, Att.
- 1998-Erma Brown, Farmers Co-op Gin
- 1999-Thomas Reed, NRCS
- 2000-Marlene Mueller, Friona Star
- 2001-Lynn Hutson, Fisd
- 2002-Patricia Phipps, City of Friona
- 2003-Roger Nelson, Chaney Fertilizer
- 2004-Kathy Sandoval, Fisd
- 2005-Cathy Spencer, Friona State Bank
- 2006-Bobby Thompson, Fisd
- 2007-Susan Teague, Friona State Bank
- 2008-Nora Rios, Senior Citizens
- 2009-Debbie Williams, Bi-Wize Pharmacy
- 2010-Patsy Vazquez, First National Bank-Friona Banking Center
- 2011-Joyce Loflin, Paco Feedyard
- 2012-Rocio Hernandez, Dairy Queen
- 2013-Mary Stone, Friona ISD
- 2014-Marisela Padilla, Lowe's
- 2015-Karen Baker
- 2016-Jeff Procter
- 2017-Rhonda Wilkins
- 2018-Martha Barker

Citizen of the Year - Fabiola Dominguez

This person has volunteered valuable time, energy, commitment, and enthusiasm to the students of Friona for 18 years. We owe so much to this individual for finding the time to make Friona a better place to live for young adults. There are many organized trips out of town throughout the year during which her



students are able to participate in extracurricular activities. She has helped make every athlete a winner because she valued, cherished, and loved each of these individuals who call her mom. She is the local coach at Friona High School for Special Olympics. The Citizen of the Year is Fabiola Dominguez.



Citizen of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1996-Debbie Rector
- 1997-James Morton
- 1998-Lee Gibson
- 1999-Joe & Loy McLellan
- 2000-Martha Hamilton
- 2001-Karene Krauel & Barbara Neely
- 2002-Ted Tucker
- 2003-Reba & W.D. Buske
- 2004-Suzanne Bunker
- 2005-Donna Mullins
- 2006-Teddy Jones
- 2007-Darla Bracken
- 2008-Bobby Wied
- 2009-Rene & Jinx Snead
- 2010-Bessie Holt
- 2011-Joe Bowens
- 2012-Greg & Jamie Lewellen
- 2013-Becky Jones & Jo Beth Gipson
- 2014-Charlie & Britny Pope
- 2015-Larry & Sharon Rector
- 2016-Friona Volunteer Fire Department
- 2017-Connie Slagle
- 2018-Erika Carrillo

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2001-John Gurley

Family of the Year

1982-Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Parson

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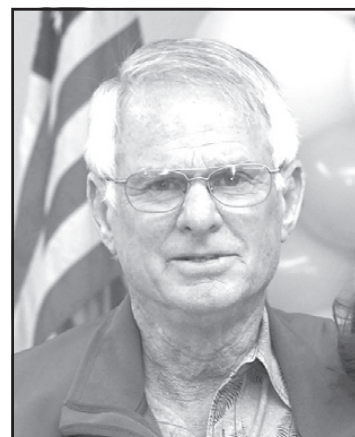
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Man of the Year - Larry Rector

He was born and raised in Friona. He retired after working over 25 years with Atmos Energy. He is serving on the Chamber of Commerce and Friona Cemetery board of directors, plus volunteers when needed and always has a smile on his face. He helps



maintain the Girl Scout building and just recently joined the Noon Lions Club. He is a wonderful husband, dad and granddad. He is always looking for an opportunity to fire up his train and entertain the kids. The Man of the Year is Larry Rector.



Man of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1963-Steve Messenger | 1983-Charles Caudill | 2004-Billy Joe Mercer |
| 1964-Baker Duggins | 1984-Geary Brogden | 2005-Danny Campbell |
| 1965-Frank Spring | 1985-Ron Davenport | 2006-Percy Parsons |
| 1966-J.C. Claborn | 1986-Jim Johnston | 2007-John Gurley |
| 1967-W.L. (Preach) Edelmon | 1987-Archie Echols | 2008-Gary Brown |
| 1968-Dr. Loyd Shackelford | 1988-Robert Neelley | 2009-J.B. Douglas |
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| 1971-G.B. (Pete) Buske | 1991-Benny Pryor | 2012-Bob Hurst |
| 1972-Charles Allen | 1992-Cordie Potts | 2013- Andy Montana |
| 1973-Alton Farr | 1993-David Goddard | 2014-Alan Monroe |
| 1974-Sloan Osborn | 1994-Wendell Gresham | 2015-Cris Ingram |
| J.G. McFarland | 1995-W.M. Massie | 2016-Kenny Austin |
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| 1976-Roy Miller | 1997-Cecil Maddox | 2018-Rickey Rector |
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Woman of the Year - Sharon Rector

She was born and raised in Friona, She has worked over 20 years at Hi-Pro and is a Sunday School teacher and youth leader. She is involved with Snak Pak 4 Kids, Basketball Camp, Girl Scouts, and anything that involves working with kids. She



is a fantastic wife, mom and grandmother. She will likely be the last person to leave a function until everything is put back in its place. She is one of the main reasons Girl Scouts is still active in Friona. The Women of the Year is Sharon Rector.



Woman of the Year Hall of Fame

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1959-Eva Miller | 1989-Kitty Gallman |
| 1960-Katy Osborn | 1990-Becky Riethmayer |
| 1961-Louisa Wilson | 1991-Peggy Monroe |
| 1962-Rose Lange | 1992-Marca Lynn Herring |
| 1963-Phyllis Sanders | 1993-Varla Wilcox |
| 1964-Mary Kate Zeman | 1994-Edith Johnson |
| 1965-Deke Kendrick | 1995-Sylvia Ingram |
| 1966-Eufaula Ethridge | 1996-Teena Hughs |
| 1967-Ethel Ruth Spring | 1997-Doris Barnett |
| 1968-Emma Elmore, Altha Presley | 1998-Nancy Edelman |
| 1969-Willard Stewart | 1999-Betty Reeve |
| 1970-Sarah Alexander | 2000-Sharon White |
| 1971-Ethel Benger | 2001-Linda Chesher |
| 1972-Lilah Gaye Gee | 2002-Mary Johnston |
| 1973-Pearl McLean | 2003-Mercedes Williams |
| 1974-Tommy Mercer | 2004-Mary Joyce Barnett |
| 1975-Mrs. (Pete) Myrl Buske | 2005-Allison Johnston |
| 1976-Nora O'Brian | 2006-Lucy Beth Hinkle |
| 1977-Allo Reeve | 2007-Jyl Grimsley |
| 1978-Beth Thompson | 2008-Linda Griffin |
| 1979-June Floyd | 2009-Stormi Choate |
| 1980-June Rhodes | 2010-Kathryn Gurley |
| 1981-Gaye Tannahill | 2011-Holly Campbell |
| 1982-Celia Loflin | 2012-Carol Ellis |
| 1983-Lois Norwood | 2013-Elizabeth McLellan |
| 1984-Kathryn Goddard | 2014-Darla Bracken |
| 1985-Ann Osborn | 2015-Anna Jo Blackburn |
| 1986-Pat Fleming | 2016-Kathy Rector |
| 1987-Connie Neelley | 2017-Jeri Lynn White |
| 1988-Katherine Smith | 2018-Chris Alexander |

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(l-r) **Heather Grimsley**, Administrative Assistant; **Cindy Moreno**, TW&M; **Yvette Williams**, FNB;



Jimmy Burns
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Educator of the Year - David Gonzales

This educator has affected and impacted the lives of students by being present and serving as a resource to students. Our educator has displayed outstanding service to the educational community of Friona. What separates this individual from other educators is the ability to go the "extra mile" to involve the students of the



community outreach efforts. A program between the school and city began in 2017. This program allows students to do community outreach while working with an adult and learning how to communicate with adults about business. He is fondly known as "Mr. G". The Educator of the Year is David Gonzales.



Educator of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1962-Jo Phillips
- 1963-Mrs. O.J. Beene
- 1964-Mrs. L.B. McClain
- 1965-Mrs. R. L. Bates
- 1966-Benny Pryor
- 1967-Mal Manchee
- 1968-Mrs. Benny Pryor
- 1969-Mrs. Ernest Osborn
- 1970-Mrs. & Mrs. Wayne Hodgson
- 1971-Mrs. Baker Duggins
- 1972-Mrs. Frank Truitt
- 1973-Fay Reeve
- 1974-Joy Morton
- 1975-John R. Cook
- 1976-Tom Jarboe
- 1977-Virginia Cleveland
- 1978-Paul J. Smith
- 1979-Wana Brewer
- 1980-Lucille Lewis
- 1981-Jerry Shelton
- 1982-Nancy Edelson
- 1983-June Rhodes
- 1984-Mary Bavousett
- 1985-Faye Smith
- 1986-Rick Tullis
- 1987-Bobby Wied
- 1988-Peggy Hamil
- 1989-Jim Parker
- 1990-Loy McLellan
- 1991-Gayle Murdock
- 1992-Tommy Carr
- 1993-Tana Stephens
- 1994-Jeffie Talley
- 1995-Sharon White
- 1996-Charlotte Ratcliff
- 1997-Linda White
- 1998-Jane Dixon
- 1999-Connie Slagle
- 2000-Tracy Ellis
- 2001-Karen Renner
- 2002-Sheryl Salyer
- 2003-Mickey Griffin
- 2004-Cheryl Weatherly
- 2005-Patsy Allen
- 2006-Tammy Gammon
- 2007-Sandy Houston
- 2008-Sandra Berend
- 2009-Melissa Randolph
- 2010-Ron McWilliams
- 2011-Terry Hunt
- 2012-Erika Montana
- 2013-Allison Johnston
- 2014-Kathi Miller
- 2015-Tracy Blount
- 2016-Kim Kimbrough
- 2017-Beverly Ingram and Annette Frye
- 2018-Amber Drake

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**Congratulations to our
Students and Teacher
of the Year and all the
other Award Winners!**

Friona ISD

Boy Student of the Year - Damian Rodriguez

This young man has displayed outstanding service to the community of Friona. He has a proven record of being a leader in and out of school. Through his activities he has been able to display his leadership and commitment to the community. He is a leader in band and often donates his time to mentoring and teaching junior high students. He has been a sec-



tion leader throughout his high school career. Additionally, he has been a state qualifier in both band and choir. If you can't find him at school, he's spending his time singing to residents at Prairie Acres and volunteering in the community and his church. He is the son of Cynthia Santiago. The boy Student of the Year is Damian Rodriguez.

Girl Student of the Year - Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo

At a young age this young lady has shown her selflessness by volunteering with more organizations than most people volunteer in their entire life. She has been a great role model for the youth in the community. She is highly successful in school with a GPA of 3.46. She has been a part of the school's student council, NEHS, speech and de-



bate team, 6 Academic UIL events, band, color guard, and basketball. She is a two-time state qualifier in powerlifting. She was part of a team of ambassadors for FHS that changed the name of 7th Street to Chieftain Way. She is the daughter of Ramon Ortiz and Erika Ortiz-Carrillo. The girl Student of the Year is Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo.



Students of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1972-Bill Bailey/Sally Kendrick
- 1973-Kevin Wiseman/Carol Reeve
- 1974-Marc Shackelford/Annette Reznik
- 1975-Dale Cleveland/Carol Bavousett
- 1976-Davy Carthel/Lisa Edelson
- 1977-Joe Lafuente/Jaton Widner
- 1978-Bryan Johnston/Rhonda Parsons
- 1979-Chris Barnett/Vickie Smiley
- 1980-David Fleming/Sarah Mears
- 1981-Marc Blankenship/Jana Brownd
- 1982-Andy Fleming/Sunny Horton
- 1983-Richie Malouf/Sherri Brownd
- 1984-Shane Woodard/Diane Johnston
- 1985-Brent Hinkle/Julie Wilshire
- 1986-Daniel Gowen/Susan Bailey
- 1987-Jeff Dickson/Glenda Ellis
- 1988-Keith Hancock/Leigh Neelley
- 1989-Lon Outland/Deena Willard
- 1990-Toby Brito/Bonnie Israel
- 1991-Lance Outland/Amy Israel
- 1992-Chad Hamilton/Antonio Torres
- 1993-Jon Parker/Jessica Alvarado
- 1994-Jon Goddard/Teresa Taylor
- 1995-Jerard Lafuente/Jessica Smith
- 1996-Casey Renner/Julie Goddard
- 1997-Greg Lewellen/Candi Baca
- 1998-Jeff Hamilton/Carrie Cox
- 1999-Justin Grimsley/DaLinda Black
- 2000-Landon Martin/Kayla Wyly
- 2001-Matt White/Veronica Velazquez
- 2002-Frank Dominguez/Candace Ingram
- 2003-Adam Bandy/Holley Hand
- 2004-Keith Hunt/Haleigh Herbert
- 2005-Pedro Ramos/Maegan Ingram
- 2006-Kelby Monroe/Kimberlee Jones
- 2007-Sean Lookingbill/Allison Jones
- 2008-Alex Gurley/Brooke Herbert
- 2009-Brittany Berend
- 2010-Matthew Stanberry/Paige Herbert
- 2011-Lacy Austin/Jay Gurley
- 2012-Tenna Montana/Miguel Soto
- 2013-Sajal Patel/Stephen Albarado
- 2014-Isaac Gallardo/Holly Johnston
- 2015-Brandon Berend/Karina Hernandez
- 2016-Josh Barnett/Jasmine Rodriguez
- 2017-Mason Fleming/Kendall Barnett
- 2018-Hadley White/Brooklynne Johnston

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A conceptual view of the Primary School. The view is from 8th Street, looking to the northeast. In the foreground is the student drop-off lane, and to the right is the existing Elementary Gym. This is the front entry of the school. This is only a preliminary draft. The school will ultimately be designed by educators and administration.



A small group attended the first public meeting concerning the upcoming school bond election. A second meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th at the Friona Senior Citizens Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PARMER MEDICAL CENTER
FRIONA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC**

Meet the Providers



**Tyler Copeland
FNP-C**

Tyler Copeland, FNP-C, is the newest member of the medical staff at Parmer Medical Center. Mr. Copeland, a certified family nurse practitioner, joined our healthcare team in February of this year. He completed his Masters for Family Nurse Practitioner at Lubbock Christian University in May of 2018.

Tyler and his family moved from Lubbock to Friona and are very happy about the relocation. He and his wife, Brandi, both grew up in small Texas towns. Tyler states "So much of Friona reminds me of my childhood, which is great. My parents spent some of their best years in small town Texas and we hope to do the same." When asked about his proudest moment in life, he responded with "Becoming a father to Elli. It was the Greatest feeling ever."

As a family nurse practitioner, Tyler likes to remind his patients to eat a healthy diet and exercise. He believes these two habits will prevent many potential diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol. He always likes to point out that preventing those diseases will ultimately save patients money.

Tyler and his family are excited to be here and become a part of this community. He is looking forward to helping the community with their healthcare needs in any way he can.

Be sure to stop by and meet Tyler on March 26th from 1:00 to 2:00 during the reception honoring the PMC medical staff.

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Meal of beef, fish, and chicken
Business meeting following meal
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Do not forget to bring your registration card!!!

